

Place Select Committee Chair's Update – May 2026

Scrutiny Review – Capital Projects	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>Evidence was received from the monitoring officer in March outlining the governance principals with capital project oversight. This included how good governance makes sure risks are identified and recorded properly, the importance of members receiving clear, consistent, and timely information as projects evolve, and ongoing governance improvement.</p> <p>The informal session was also held in March were members reviewed the evidence received and formulated draft recommendations which were agreed at the meeting April along with final report for the review. The Committees recommendations focus on effective communication, both in decision-making, the reporting of capital projects, risk management, and the sharing of lessons learnt.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The final report will be presented at Cabinet in May.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Animal Welfare	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>A scope and project plan has been drafted for the next review and a tripartite with the Cabinet member held.</p> <p>The Animal Welfare Team performs several critical functions and interventions to protect the public and ensure the welfare of animals and has received the RSPCA's platinum award for their continual excellent service. However, there is increasing pressures on the service including demand, increasing complexity of cases, longer length of kennelling stays, and increasing costs driven by rising operational expenses, stricter regulations, and rising veterinary costs.</p> <p>The proposed aim of the review will be to address the challenges to the long-term sustainability and cost of services and thereby continue to provide excellent care for animals and ensure the safety and well-being of the community.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The scope and project plan will be considered at the meeting in May.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Monitoring

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Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>Progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable Housing (May 2025) • Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections (July 2026) • Muslim and Faith Burial (October 2026) • Burial Provision (December 2026)
Requests for more information	None

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	<p>An overview report for Regeneration and Inclusive Growth was presented at the April meeting. Areas of work highlighted included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the delivery of the capital programme, including works to Preston Park Museum and Grounds, delivery of the Thornaby Town Deal, progress made on housing delivery and Tees Valley care & Health Innovation Zone • facilitating grant funding to businesses to enable growth • support and initiatives provided by the Employment and Training Hub, to identify skills needs, raise young people's aspirations, and improve individual residents' employability • preparation for a new Local Plan
Requests for more information	None

Next Scrutiny Review
TBC
Remaining 2024-2025 Meetings & 2025 – 2026 Meetings (all 4.00pm unless stated)
<p>Monday 18 May 2026 Monday 15 June 2026 Monday 13 July 2026 Monday 14 September 2026 Monday 12 October 2026 Monday 9 November 2026 Monday 14 December 2026 Monday 11 January 2026 Monday 15 February 2027 Monday 15 March 2027</p>