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# Scrutiny Review of Community Participation Budget and Ward Transport Budget

## Summary

The second evidence-gathering session for the Committee's review of Community Participation Budget and Ward Transport Budget will consider a further submission from the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) Community Safety, Environment and Culture directorate, as well as additional information regarding similar Elected Member-related schemes operating within other Local Authority areas. Initial feedback from the ongoing SBC Ward Councillor survey will also be relayed.

## Detail

1. This evidence session will build on the presentation and subsequent discussion that took place at the last Committee meeting in April 2026. Members identified areas which they wanted further information on, and this latest submission will:

- Review schemes delivered and not progressed, including key reasons
- Highlight revenue impacts of certain schemes
- Present updated spend patterns and funding commitments
- Provide benchmarking against other Local Authorities

A presentation has been prepared and is included within these meeting papers. Relevant officers from the SBC Community Safety, Environment and Culture directorate are scheduled to be in attendance to give a summary of this submission and address any subsequent Committee comments / questions.

2. Further to this latest presentation, a supporting document highlighting other Member-related budget schemes across the country is included within these meeting papers for consideration.

3. Following agreement of the questions at the last Committee meeting in April 2026, a survey was issued to all SBC Ward Councillors requesting views around this scrutiny topic. Initial feedback will be relayed to this meeting.

4. In advance of this session, Members may again wish to familiarise themselves with some relevant background material in relation to this scrutiny topic:

- SBC People Select Committee: Community Participation Budget Update, including CPB Guidance (2017-2018)) (Dec 17)  
[https://moderngov.stockton.gov.uk/Data/People%20Select%20Committee/201712181330/Agenda/\\$att32431.docx.pdf](https://moderngov.stockton.gov.uk/Data/People%20Select%20Committee/201712181330/Agenda/$att32431.docx.pdf)

- SBC Place Select Committee: Scrutiny Review of Area Transport Strategy (Dec 19)  
<https://moderngov.stockton.gov.uk/Data/Cabinet/202001231630/Agenda/att37948.pdf>
  - SBC Ward Transport Budget Guidance (2020-2021): Ward Transport Budget Guidance  
<https://moderngov.stockton.gov.uk/Data/Place%20Select%20Committee/202007201400/Agenda/att38750.pdf>
5. A copy of the agreed scope and plan for this review is included for information.

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