

Community Safety Select Committee Chair's Update – July 2026

Scrutiny Review – Children affected by Domestic Abuse	
Achieved since last meeting	A draft action plan in relation to the report's recommendations was presented to, and subsequently approved by, the Committee in May 2026. Members welcomed news of the recent agreement by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Cleveland to extend funding for the University Hospital of North Tees Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) by a further six months (one of the Committee's key recommendations).
Problems or concerns	None
Planned this / next month	The first update on progress of the agreed actions will be considered in early-2027.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Community Participation Budget and Ward Transport Budget	
Achieved since last meeting	The second evidence-gathering session for this review was held in May 2026 and featured a further contribution from the SBC Community Services, Environment & Culture directorate, including examples / effectiveness of similar schemes at other Local Authorities. Early feedback from the SBC Ward Councillor survey was also considered, and questions were agreed for a Town and Parish Council survey, as well as a survey for local residents (to be circulated to existing engagement mechanisms via the SBC Community Engagement Team). The third, and final, evidence-gathering session took place in early-July 2026 where the SBC Digital Services and Systems department gave a presentation on a proposed new process for submitting CPB and WTB requests. Feedback from the Town and Parish Council survey was also considered, along with responses received from local residents.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned this / next month	The Committee will consider a summary of the evidence received at an informal session in late-July 2026 – draft recommendations will then be formulated.
On track – yes / no	Yes

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Scrutiny Review – Alley Gates	
Achieved since last meeting	Initial meetings to discuss the scope for this review have taken place during June and July 2026.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned this / next month	A draft scope and plan will be presented to the Committee for approval in late-July 2026.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	The following update was considered by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting: Welcoming and Safe Town Centres: The first update on progress of agreed actions in relation to recommendations from the Committee's previously completed review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres was considered in May 2026, with subsequent discussion points covering retail crime and a lack of appropriate punishment for shoplifters, House of Multiple Occupation (HMO) applications, recent incidents of arson and shoplifting in Ingleby Barwick, and community safety planning around the new Stockton waterfront urban park. Given some actions were yet to be fully achieved, a future update would be required in early-2027. Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows: • Fly-Grazed Horses (TBC) (<i>note: in November 2025, Cleveland Police was approached to see if there were any developments from a force perspective that might enable some further progress on this issue – to date, no further information has been provided</i>) • Welcoming and Safe Town Centres (TBC – early-2027) • Children affected by Domestic Abuse (TBC – early-2027)
Requests for more information	None

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP): Minutes of previous SSP meetings were periodically included on Committee agendas so Members were sighted on developments within that forum.
Requests for more information	None

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2026-2027 Scrutiny Reviews	
• Community Participation Budget and Ward Transport Budget • Alley Gates	
Remaining 2026-2027 Meetings (all 4.30pm unless stated)	
Thursday 30 July 2026	Thursday 17 December 2026
Thursday 1 October 2026	Thursday 28 January 2027
Thursday 29 October 2026	Thursday 25 February 2027
Thursday 26 November 2026	Thursday 25 March 2027