

Community Safety Select Committee Chair's Update – September 2026

Scrutiny Review – Community Participation Budget and Ward Transport Budget	
Achieved since last meeting	The evidence-gathering phase concluded in early-July 2026 following contributions from the SBC Neighbourhoods (formerly SBC Community Safety, Environment and Culture) directorate, the SBC Digital Service and Systems department, and feedback from three Committee surveys issued to SBC Ward Councillors, the Borough's Town and Parish Councils, and local residents (circulated via established community engagement mechanisms). The Committee considered a summary of the evidence received in late-July 2026 and then formulated draft recommendations. The end-of-review tri-partite meeting was held in early-September 2026.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned this / next month	A draft final report will be presented to the Committee in early-October 2026 – if approved, it will be presented to Cabinet in mid-October 2026.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Scrutiny Review – Alley Gates	
Achieved since last meeting	A draft scope and plan was presented to, and subsequently approved by, the Committee in late-July 2026. The main aims for the review would be to assess whether existing arrangements continued to meet local needs, provide value for money and support wider community safety and environmental protection objectives, and to inform future policy on the use of current and future alley gates in Stockton-on-Tees. Several contributors had been identified in relation to this scrutiny topic, including Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) departments (Community Safety, Care For Your Area, and Housing Services), SBC Ward Councillors, Cleveland Police, Cleveland Fire Brigade, local housing associations, and the Borough's Town and Parish Councils. A resident view would also be sought via relevant resident associations / community groups. It was anticipated that the Committee's final report would be presented to the SBC Cabinet in February 2027.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned this / next month	The first evidence session in September 2026 will involve submissions from the SBC Community Safety and SBC Care For Your Area departments.
On track – yes / no	Yes

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Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	No updates had been considered by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting. Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows: • Fly-Grazed Horses (22 October 2026) • 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. Overview and Performance Report: Neighbourhoods (Trading Standards, Community Safety & Emergency Planning): An Overview and Performance Report in relation to the SBC Neighbourhoods directorate (with specific focus on Trading Standards, Community Safety, and Emergency Planning) was scheduled to be considered by the Committee in October 2026.
Requests for more information	None

2026-2027 Scrutiny Reviews
• Community Participation Budget and Ward Transport Budget • Alley Gates

Remaining 2026-2027 Meetings (all 4.30pm unless stated)	
Thursday 1 October 2026	Thursday 28 January 2027
Thursday 22 October 2026	Thursday 25 February 2027
Thursday 26 November 2026	Thursday 25 March 2027
Thursday 17 December 2026	