

Place Select Committee Chair's Update – September 2026

Scrutiny Review – Animal Welfare	
Achieved since last meeting	Cleveland Police attended the July meeting to present evidence, noting that they were responsible for investigating incidents under Sections 1 and 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, which covered prohibited types of dogs and dangerously out of control dogs that could or had caused injuries. The Committee heard the Police were increasingly using civil powers given under the Dogs Act 1871 to obtain control orders and apply for disqualification of dogs ownership and requests for destruction. It was also noted that there was a cross over between the Police and Local Authorities responsibilities regarding dog-on-dog, neighbourhood disputes, and anti-social behaviour therefore they worked together to make decisions on which authority would lead on a case or whether it would be jointly led. Following the meeting members received further information requested regarding the number of offences, prosecutions, and the type of dogs being seized by the Police, with mainly XL Bully type dogs seized for Section 1 offences (prohibited type of dogs), and for Section 1 and 3 combined offences being a mix of Pitbull-type, XL Bully, and other breeds. In August members attended site visits to the kennels used by Animal Welfare Services to hold dogs for 24/48 hours, as well as the partner kennels used to keep dogs picked up/handed in until a decision is made on whether they can be rehomed and the kennels used by Adult Social Care under their protection of property duties. The site visits gave members an understanding of the type of facilities dogs are being kept in and issues that have to be considered by the kennel operators.
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	The PDSA have been invited to the September meeting to give their views from a veterinary perspective along with the support they give to pet vulnerable pet owners.
On track – yes / no	Yes

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	A progress update on Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling, and Green Waste was received in July, with all but one recommendation fully achieved, due to the implementation of the changes to collection. The outstanding recommendation, regarding the communications and community engagement plan, remained on track due to the engagement continuing until October 2026. Member also received a presentation as part of the update outlining the reduction of general waste tonnage collected from the kerbside (35%) and increase in dry recycling tonnage collected (55%). It highlighted the challenges this had posed due to being a higher

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	participation rate than expected, and therefore additional vehicles were needed. Progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows: • Muslim and Faith Burial (October 2026) • Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections (December 2026) • Burial Provision (December 2026) • Affordable Housing (December 2026) • Governance of Capital Projects (January 2027)
Requests for more information	None

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	No reports received since previous update.
Requests for more information	None

Next Scrutiny Review
• TBC
Remaining 2026 - 27 Meetings (all 4.00pm unless stated)
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