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Scrutiny Review of Alley Gates

Summary

The first evidence-gathering session for the Committee's review of Alley Gates will consider information from the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) Community Safety and Care For Your Area departments.

Detail

1. Further to the Committee's approval of the scope and plan for the review of Alley Gates at its last meeting in July 2026, the SBC Community Safety and Care For Your Area departments were asked to provide an initial submission addressing the following:
 - *Legislation associated with this community safety measure*
 - *Location / condition of Borough's alley gates*
 - *Budgets / costs for installation / maintenance (and how these have changed over time)*
 - *How effective have they been (benefits / challenges created)?*
 - *Any feedback from residents of homes adjacent to gated alleys about the value / effectiveness of this community safety measure?*
 - *Future policy options / considerations*
2. A presentation has been prepared and is included within these meeting papers. Relevant SBC officers are scheduled to be in attendance to provide an overview of the submission and respond to any comments / questions.
3. Ahead of this first evidence session, Members may wish to familiarise themselves with:
 - College of Policing: Alley Gating
<https://www.college.police.uk/research/crime-reduction-toolkit/alley-gating>
 - Stockton-on-Tees: Alley Gates
<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/alley-gates>
4. A copy of the agreed scope and plan for this review is included for information.

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