COMMUNITY SAFETY SELECT COMMITTEE

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Scrutiny Review of Alley Gates

Summary

The third evidence-gathering session for the Committee's review of Alley Gates will consider information from Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) Housing Services and Thirteen Housing Group.

Detail

1. Previously identified as a required contributor towards the Committee's ongoing review of Alley Gates, **SBC Housing Services** was asked to provide a response to the following:

   - *Your department's awareness of / involvement in / experience of this community safety measure*
   - *Any feedback from landlords / private sector tenants on their experiences of this community safety measure (e.g. issues that have arisen, complaints / compliments, value / effectiveness)*
   - *Any other views relating to this scrutiny topic from a SBC Housing Services perspective*

   A paper containing views on the above has been prepared and is included within these meeting papers. SBC Housing Services representatives are scheduled to be in attendance to provide an overview of the submission and respond to any comments / questions.

2. **Thirteen Housing Group** was also asked to respond to similar lines of enquiry:

   - *Your organisation's awareness of / involvement in / experience of this community safety measure*
   - *Any feedback from tenants on their experiences of this community safety measure (e.g. issues that have arisen, complaints / compliments, value / effectiveness)*
   - *Any other views relating to this scrutiny topic from a Thirteen Housing Group perspective*

   A presentation relating to the above questions has been prepared and is included within these meeting papers. Thirteen's Head of Communities is scheduled to be in attendance to provide an overview of the submission and respond to any comments / questions.

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

   - 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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