

People Select Committee Chair's Update – November 2023

Scrutiny Review – Cost of Living Response	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The draft scope and project plan was approved by the Committee in September 2023. A background presentation was provided by the link officer.</p> <p>In October, the Committee received evidence from Council Officers on the Warm Homes Healthy People (WHHP) initiative, and collaborative work between the Community Engagement team and Bright Minds Big Futures (BMBF) in response to the ongoing cost of living situation. This included the development of a money management programme for young people which has already been used in schools.</p> <p>The Committee also received evidence from the Manager of Thrive Teesside, a local 'grassroots anti-poverty charity'. The organisation's focus is the importance of lived experience and providing a voice to those who feel marginalised in national debates. Discussions centred on financial difficulties facing residents, including issues with school uniform costs.</p>
Problems or concerns	None
Planned next month	<p>November's Committee meeting will be the second evidence session. Contributors include Officers from the Council's Learning and Skills, Revenues and Benefits, Education and Wellbeing and Economic Development teams. External contributors include representatives from Catalyst and Stockton Food Power Network.</p> <p>An additional evidence gathering session will be held via Microsoft Teams on 21 November. Members will receive evidence from a representative from the Local Government Association (LGA).</p>
On track – yes/no	Yes.

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

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability Inclusive Borough – December 2023 • Home Energy Efficiency and Green Jobs for the Future – March 2024

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Requests for more information	None.
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Remaining 2023-2024 Scrutiny Reviews
Disabled Facilities Grants Adult Carers' Service

Remaining 2023-2024 Meetings (all 4pm unless stated)
Monday 6 November 2023 Monday 4 December 2023 Monday 8 January 2024 Monday 5 February 2024