

## Community Safety Select Committee Chair's Update – May 2024

Scrutiny Review – Outdoor Play Provision: Quality and Distribution, Maintenance, and Physical Accessibility	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	<p>The informal 'summary of evidence' session took place in March 2024 where the Committee reflected on all the information received during this review – draft recommendations were then formulated. The draft final report was presented to, and subsequently agreed by, the Committee at its meeting in April 2024.</p> <p>The 'executive summary' of the Committee's final report (including its recommendations) is provided for information earlier in the agenda for this Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting.</p>
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	None
<b>Planned next month</b>	The Committee's agreed final report will be presented to Cabinet in May 2024.
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	Yes

Monitoring	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b>	<p>The following updates have been received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting:</p> <p><b>Tree Asset Management:</b> The first update on progress of agreed actions in relation to recommendations from the Committee's previously completed review of Tree Asset Management was considered in March 2024. A key element requested by the Committee was a refresh of SBC tree and woodland management policy and procedures, but progress on the development of this had been hampered due to the delay in completing an internal service review – it was hoped that a draft document could be shared with Members in the near future.</p> <p>Progress on an easy-read document regarding Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) (see <a href="#">link</a> for draft) was noted, as was the recruitment of administrative support to the SBC Tree and Woodland Management Service to enhance communications between the team and Ward Councillors / residents regarding tree management enquiries / complaints (it was stated that this was working well and was helping with the response times to emails). However, the overall service continued to be stretched, and a report was due to be submitted to the Council's Corporate Management Team (CMT) requesting further support.</p> <p>Four recommendations had actions that were yet to be achieved, therefore a future update was requested for the Committee meeting in May 2024.</p>

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	<p>Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tree Asset Management (May 2024)</li> <li>• Fly-Grazed Horses (TBC)</li> </ul>
<b>Requests for more information</b>	None

### Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance

<b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b>	<p><b>Cleveland Fire Brigade:</b> Simon Weastell had recently been appointed as the latest Assistant Chief Fire Officer for Community Protection at Cleveland Fire Brigade. Simon, who had been serving in a temporary Assistant Chief Fire Officer role working as the strategic lead for Community Protection, will officially took up his substantive post on 16 April 2024.</p> <p><a href="https://www.clevelandfire.gov.uk/2024/04/new-assistant-chief-fire-officer-appointed-at-cleveland-fire-brigade/">https://www.clevelandfire.gov.uk/2024/04/new-assistant-chief-fire-officer-appointed-at-cleveland-fire-brigade/</a></p>
<b>Requests for more information</b>	None

### Next Scrutiny Review

- Welcoming and Safe Town Centres

### Remaining 2024-2025 Meetings (all 4.30pm unless stated)

Thursday 23 May 2024	Thursday 28 November 2024
Thursday 13 June 2024	Thursday 19 December 2024
Thursday 11 July 2024	Thursday 23 January 2025
Thursday 26 September 2024	Thursday 27 February 2025
Thursday 24 October 2024	Thursday 27 March 2025