

## SCRUTINY REVIEW OF WELCOMING AND SAFE TOWN CENTRES

### Summary

The first evidence-gathering session for the Committee's review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres will focus on the work of the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) Community Safety and Regulated Services department in relation to this scrutiny topic.

### Detail

1. Officers from the SBC Community Safety and Regulated Services directorate have been asked to respond to the following:
  - What is meant by the term 'welcoming' in relation to the Borough's town centres?
  - Issues (real or perceived) being highlighted for each town centre (inc. results of previous resident / visitor engagement regarding this topic).
  - Safety initiatives implemented by your department and the impact of these (inc. involvement of partners / VCSE).
  - Future initiatives planned by your department to make the Borough's town centres more welcoming / safe.
  - Role of the Safer Stockton Partnership in this scrutiny topic.
  - Ongoing SBC Powering Our Future Community Safety and Regulated Services project and how this review fits in.

A presentation addressing the above lines of enquiry is being prepared and will be shared once finalised.

2. In advance of the session, Members may wish to familiarise themselves with the latest Town Centre-related developments which can be accessed via <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/our-six-towns>.
3. In addition, the current Stockton-on-Tees Community Safety Strategy 2022-2025 can be viewed at [https://www.stockton.gov.uk/media/3085/Stockton-on-Tees-Community-Safety-Plan/pdf/Stockton-on-Tees\\_Community\\_Safety\\_Strategy\\_2022-2025\\_final\\_accessible.pdf?m=1647595513977](https://www.stockton.gov.uk/media/3085/Stockton-on-Tees-Community-Safety-Plan/pdf/Stockton-on-Tees_Community_Safety_Strategy_2022-2025_final_accessible.pdf?m=1647595513977).
4. A copy of the agreed scope and plan for this review is included for information.

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