People Select Committee Chair's Update – July 2024

Scrutiny Review – Disabled Facilities Grant		
Achieved since last meeting	The Committee agreed the scope and project plan for the review at the meeting in May. A background presentation from the link officer was also received.	
	In June, members considered the SBC Disabled Facilities Grant policy and Financial Assistance policy, along with a breakdown of the how the government's 2018 recommendations could be implemented which included the effect on both the customer and the service. Discussions focused on the application process, grant conditions including how items are recovered and ensuring quality of adaptation and working with registered providers.	
	Foundations, the national body for DFG, attended the July meeting to share best practice in other Local Authorities and a review of SBC's policy. Members also considered the 2023/24 DFG Annual Report.	
Problems or concerns	None	
Planned next month	Council Officers will present the Occupational Therapist and HVE processes in relation to DFG in September	
On track – yes / no	Yes	

Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or Concerns	The Action Plan for agreed recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of the Cost of Living Response, which included a separate action plan for school uniforms, was agreed by Committee in May. Progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows: Cost of Living Response - November Disability Inclusive Borough - October
Requests for more information	None

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

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Next	Scrutiny	Review
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Remaining 2024-2025 Meetings (all 4.00pm unless stated)

Monday 2 September 2024

Monday 7 October 2024 Monday 4 November 2024

Monday 2 December 2024

Monday 6 January 2025

Monday 3 February 2025

Monday 3 March 2025