

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF WELCOMING AND SAFE TOWN CENTRES

Summary

The second evidence-gathering session for the Committee's review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres will consider submissions in relation to this scrutiny topic from the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) Town Centres Development team and the SBC Public Health team (supported by Change Grow Live (CGL)).

Detail

1. The SBC Town Centres Development team was identified as a key contributor to this review and were therefore approached for information on plans for / progress on town centre investment and making these spaces welcoming / safe, examples of work undertaken / planned with other SBC directorates / departments to make the Borough's town centres more welcoming / safe, and feedback on town centre audits in relation to safety. A report has since been prepared and is included within these meeting papers.
2. The SBC Public Health team were also recognised as an important contributor towards this piece of work. Relevant officers were therefore requested to provide a response to the following:
 - Specific issues identified for each of the Borough's six town centres (including any relevant data) which may be impacting upon the public's perception of safety.
 - Examples of efforts to influence community safety / violence prevention within the Borough's six town centres.
 - Partnership-working (both internally and externally) to support individuals who may be contributing to public perceptions of town centre safety and any analysis on the effectiveness of interventions.

A presentation has been prepared and is included within these meeting papers. Representatives from CGL are also scheduled to be in attendance to add to the discussions and address Member comments / questions.

3. In advance of the session, Members are reminded of the link to the latest Town Centre-related developments which can be accessed via <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/regeneration>.
4. A copy of the agreed scope and plan for this review is included for information.

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