

Community Safety Select Committee Chair's Update – November 2024

| Scrutiny Review – Welcoming and Safe Town Centres | |
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| Achieved since last meeting | <p>Two evidence-gathering sessions for this review have been held since the last update to the Executive Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>The Committee meeting in September 2024 considered submissions from SBC Town Centres Development and SBC Public Health (the latter with support from CGL).</p> <p>The last meeting in October 2024 received evidence from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Cleveland and representatives of Cleveland Police. A contribution from Cleveland Fire Brigade was also anticipated but has been deferred until the next meeting in November 2024.</p> |
| Problems or concerns | None |
| Planned this / next month | <p>The fourth evidence-gathering session in November 2024 will consider information from Town Councils as well as the deferred submission from Cleveland Fire Brigade.</p> <p>To complement the evidence presented at formal Committee meetings, it is intended to issue a survey to all SBC Ward Councillors to ascertain further views on this scrutiny topic.</p> |
| On track – yes / no | Yes |

| Monitoring | |
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| Key Issues / Problems or Concerns | <p>No updates have been received by the Committee since the last Executive Scrutiny Committee meeting.</p> <p>Future progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly-Grazed Horses (TBC) • Tree Asset Management (TBC) • Outdoor Play Provision (TBC) |
| Requests for more information | None |

| Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance | |
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| Key Issues / Problems or Concerns | <p>Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP): Minutes of previous SSP meetings will now be periodically included on Committee agendas so Members are sighted on developments within that forum.</p> <p>Domestic Abuse: The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman has recently published a new guidance document aimed at improving Councils' awareness of their duties to victims</p> |

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| | <p>when providing housing and homelessness support (https://www.lgo.org.uk/information-centre/news/2024/oct/councils-risk-compounding-problems-for-victims-of-domestic-abuse-if-they-do-not-follow-proper-process-ombudsman-says) – the Ombudsman is urging Councils to reassure themselves that they are looking at people's cases through the lens of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, which created new duties and powers for councils to help victims. To this end, the Chair of the local Domestic Abuse Steering Group has been approached with a view to a future Committee agenda item to hear the Group's thoughts on the content of this report and any response to it.</p> |
| Requests for more information | None |

Next Scrutiny Review

- To be confirmed

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

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| Thursday 28 November 2024 | Thursday 23 January 2025 |
| Thursday 19 December 2024 (cancelled) | Thursday 27 February 2025 |
| Thursday 9 January 2025 | Thursday 27 March 2025 |