

## Place Select Committee Chair's Update – November 2024

<b>Scrutiny Review – Affordable Housing</b>	
<b>Achieved since last meeting</b>	<p>Housing Action Teesside attended the October meeting to present their report “Council Housing in Stockton’s Future” which highlighted the extent of housing need in the borough. The report asked for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) to follow the models given as examples within the report and provide alternative affordable, council, housing.</p> <p>The Northern Housing Consortium (NHC) also attended the meeting to present how other areas are meeting the housing needs of their communities as well as the current context of planning/housing. This included several case studies on multi-agency working and working with combined authorities, development of brownfield sites, making the most of stalled sites, and making the use of existing stock.</p> <p>In November the Committee met informally to review the evidence received so far, which not only included the evidence received from HAT and NHC noted above, but also evidence from Planning services, Letting and Nomination team, registered providers, a private rental letting agent, and private developers.</p>
<b>Problems or concerns</b>	<p>The review was originally due to agree its final report in December, however, will be paused to allow for the option appraisal to be carried out. Information from this will be reported back to the Committee before submitted to Cabinet and allow members to ensure they have received all the evidence it needs to make informed recommendations. The December meeting has therefore been stood down.</p>
<b>Planned next month</b>	<p>The next meeting will take place in January to receive further evidence on the option appraisal being carried out as well as the results of the Common Allocation Policy consultation.</p>
<b>On track – yes / no</b>	<p>No – see above</p>

<b>Monitoring</b>	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b>	<p>A progress update was presented for the Planning (Development Management) and Adoption of Open Space review at the October meeting, and there was one outstanding action to be completed, introducing a mapping layer to enhance maps@stockton. A further update on this would be presented in the next quarter.</p> <p>The initial progress update was presented for the Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections review at the November meeting. All actions were on track, with communication plans in place to ensure residents are fully aware of the changes to collections.</p>

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	<p>Progress updates regarding previously completed reviews will be received by the Committee as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burial Provision (TBC)</li> <li>• Planning (Development Management) and Adoption of Open Space (January 2025)</li> <li>• Domestic Waste Collections, Kerbside Recycling and Green Waste Collections (March 2025)</li> </ul>
<b>Requests for more information</b>	None

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

<b>Crustacean Deaths Collaborative Working Group</b>	
<b>Key Issues / Problems or Concerns</b>	<p>The working group met on 27 September, with Professor Mike Elliot from Hull University in attendance. Discussion took place regarding the co-ordination of the large number of departments, organisation and agencies involved in marine management and their preparedness for pollution events such as the crustacean die off.</p> <p>The MP for Redcar &amp; Cleveland, Anna Turley was also in attendance and updated on the progress she had made. A joint letter with local MPs had been sent to the government and appropriate agencies requesting that the event be further looked into. She would continue to pursue this, writing a further letter with the working groups assistance. She had also asked for further information from the House of Commons Library and was awaiting this to be gathered.</p> <p>The Group also met on 8 November, where members received an update on levels of PCB's. It was also agreed that a mapping exercise will take place regarding the actions/research being undertaking by external committees.</p> <p>The group had planned to conclude in November 2024, however, have now agreed to continue until the crustacean die off incident had been fully investigated or all avenue exhausted. There will be a pause in formal meetings until mid-January, and a final statement will be prepared.</p>
<b>Requests for more information</b>	None

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<b>Next Scrutiny Review</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Muslim and Faith Burial Provision</li></ul>
<b>Remaining 2024-2025 Meetings</b> (all 4.00pm unless stated)
Monday 13 January 2025 Monday 17 February 2025 Monday 10 March 2025