

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF WELCOMING AND SAFE TOWN CENTRES

Summary

The fourth evidence-gathering session for the Committee's review of Welcoming and Safe Town Centres will consider submissions in relation to this scrutiny topic from Cleveland Fire Brigade and Town Councils across Stockton-on-Tees.

Detail

1. As an identified contributor to this review, Cleveland Fire Brigade (CFB) was asked to respond to the following lines of enquiry:
 - *Fire incident data relevant to the Borough's six town centre spaces.*
 - *Safety initiatives implemented by CFB and the impact of these (including working with partners and the effectiveness of this).*
 - *Future initiatives planned by CFB to make the Borough's town centres more welcoming / safe (including working with partners).*
 - *How best can CFB and its partners address negative safety perceptions of town centre spaces (including any learning from outside the CFB footprint)?*

A number of documents addressing the above have been submitted for consideration and are included within these meeting papers. The CFB Group Manager / Head of Prevention & Engagement and the CFB Stockton District Manager are scheduled to be in attendance to present this information and address Member comments / questions.

2. The Committee was keen to receive input from the Borough's Town Councils (Billingham, Ingleby Barwick, Thornaby, and Yarm) and therefore asked them to respond to the following:
 - *What are the main issues regarding your town centre's safety and what has the Town Council done to address these (including any impact)?*
 - *What is the Town Council's relationship with SBC like – is this enabling / inhibiting progress on making your town centre more welcoming / safe?*
 - *What feedback is the Town Council receiving from residents / businesses in terms of your town centre environment?*
 - *What should be the future priorities in making your town centre as welcoming and safe as possible?*

Received submissions are included within these meeting papers.

3. In advance of the session, Members are again 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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