

PLACE SCRUTINY PANEL

A meeting of the Place Scrutiny Panel was held on Thursday 17 July 2025.

PRESENT: Councillors D Branson (Chair), T Livingstone (Vice-Chair), C Cooper, D Coupe, J Ewan, D Jackson, J Kabuye and T Mohan

OFFICERS: G Field T Frankland and S Lightwing

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: were submitted on behalf of Councillor L Lewis

25/8 **WELCOME AND FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

In the event the fire alarm sounds attendees will be advised to evacuate the building via the nearest fire exit and assemble at the Bottle of Notes opposite MIMA.

25/9 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

MEMBER	TYPE OF INTEREST	ITEM/NATURE OF INTEREST
Cllr D Coupe	Non-Pecuniary	Lives in a conservation area.
Cllr J Ewan	Non-Pecuniary	Lives in a conservation area.

25/10 **MINUTES - PLACE SCRUTINY PANEL - 30 JUNE 2025**

The minutes of the Place Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 30 June 2025 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

25/11 **SETTING THE SCRUTINY PANEL'S WORK PROGRAMME 2025-2026**

The Democratic Services Officer presented a report, the purpose of which was to assist Members of the Panel to consider and agree its work programme for the 2025-2026 Municipal Year. A list of suggestions received in respect of the Scrutiny Panel's remit were contained in the submitted report. It was suggested that the Scrutiny Panel should select two topics to review. Members discussed the suggestions received from Councillors, Council Officers and members of the public. The Chair invited Panel Members to suggest topics at the meeting.

Recycling was a topic of interest for Members but it was suggested by the Director of Environment and Community Services that due to the introduction of new recycling initiatives in the town, it would be more useful to look at this topic at a later date once these changes had been fully implemented.

Following discussion, Panel Members agreed the following topics for review:

1. Barriers to Regeneration (ongoing review)
2. Commemorating Middlesbrough's Bicentenary in 2030
3. Development of a Vision for the Town
4. The Council's Role in Housing

The regular Statutory Updates will also be included in the programme as follows:

5. Flood Risk Management
6. RIPA (Regulation of Investigatory Powers) (Annual update)
7. Community Safety Partnership (Annual update)
8. Prevent and Channel (Annual update)

In relation to topics 3 and 4, the Panel envisage including other suggestions put forward for the work programme rather than stand alone reviews including greening the environment, the Conservation Policy and the Housing Strategy.

AGREED as follows that:

1. The information provided was received and noted.

2. The topics listed at 1 to 4 above, would be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for approval.
3. The Director of Environment and Community Services would provide an update at a future meeting about the council's new recycling initiatives and the community engagement and education resources available to promote recycling in the town.

25/12 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 29 SEPTEMBER 2025**

The next meeting of the Place Scrutiny Panel was scheduled for Monday 29 September 2025 at 1.30 pm.

25/13 **PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES 2025-2026**

A proposed schedule of meeting dates for the Place Scrutiny Panel for the 2025-2026 Municipal Year was submitted for the Panel's consideration.

AGREED that the proposed meeting dates for 2025-2026 were approved.

25/14 **ANY OTHER URGENT ITEMS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, MAY BE CONSIDERED.**

None.