

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL
Wednesday 19th October 2016

1. Planning and Development

The following major planning applications have been approved by the Planning and Development Committee:

- new Middlehaven northern access road and bridge across Middlehaven Dock - the pedestrian and vehicular crossing will unlock up to 20 acres of development land at Middlehaven and is a pivotal factor in securing major leisure investment in the area. The scheme will also increase highway capacity and reduce congestion in Middlesbrough town centre and along the A66 corridor; and,



Middlehaven Dock Bridge

- new Police Headquarters at Hemlington Grange.



Police Headquarters, Hemlington Grange

Major applications being processed and awaiting Committee decision are:

- creation of a waste recycling plant at Holwick Road, Riverside Park;
- the extension to the south of the Parkway Shopping Centre at Coulby Newham to create five additional units;
- reserved Matters for 26 houses at land at Grey Towers Farm (Phase 2a);
- a Health and Well-being Hub over four floors of the Dundas House development, off the Dundas Arcade shopping area;
- snow Centre development at land to the south of Scotts Road; and,
- outline application for residential development comprising 97 houses and 40 apartments at the Acklam Iron and Steel Works Club, Park Road South.

2. MTLC site and Acklam Green

House builder Gleeson is proving very popular at the former MTLC site, now known as Beck View. Strong demand has meant that Gleeson cannot build these affordable homeownership new homes fast enough, with many being sold off plan. With a build rate of 50 units per year, it makes this the best-selling development in the town.

Gleeson have also recently purchased the Acklam Green site from Bellway Homes. They intend to kick start development immediately and are confident that that their affordable homes for sale will prove popular with local people.

3. Middlehaven Urban Pioneers

Local housing association North Star have just completed 9 new homes as part of Middlehaven's Urban Pioneers project. The new live/work affordable homes are next to the new Urban Park and are designed to encourage enterprise and new businesses to thrive.

4. TWI

Internal engineering research and training company TWI has moved into its purpose built new building at the Teesside Advanced Manufacturing Park (TAMP), Riverside Park. The new building is a flag ship development which will be a catalyst for further new business and job creation in the town.

5. Middlesbrough Train Station Masterplan

Work has begun on developing a masterplan for Middlesbrough Train Station and the surrounding area. The masterplan will focus on transport infrastructure and capacity of the station as well as the economic regeneration of the surrounding area, which includes the Enterprise Zone. This initiative is being led by Middlesbrough Council in partnership with the Network Rail and the rail franchisee's. The masterplan should be complete by early 2017.

6. Middlesbrough Means Business

The recent Breakfast Exchange was held at 7.30am on Thursday, 6th October at Charles Clinkard's new head office at Cannon Park, Middlesbrough. The Council's

FREE networking event provides businesses with an opportunity to meet up on a less formal basis, chat, share, learn and do business.

Charles and Eveline Clinkard opened their first shoe shop in Middlesbrough in 1924. Today, the Clinkard Group has 33 stores across the UK, and Managing Director Charles is the third generation to be in charge. The company has won countless national awards, has an annual turnover in excess of £40 million and employs more than 550 people.

This event provided a unique opportunity to hear Managing Director, Charles Clinkard talk about the history of the business and the company's recent relocation of its head office to Middlesbrough. Charles was also joined by Trading Director, Tim Payne who provided an insight into the future of retail. After the presentations, there was also an opportunity to take a tour of the building.

7. Middlesbrough Economic Snapshot

Following on from a rapid increase in online sales, Middlesbrough-based designer department store Psyche has expanded its workforce in a bid to keep up with growing demand. Five new posts have been created in the company's electronic point of sale team which will enable the business to grow its online presence further and continue to provide high quality customer service.

Almost 1,500 more companies are now registered in Tees Valley compared to a year ago

8. Acklam Hall

A ground breaking ceremony was held on Friday 23 September 2016 to commence the construction of the new state of the art medical centre at Acklam Hall. The development led by Ramsay Healthcare will include: consulting and treatment rooms; endoscopy suite; operating theatres and recovery bays; 19-bed in-patient ward; diagnostic suite including X-ray and ultrasound, and mobile MRI facility.

The development is the latest phase in a comprehensive development which supports the long term future of Acklam Hall.

The 60 week building contract will complete in autumn 2017.

9. Road Safety Initiatives

The following road safety initiatives have been recently launched in Middlesbrough:-

- Pedestrian safety and in particular the danger of mobile phone distraction have been the theme of road safety displays at Middlesbrough College Fresher's Fayre. Pokémon Go, the latest mobile phone game is leading people to step out in the road without thinking and this was the main message that was promoted to students.
- Middlesbrough College was the launch venue for a regional road safety campaign hoping to highlight the specific risks to young drivers in particular the 'fatal four' (speed/mobile phone distraction/drink & drugs/seatbelts) these four are the leading cause of young driver fatalities. The campaign has been funded

by all 12 North East Local authorities through their membership of Road Safety Great Britain. The launch took place on Monday 26th September with support from Cleveland Police and Cleveland Fire Brigade.

- Every reception class pupil is to receive a "Starting School" leaflet, it consists of an A4 parents' newsletter which opens up into an illustrated A2 poster for them to complete with their children. It covers all the important topics including holding hands, stop, look and listen, safer crossing places and in-car safety. Parents are also addressed on vital issues such as route planning, mobile phone use, school gate parking and the benefits of walking.