

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL Wednesday 17th October 2018

Events & Culture

1. Discover Middlesbrough

Planning for the Discover Middlesbrough festival is now complete- the festival will run from the 15th October to the 14th November.

Highlights this year include a mid-week mystery history bus tour, 30 years of FMTTM and The Glass ceiling, as well as a whole host of fabulous things to get involved with at the Town Hall. Brochures are available from all community hubs or can be downloaded from the council website.

2. The Town Meal

The annual event delivered by Environment City was once again a huge success with flocks of people coming along to Centre Square to sample the cooked up home grown produce.

Growers retained their best specimens to enter into the produce competition which was open to all and included categories for a cake containing a vegetable and jams, chutneys and pickles.

Entertainment featured the Bilsdale Silver Band along with children from the St Thomas More, Rosewood, Newport and Hemlington Hall school choirs.

3. The Glass Ceiling

In partnership with the TVCA and our authority partners we have commissioned internationally acclaimed outdoor theatre producers Periplum to deliver an event commemorating the 100 years since women achieved the vote.

Having premiered at Stockton's International Festival, the tour will end in Middlesbrough on the 27th October. Each authority will see a bespoke production delivered as minor changes are being made that embrace the local stories. The professional performers themselves will be joined by local people who have volunteered to be part of the production. This will be a spectacle that nobody should miss.

4. Winter Events

Planning for the Christmas and winter activities continues with major events such as the festive season launch scheduled for November 22nd at 18:30 on Centre Square where with the supports of the Arts Council we have commissioned another internationally renowned outdoor theatrical production company Emergency Exit Arts to deliver the Christmas dream machine. Another annual favourite for residents is the Magical Middlesbrough parade confirmed for the 2nd December.

5. Middlesbrough's FutureBoro

Town Hall artist in residence Michelle Wren's cardboard creations went on display at Orange Pip Market and in Centre Square. As part of her *FutureBoro* project, Michelle invited residents to take on the role of the town planner, deciding what they would change about the city. Those visions - from the huge and impossible to the tiny and probable were

transformed into fantastic cardboard installations to be shown in Centre Square and at Orange Pip Market.

6. Oyster Opera

Oyster Opera visited Middlesbrough in August as part of Middlesbrough Town Hall's programme surprising audiences with bursting into song at North Ormesby Market, the town centre and in the café at mima!

Oyster Opera loves bringing opera to people who have never been into an opera house or even to a classical concert. Oyster Opera take their portable battery-operated sound system with their backing tracks and hit the streets of Britain and abroad.



7. New Programme Plans

Middlesbrough Town Hall is bringing new genres of music to the Town Hall including a Jazz Weekender on October 19-21st which features the Big Chris Barber Band, Alt-Shift-J and Tots Play Jazz for toddlers. A new partnership with Jumpin Hot Club brings Americana and blues music to the courtroom in the Town Hall (the Courtroom Sessions) with Blind Boy Paxton on November 12th, one of the greatest multi-instrumentalists you've never heard of, with a reputation for transporting audiences back to the 1920s and making them wish they could stay there for good, and Kim Richey & Ben Glover on November 8th.





Blind Boy Paxton



The Big Chris Barber Band

Marketing and Communications

8. Working for Middlesbrough

Working for **Middlesbrough**

The Working for Middlesbrough campaign is designed to increase awareness of the many and varied services that the Council provides, improving public perception by showcasing all that we do for Middlesbrough and allowing residents to see their Council Tax in action.

By focusing on individual teams, we are providing a human face to the Council and allowing staff to be champions and advocates for Middlesbrough. We are initially focussing on the winners of this year's Team Awards, after which we will celebrate the Star of the Month nominees and winners.

The first story in the campaign is that of the Impact Drama Group, from Adult Social Care, followed by the Street Wardens.



To find out more and to follow the campaign you can visit <https://middlesbrough.gov.uk/our-stories-working-middlesbrough>

Stronger Communities

9. Street Wardens

Street Wardens have been working closely with partners in the Newport Ward to reduce the issues around community safety and environmental issues. The wardens have conducted joint patrols with the police and this has led to lots of intelligence sharing opportunities. From this, a joint action day was organised where officers visited a number of residential properties to deliver notices, issue warnings and take action in relation to ASB and environmental issues.

Wardens have also been working closely with the HRMC Immigration and customs department in dealing with immigration and sales of illicit goods. Through sharing intelligence this has resulted in identifying businesses and offenders who were carrying out illegal offences, and several arrests. This partnership work is ongoing and joint patrols will continue.

Incidents Recorded for August 18

Number of Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents - 1344

Number of Environmental Crime issues - 149

Number of Community Engagements - 172

Number of low level crime/ police issued and intelligence -263

Total – 1928

10. CCTV

A report of a Missing 8-year-old male in the town centre was reported to CCTV, information stated that the child had been separated from his mother and had left the Cleveland Centre via Newton Mall. An Area search of the town and surrounding areas was carried out with no sighting of the child, however CCTV operators viewed a number of cameras that assisted in locating where the child had been. It was established the child

had made his way along Newport Rd towards his home address. The child was re-united with his mother at the family home.

CCTV Stats August 2018

Number of recorded incidents captured - 2296

Number of reviews/ footage produced by CCTV and police operators-524

Total -2820

11. Selective Landlord Licensing

Selective Landlord licensing have been working very closely with the new community police support officers and street wardens around intelligence sharing. This has resulted in the following positive actions:

- Police informed and perpetrator arrested after being found hid under the sofa.
- On Thursday 30th August there were three drugs raids carried out in North Ormesby resulting in drugs and illegal fireworks being found and a motorbike recovered.
- On Friday 31st August there were three further drug raids with further positive results including drugs, cash, scales and weapons being found. The tenant was arrested for possession with intent to supply and Social Services were also involved. The Environmental Health Officer dealt with a number of properties including one which was full of bed bugs, and another that was full of food waste and household rubbish.

The SLL team and police are working with landlords of some properties to serve eviction notices on tenants where appropriate.

12. Park End and Beckfield

Acceptable Behaviour Contract signed with a young male who has been reported to be causing Anti-Social Behaviour in Netherfields. Neighbourhood Safety Officer has liaised with Cleveland Fire Brigade and Cleveland Police Early Intervention Officer to ensure intervention work is carried out with this male around the consequences on his behaviour. A further 4 males have also been issued warning letters in regards to their behaviour in the area and similar interventions have been put in place, including support and advice around parenting.

13. Pallister and Berwick Hills

Resident Drop In sessions have been set up between Neighbourhood Safety Officer and Cleveland Police in Pallister Park Pavilion. These sessions are advertised and held monthly and residents are encouraged to attend to speak with officers in regards to any issues they have in their area.

A two year Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) has been granted for a male who has had continued involvement with Anti-Social Behaviour, despite warnings and interventions, throughout East Middlesbrough. The order has banned him from being in certain areas on the estate, including Norfolk Shops and Morrisons.

Neighbourhood Safety Officer has arranged a multi-agency meeting between Youth Focus, Street League, Management at Pallister Park Pavilion, Police and Street Wardens to discuss the possibility of sustainable youth provision within Pallister Park. Youth Focus

have agreed to fund youth work until April 2019, with the view this will continue within the pavilion after that date. Outreach work will begin middle of October, leaflets will be produced and the first session will take place 30th October. Sessions will take place weekly thereafter.

14. Marton

Neighbourhood Safety Officer issued a Tenancy Breach to a property in Marton after receiving a number of different reports of Anti-Social Behaviour at the address. Their landlord has been informed and is willing to work with the Neighbourhood Safety Team and serve notice on the property should complaints continue.

15. Community Safety Partnership

The Middlesbrough Community Safety Partnership has recently undergone a refresh, all attendees of the previous thematic groups have been consulted, and the partnership streamlined. A new Partnership Performance Group has been created, which will be accountable to the CSP Executive Group and will look to improve performance across the partnership by monitoring targets and priority indicators and deploying resources via the new thematic and operational groups.

16. Civil Injunctions

Neighbourhood Safety Officers has successfully obtained an Adult Civil Injunction against a persistent street beggar within the town centre. This individual had been working with our Breaking the Boundaries Team but refused to engage even after accommodation and employment was found. The Civil Injunction was the first Adult Order granted in Middlesbrough by our Neighbourhood Safety Team.

Due to multiple breaches of Injunction and Supervision Order obtained on a Hemlington young person, one of our Neighbourhood Safety Officers attended court this week, the young person had his previous order revoked and a new 6 month Supervision Order imposed, to engage with the YOS for a period of 6 months and a 6 month curfew from 7pm-3am to be electronically monitored for breach of his Supervision Order. The Magistrates were very clear with the young person, in that they were seriously considering custody on this occasion and should he appear before them again, that would be the likely outcome. The Neighbourhood Team will work closely with partners to try and help to change the pattern of behaviour with this young person to prevent this case escalating and help make positive changes.

17. Joint Working with NHS and Police

As part of our long term plan to reduce violence towards NHS staff, a prescription drugs amnesty was launched on 10th October to encourage people to hand in unwanted prescription drugs, deter dealers or prescription drugs and offer support to those caught in the cycle of dependence.

Working with police and 24 chemists across Middlesbrough offering free amnesty collection by providing a reporting mechanism for the community to report dealers and guidance on how to get support with substance dependence has been provided with contact cards going in prescription bags throughout the week and some GP practises providing the same message on repeat prescriptions. Posters have also been put up in GP practises, chemists and community centres.

Professionals (NHS, Police and Local Authority) have received specially prepared electronic training packages to skill staff on the prescription drugs often abused, processes to report intelligence and referral pathways for clients identified as needing support with substance dependency issues

18. Newport

Neighbourhood Safety Officers attended Stronger Communities Middlesbrough events with local residents as part of a wider community cohesion plan that aims to improve cohesion in the area. This has resulted in joint patrols with Police, Street Wardens and Environmental Enforcement delivering multi-language posters to most businesses along Parliament Road warning of fixed penalties for littering/seeds etc. Also business owners were spoken to and encouraged by the Police to dissuade and disperse large groups of people from gathering outside their premises as this can be intimidating to others. A meeting was organised between the Community Safety Team and Safe In Tees Valley Ltd regarding diversionary activities over the Mischief night period for Newport young people.

19. Modern Slavery

A multi-agency process has been developed to support victims of Modern Slavery once they have been 'rescued', working with the Homeless Team, Children and Adult Social Care, the NHS and others. The process will ensure victims are safe and receive support for any needs they may have. Working in conjunction with the Cleveland Anti-Slavery Network (coordinated by the Police and Crime Commissioners Office) a meeting took place on 28th September to develop a Tees wide process, the Middlesbrough interim model will feed into this. In addition to this, Hope for Justice have recently carried out training on Modern Slavery for Adult Social Care, and 4 further sessions are planned in October for front line staff across the partnership to begin to understand the signs of Modern Slavery and how to report concerns.

20. My Place

In July and August My Place held a Play Scheme offering day care for children. This was a huge success, providing Middlesbrough Council employees, children in care and local families from Middlesbrough, child care with a wide range of activities and trips. They



worked in partnership with Cleveland Police who delivered fun filled outdoor activities and workshops around crime solving and built good relationships with children.

Middlesbrough Environment City also took children to Maze Park where they learnt Forest Skills and Bush Craft and even had a camp fire lunch. We also worked with Headstart and provided fun workshops based on mental health. Children visited the Transporter bridge, Mima, The Dorman Museum, Newham Grange Leisure Farm, Bowling, Saltburn, Whitby, Beamish and Blue Reef Aquarium in Tyneside. For one child it was the first time they had

seen the Sea and been on a beach. The feedback from Social Workers and parents has been amazing and plans are being developed for the October half term play scheme.

On Monday 10th September the first Happy Monday's session took place aimed at young people age 18+ with disabilities, twelve people attended.

21. Community Hubs and Libraries

Marion Community Hub Official Launch - Following a major refurbishment of Marion Community Hub and Library an official launch took place on the 9th August. The Mayor formally opened the Hub by cutting a ribbon along with Claus Stroander, Chair of the Friends of Marion Library. The Mayor and local ward councillor Dorothy Davison cut a themed cake and gave speeches about the importance of libraries. Members of the community and local organisations were invited to celebrate the occasion and view the facilities including the addition of a new meeting space and room for one to one advice, new lighting, heating and accessible toilet facilities.

22. Digital Training

Middlesbrough Community Education are running a number of IT Classes at Central Library and the Community Hubs. Demand is increasing for these courses, especially as Community Education are targeting people who have been unemployed for 2 years or more under the Routes to Learning project. Community Education are also running a number of Job Clubs in our venues, with a new session starting soon at Central Library to meet the needs of town centre based residents.

23. Summer Reading Challenge 2018

Children across Middlesbrough enjoyed a fun-filled summer in libraries as they took part in Mischief Makers: Summer Reading Challenge 2018. Children aged 4 to 11 were challenged to read six library books during the summer holidays and collected Mischief Maker incentives and stickers along the way. Hundreds have already completed the. To encourage children to visit the library and join the challenge library staff organised a range of events including the extremely popular slime-making workshops, Meet the Mischievous Animal sessions with Animal Story and sessions with illustrator Liz Million to learn how to draw cartoon characters.

Over 170 children enjoyed the Summer Reading Challenge Award Ceremony at Central Library on 30th August where entertainer Tom Rolfe delighted the audience with juggling and unicycling and children received their medals for completing the challenge. Certificates for all completers will be sent in to primary schools so teachers can share in the children's' achievements.

Exhibitions - The creative works from the 'My Town My Future' project will be on display throughout the Central Library from 11th September – 18th October. The 'My Town My Future' project was funded by Arts Council England as part of the Libraries Innovation for Everyone Fund. It was designed as a two-part project; digitisation and creation of a website and creation of artistic content; all focussing on Middlesbrough past and present. The exhibition consists of photographs and creative writing from those involved in the project.

24. Thorntree Community Hub

There was a great response to this year's Summer Programme of activities engaging more than 15 families, 3 days a week throughout August. With thanks to external funding

secured the families had the chance to go on various trips this year, Robin Hoods Bay and Whitby, Danby Forest & Scarborough giving them the opportunity to see and appreciate how lucky they are to have these fantastic beauty spots just a short bus ride away.

Kidz Kabin came along to hold workshops on woodwork and pottery which went down really well with the creative children. For the more energetic sports sessions were held with the support of a Tech Masters coach and a volunteer. Other activities included a Climbing Wall, Face Painting, Slime making, Bouncy Castles, Arts & Crafts and we also squeezed in a visit from the Middlesbrough Reads bus, even some of the parents went back for another story from award-winning performance poet Dom Berry and all the kids received a book to take home.

The Hub also saw some great results from Tech Masters Martial Arts this year with young Techies achieving their grades and one of our volunteer coaches achieving her black belt. The martial arts offer many benefits to kids from fitness & discipline to confidence and self-respect as well as having respect for others.

In addition to this Thorntree Hub now hosts the training for Ultra White Collar Boxing, for Middlesbrough and surrounding areas. This takes total novices, male & female and puts them through an intense 8 week training regime and pairs them up for a fight night & presentation evening. All of which raises money & awareness for Cancer Research UK. In total they have raised around £41,000 up to now. This experience has changed the lives of some people and encouraged them to live healthier and look forward to a fitter future.

The Cohesion Team has organised an event which supports professionals who would like to improve their practice in resolving conflict and increasing community cohesion.

A training session took place in September where colleagues had the opportunity to

- Learn about and apply models of conflict analysis to real world situations.
- Gain insight into the conditions required to bring different groups together safely and successfully.
- Get an introduction to conflict transformation techniques.

The training was delivered by Neil Denton who is an independent community mediator and an experienced practitioner in conflict transformation. He works to promote constructive change processes that; reduce violence, increase justice in direct interaction and social structures, and respond to real life problems in human relationships. His experience includes work in; Belfast to promote cohesion, Brussels following the terrorist attacks and North Kensington following the Grenfell Tower fire.

