

**EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL
Monday 23rd December 2019**

STRATEGIC

1. Purdah

Due to my recent election campaign, my work and sharing of such activity has been heavily impeded by Purdah restrictions. This is of course normal practice but it has been preventative in many forms.

2. Recommissioning of Homelessness, Domestic Abuse, Sexual Violence and Substance Misuse Services

An update on the progress for the new drugs model is not possible due to the position of MBC during the full procurement process.

Detailed and structured developments are evolving internally driven by a commissioning board overseeing the growth of the new model.

INVOLVEMENT AND PROMOTION

3. Town Hall British Citizenship Ceremony

On behalf of the Home Office, the Middlesbrough Register Office provides an official citizenship ceremony to celebrate the attainment of British nationality. This is the final stage in the process of becoming a British citizen. I was fortunate enough to be able to present certificates of naturalisation, welcoming all new citizens on behalf of HM Queen Elizabeth and Middlesbrough Council in the official ceremony.

I met some amazing people from every edge of the globe, individuals and families with a great willingness and desire to contribute positively to our Town and Country.

4. Positively Pally

In early December I attended Pallister Park Community Centre to hand out awards to young people at a 'positively pally' session. The competition was to create a logo for the newly formed 'Friends of Pallister' group.

It was great to see community activities in full flow across East Middleborough. A big thank you to Youth Focus North East and Active Tees Valley for their hard work and dedication to the community.

5. Community Champions

With the support of Community Champions Middlesbrough, I had the pleasure of dropping some Christmas gifts for some of the town's most isolated young people, living in care.

Sometimes the importance of giving can be lost, so I am calling on residents of the town to do your bit and spread season's greetings across Middlesbrough.

6. John Paul's Centre

I attended John Paul's Centre, for a Saturday afternoon open session. This is a voluntary programme which feeds and provides support for some of the town's most vulnerable people.

The team has up to 10 volunteers and supports around 80 individuals each weekend. The session runs from 12.30-1.30pm and provides food, a safe environment and an opportunity for support every Saturday from the side entrance of John Paul's Centre, Grange Road.

Thank you to everyone involved, you truly are an inspirational group of people.

7. Chief Officer Appointments Committee

In November I was part of the Chief Officer Appointments Committee which successfully recruited the Interim Director of Children's Care. We welcome Sue Butcher to the Children's Services Leadership Team.