

Report of:	Richard Horniman - Director of Regeneration Councillor Ashley Waters - Executive Member for Regeneration
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Submitted to:	Executive - 16 June 2020
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Subject:	Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel's Final Report - Infrastructure Delivery - Service Response
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Summary

Proposed decision(s)
That the Executive approves the attached Action Plan put together in response to the Scrutiny Panel recommendations.

Report for:	Key decision:	Confidential:	Is the report urgent? ¹
<i>Decision</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>

Contribution to delivery of the 2020-23 Strategic Plan		
People	Place	Business
The Council will continue working with communities and external stakeholders to improve the lives of our residents through securing school places for all children and ensuring they are accessible and connected as possible.	Improvements will continue to be secured via the available national funding allocations and inward investment for Middlesbrough's housing, transport infrastructure and attractiveness; improving the town's reputation for seamless connectivity between transport modes - creating opportunities for local people and improving our finances.	Continued promotion of investment in Middlesbrough's infrastructure and local economy via place branding and the Council's Business Forum, to make sure the Council continues to work as effectively as possible to support our ambitions for the development for People and Place for future generation.

Ward(s) affected

¹ Remove for non-Executive reports

What is the purpose of this report?

1. The purpose of the report is to note the contents of the Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructures Scrutiny Report on “Infrastructure Delivery” and approve the attached action plan in response to their findings.

Why does this report require a Member decision?

2. In line with the Council’s constitution following approval of the “Infrastructure Delivery” report by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 13th February 2020, the recommendations of the scrutiny panel now need to be considered by the Executive. If the Executive does not consider the issue within eight weeks of the date of OSB, the matter may be referred to Council.

Report Background

3. The Scrutiny Panel has undertaken a review to examine infrastructure planning and delivery in Middlesbrough to ensure that facilities including housing and buildings, transport, and communication are suitable for the town’s needs and continued economic development.
4. The Panel has made a number of recommendations and produced an action plan. This report is to note the report’s findings and approve the attached action plan in light of these recommendations.

What decision(s) are being asked for?

5. That the Executive approves the attached Action Plan put together in response to the Scrutiny Panel recommendations.

Why is this being recommended?

6. It is a requirement that the Executive formally considers the Scrutiny Panel’s report and confirms the service areas response to the Panel’s accompanying action plan.
7. Specific stakeholder consultation was not undertaken as part of the process, as the Council regularly consults with its stakeholders in relation to Transport across Middlesbrough. There are no statutory consultation requirements required in this decision process.

Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended

8. Full details of what the Scrutiny Panel took into consideration when arriving at their recommendations are contained in the Scrutiny report (Appendix I).

Impact(s) of recommended decision(s)

9. The recommendations in the action plan will aim to maximise the Council’s influence in the lobbying process for transport improvements, along with partnership working with public transport operators and the associated promotion of the outcomes.

Legal

10.No legal implications are identified at this stage.

Financial

11.No financial implications are identified at this stage.

Policy Framework

12.In line with the Council's constitution following approval of the "Infrastructure Delivery" report by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 13th February 2020, the recommendations of the scrutiny panel now need to be considered by the Executive. If the Executive does not consider the issue within eight weeks of the date of OSB, the matter may be referred to Council.

Equality and Diversity

13.Equality and diversity issues would be considered as part of any future programme, as and when any specific elements are progressed. This would include Impact Assessments where required.

Risk

14.No specific risks are identified at this stage.

Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)

15.Progress of the actions will be monitored against the Action Plan document.

Appendices

Appendix I –
Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel Report on Infrastructure Delivery.

Appendix II –
Infrastructure Delivery Action Plan

Background papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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