ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SCRUTINY PANEL INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY – ACTION PLAN

| SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION | PROPOSED ACTION | POST TITLE | BUDGET COST | TIMESCALE |
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| A) In order to ensure the Council fulfils the duty to ensure sufficient school places are available for the town's children, the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel should undertake a review into school place planning and how Academies in particular can be encouraged to work more closely with the Local Authority. | Head of Service Access to Education and Vulnerable Children to arrange for Scrutiny to review Place Planning. | Head of Service Access to Education and Vulnerable Children | N/A | 30 th April 2020 |
| B) Efforts to encourage more sustainable travel and increased use of public transport should continue to be explored by the Council, including encouraging operators to consider provision of subsidised passes for children and their parents travelling by public transport to school. | The Council will continue to be represented on regional transport groups with TVCA, other LA's and public transport operators to continue to working towards to developing the bus quality partnership. Contributing to specific elements of the partnership documentation will ensure the correct level of support delivers this aspiration. | Planning & Delivery Manager | N/A | August 2020 |
| C) In line with the TVCA's draft Strategic Transport Plan (STP) and its ambition to improve rail links between Tees Valley and the rest of the country, request that priority is given to the provision of a faster direct service from Middlesbrough to Newcastle by opening up the existing Stillington to Durham goods line to passengers. | Although there is no formal mechanism to introduce this outside of the rail industry, the Council will continue lobbying for the regional rail improvements at both a local and strategic level with TVCA and TfN across the northern network. The optimal time to lobby is leading up to | Planning & Delivery Manager | N/A | May 2020 |

| | and after national timetable changes in May and December each year. | | | |
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| D) Include an action in Middlesbrough's Local Implementation Plan (LIP) to facilitate and promote smart ticketing across different modes of public transport in the Tees Valley and beyond, thus contributing to the high- level goal of the TVCA to provide a seamless integrated travelling experience for the public. | This action will be included in the developing LIP. | Infrastructure Programme Manager | N/A | April 2020 |
| E) The Council should promote the detailed work carried out in relation to infrastructure planning more widely to the town's residents and encourage Developers to be more pro-active in keeping residents informed when new developments are planned and taking shape. | Collective promotion across departments with the Regeneration Directorate will follow as a result of this action. This will be regularly reviewed and incorporated into service specific objectives relevant to the revised Council Investment Plan. | Head of Economic Growth | N/A | June 2020 |
| F) As part of the planning process, Developers should be required to include full fibre Broadband provision in new builds and major refurbishments. | This is beyond the scope of the planning system. We cannot make it a requirement as it is beyond their control and they would be dependent upon a third party – the broadband provider. We can however seek to encourage developers to incorporate broadband and for schemes to be designed to facilitate it. | Head of Planning | N/A | N/A |