

IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREED EXECUTIVE ACTIONS

The table below refers to the agreed Executive actions that should have been implemented by October 2007.

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The Local Transport Plan February 2005	11	10			1	
Investigation into Middlesbrough Council's Allotments Service Provision. February 2005	10	8	2 Ref: 04/05/07 (Target Date – 31/07/2005) That the appropriate support, assistance and financial resources be provided to those sites that wish to move towards self-managed sites. Response – Funding not available, at present, to move to increased level of self management. Ref: 04/05/09 (Target Date – 31/07/2005) A bid for £50k will be submitted to the 2005/06 budget process in order to improve present service provision. Response - A 50k bid is to be made to the capital programme to assist the strategy implementation. Expected to be submitted end of Sept 2007.			
Developing Learning Disability Services February 2006	8	5	1 Ref:06/01/06 (Target Date - 30/04/2007) Adult Services ensure that consideration is given to working with training providers to commission additional training courses for people with learning disabilities. Response - work delayed by reorganisation of Learning and Skills Council. Work between LSC, Middlesbrough College, Adult Education and Dept of Social Care in progress. LSC have commissioned needs analysis for FE training. This will be complete April 2007.Needs analysis complete. Report available July 2007. Application to LSC for capacity building planned. October 2007 - Needs analysis report still not available. Workstream of Learning Disability Partnership Board continues to support work with commissioners.		2	

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<p>Worklessness</p> <p>March 2006</p>	5	4		<p>1</p> <p>Ref: 06/02/05 (Target Date – 31/03/2007) In developing new opportunities for employment with inward investors in the town, every effort should be made to ensure that as many of the new jobs created as possible are filled by previously workless Middlesbrough residents. Response - Update as of October 2007. Although there are no major inward investors at present. The Local Employment Initiatives Team link into the Business Support team to ensure a continuous link with major inward investors is maintained and monitored for local recruitment uptake Between the teams we have produced an investor guide. the aim of the guide is to promote and market the opportunities that Middlesbrough presents to potential investors, and outline the excellent progress Middlesbrough is making in moving forward.</p>		
<p>Primary Education Reviews</p> <p>April 2006</p>	8	4	<p>3</p> <p>Ref: 06/04/01 (Target Date – 31/03/2007) That all documentation published in relation to primary education reviews is examined. Response - No further review of primary schools has been undertaken to date. A comprehensive review of strategy and funding is being undertaken with a view to relaunching the review in the Autumn Term with a new project structure. Communication workstream given responsibility for reviewing documentation, engagement, and communications. Headteacher advisory group established to review communications with schools.</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement has started with the relaunched Primary Review. Headteachers and Chairs of governors briefed on two separate occasions about project timeframes and funding.</p> <p>Consultation documentation reviewed for BSF school reorganisations: aligned with corporate and departmental engagement strategies. Engagement plans produced and circulated to Heads and Chairs prior to consultation. Documentation makes explicit reference about how stakeholders can engage and contribute. School implementation group for RC amalgamation established and ongoing communication with governors.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Ref: 06/04/07 (Target Date – 31/10/2007) That a procedure - such as that which has been developed to ensure a smooth transition for pupils moving between National Key Stages 2 and 3 of education - is developed by the local authority to ensure that disruption caused to pupils by reviews of education arrangements is minimised. Response - Building Schools for the Future Education Workstream charged with undertaking change management including managing transfer of pupils between secondary schools.</p> <p>Transition arrangements to be tackled for primary age pupils through the Primary Review Project team, including School Adviser from School Improvement service. Transition procedure will draw on the experience of the BSF Education workstream, and further development work undertaken with the Headteacher advisory group.</p>		

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<p>Primary Education Reviews CONT....</p> <p>April 2006</p>			<p>Ref: 06/04/02 (Target Date - 31/03/2007) That it is ensured that participants in the review process are clearly advised that comments, views or objections made at the informal consultation stage of the process need to be re-affirmed if they are to be also considered at the formal consultation stage. Response – Participants are made aware of the stage of the process, and the different ways in which they can engage and let their views be known. Changes in legislation have made it difficult to explain the full engagement and reorganisation process which is now subject to the school competition rules and DCSF decisions on exemption from these rules. Officers are attempting to create simply guidance on the new processes, their timelines, and implications, against a background of emerging policy and practice.</p> <p>BSF consultation documents on changes to school organisation include details of how consultees can contact the Council and have their views registered. Explicit reference is made in the public documentation that views which have already been expressed in previous stages, need to be reaffirmed if they wish them to be considered in the current stage of consultation.</p> <p>Ref: 06/04/03 (Target Date – 31/10/2007) That timescales for reviews should be identified where possible. Response - Timeframes for a re-launched Primary review have been identified in-line with the DCSF's Primary Capital Programme. Approach and timeframe received Executive approval in August 2007. Primary sector Headteacher event was held on 2nd October 2007 took place to communicate timeframes, objectives, and project structure more widely. Some changes to timeframe imposed by DCSF in the last week of October 2007. Further meeting scheduled for 4th December 2007.</p> <p>Building Schools for the Future (BSF) timeframes widely publicised through project workstreams, press releases, and school and residential leafleting. Changes in legislation have made it difficult to explain the full engagement and reorganisation process for individual school reorganisations, which are now subject to the school competition rules and DCSF decisions on exemption from these rules. Recent experience has shown that DCSF involvement can protract timescales beyond those committed to in government guidance.</p>			

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<p>Investigation into the Development and Enhancement of Community Engagement in Middlesbrough</p> <p>March 2006</p>	12	4	<p>3</p> <p>Ref: 06/07/06 (Target Date - 30/09/2006) That a generic 'job description' and 'person specification' should be developed for officers of Community Councils, to assist those who occupy such roles. Response – Draft role descriptions and person specification drawn up for further consultation with community representatives.</p> <p>Ref: 06/07/07 (Target Date – 31/12/2006) That an evaluation framework for community councils is established in order to measure their development and performance. Response – The key measure of community councils is attendances. Whilst acknowledged as a somewhat crude indicator, attendance reflects the general robustness of community councils, and certainly declining attendance would be expected to accompany decline of the performance/effectiveness of community councils. This is now a Regeneration Service Plan Commitment 2006/7 and 2007/8 and a LAA 2007-10 Performance Indicator and Target linked to CPA. There are related LAA targets for the Cluster Groups. In addition to that, there are LAA targets and indicators in the Stronger Communities strategy that relates to empowering local people and the influence they have over decision making. The effectiveness of Community Councils will impact on these measures. It is the intention to further develop the qualitative performance management aspects in the current year as the restructuring of the Community Regeneration Section becomes established and the Cluster Review completed.</p> <p>Ref: 06/07/11 (Target Date – 30/04/2007) A training programme should be put in place in order to assist Members in this development of their role. Response - The recommendations in respect of the proposed topics for inclusion in the Member Development Programme were considered by the Member Development Working Group on 30 July 2007 as part of the annual review of the Member Development Strategy and the Member Development Programme. These documents (the Member Development Strategy and Member Development Programme) will go to Council on 5 September.</p>		1	4

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<p>Residents' Parking Scheme</p> <p>June 2006</p>	6	2	<p>3</p> <p>Ref:06/10/01 (Target Date – 31/01/2007) That the Council maintains its policy of free parking for residents. However, in order to cover the costs, a nominal charge for visitors' parking of £5 per book of 25 scratch cards should be introduced, as should the £80 charge for a business permit. Response - Funding required to implement visitors scratchcard system included in recommendations for parking charges for 2007/2008 & 2008/2009 approved by Executive Member 26/07/08. Implementation of new System to be phased over 2007/2008 & 2008/2009.</p> <p>Ref: 06/10/02 (Target Date - 30/04/2007) In recognition of the capital costs needed in order to set up any new residents' parking scheme, provision should be made within the capital budget for such schemes and in order to plan for the cost of the possible introduction of electronic parking permits in the future. Response - 2007/2008 Capital Bids submitted for new residents parking schemes in the University, Gresham and Linthorpe Village areas were unsuccessful but the Executive Report on Parking Charges for 2007/2008 &2008/2009 included a recommendation that capital bids for the schemes be given priority consideration for approval as part of the next Council Capital allocation process. This was approved by Executive Member on 26/07/07. Further capital bid submitted for funding for 2008/2009. Awaiting outcome.</p> <p>Ref: 06/10/05 (Target Date – 31/01/2007) That further consultation is undertaken in the university area, within the next 6 months, in order to alleviate the parking problems in that area. Response - Bid submitted for capital funding for the full cost of a University area residents parking scheme included the cost of detailed consultation on proposals. Executive Report on Parking Charges for 2007/2008 &2008/2009 included a recommendation that capital bids for the schemes be given priority consideration for approval as part of the next Council Capital allocation process. This was approved by Executive Member on 26/07/07. Further capital bid submitted for funding for 2008/2009. Awaiting outcome.</p>		1	

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Investigation into Council Litterbins June 2006	6	5			1	
Dignity in Care for Older People February 2007	6	2	<p>2</p> <p>Ref: 07/02/03 (Target Date – 30/06/2007) That a process is established to ensure that the views of those service users who receive a Direct Payment and purchase care outside of the Social Care Department's provision are sought on the standard of care that they receive. Response - It is anticipated that A4E will conduct a survey in October 2007. This survey will include service user views about Direct Payments and cover areas such as training for personal assistants. This will coincide with the Commissioning Teams Review of A4E Services.</p> <p>The User Focus Group is established and meets every two months. It is, however, not fully representative of all areas of service. Feedback from the group about Direct Payments is positive, but a more representative view will be obtained by the planned survey.</p> <p>There has been a contract review of A4E Services which has delayed their survey. The survey will be completed by the end of January 2008 and will then take place on a yearly basis.</p> <p>Ref: 07/02/06 (Target Date - 31/03/2007) That the Social Care Department considers working with other authorities in order to standardise the complaints forms that care home managers complete. Response - Initial discussion has taken place and a project group is currently being established. It is envisaged work will be completed by October 2007.</p>		2	
Improving Behaviour and Supporting Pupils at Risk from Exclusion March 2007	8	5		<p>1</p> <p>Ref: 07/04/01 (Target Date – 30/09/2007) That in order to assist secondary schools in providing support to new pupils, a standard document, which specifically identifies any potential behaviour issues or history of behaviour problems, is introduced for all pupils transferring between primary and secondary schools. Response – No information provided</p>	2	

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Neighbourhood Policing March 2007	9	5			4	
Becks and Beck Valleys March 2007	11	10			1	
Respect Agenda April 2007	3	1		1 Ref: 07/07/03 (Target Date – 31/10/2007) That the service explores the possibility of trust status for the Families Project. Response – No information received.	1	