

IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREED EXECUTIVE ACTIONS

The table below refers to the agreed Executive actions that should have been implemented by June 2008.

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Worklessness March 2006	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.</p> <p>Response - Talks are on-going with the Middlehaven developers Bio-regional Quentain to develop a project plan that will identify potential local labour opportunities in the construction field.</p> <p>There are some uncertainties in the financial markets that could have an impact in the short term on recruitment further updates will be provided in due course.</p>		

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<p>Primary Education Reviews</p> <p>April 2006</p>	8	5	<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>A section on how consultees can get involved with the consultation process and have their views heard has been included in BSF consultation documentation. The same format will be repeated in all Primary Strategy for Change consultation documentation.</p> <p>Primary Strategy for Change consultation document produced with a 'Getting involved' section.</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 took place on 2nd October 2007 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 too in government guidance.</p>			

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<p>Primary Education Reviews</p> <p>April 2006</p> <p>CONT....</p>			<p>Headteacher Advisory Group consulted on timeframes at an early stage of the programme. Headteacher/governor event planned for May 2008 will also communicate timeframes and wider plans.</p> <p>BSF Catholic school reorganisation consultation documentation included clear timescales and milestones. Circulated to all stakeholders including staff, governors and parents.</p> <p>Projects and timeframes have been identified for the first 5 years of the Primary Strategy for Change programme and made publicly available in a consultation document, following approval by the Council's Executive. Detailed project timeframes will be published as individual school proposals are developed in more detail and further consultation is undertaken.</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> <p>Primary transition procedure has been handed to the PSfC's Education Change Management workstream.</p> <p>No further progress. Transition procedure will be written in time for first school reorganisation to take place through the Primary Strategy for Change in 2009/10</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) went to Council on 5 September.</p>		1	4

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<p>Residents' Parking Scheme</p> <p>June 2006</p>	6	2	<p>4</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. Due to budget pressures implementation of new system now programmed for 2008/2009 with implementation by March 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. Still awaiting outcome. Alternative funding sources being investigated.</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. Still awaiting outcome. Alternative funding sources being investigated.</p> <p>Ref: 06/10/06 (Target Date - 31/12/2007) That funding is identified in order to implement the schemes (listed as priorities for introduction within the report) during the course of the next financial year. 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. Still awaiting outcome. Alternative funding sources being investigated.</p>			

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<p>Dignity in Care for Older People</p> <p>February 2007</p>	6	4	<p>2</p> <p>Ref: 07/02/02 (Target Date – 30/11/2007) That the Social Care Department come back to the panel with the results of the next home care survey that will be undertaken and comment on how they have engaged with more vulnerable service users and the BME community to ensure that their views are sought. Service users should also be asked to comment on whether or not they feel they are treated with dignity. Response - The next PSS National Elderly Home Care Survey is scheduled to take place in February 2008 and be completed by April 2008. However the DoH are reviewing this. If they decide not to ask Authorities to undertake the survey next year, the Department will still conduct its own survey.</p> <p>The last annual PSS Home Care Survey took place in February 2005. The one scheduled for February 2008 did not take place as the DoH decided, instead, to ask Local Authorities to conduct an Equipment Survey. Because of that, the Department is intending to undertake a survey of elderly Home Care users later this year.</p> <p>The DoH did not undertake the National PSS survey, the Department is therefore seeking to undertake a survey of its own in 2008/09. The reason for this timescale is the large number of service users who have undergone a change in provider as a result of the introduction of new working arrangements for in-house services and the Brokerage system. We are currently developing a survey in partnership with Independent Sector Providers which will form part of an overall quality assessment. Timescale for completion is March 2009.</p> <p>Ref: 07/02/05 (Target Date – 31/12/2007) That, following a year of the implementation of the grading system for residential homes, the Social Care Department attends a panel meeting to update members on a number of related issues. Response - A report will be produced for December 2007</p> <p>The implementation the grading system is to be conducted in parallel with a Fair Price for Care Agreement, which is anticipated to be complete by 31.3.08. The system will therefore go live on 1.4.08 and be reported on 31.3.09</p> <p>A date is required from the Scrutiny Panel so that a report can be prepared.</p>			
<p>Executive Scheme of Delegation</p> <p>December 2007</p>	4				4	

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Middlesbrough Council's Waste Services January 2008	7	1	1 Ref: 08/02/02 (Target Date - 31/03/2008) Proposals in respect of the new refuse collection arrangements will be placed before the scrutiny for consideration prior to submission to the Executive. Response - An update on the Waste Services Review was presented to the Environment Scrutiny Panel on 12 March 2008. Further proposals will be reported on in due course.		5	
Early Years Learning Outcomes and Sure Start February 2008	6				6	
The Developing Role of the Street Warden Service February 2008	10		2 Ref: 08/05/01 (Target Date - 30/06/2008) That the warden service should be re-launched to reinforce the responsibilities of their new role to the public. Response – Timescales of delivery and the manufacture of the new warden uniform have lengthened to a implementation date of approximately September 2008. This has impacted on the re- launch of the service. Information on the role of a warden is to be delivered to all houses in the multi agency's Community Safety leaflet The website has been updated on the role of a Street warden and is constantly updated as and when needed. Ref: 08/05/06 (Target Date - 30/04/2008) A programme of regular meetings between Youth Service and Street Warden Managers introduced. Response – A meeting with Lynne Coppinger the Youth Service Manager has taken place and steps have been made to arrange further meetings.		8	

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Teenagers Hanging Around February 2008	3	1	<p>1</p> <p>Ref: 08/06/02 (Target Date - 30/04/2008) Propose an article be written for inclusion in Middlesbrough News, which raises awareness of the work outreach workers are having with teenagers. Response - STEM Newsletter April 2008 - article appeared regarding the new YIP unit at Rothbury Road.</p> <p>Articles have been prepared in relation to the following: - Youth Against Crime Course delivered by Linx - "You can manage without drugs and alcohol!" MC competition. - Young people who took part in the "You can manage without criminal damage!" campaign winning the regional "Youth Against Crime Awards." - "You can manage without criminal damage!" posters designed and distributed throughout the Gresham area by young people.</p> <p>Unfortunately there was insufficient space remaining in the last edition of Middlesbrough News to include the above articles, however they will be resubmitted for the August edition.</p> <p>STEM has guaranteed a place in their next newsletter for the "You can manage without drugs and alcohol!" competition which was won by a young person from Thorntree.</p> <p>WMNT will be publishing an article about the "You can manage without criminal damage!" posters designed and distributed throughout the Gresham area by young people in the next edition of their newsletter, which is due in July. This article will also be submitted to the Older Housing newsletter.</p>		1	
Public Transport in Middlesbrough March 2008	10	1		<p>1</p> <p>Ref: 08/07/03 (Target Date – 31/05/2008) That the Council writes to the appropriate rail authorities and asks them to comment on how they will improve the issues that arose from the panel's discussions with passengers. Response – No information provided.</p>	8	
Speed Cameras March 2008	7				7	
Erimus Housing – Grounds Maintenance Contract	3	1			2	