



Legal and Corporate Services

THE CHAIR AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Tuesday 7 July 2026

Dear Member

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY, 2026

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Middlesbrough to be held on **Wednesday 15th July, 2026** at **5.30 pm** in the Council Chamber to transact the following business, namely:-

1. Welcome and Fire Evacuation Procedure

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2. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence

3. Declarations of Interest

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(1) the type of interest concerned

- *Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) or*
- *Non-Pecuniary Interest (including personal or prejudicial interest)*

(2) the nature of the interest concerned.

If any member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

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Charlotte Benjamin, Corporate Director of Legal and Corporate Services

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COUNCIL

A meeting of the Council was held on Wednesday 20 May 2026.

PRESENT: Councillors J Banks, (Chair), J Kabuye (Vice-Chair), I Blades, D Branson, P Gavigan, E Clynch, J Cooke, C Cooper, D Coupe, D Davison, T Furness, L Henman, S Hill, B Hubbard, L Hurst, N Hussain, D Jackson, D Jones, L Lewis, T Livingstone, D McCabe, J McConnell, J McTigue, T Mohan, I Morrish, M Nugent, J Platt, S Platt, A Romaine, J Rostron, J Rush, J Ryles, M Saunders, M Smiles, P Storey, J Thompson, S Tranter, Z Uddin, N Walker, G Wilson, J Young and L Young

OFFICERS: C Benjamin, S Bonner, G Field, C Jones, S Lightwing, J McNally, K Whitmore, R Williams and A Wilson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: were submitted on behalf of C Cooke - Elected Mayor, Councillors J Ewan, T A Grainge, L Mason and J Nicholson

25/126 **WELCOME AND FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The Vice Chair welcomed all present to the meeting and read out the Fire Evacuation Procedure.

25/127 **ELECTION OF THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2026-2027**

The Vice-Chair pro tem of the Council invited nominations for the new Chair of the Council for the Municipal Year 2026-2027.

A nomination was received and seconded in respect of Councillor Banks.

Moved, seconded and **ORDERED** that Councillor Banks be elected as the Chair of the Council for the Borough of Middlesbrough to hold office for the Municipal Year 2026-2027.

The newly elected Chair of the Council was invited to take over the chairing of the meeting.

25/128 **ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIR OF COUNCIL FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2026-2027**

The Chair of the Council invited nominations for the new Vice-Chair of the Council for the Municipal Year 2026-2027.

A nomination was received and seconded in respect of Councillor Kabuye.

Moved, seconded and **ORDERED** that Councillor Kabuye be elected as the Vice-Chair of the Council for the Borough of Middlesbrough to hold office for the Municipal Year 2026-2027.

25/129 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received at this point in the meeting.

25/130 **MINUTES - COUNCIL - 1 APRIL AND 6 MAY 2026**

The minutes of the Council meetings held on 1 April and 6 May 2026 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

25/131 **VOTE OF THANKS TO THE OUTGOING CHAIR**

There was no vote of thanks to the outgoing Chair as it was not required due to Councillor Banks being re-elected as Chair for the Municipal Year 2026-2027.

25/132 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

20 May 2026

The Chair announced with sadness, the recent deaths of Oliver (Olly) Johnson and Charles Morrish.

Oliver Johnson was Councillor for Beechwood Ward from 1992 to 2003 and Mayor of Middlesbrough from 1997 to 1998.

Charles Morrish was Councillor for Nunthorpe Ward from 1991 to 2003 and Parish Councillor for Nunthorpe from 2004 to 2019.

Councillor Ian Morrish paid tribute to Charles Morrish.

All present stood and observed one minute's silence in memory of Oliver Johnson and Charles Morrish.

25/133 **MEMBERSHIP OF EXECUTIVE 2026-2027**

A joint report of the Mayor and the Corporate Director of Legal and Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer) was presented by the Deputy Mayor in respect of the Membership of Executive 2026-2027.

Section 4.8.3(b)(vi) of the Constitution required the Council to be informed by the Mayor of the number and identity of Councillors appointed to the Executive at the Annual Meeting.

ORDERED that Council noted the number and identity of Councillors appointed to the Executive.

25/134 **POLITICAL BALANCE ALLOCATION OF PLACES 2026-2027**

The Corporate Director of Legal and Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer) presented a report in respect of Political Balance Allocation of Places 2026-2027, the purpose of which was to approve the allocation of places on committees and sub committees for 2026-2027 that were subject to the rules relating to political balance.

The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 required that the Council periodically reviewed the political composition of the Council, and how this was applied to appointments to committees and sub-committees of the Council.

The rules for securing political balance on committees and sub-committees appointed by local authorities were contained in sections 15 and 16 of the Act and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

In line with usual practice, it was recommended that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend memberships of committees following resignations received from Members and to appoint to vacancies in accordance with group preferences or, where not in a group, in accordance with individual Member's wishes. Where more than one person (non-group members) applied for the same place, they should decide amongst themselves how those places should be allocated. If agreement could not be reached between the individual Members, the Council would make that determination.

In order to avoid the need to completely recalculate all committee memberships in the case of an ad hoc (or other) committees being established prior to the next review, it was proposed that any committees or sub-committees be appointed on the basis of the places shown in Table 4 included in Appendix 1 to the submitted report.

ORDERED as follows that Council:

1. Approved the allocation of seats on Committees that were subject to the rules relating to political balance as set out in the report.
2. Authorised the Monitoring Officer to amend memberships of committees and appoint to vacancies.
3. Agreed that any ad hoc (or other) committees established prior to the next review be appointed on the basis of the places shown in Table 3 in the appendix to the submitted report.

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COUNCIL COMMITTEES - ESTABLISHMENT - TERMS OF REFERENCE - ALLOCATION OF PLACES - MEMBERSHIPS - 2026-2027

A report of the Corporate Director of Legal and Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer) was presented the purpose of which was to seek approval for the establishment of committees, sub-committees, boards, panels and working groups and their terms of reference for the 2026-2027 Municipal Year, or until amended by Council, (whichever was the latter).

Appendix A to the submitted report set out details of Executive Sub-Committees and Advisory Bodies agreed by the Mayor (Schedule A), identified the nominations received from the various groups and individual Councillors for places on the committees to be established by Council (Schedules B and C), and board/steering/working groups that were not included in the calculation of political balance (Schedule D). A number of Committees, as indicated in the schedule, would need to be appointed at a later date, due to the make-up of the membership.

The report included a list of current vacancies on various committees and nominations were put forward at the meeting by the individual Members concerned.

The Monitoring Officer conducted votes in respect of the role of Chair/Vice Chair and nominations for spare places, where applicable, in relation to the following committees:

Schedule C:**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Chair: Councillor Ewan appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Coupe appointed

1 vacancy: no nominations

CHIEF OFFICER APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Chair: Councillor Jackson appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Coupe appointed

CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Chair of Council (Councillor Banks)

Vice Chair: Vice Chair of Council (Councillor Kabuye)

1 vacancy: no nominations

CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Chair: Chair of Council (Councillor Banks)

Vice Chair: Councillor L Young appointed

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Chair: Councillor Lewis appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Hill appointed

1 vacancy: Councillor Livingstone appointed

3 vacancies: no nominations

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

20 May 2026

Chair: Councillor Thompson appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Rostron appointed

STAFF APPEALS COMMITTEE

Chair: Councillor Davison appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Jackson appointed

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Chair: Councillor Romaine appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Thompson appointed

TEESSIDE PENSION FUND COMMITTEE

Chair: Councillor Kabuye appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Coupe appointed

1 vacancy: no nominations

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

Chair: Councillor L Young appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Mohan appointed

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

Chair: Councillor Kabuye appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Coupe appointed

1 vacancy: no nominations

CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY PANEL

Chair: Councillor Clynych appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Uddin appointed

1 vacancy: no nominations

PLACE SCRUTINY PANEL

Chair: Councillor Branson appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Jackson appointed

1 vacancy: no nominations

Schedule D:

CORPORATE HEALTH AND SAFETY STEERING GROUP

Chair: Councillor Branson appointed

3 vacancies: no nominations

YOU MATTER TO US - CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

20 May 2026

Chair: Councillor Henman appointed

Vice Chair: Councillor Uddin appointed

2 vacancies: Councillors S Platt and L Young appointed

WORKS COUNCIL

Chair: Deputy Mayor (Councillor Storey)

1 vacancies: Councillor Hubbard appointed

2 vacancies: no nominations

ORDERED as follows that Council approved:

1. The establishment of committees, sub committees, boards, panels and working groups and terms of reference for the 2026-2027 Municipal Year, or until amended by Council, (whichever is the latter).

2. The places allocated in accordance with the wishes of the political groups and other Councillors as shown.

3. The vacancies listed at paragraph 2.1.3 of this report were filled in accordance with political group and other Councillors' preferences.

Noted:

4. The membership, size, and terms of reference of the Executive, its sub- committees and advisory bodies approved by the Mayor for 2026 onwards as set out in Schedule A in Appendix A to the submitted report.

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APPOINTMENTS BY THE COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE TO JOINT COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES - 2026-2027

The Corporate Director of Legal and Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer) submitted a report regarding the appointment of representatives to joint committees and outside bodies.

The report provided an opportunity for the Council and the Executive to review its appointments to Outside Bodies and to make any necessary changes.

The appendices to the report set out details of the joint committees and outside bodies to which Middlesbrough Council may make nominations or appointments.

ORDERED as follows that Council approved:

1. Subject to amendments to places indicated in the attached schedules, the appointments which are the responsibility of the Council .

2. The following appointments for the 2026-2027 Municipal Year, nominated at the meeting, be approved and noted, until amended by Council/Executive (whichever was the latter):

Appendix A – Council Appointments

South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

2 vacancies (reserved to Labour): no nominations

Cleveland Police and Crime Panel

Councillor Saunders appointed

Hartlepool Power Station Local Liaison Committee

20 May 2026

1 vacancy: no nomination

North East Regional Employers' Organisation (NEREO)

Councillor Jackson appointed

North East Regional Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Cooper appointed

Appendix B – Council/Executive Appointments

Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency

1 vacancy: no nominations

Appendix C – Executive Appointments

Staying Put Advisory Committee

Councillor Davison appointed

1 vacancy: no nominations

3. Bodies identified in the schedules submitted be regarded as approved duties for the payment of travel and subsistence allowance.

4. Subject to consultation with the Deputy Mayor (for Executive appointments), the Group Leader (where a vacancy rests specifically with that political group), or the Chair of Council (for all other nominations/ appointments), that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to remove or replace representatives on outside bodies.

5. A report on any outstanding outside body vacancies be submitted to the next Council meeting.

That the Council noted:

6. The nomination of representatives/vacancies detailed in Appendix B – Council/Executive appointments and Appendix C – Executive appointments.

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COUNCIL DIARY 2026-2027

The Corporate Director of Legal and Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer) presented a report, the purpose of which was to schedule meetings for the Municipal Year 2026-2027.

Council was requested to approve the timetable attached at Appendix A to the submitted report for Council, Committees, Executive, Overview and Scrutiny Board, Scrutiny Panels and working groups.

It was highlighted that date scheduled for the June meeting of the Standards Committee had been changed to 29 June 2026.

ORDERED as follows that Council approved:

1. the timetable of meetings for the Municipal Year 2026-2027, as detailed in Appendix A attached to the submitted report.
2. with the exception of the Budget/Council Tax Setting Meetings – Wednesday 24 February 2027 and Wednesday 10 March 2027, and the Annual Meeting – Wednesday 27 May 2027, the dates for ordinary meetings of the Council were designated as meetings at which questions will be taken from members of the public.

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ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION AND NON-EXECUTIVE SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS

20 May 2026

The Monitoring Officer presented a report in relation to the Annual Review of the Constitution and the non-Executive scheme of delegations.

The current Constitution had been in use since September 2025, after a significant review. Since implementation, the Constitution had been, and would continue to be, subject to oversight and review by the Constitution and Member Development Committee. Full Council had received reports from the Committee about amendments made to the Constitution during the 2025-2026 Municipal Year.

Full Council was required by the Constitution to approve the non-Executive scheme of delegations (in Part B of the Constitution) at each Annual Meeting. The current schemes were implemented by the new Constitution in September 2025. Given their recent implementation, Annual Council was requested to approve the schemes as drafted in the Constitution.

ORDERED as follows that Council:

1. noted the information provided in the report and endorsed the ongoing work of the Constitution and Member Development Committee, supported by the Monitoring Officer and colleagues.
2. approved the non-Executive scheme of delegations (in Part B of the Constitution).

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MEMBERS' SCHEME OF ALLOWANCES 2026-2027

The Corporate Director of Legal and Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer) presented a report on behalf of the Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration to provide Members with the opportunity to consider the Panel's proposals and adopt the Scheme of Allowances outlined in Appendix A attached to the submitted report. Members were asked to consider the Panel's recommendations and either accept or reject them. If, after having due regard of the Panel's recommendations, the Council rejected the Panel's proposals it would be required to create its own Scheme of Allowances or choose to maintain the existing Scheme of Allowances.

Following its 2026 review of Members' allowances, the Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration recommended an increase to the Basic Allowance from £7,608 to £8,330 and an annual payment of £800 to Independent Persons co-opted onto the Audit Committee.

The 2026 review was a quadrennial review and compared Middlesbrough's remuneration levels with a cohort of 16 other Councils. Those Councils were chosen due to their geographic proximity to Middlesbrough and/or similar governance arrangements. The full methodology of the 2026 review was contained in Appendix 1 of the submitted report.

The Panel also recommended freezing Special Responsibility Allowances, and all other allowances, at their current levels. Neither Basic nor Special Responsibility Allowances should reflect Staff Pay Awards at this time. However, the Panel undertook to review allowances linked to staff pay awards as part of its 2027 review.

The Director thanked all Members for their active engagement with the Panel during the consultation exercise.

Councillor Smiles queried whether the process for review and adoption of Members' allowances was typical to all Councils. The Director explained that, as per paragraph 3.1 of the report, the establishment of an Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration and its resultant recommendations was required under sections 20 and 21 of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

Councillor McTigue spoke against the proposals.

On a vote being taken, it was **ORDERED** as follows that Council approved the recommendations outlined in the report of the Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration as follows:

1. The Basic Allowance for Elected Members for 2026-2027 would be £8,330 per annum.

20 May 2026

2. An allowance of £800 per annum would be paid to any Independent Persons appointed to advise the Audit Committee.
3. All other allowances contained in the current Scheme of Allowances remain unchanged.

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ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT 2025-2026

The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Board presented the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report 2025/2026 to provide Council with an overview of scrutiny activity during the Municipal Year.

The Chair thanked Councillors and Officers for the scrutiny work undertaken between May 2025 and April 2026.

It was **ORDERED** as follows that the Annual Overview and Scrutiny Report 2025/2026 was noted.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Mayor Chris Cooke

DATE OF MEETING: 15 July 2026

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on areas of activity within my portfolio including performance against strategic priorities.

Updates:

- The budget roll out is close to completion, with applications for funding for the town-wide youth provision now closed, marking one step closer to achieving a major scheme that was set out in the budget.
- The first milestone of 10 by 10 has been reached, and I am currently appealing to businesses and organisations to get involved and see how they can benefit the lives of our young people right here in Middlesbrough.
- There has been a lot of progress made to improve Albert Park, with a plan for CCTV agreed upon, which will be rolled out as soon as possible. There has also been a full refurbishment of the tennis courts, allowing local people to go along, keep fit and have fun, no matter their age or ability. There have also been new bins fitted, improving not only the cleanliness of the park, but the visual aspect too.
- We also have an exciting second half of the year to look forward to, with the Turner prize coming in December, for which the shortlisted artists have now been selected. Also, by Autumn we will find out if Middlesbrough has made the shortlist for City of Culture.

1. HIGHLIGHTS

Update:

1.1 New Southlands community hub set to transform opportunities in East Middlesbrough

- 1.1.1** I am pleased to confirm that residents in East Middlesbrough will soon benefit from the newly completed Community and Sports Hub, on the site of the former Southlands Centre on Ormesby Road. This state-of-the-art facility represents a significant investment in the area and marks an important milestone in our efforts to deliver high-quality community infrastructure.
- 1.1.2** Delivered by Middlesbrough Council in partnership with the Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation, the new Southlands Hub will provide top-class sports facilities alongside a modern community space.
- 1.1.3** This new hub will provide a base for a wide range of activities, including grassroots football, youth provision, employability training and wider community initiatives. It is designed to bring opportunities directly into the

heart of East Middlesbrough, supporting residents of all ages to get active, build skills and improve their life chances.

- 1.1.4** This is exactly the sort of investment that residents in East Middlesbrough deserve. I am delighted we have reached the stage where we can hand the facility over to the Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation so it can begin delivering real benefits. This development brings not only high-quality facilities, but more importantly meaningful opportunities for local people to thrive.
- 1.1.5** This project has been made possible through strong partnership working, including support from the Sky Bet EFL Building Foundations Fund, which contributed £100,000 towards the development. It reflects a shared commitment to raising aspirations, improving health and wellbeing, and strengthening communities through accessible and inclusive opportunities.

1.2 Neighbourhood Caretaker team doubled to improve local area

- 1.2.1** I am pleased to report that Middlesbrough's Neighbourhood Caretaker service has now doubled in size, marking a major step forward in our work to improve the look and feel of neighbourhoods across the town. The team has increased from 16 to 32 Neighbourhood Caretakers, significantly expanding our capacity to make a visible difference in every community.
- 1.2.2** As part of this expansion, eight caretakers are now based in each of the Council's four neighbourhood areas – north, south, east and west. This ensures a stronger, more consistent presence on the ground and allows teams to respond more quickly to local issues raised by residents.
- 1.2.3** The decision to double the size of the team forms part of a £1.7 million investment approved in this year's Council budget. This funding is focused on creating cleaner neighbourhoods, improving public spaces and boosting pride in our communities by investing in the services that matter most to residents.
- 1.2.4** Neighbourhood Caretakers carry out a wide range of day-to-day tasks that make an immediate and visible impact. Their work includes removing graffiti, cutting back overgrown weeds, repainting benches, repairing fences and improving play parks, helping to make neighbourhoods cleaner, safer and more welcoming.
- 1.2.5** Residents have been clear that they want to feel proud of where they live, see cleaner streets and have better places for their children to play. Our Neighbourhood Caretakers have already made a real difference since the service was introduced last summer. By doubling the size of the team, we are building on that success so they can do even more, in every part of Middlesbrough.
- 1.2.6** Over the past year, the teams have completed hundreds of jobs across the town, transforming a wide range of community spaces and responding quickly to environmental issues reported by residents. Their work is a key part of our neighbourhood-based approach, with each area supported by a dedicated local manager and staff focused on keeping communities clean and tidy.

- 1.2.7** The expansion of the Neighbourhood Caretaker team is part of a wider programme of investment in neighbourhood services. This includes bringing park keepers back to key parks, increasing street cleaning, and employing additional staff to care for the town's becks. Together, these measures demonstrate my commitment to investing in our neighbourhoods and ensuring Middlesbrough is a town where people can take pride in the places they live.



2. The Time Ahead

Update:

2.1 Major funding boost to bring youth services to every ward

- 1.1.1** I am pleased that a significant funding package will be rolled out to expand youth services across Middlesbrough, ensuring that young people in every ward have access to safe, supportive and inspiring opportunities. The fund was made available for community groups, charities and youth providers to apply for (which has now closed), marking a key step in delivering my commitment to universal youth provision across the town.
- 1.1.2** When I launched the Middlesbrough Childhood Guarantee, I made it clear that every young person in Middlesbrough deserves somewhere safe, welcoming and inspiring to spend their time. I also pledged to bring youth services to every ward, because everyone should have the same opportunities, no matter where they live. This funding is an important step on that journey, helping to strengthen existing services and enable new provision for young people aged 10 to 16, and up to 18 for those with special educational needs and disabilities.
- 1.1.3** While this funding will benefit the whole town, priority will be given to areas where provision is currently limited. These include Marton East, Marton West, Nunthorpe, Stainton and Thornton, Ladgate, Trimdon, Acklam, Linthorpe and

Park wards. This targeted approach will help us address inequalities and ensure no young person misses out due to where they live.

- 1.1.4** This funding represents a major step forward in my ambition to ensure every young person in Middlesbrough has access to high-quality opportunities. By working in partnership with our local organisations, we can create safer, stronger communities and give our young people the opportunities they deserve to thrive.
- 1.1.5** The applications for funding have now closed, and they will go to a decision-making panel. We expect the newly funded services to be up and running by October 2026.

2.2 Local organisations asked to get involved in the 10 by 10 programme

- 2.2.1** Local organisations and businesses across Middlesbrough have been asked to get involved in supporting the 10 by 10 programme, a key part of my Childhood Guarantee. This call to action is about working together to give children and young people opportunities they will remember for life.
- 2.2.2** The 10 by 10 programme aims to ensure that every child in Middlesbrough can experience ten memorable activities before their tenth birthday, regardless of their background or family circumstances. It is designed to inspire young people, build confidence and help them see what is possible for their future.
- 2.2.3** Organisations from across the arts, culture, sport, leisure, community and education sectors have been invited to take part in delivering the programme. In particular, local employers have been asked to support the initiative by offering workplace visits and opportunities that can inspire young people about future jobs and industries.
- 2.2.4** Businesses operating in specialist and growing sectors, including Middlesbrough's digital and tech industries, have been encouraged to get involved and help showcase the exciting career opportunities available locally. These real-world experiences can play a vital role in raising aspirations and broadening horizons for children growing up in our town.
- 2.2.5** The programme builds on a successful pilot delivered in primary schools over the past year, which demonstrated the positive impact that high-quality experiences can have in helping children discover new interests, develop skills and better understand what Middlesbrough has to offer.
- 2.2.6** The 10 by 10 programme forms part of my wider Childhood Guarantee, a long-term commitment to making Middlesbrough the best place in the country to grow up. This includes ensuring youth provision is available in every ward, alongside additional funding to allow Bring it on Boro!, the Holiday, Activities and Food programme, to run during every school half-term.
- 2.2.7** By asking local organisations and businesses to play their part, we are strengthening our collective ability to support children and young people. Through partnership working, we can raise aspirations, open doors and create opportunities that will have a lasting impact on the next generation.

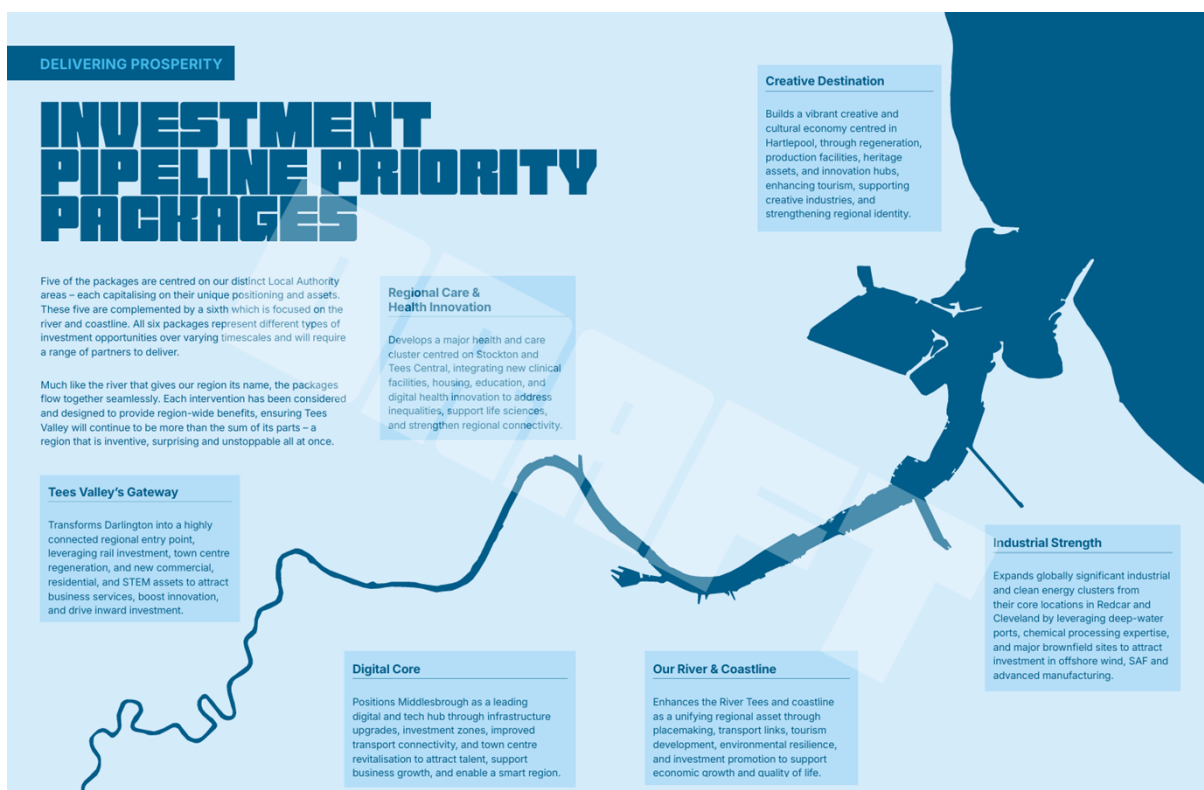
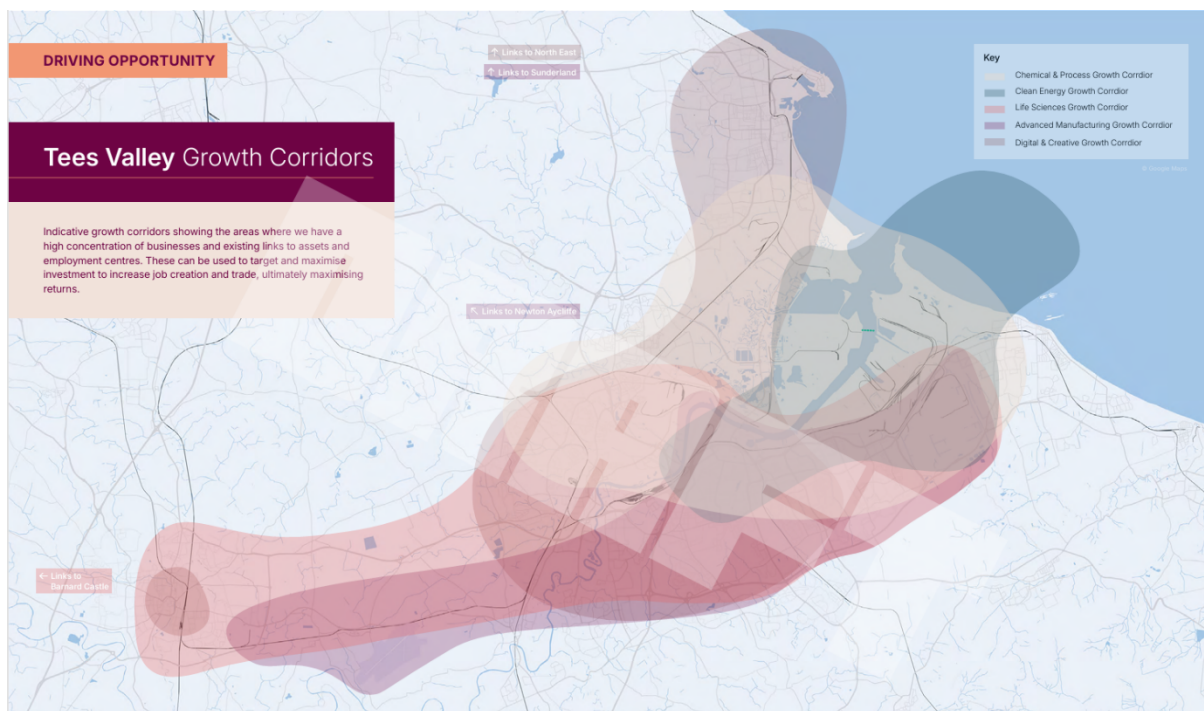
2.3 First look at the new development in Middlehaven

- 2.3.1** This ambitious project is being delivered through a partnership between Middlesbrough Council and regeneration specialists Capital & Centric. Together, we are bringing forward plans for new houses and apartments, alongside leisure and retail uses that will help re-establish Middlehaven as a thriving place to live, work and spend time.
- 2.3.2** It is particularly exciting to see Middlesbrough's historic Old Town Hall at the heart of the proposals. Work is already underway to demolish a 1960s extension and restore the clocktower at this Grade I-listed building as part of the new 'Over the Border' chapter, supported by funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.
- 2.3.3** The development sits in a highly strategic location, close to Middlesbrough College and the site of the new Outwood Riverside secondary school, which is currently under construction. It also neighbours the town's thriving digital and tech sector, now the fastest growing in the UK outside London, helping to create the right conditions for a confident, growing town centre community.
- 2.3.4** Capital & Centric brings a strong track record of delivering bold regeneration projects on complex brownfield sites across the country. The company has appointed world-renowned architects MVRDV, working alongside acclaimed designers shedkm, to develop an ambitious, creative and high-quality vision for Middlehaven.
- 2.3.5** I am pleased that the Council's Executive agreed to invest £3.6 million of Towns Fund funding to take this project forward to the stage where a construction contractor can be appointed. This investment is a clear statement of our confidence in Middlehaven and its potential to support population growth, local businesses and wider regeneration.
- 2.3.6** This partnership represents a significant opportunity for Middlesbrough. By respecting our heritage while looking forward with confidence, we can create a new neighbourhood full of energy and ambition, helping Middlehaven to thrive once again for the benefit of everyone in our town.



2.4 TVCA Local Growth Plan Released

- 2.4.1** The Tees Valley Combined Authority has published its new Local Growth Plan, setting out a clear vision for economic growth across the region. As part of the Plan, each Tees Valley borough has been identified according to its key strengths, assets and opportunities, helping to create a more coordinated and targeted approach to investment and business development.
- 2.4.2** The Plan identifies Middlesbrough as the region's Digital Core, recognising its established strengths in the digital, technology, gaming and creative sectors. It sets out an ambition to strengthen Middlesbrough's role as a leading digital and technology hub through investment in digital and transport infrastructure, the delivery of the Tees Valley Investment Zone, town centre regeneration, enhanced connectivity and the development of a smart region that supports innovation, business growth and the attraction and retention of talent.
- 2.4.3** This place-based approach provides a clearer and more coordinated offer to investors and businesses. By engaging directly with TVCA, businesses can be guided towards the locations best suited to their requirements, ensuring opportunities are aligned with the strengths of each area while promoting investment across the wider Tees Valley economy.
- 2.4.4** The Local Growth Plan provides a shared framework for the future development of the Tees Valley. It seeks to build on the distinctive strengths of each borough, strengthen the regional economy and clearly articulate the opportunities, assets and ambitions that make Tees Valley an attractive place to live, work, invest and visit.



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INTRODUCTION

This document contains the Executive Member reports relevant to the Council meeting to be held on **15 July 2026**.

The booklet, in addition to containing details of Executive Member activities covering the period following the last Council meeting (section 1), also details those Executive decisions taken since the last booklet was published (section 2) together with those decisions planned to be taken from dispatch of this booklet up until the date of the Council meeting (section 3) and those decisions planned to be taken following the Council meeting (section 4).

The table at section 2 contains details of decisions taken by individual Executive Members, the full Executive, Executive Sub-Committees and Joint Archives Committee. The public reports that were considered are also available through the Modern Gov system.

The tables at section 3 and 4 contain details of the decisions to be taken by individual Executive Members, the full Executive, Executive Sub-Committees and Joint Archives Committee. Further details on key decisions that are to be taken can also be found on the Modern Gov Forward Plan.

The Executive Member reports and the additional decision-making information will hopefully assist Members when considering any questions they may have for Executive Members at Council, which can be asked within accordance of the Council's procedure rules.

Details of those decisions to be taken, as outlined in Section 3 and 4, may sometimes be subject to change (e.g. dates of meetings may alter). Members are therefore advised to check with the Democratic Services should they have an interest in specific issues.

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EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Councillor Philippa Storey - Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Education and Culture

DATE OF MEETING: 15 July 2026

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on areas of activity within my portfolio including performance against strategic priorities.

COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITIES

- *Successful & Ambitious Town*
- *A Healthy Place*

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1. HIGHLIGHTS

Update:

UK City of Culture Bid 2029

- 1.1** Following Middlesbrough's longlisting for the UK City of Culture 2029, we have been busy developing our full bid in advance of the deadline set by DCMS of 10 August. UK City of Culture is a UK-wide programme for cities and large towns and has become a model for cultural place-making. The programme celebrates and supports communities to use culture as a catalyst for transforming places and creating richer lives with choices and opportunities for all, where communities feel proud of their place and empowered to change it.
- 1.2** The development of Middlesbrough's bid is being overseen by a Steering Board, chaired by the Councils CEO Erik Scollay, with representatives from the Executive and other lead partners: Middlesbrough Cultural Partnership; Teesside University; and

Tees Valley Combined Authority. The Board also includes wider representatives of our community, young people and the creative sector.

- 1.3** The Board have agreed the central vision and core narratives for our City of Culture programme and are overseeing a number of work streams, who are collectively bringing together the detail required for the bid. This includes:
- Artistic Programme
 - Community Voice
 - Youth Voice
 - Sector Development & Capital
 - Fundraising Plan
 - Business Engagement
- 1.4** We've been listening to the voices from our communities and young people to inform the programme. This includes engagement with 1,300+ young people, families and carers on a new Place Strategy for Middlesbrough. These conversations have been fed into the artistic programme team to help shape the ideas coming forward. Members of the Cultural Partnership are supporting the development of the programme ideas, alongside freelance creative producers Katy Fuller and Stella Hall.
- 1.5** DCMS (Department Culture, Media and Sport) will announce the four short-listed places in mid-October, which will be followed by visits to those places from the UK City of Culture panel members, with the winner being announced in January 2027. Being named UK City of Culture is a unique opportunity to put culture and creativity at the heart of our plans for transformation and aspirations for the future.

Events & Creative Programme

- 1.6** The latest edition to our cultural calendar, Middlesbrough Storytelling Festival kicked off on Wednesday 24 June with the NLT Middlesbrough school Poetry Slam and had a packed programme of free and low-cost activities running through a week and ending with the NLT Middlesbrough Book Boro Bash. I'd like to thank Ellen Howarth and Allison Potter MBE for their huge amount of work in creating this during the National Year of Reading.
- 1.7** The week-long, family-friendly festival, in conjunction with the National Literacy Trust, features, everything from immersive storytelling and author sessions to acoustic and poetry nights. The main festival day coincides with Orange Pip Market and created an unmissable experience in Middlesbrough Town Centre. Among the highlights from festival day were The Happy Space, a colourful inflatable storytelling dome created by Stellar Creates, performances led by young creatives from Musinc, and illustrator-led drawing workshops.
- 1.8** Orange Pip went off with a bang on 30th May for its 10-year anniversary special. Thousands came down to enjoy the sunshine, free family activities, an array of traders and dancing in the streets, with lots of positive coverage on social media. Thank you Lisa Templeman for all the work you have put in.



Middlesbrough Town Hall

1.9 We have hosted a diverse programme of events and activities at Middlesbrough Town Hall over the last few months, welcoming a wide range of audiences and partners. Highlights have included Middlesbrough Football Club's 10-year promotion celebration, Musinc Gig School and Stagecraft Performing Arts programmes, supported through HAF, charity fundraising events & conferences, and the final performances of the 2025/26 Classical Season, with the next season set to begin in September.

1.10 Audience numbers for our Classical Café events continue to grow steadily, supporting plans to expand the programme through a Classical Café on Tour initiative in 2027. Alongside this, the venue has hosted a successful programme of commercial tribute shows, comedy performances and live music events.

1.11 Additional activity has included supporting the National Literacy Trust's Storytelling Festival and piloting technician development workshops in partnership with the National Theatre, helping to provide new skills development opportunities for local theatre professionals.

1.12 In May - Silent Disco, Damian Hall, Housemasters, Wedding Fayre, Jamie Hutchinson (2 sell out nights), Too Much Too Young (sell out), Clinton Baptiste.

1.13 June - Adriana Brownlee plus a large host of community events.

1.14 July - Outdoor Theatre, Jimmy Nail, BBC Proms. Then we're into Happy Rooms till end of August!

Middlesbrough Theatre

1.15 Throughout June & July, we are delivering a programme of Council-funded school performances, providing children and young people with valuable opportunities to access live theatre and develop their own performance skills. This forms part of the 10 x 10 strategy, which enables the participants to experience theatre and perform in front of a live audience on a commercial theatre stage, helping to build confidence, creativity, and engagement with the arts.

1.16 Alongside our funded programme, we have continued to support a busy schedule of community hire performances and commercial shows. Recent highlights have included productions from Middlesbrough Scouts, Teesside Musical Theatre

Company, a new writing evening delivered in partnership with Hooley Theatre, an audience with Steve Cradock, and a range of popular musical tribute shows that have attracted strong audiences.

1.17In July, alongside our funded school performances, we are pleased to welcome back a number of returning performing arts groups, including Middlesbrough Youth Theatre, Spotlight Performing Arts, Muir School of Irish Dancing, Terpsichore Arts, RLD Dance and Fusion Dance.

1.18Finally, after an incredible 27 years, Theatre General Manager David Lindsey officially took his last curtain call in April after a career in theatre spanning 6 decades. On his final day in charge David reflected on his time in Middlesbrough adding “I’m leaving the Theatre in a strong position and with exciting plans in the pipeline, so the future really does look bright.” Kesia Bruce, as Strategic Venues Manager, now leads the management of both the Town Hall and Theatre.

1.19We will be naming the main auditorium after David Lindsey and I would like to thank Councillor Stephen Hill for his support in this.

Middlesbrough Museums

1.20In June we saw the completion of Middlesbrough Museums in Your Classroom in partnership with Beech Grove Primary School. The purpose of the project is to improve literacy, engagement, and confidence by bringing authentic artefacts and creative expertise directly into classrooms. The confidence in which the children spoke about and presented the exhibition was outstanding. The school and children are an absolute credit to Middlesbrough. We are looking to expand the capacity of the Museum team so this can be gently rolled out to other schools.

1.21Middlesbrough continues to face significant literacy challenges, with a notable proportion of pupils not meeting expected standards at Key Stage 2. This programme provides a targeted, inclusive intervention, particularly benefiting pupils less engaged by traditional approaches.

1.22This was the second year of the project, which took the following shape:

- **Cohort:** Year 6 pupils, Beech Grove Primary School
- **Theme:** World War II (curriculum-aligned)
- **Core resources:** Field telephone & propaganda posters
- **Approach:** Object-based learning + creative, multimodal activity

Extended Offer:

- Author-led storytelling workshops
- Stop-frame animation production
- Poster design and visual communication
- Local archive research (Teesside Archives)
- Pupil-created newspaper (*TS4 Times*)

1.23Independent evaluation by Teesside University showed the project to be an effective artefact-based, experiential literacy model. It significantly improves engagement,

confidence, and the application of literacy skills particularly for pupils most in need while offering a practical model for scaling cultural learning across the borough.

1.24A more in-depth description of the outcomes is described below.

1.25 Engagement as the Primary Driver

- Pupils significantly more engaged through hands-on, creative learning
- Engagement extended to critical thinking and interpretation, not just participation
- Particularly effective for pupils who struggle with traditional literacy methods

1.26 Increased Confidence (Especially Speaking & Listening)

- Strongest gains in **communication and presentation skills**
- Pupils more confident sharing ideas and speaking to peers and visitors
- Evidenced progression among previously less confident learners

1.27 Applied Literacy Skills

- Literacy demonstrated across:
 - Writing (scripts, stories, journalism)
 - Speaking & listening (collaboration, presentation)
 - Reading (growing interest beyond classroom)

1.28 Creativity, Motivation & Collaboration

- High levels of creative output and originality
- Evidence of intrinsic motivation (independent research, reading)
- Strong collaborative learning, supported by facilitation

1.29 Strategic Value

- Demonstrates a scalable, partnership-led model for cultural education
- Supports inclusive teaching practice and alternative literacy pathways
- Aligns with priorities on raising attainment, cultural access, and wellbeing
- Positions museums as active education partners, not just destinations

1.30 Key Learning

Literacy development is driven not only by skills, but by engagement, context, and meaningful experience.



Education

1.31 Progress continues to be made constructing the new Outwood Riverside school and at this stage we still expect completion and handover to be achieved by February half term 2027.

1.32 As part of the development of the local area reform plan, there were several engagement sessions to allow partners and parents and carers to inform the development of the local area plan which the Middlesbrough SEND Parent Carer Forum were represented at. Alongside this, there were 4 dedicated family activity sessions running in family hubs, an evening information session, 2 engagement sessions for children and young people and a workshop session for families facilitated by the National Development Team for Inclusion. These sessions have all contributed to the development of the local area plan, and a video has been produced outlining the approach and the importance of this work.

1.33 Further information has been provided to the DfE to support the development of the new school, specifically around the proposed changes to the age range for the school and the supporting data and rationale for this locally. We await further feedback from the DfE ahead of next steps.

Family hubs

1.34 The Best Start in Life Family Hubs and Local Area Reform plan are fully integrated focussing on a community-based delivery giving more opportunities for support from expert specialists for children with SEND via their local family hub. The grant allocation for the Experts at Hand model is due to arrive into the LA in June, and as a result we are currently in the early stage of plan delivery which is focussed on setting up an initial pilot experts at model in a family hub in one area of the town and will recruit additional staff to deliver in the new model.

1.35 The model is being designed to:

- Strengthen inclusion and early intervention
- Improve support for children with emerging SEND needs
- Reduce barriers to accessing specialist advice
- Support practitioners through consultation and coaching
- Improve transitions into education and between key phases
- Contribute directly to improved school readiness outcomes

1.36 I have received a lot of queries from parents and carers about schools not meeting their child's need. There is a clear process in place to support parents and carers who have concerns regarding a school not meeting the needs of their child.

1.37 If a parent or carer has concerns regarding the school not meeting the needs of their child then they should:

- Contact the school to discuss the problem first - some problems can be solved this way
- Make an informal complaint. The school will tell them when they respond. After they review the complaint, they will be told the outcome
- If the problem is not resolved, follow the school's complaints procedure to make a formal complaint

- Every school in England must have one. It's usually available on the school's website or from the school office and should tell you the kind of complaints the school deals with

Complaints to DfE

1.38 The parent or carers will need to complete the school's complaints procedure before complaining to DfE, unless one of the following applies:

- A child is not getting an education
- A child has been exposed to harm
- The school is stopping you from following its complaints procedure

1.39 DfE will consider the complaint. They may use the information provided to recommend improvements to school policies.

1.40 DfE cannot deal with complaints about:

- Fines for taking holidays in term time (sometimes known as a 'fixed penalty notice')
- Lack of compensation or apologies from the school
- The behaviour of school staff

1.41 If all the steps have been followed in the school's complaints procedure and believe the complaint was not dealt with correctly, parents can [complain to DfE](#).

Complaints to Ofsted

1.42 If parents have complained to the school and the problem has not been resolved, they can complain to Ofsted. This does not mean that Ofsted will then inspect the school.

1.43 They will record the complaint and may use the information provided to help them decide what areas to focus their next inspection on.

1.44 Ofsted considers complaints about things that affect the whole school rather than individuals.

Further information can be found [Complain about a school: State schools - GOV.UK](#)

1.45 If a parent contacts the LA about their concerns parents will be sign posted to the school's complaints procedure.

Small Schools Grants

1.46 The small schools grant funding for 25/26 attracted 48 schools who applied for the funding to fund a range of equipment. This included sports equipment, art equipment, sensory resources etc. Schools have shared that this funding has been beneficial to supporting children and young people.

National Literacy Trust Partnership Update

1.47 Middlesbrough continues to benefit from a strong partnership with the National Literacy Trust, which remains a key contributor to the borough's literacy and school readiness ambitions. As testament to all the fantastic work, Allison Potter has been

awarded an MBE. Her work is amazing and all of this runs alongside the statutory elements such as moderation and SATs monitoring which have both taken place in the last month.

1.48The annual Poetry Slam has once again demonstrated the creativity, confidence, and talent of Middlesbrough's young people. 700 pupils have taken part in workshops learning how to perform to audiences, improve oracy skills and have fun with words.

1.49Schools from across the borough participate in a programme of literacy-focused activities culminating in a celebratory performance event. The initiative supports:

- Speaking and listening skills
- Vocabulary development
- Confidence and self-expression
- Oracy and communication
- Engagement with reading and writing

1.50Feedback from schools has been extremely positive, with pupils demonstrating high levels of enthusiasm and participation.

1.51Over 900 primary school children took part in the Big Boro Book Bash this year, which included interactive work shops with Lisette Auton, Gary Northfield and Robin Stevens, along with poet, musician and song writer Sara Dennis. Each child took home a Pheonix comic and book, as well as a doodle pad.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Councillor Julia Rostron - Executive Member for Adult Social Care

DATE OF MEETING: 15 July 2026

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on areas of activity within my portfolio including performance against strategic priorities.

COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITIES

- A Healthy Place
- Safe & Resilient Communities

1. Update:

1.1 *Launch of Middlesbrough's Adult Social Care Academy*

1.1.1 In May we launched our new Adult Social Care Academy, the academy aims to strength our workforce capability, improve practice quality and embed continuous learning across Adult Social Care. Its founding principle is “from potential to practice – growing our own” in which we aim to nurture internal talent, build sustainability and reduce reliance on external recruitment.

1.1.2 The curriculum of the academy includes:

- Foundations of Adult social Care – induction, review of core legislative components
- Professional Practice Development – legal literacy, assessment, prevention, defensible recording, reflective practice
- Specialist and Leadership strands – mental health, workforce skills, leadership and management
- Community Data & Personalisation - co-production, and specialist pathways

1.1.3 This is delivered through blended learning models which includes e-learning, workshops, action learning sets and workplace coaching.

1.1.4 We are now progressing our first cohort through the academy and will be running a “summer school” of refresher events for staff training. An evaluation will be concluded after cohort 1 to understand any lessons and improvements needed before progressing to the next cohort.

2. HIGHLIGHTS

Update:

2.1 Learning Disability Week

- 2.1.1 Week commencing 15th June 2026 was Learning Disability Week, Middlesbrough Council celebrated the achievements, contributions and voices of people with learning disabilities, while promoting greater awareness, inclusion and understanding across the community. The week provided opportunities for residents, service users, carers and partner organisations to come together through a range of activities, events and conversations focused on reducing barriers and ensuring people with learning disabilities can live fulfilling, independent lives. The council used the week to highlight the importance of choice, equality and accessibility, reinforcing its commitment to working with local people to create a more inclusive Middlesbrough where everyone is valued, respected and supported to reach their full potential.
- 2.1.2 As part of this celebration, staff from our Community Bridge project developed the following inspirational video:

[Reflecting on Learning Disability Week](#)

2.2 Adult Social Care Job Fayre

- 2.2.1 On the 10th June 2026 Adult Social Care hosted a jobs fayre at the Town hall, where Middlesbrough residents could attend to find out more about a career in adult social care. Those attending were able to find out more about the different careers, training and development opportunities available at Middlesbrough Council and the wider sector. Staff from our amazing teams were on hand to give real life stories and advice, and to help individuals get started with their applications. Over 100 people attended the fayre, and this was a start of more events to promote the valuable values of working in this field.

2.3 Carers Week

- 2.3.1 National Carers week was held on the 8-14th June 2026. A carer is anyone who looks after a family member, partner or friend who needs help because of their illness, frailty, disability, mental health concern or addiction. During carers week we aimed to raise awareness, acknowledge the vital contributions of unpaid carers and encourage people to identify as carers and seek support if they need to. The theme for 2026 was “**Building Carer Friendly Communities**”. The theme’s purpose was to raise awareness and bring people together to ensure that communities, businesses and organisations understand, recognise and empower unpaid carers. At Middlesbrough we fully recognise the contribution made by our unpaid carers and the daily challenges they may experience. A programme of events locally took place throughout the week including meet-ups, drops-in, training, coffee mornings and a regional event in Newcastle to sign our commitment to carers.
- 2.3.2 As part of National Carers Week, we shared Mary’s story to highlight the support on offer in Middlesbrough. We have changed her name to protect her identity.

- 2.3.3 For the past 11 years, Mary has been caring for her 93 year old mum, Elsie, supporting her with all aspects of daily life, including cooking, cleaning, personal care and keeping her safe.
- 2.3.4 Mary's sister, Louise, recently suffered a fall and fractured her hip. Mary now cares for her sister as well as her mother.
- 2.3.5 Although Mary is in her 70's, she was working until recently as a veterinary nurse – a job she loved. However, due to the caring demands placed upon her Mary was unable to continue working as it was increasingly difficult to find enough hours in the day.
- 2.3.6 Mary was finding life stressful and isolating and it was difficult for her to switch off.
- 2.3.7 Mary reached out to our Adult Social Care team, where she had a conversation with an adult social care worker about her caring role and the help she could get. After hearing about her circumstances, adult social care adjusted the amount and frequency of support Elsie received at home from her domiciliary carers who now visit four times daily to assist with personal care and tasks around the home.
- 2.3.8 We also provided support for Mary's sister, Louise, who had returned home following a period of rehabilitation. We arranged for occupational therapists to visit who were able to arrange for aids for both Elsie and Louise.
- 2.3.9 Mary also received support from the welfare right service regarding benefits and finances.
- 2.3.10 We put Mary in touch with local carers support groups, so that she could discuss her concerns with people in similar situation. Mary is keen to join a local carers walking group. Mary now feels more able to continue in her caring role and found discussing her situation with a social care worker invaluable.
- 2.4.11 Having someone who will listen and offer both practical and emotional support really helped. Knowing there is someone to call with any problems, who will be available when needed has been invaluable for her.
- 2.4.12 She said, "My involvement with adult social care was a really positive experience, and I would encourage other carers to get in touch with the team to see how they can be supported."

3 THE TIME AHEAD

Update:

3.1 Deprivation of Liberties – Supreme Court judgement

- 3.1.1** On 2 June the Supreme Court published a judgement changing the definition of deprivation of liberty. These changes applied with immediate effect and extended across the UK. As a result of the change in law the Deprivation of Liberties team has had to respond swiftly to significantly amend operational

process and practice and roll out revised training to our Best Interest Assessors. In summary the changes overturn significant case law known as “Cheshire West” in which an “acid test” was developed to determine if someone was deprived of their liberty. The Cheshire West 2014 judgment concluded that someone is confined if they are under continuous supervision and control and are not free to leave. It proceeded on the basis that, if someone lacks mental capacity to consent to their care and living arrangements under Mental Capacity Act 2005, they cannot give valid consent to their confinement. The latest judgement concludes that Cheshire West was incorrect. Instead of relying on a single acid test, it introduces a new multi-factorial test. As this change occurred with immediate effect national guidance is still being developed and therefore, we have had to use our professional experience and take a proportionate and considered approach in how we respond. In the long term these changes are likely to reduce significantly the number of deprivation of liberty authorisations.

- 3.1.2** The Care Quality Commission are now engaged in the second round of inspections of Local Authority Adult Social Care teams, and their compliance with the Care Act 2014. The inspection framework has been revised from the first round, and now mirrors that of the OFSTED inspection process, whereby annual conversations, thematic inspections and full-service inspections will be undertaken. Focus will be on case tracking and talking with front line staff. Whilst we have no confirmed timeframe for Middlesbrough Adult Social care inspection, it is likely that we will feature early in the inspection programme.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Councillor Luke Henman – Executive Member for Children's Services

DATE OF MEETING: 15th July 2026

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on areas of activity within my portfolio including performance against strategic priorities.

COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITIES

We will show Middlesbrough's children that they matter and work to make our town safe and welcoming and to improve outcomes for all children and young people.

Update:

- **Number of children accessing early help via Middlesbrough Council:** 630 open episodes and 1251 episodes open to partners (as of 3 July)
- **Number of foster carers with Middlesbrough Council:** 74 foster carers, 31 connected carers
- **Number of children in our care:** 538
- **Children in our care attending school (since the start of the school year):** 379:
 - 11 children do not have a school place, with 2 receiving education in a non-school setting (referred to as EOTAS)
 - The percentage of children actively attending their education placement is 97.1%

1. HIGHLIGHTS

1.1 General

- 1.1.1 Our new Service Directors joined our team in June. Mandy Davis, Service Director – Quality Assurance & Practice joined us on 1st June from her previous role in Redcar & Cleveland. Chris Rooney, Service Director – Safeguarding & Operations joined us on 22nd June from his previous role in Hartlepool. Both Mandy and Chris bring a wealth of experience and expertise to their roles and are already making a positive impact for our children and families. We now have a stable and permanent senior leadership team for children's social care, which will lead to secure and stable service delivery, positive outcomes for children and young people, and a key part of developing sustainable strategic plans for the future. I'd like to wish both Mandy and Chris a warm welcome to Middlesbrough.
- 1.1.2 An Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services (ILACS) was carried out across our services in June. The feedback and outcome of the inspection are expected to be published at the end of July. I will circulate a briefing note on the date of publication. As part of the process, I met with the inspection team and attended the verbal feedback session which concluded the visit. I'd like to thank staff who supported and facilitated the inspection.

- 1.1.3 As part of our commitment to improving participation of our children and young people we have been capturing the successes, achievements and celebrations of our children and young people. On 19th June one of our care experienced young people turned 18. Alfie has been supported by our children with disabilities as a child in our care for a long time and spent a period living in our Holly Lodge children's home. Alfie loves buses and celebrated his special birthday with a special cake. He asked to spend his birthday with people he cares about and requested the Holly Lodge team, his previous and current social worker and his independent reviewing officer. He had a fantastic time at his birthday lunch and was keen to share his pictures with everyone. Thank you to all of the professionals who have made such a difference to Alfie.



1.2 Early Help

- 1.2.1 We deliver early help to children via our Stronger Families Service. The service supports families early in order to reduce the number of young people being taken into care. Providing early help to families in order to keep children in a safe home is better for the child's wellbeing and it improves their long-term outcomes.
- 1.2.2 The table below demonstrates that the number of children in Middlesbrough accessing early help has increased month on month from March 2026 to May 2026.

Early Help Service data	March 26	April 26	May 26
No. of EH - Internal	638	628	603
No. of EH - External	1263	1258	1272

- 1.2.3 The average caseload for Early Help practitioners is currently 16 - 18 children. Our case supervision completion rate in Early Help currently sits at 100%. All team managers have completed supervision training, to ensure supervision within Early Help is reflective and meets practice standards. Personal supervisions are at 100%, ensuring that staff are supported with their workloads and wellbeing.
- 1.2.4 Most of our early help cases (69%) are held by the partnership. The cases held by partners are tracked by the Early Help team so that we can effectively coordinate the proportion of children being supported at an Early Help threshold. Early Help Coordinators are situated in the MACH and attend daily triage, this helps us to identify children, young people and families who would benefit from Early Help services.
- 1.2.5 In May internal cases decreased by 25 compared to the previous month. External cases increased by 14 compared to the previous month. The increase in external cases was a result of an increase in the range of different partners taking on the lead practitioner role.
- 1.2.6 Team scorecards tell us My Family Plans completed within timescale are 97%, demonstrating family needs being assessed in a timely way.

- 1.2.7 Family Plan Reviews completed within timescale were 87%. These reviews are multi agency so that Early Help partners can contribute to the plan.

1.3 Front Door: MACH and Assessment Services

- 1.3.1 The Multi agency Safeguarding Hub (MACH) is the single front door, comprised of a multi-agency partnership that screens all safeguarding contacts received by the authority, to consider the most appropriate and proportionate response and support for our children and families. The Tees Framework of Need identifies children in need of support, with referrals to the Assessment service.
- 1.3.2 The duty assessment service complete timely child and family assessment and intervention to ensure that effective safeguarding is completed and the child's voice informs planning and intervention.
- 1.3.3 The number of children being referred has remained high throughout the year. The assessments inform the planning and threshold of intervention, with ongoing support with Child Protection plans, Child in Need and Care proceedings concluding with Children becoming Looked after.
- 1.3.4 The service is stable with agency staff joining the Assessment service to provide a fully permanent staff cohort. The MACH and Assessment teams are now fully staffed, with some agency staff for the additional capacity required to support the service on its improvement journey.

1.4 Safeguarding & Care Planning, Children with Disabilities, Aspire and Pre-birth Team

- 1.4.1 The Safeguarding & Care Planning team support children on a Child in Need and Child Protection plans, as well as children that are looked after who experience care proceedings. Children move on from the service when permanence is determined, either within their home, family or through care and/or adoption. In addition we have a tailored response to children who are vulnerable to exploitation, trafficking or falling into criminal activity, through our Aspire Service, Risk and Resilience, and Missing teams.
- 1.4.2 The number of children allocated to each social worker remains high. We have continued to prioritise allocation from assessment to ensure there is no gap in provision, and that risk and need are clearly managed. This enables relationships to be built quickly and momentum in the planning process to continue, increasing the likelihood of meaningful engagement. It is recognised that improvements in assessment practice are beginning to reduce the number of children requiring allocation to a longer term social worker, this will take some time to have a marked impact on the number of children in our service.
- 1.4.3 There are some delayed timescales in some areas. A process is in place to ensure that any delays do not compromise children and their safety or progression of plans, whilst we strive to improve our approach to reviews. Practitioners are clear that the time spent with children, understanding their lived experiences cannot be compromised and visiting remains a priority.
- 1.4.4 A review is underway within our Children with Disabilities services to look at the quality of short breaks for children and families. Further work is taking place to

explore how we can increase our capacity and reach more families, including collaboration with our Parent Carer Forum to provide more opportunities for parents and families to contribute to our improvement priorities.

1.5 Cared for Children and Care Leavers

- 1.5.1 Within Middlesbrough there are currently 538 children who are cared for across our teams. Reunification continues with children progressing to Court change Orders. The panel which reviews children's permanence planning actively looks at reunification or lesser Orders when the time is right for the child. Plans for all cared for children are reviewed at the monthly Permanency Monitoring panel.
- 1.5.2 There are 246 care leavers who are being supported by personal advisors (PAs) in our Pathways Team. There are currently 53 children who will turn 18 within the next 8 months. This number will increase if other young people become eligible to access the leaving care service during this period. In addition to the allocated cases, each PA is also co-allocated to 4 or 5 16-17 year olds.
- 1.5.3 Our care leavers now co-chair our Corporate Parenting Board with me. At their request we have moved our meeting approach to be thematic and focus on key areas which they want corporate parents to focus on. In April our meeting focused on residential support and accommodation for children in care and care leavers, which input from our children's homes team and other services providing access to support. In July we focused on education, employment and training and signed off the annual report of our Virtual School. Looking ahead we are now planning our celebration event for care experienced children and young people for Autumn 2026.

1.6 Residential and Supported Accommodation

- 1.6.1 All seven of our children's homes remain rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted as we await this year's inspections. Occupancy across residential and supported accommodation services has increased, demonstrating continued improvement. A key priority for us has remained the successful housing of siblings together wherever possible, ensuring children maintain important family relationships. Supported Lodgings occupancy has also increased, reflecting the positive impact of targeted marketing and recruitment activity to expand provision for young people aged 18 and over.
- 1.6.2 Engagement of our children and young people in residential settings in education, employment and training remains positive. Young people are exploring careers within the Armed Forces, securing NHS bursaries and receiving university offers. Staff continue to provide personalised support that promotes independence, raises aspirations and enables young people to access opportunities.
- 1.6.3 Family Group Conferencing is continuing to develop with a recent increase in referrals and the majority progressing within timescales. This has enabled families to develop sustainable, family-led solutions and improve outcomes for children. In one very positive example a strengths-based approach was taken which included supervised family time, parenting support and interpreter involvement to rebuild family relationships, improve communication and increase parental confidence. Despite significant challenges, including language barriers and disrupted family

connections, the intervention restored trust, strengthened family networks and improved the children's sense of identify and belonging. As a result the children were successful reunited with their family and the need for social care involvement was significantly reduced, enabling a planned and sustainable step-down from services.

2. THE TIME AHEAD

- I will continue to work with the Corporate Director of Children's Services and her team to support Children's Services with its work to improve practice and outcomes for children and young people in Middlesbrough.
- I will continue to contribute to our Children's Services Improvement Board and work with the board to agree updated improvement plans in response to our recent Ofsted inspection.
- I will build on improvements made in our Corporate Parenting Board, ensuring our young people's voices are heard and they have input in shaping the support we give them.
- I would like to thank all of our staff for their hard work in keeping young people safe and giving them the best start in life.

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EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Councillor Theo Furness - Executive Member for Development

DATE OF MEETING: 15 July 2026

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on areas of activity within my portfolio including performance against strategic priorities.

COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITIES

Place & People

1. HIGHLIGHTS

Update:

1.1 Pride In Place

- 1.1.1** The Chairperson for each of the town's two Pride in Place areas have now been appointed and work is underway to appoint the remainder of the boards. Gary Hamilton and Charlotte Dinsdale have been appointed as joint co-chairs of the Thorntree and Park End partnerships.

1.2 Pride in Place Impact Fund

- 1.2.1** Concept designs for a complete remodelling of the space around Centre Square lake are now complete and have been approved by the Mayor and Andy McDonald. A landscape architect is currently being appointed to undertake the detailed design works required to remodel the area and enhance the Centre Square area. The project will transform the currently underused civic space through pond restoration, improved lighting and accessibility, public art, landscaping, seating, play and activity spaces, and wider public realm improvements. The scheme will create a safer, more welcoming destination and leave a lasting legacy for residents and visitors.

1.3 Captain Cook Square

- 1.3.1** Heads of terms have now been agreed for a new occupier at Captain Cook Square. Although there will still be work required to complete the lease, Unit 5 (the former e-sports unit) should be brought back into use in the autumn.

1.4 Employment and Skills Hub

- 1.4.1** The refurbishment of the Employment and Skills Hub in the Cleveland Centre is now complete with the service moving into the new facility in early July. Classroom based learning courses will commence in September, with the 3rd September earmarked as a potential date for the official opening / celebration.

1.5 Southlands Community and Sports Facility

- 1.5.1** Work on the construction of the new Southlands facility has been completed. Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation will relocate their headquarters to the Southlands and will operate the high-quality facility to deliver sports activity throughout the year, plus other education, employability, health and wellbeing, social inclusion, and associated activities.

1.6 Middlesbrough Old Town Hall

- 1.6.1** Work on the refurbishment of the Old Town Hall commenced in January 2026 and is progressing well. The project, which is part funded by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, will restore the Grade II Listed building and provide a natural extension to the Boho Campus by providing flexible incubation spaces for digital companies. In the last month, the scaffold has been erected to the clock tower and the steel frame for the new extension has been completed. Construction will complete in early 2027.

1.7 Investment Zone

- 1.7.1** The Council continues to work in partnership with Tees Valley Combined Authority and Teesside University to progress the Tees Valley Investment Zone (TVIZ). This is a transformative government-backed initiative focused on the digital and creative sectors. The first programme of support (Innovation Vouchers) was launched by the University in May 2026, and the Council's Economic Growth Team has appointed a Digital and Tech Economy Lead Officer to provide further support to the cluster and ecosystem. The lead officer will be in post from 20 July 2026.

1.8 Economic Growth Business Engagement

- 1.8.1** A new Business Sector Support Officer has been appointed and in post from 22 June 2026 as part of budget growth plans. A work programme has been produced to develop business sector databases, identify and attend suitable business events to improve visibility of the Council and identify businesses that would benefit from further engagement, signposting and support.

1.9 Place Strategy

- 1.9.1** Work is progressing on a new co-designed Place Strategy with the Place Leaders Partnership. The strategy will incorporate a refreshed town centre strategy and investment prospectus, underpinned by a vision of making Middlesbrough the best place for young people. More than 1,300 young people have participated in the research and engagement phase, with findings now published. These insights will form the basis of the strategy and future investment priorities. The Strategy is due to launch in September.

1.10 Making Middlesbrough Town Centre Safe for People and Business

- 1.10.1** The July Executive meeting will consider approval of a £1.3m investment by TVCA to establish a dedicated multi-agency team based within Middlesbrough Bus Station. The team will bring together Street Wardens, Police Constables, PCSOs and Navigator posts to provide a coordinated response to anti-social behaviour and crime, while also engaging with vulnerable individuals and signposting them to appropriate support services. The initiative aims to improve safety and confidence for residents, visitors and businesses and is expected to go live in September 2026.

1.11 Town Centre Wayfinding

- 1.11.1** A new town centre Wayfinding Strategy has been developed to improve navigation, accessibility and the overall visitor experience across Middlesbrough town centre. Following completion of the strategy, a specialist company has now been appointed to manufacture and install a new suite of wayfinding signage. Installation is scheduled to commence next month and will help residents and visitors better connect with key destinations, attractions and public spaces throughout the town centre.

1.12 Adult Skills Contracts – TVCA

- 1.12.1** The Community Learning Team have had three years of funding confirmed through TVCA, which represents an increase of £600,000 per annum for learning contract delivery in Middlesbrough. The team will deliver ESOL at all levels, Level 2 Maths and English, Entry and Level 1 IT, Level 2 Supporting Teaching Within Schools and a range of 'raising aspirations' courses. There will also be a stronger focus on bespoke employer led training for businesses to be delivered through the new Employment and Skills Hub. Delivery of two key employability programmes (Work Well and Connect to Work) has also commenced through Community Learning. The scale of delivery will increase significantly once recruitment to the ten delivery roles is complete.

1.13 Captain Cook Museum Café

- 1.13.1** Property Services are currently undertaking a small refurbishment of the café area which is programmed to be completed by the school summer holidays. The works being undertaken will deliver a more modern and accessible venue. Upgrades include;

- New Lighting
- New wall acoustic cladding
- New workshop
- Redecoration
- New non-slip flooring
- New furniture will also be provided

1.14 Homelessness Hub

- 1.14.1** The Council's Homelessness / Housing Solutions Team will soon be relocating from Middlesbrough House to Broadcasting House. The move will provide a permanent base for the service and will provide up to date facilities to meet the needs of service users. The work is programmed to completed 7th August.

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EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Councillor Peter Gavigan - Executive Member for Environment and Sustainability

DATE OF MEETING: 15 July 2026

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on areas of activity within my portfolio including performance against strategic priorities.

COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITIES

- *A healthy place - Protect and improve our environment*
- *Safe and resilient communities - Improved transport and digital connectivity*

Update:

- *I continue to work on policy proposals for the short, medium and long-term*
- *We will continue to work closely with local communities to protect our green spaces, and make sure that our roads and open spaces are well-designed, clean and safe*

1. HIGHLIGHTS

- 7 May 2026 - Thorntree Cemetery site visit with councillor Wilson and Nicky Raine
- 2 June 2026 - Attended East Marton Community Council with Sam Garside
- 23 June 2026 - Acklam Crematorium tour with Nicky Raine
- 30 June 2026 - Attended Acklam Community Council with Sam Garside
- 3 July 2026 - Attended Carisbrooke Avenue site visit with councillor Wilson and Nicky Raine

Highways and Infrastructure

1.1 Transport Planning and Road Safety

1.1.1 Traffic Signal Junction upgrades 2026/27:

- All complete, however Albert Road / Corporation Road - Ongoing

1.1.2 Pedestrian crossing upgrades 2026/27:

- Albert Road/Corporation Road - Ongoing

1.2 Highways

1.2.1 Verge replacement and footway improvement work programmes have been developed, and we are underway with implementation of the programme for 2026/27.

1.2.2 Verge works complete so far are 0 of the planned 13 schemes.

1.2.3 Footway Works complete so far are 1 of the planned 21 schemes.

Bridges and Structures

1.3 Transporter Bridge

1.3.1 Preliminary design of the repair and strengthening works are progressing well. A contract for ECI (early contractor involvement) is currently out to tender, with award of this contract due in late August 2026. This contract can be carried forward to construction, subject to funding. Completion of preliminary design works are expected in Q4 of 2026, detailed design will follow in 2027/28. Clarification of funding streams available for the detailed design phase is required to prevent project delay.

1.4 Newport Approach Road Bridge & Structures

1.4.1 Future programme: Works to replace/ rebuild the footways on the main part of the approach structures will be programmed over the next 2-3 years subject to funding.

1.4.2 Temporary netting is required to the underneath of the footways to ensure the safety of the rail infrastructure – these works will be undertaken in collaboration with Network Rail, and we are negotiating rail possession with a works start date to be confirmed. Consultation with Network Rail has started and is ongoing.

1.5 Longlands Road overbridge

1.5.1 Middlesbrough Council is currently seeking funding from the DfT's Structures fund with the announcement expected this Autumn. If successful, the bridge will be replaced in its entirety in 2029.

1.6 A66 Structures

1.6.1 A contract for repairs to several structures along the A66 in Middlesbrough has been awarded to WSP. The contract documents are currently with legal services and due for issue shortly. The A66 programme will take place over three years. Year 1 2026-27 will see abnormal loads assessments and options reports for the works. Year 2 2027-28 will be the design phase, and Year 3 2028-29 will be the construction phase.

1.7 A174 Marton Interchange Overbridge (A172 Stokesley Rd, Marton)

1.7.1 The A174 Marton Interchange works will deliver:

- Replacing the bridge deck joints,
- Re-waterproofing and resurfacing,
- Concrete repairs to the abutments,
- Alterations to the footways with addition of new pedestrian guard rails,
- Installation of a higher 1.8m parapet,
- Renewal of the existing traffic signal junction.

1.7.2 The works started on 2nd March 2026 and are progressing well. We have started the stage two works on the opposite side of the carriageway, and the project is

currently running to schedule. We are expected to be completed by the beginning of September 2026.

- 1.7.3 The bridge deck works make it necessary to close sections of the road. A contraflow system with single two-way lanes is in operation over the bridge for the duration of the scheme to ensure the continuation of north south traffic flows and avoiding lengthy diversions for residents and customers using Stokesley Rd. Turning onto/exiting the A174's slip roads and U turns have been banned, while the works are ongoing and affected traffic is being diverted through local diversion routes. Left turning exiting from the A174 has been maintained. Occasional full road closures will be necessary and advanced notice using the variable message boards and press notices will take place prior to these taking place.

- 1.7.4 Further information can be sought from the Council's web site at the following link: [A174 Marton Interchange Overbridge refurbishment | Middlesbrough Council](#)

1.8 Linby & Belle Vue Footbridges

- 1.8.1 Painting; installation of suicide prevention parapets/cages; structural repairs to piers and decks; new bearings; concrete repairs; other repairs; and install lighting. The ground investigation works are complete, and the project work will progress in 2026/2027.

1.9 Carriageways

- 1.9.1 The main resurfacing of the classified and unclassified roads for 2025-26 are completed, barring Glendale Road and Trimdon Avenue. Glendale Road scheme was postponed, allowing for a full traffic calming consultation which is now completed. The stage 2 resurfacing and full-length traffic calming scheme will now be undertaken in 2026-27 programme. Trimdon Avenue was postponed due to Northern Gas Works – this scheme will also be undertaken in 2026-17. Both schemes include new installations of traffic calming.
- 1.9.2 We added Alan Peacock Way to the 2025-26 programme due to its fast deterioration and potholing issues – this road serves a large housing development and one of the staff car parks at James Cook Hospital and so was prioritised and brought forward into 2025-26 works. A traffic calming consultation is underway for this road and depending on the outcome any approved traffic calming measures would be installed in 2026-27.
- 1.9.3 The micro asphalt schemes have carried forward into 2026-27 works so that they can be completed in good weather, which best suits the material. The micro asphalt works started on June 15th, 2026, and are due for completion by mid-August 2026.
- 1.9.4 2026-27 schemes are due to be published on the council's web site and will be made available in the member's weekly update.
- 1.9.5 The weekly road works report is regularly updated, and this can also be viewed on the Council's website.

1.10 Flood Management

- 1.10.1 The Gully Cleansing Programmes have been reviewed for 2026/2027, and we are working through cleaning the Gullies in line with the programme's schedules. A number of longstanding flooding issues have recently been resolved which have affected some key routes and these will be monitored. We continue to work proactively on wider flood risk management through joint working with the EA and NWL as well as our knowledge of the wider drainage network.
- 1.10.2 The introduction of the new Becks & Drainage team has seen some immediate improvements in a number of known hotspots and has ensured that the grills to culverts are routinely inspected and cleared ensuring that flood risk is reduced.
- 1.10.3 We are continuing to work through our historical information to update our records and the new surface water flood maps to identify any areas affected by flooding and what action can be done to reduce the risk. Work also continues reviewing and updating the Flood Risk Asset Register and in identifying potential flood risk of culverts.

1.11 Public Rights of Way

- 1.11.1 We are continuing with the survey of the currently recorded Public Rights of Way network and identifying furniture improvements and surfacing works to be carried out during 2026/2027.

1.12 Highway Licences

- 1.12.1 Work continues to make more applications available online along with payments. Following the migration of highway licence management to our updated Asset Management Software System we are looking to expand its use and recording of historic information.

1.13 Street Lighting

- 1.13.1 The 2026/27 column replacement programme is now underway.
- 1.13.2 We are currently installing new street lighting on Stainton Way, Marton and are due to start installing columns on Alan Peacock Way in the next few weeks.

1.14 Environmental Enforcement

All information within this report relates to activity between 01/01/2026 – 30/06/2026

- 1.14.1 Middlesbrough Council Environmental Enforcement Officers are responsible for investigating all matters of environmental crime. This includes Fly Tipping, Littering and Waste Presentation at both domestic and commercial premises. The team are also responsible for responding to enforcement of untaxed and abandoned vehicles, stray dogs and matters relating to repairing or selling vehicles on a highway.
- 1.14.2 The team when at full capacity has 9 x Environmental Enforcement Officers, 1 x Senior officer and 6 x Area Care Operatives that form the flying squad. We have 4 x Pest Control Technicians and a central administrative team that assists with

allocation of service requests, invoicing, release of untaxed and abandoned vehicles and taking calls from the public relating to our service area.

1.14.3 In the month of June, the team investigated a total of **964 service requests**. These requests were made up of **687 waste related, 145 vehicle related, 63 dog related (27 stray reports) and 69 pest control related**.

1.14.4 In comparison to the same period for 2025 it has seen an overall increase of **129 reports** to the service.

1.14.5 Actions:

- 6 stray dogs recovered and returned to owners and 1 dog taken to the kennels from the 35 reports
- 43 vehicles seized for being either untaxed or abandoned
- 2 fixed penalty notice issued for commercial, household duty of care and fly tipping offences
- 1 case file prepared and passed to legal for review and consideration for prosecution. 2 cases listed for Magistrates courts on 7.7.26 and 25.8.26

1.15 Waste Services

1.15.1 Waste collection service update that we are going live with our new collection services on 30th June 20226.

1.15.2 All residents' calendars can now be viewed online via Middlesbrough Council website.

1.15.3 All Ward Councillors are invited to contact myself should they wish to arrange a Simpler Recycling presentation within their ward. For these sessions I will be joined by Sam Garside to provide an overview of the current changes, key messages for residents, and an opportunity to ask any questions.

1.16 Area Care

1.16.1 Area Care have worked through a schedule which has been disrupted due to issues around staffing and unforeseen changes in the way we transport our equipment and machinery.

1.16.2 All these issues are being worked through with the view of continuing our summer schedule. Also, getting Area Care ready for the Autumn/Winter schedules.

1.16.3 In addition to MBC staff, we have employed contractors to assist us in the upkeep of grassed areas, and we are expecting assistance with a contractor who will take on areas of sweeping.

1.17 Transport Planning and Road Safety

1.17.1 Road Safety

- On-going liaison with Cleveland Casualty Reduction Group, North East Road Safety Partnership and other stakeholders

- Attended road safety promotion events at Middlesbrough College and several primary schools
- Continue to support schools who have 'junior road safety officers' (organised a town and wider region wide campaign on seatbelt safety)
- Workshop resources/plans given to secondary schools
- Resources distributed regarding legalities of e-bikes and scooters
- Identified 5 schools to re-implement school travel plans

1.17.2 School Crossing Patrols

- Recruitment ongoing
- The implementation of casual staff has made a positive difference to being able to cover sites during periods of absence (ie awaiting recruitment checks to be completed)

1.17.3 Capital Programme 2025/26 – Scheme Updates

- Valley Road Traffic Calming – Complete
- Stainton Way Pedestrian/Cycle Facilities Phase 2 – Complete
- Ormesby Beck Cycleway Phase 1 – Works ongoing and progressing well
- Hollyhurst Avenue / Holmwood Avenue – Civil engineering works substantially complete; installation of the bus stop remains outstanding prior to completion of the final wearing course

1.17.4 Members' Small Schemes 2025/26

- Alan Peacock Way Lighting / Traffic Calming – Public consultation currently underway
- Bonny Grove Way Crossing – Complete
- Kingsbridge Crescent Path – Works ongoing
- Glendale Road (LJ/CW) – To be delivered alongside planned resurfacing works
- Low Lane Activated Speed Signage – Complete
- Stockton Road / Longford Street – Scheme progressing
- Trimdon Avenue Phase 1 & Phase 2 Speed Humps – To be programmed

1.17.5 Capital Programme 2026/27 & Members' Small Schemes

- The 2026/27 Capital Programme and associated Members' Small Schemes are currently in the preliminary stages of development, including initial design, feasibility, and prioritisation activities. All schemes are expected to be delivered within the current financial year
- More detailed progress updates, including confirmed programmes and delivery timelines, will be provided as part of the Quarter 2 reporting cycle

1.17.6 Linthorpe Road Cycleway removal

- Scheme completed bar;
 - Albert Terrace re-opening (issues regarding utilities)
 - Bus stops at Victoria Road (awaiting supplier to complete)

1.17.7 Newport Road sustainable transport corridor

- Awaiting TVCA to complete business case. Aiming to commence October 2026

1.17.8 Green Lane Sustainable transport corridor

- Design on-going

1.17.9 Marton Road Sustainable transport corridor

- Design on-going
- To consult in 2026 (TVCA lead)
- Ormesby Beck route element - undertaking Environmental Impact Assessment to enhance delivery rate from TVCA funding

1.17.10 Stainton Way

- To be considered at July Executive

1.17.11 Longlands Road

- TVCA lead consultation underway

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EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Councillor Nicky Walker - Executive Member for Finance

DATE OF MEETING: 15 July 2026

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on areas of activity within my portfolio including performance against strategic priorities.

COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITIES

Delivering Best Value

1. HIGHLIGHTS

Update:

1.1 Crisis and Resilience Fund

- 1.1.1** On June 10, I presented a report to the Executive with proposals for the new Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF), which replaces the Household Support Fund and Discretionary Housing Payments schemes. This government funded programme is set to provide almost £4m to support households across Middlesbrough over the next year.
- 1.1.2** Following a change of focus required by the government, it will not only provide immediate help for those in difficulty, but also preventative support so that people can manage their finances, become more resilient and less dependent on assistance over time.
- 1.1.3** I was keen that in the light of the current financial pressures people are facing, that this year some elements of the cost-of-living payments made last year will be retained to support
- Pensioners on Council Tax Reduction,
 - Families with children on Free School Meals,
 - Those without children on Universal Credit.
- 1.1.4** In a large number of cases, where we already have bank details, these payments can be made automatically. Once these automated payments have been completed, applications will be made open to others.
- 1.1.5** Unlike schemes delivered by many other Councils, Middlesbrough's will allow people in work, but who don't also qualify for benefits, to apply for crisis payments. Thresholds have been set so that a single person with earnings of up to £25,000 could apply. Larger families with three or more children could have gross earnings

of up to £65,000 and apply when they face an unexpected expense or loss of income.

1.1.6 The fund has been designed to support people of all ages and with different financial circumstances. The scheme will include assistance with:

- Targeted help for Middlesbrough residents living with terminal illness,
- Dedicated support for armed forces veterans,
- Housing costs,
- School uniform grants,
- Support for families in temporary accommodation to move on,
- Assistance for residents experiencing domestic abuse
- Support Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) places for children not in receipt of Free School Meals.

1.1.7 Further details are in the report and will be on the council website [Crisis and Resilience Fund | Middlesbrough Council](#)

1.1.8 Our CRF scheme has had a great deal of time, thought and work put into it, including consultation across Council departments and with relevant partners in order to meet the needs of Middlesbrough's residents. I would like to thank our officers for their incredible work on pulling this comprehensive set of measures together.

1.1.9 I was pleased to have the opportunity to promote Middlesbrough's CRF scheme on BBC TV recently. There will also be a comprehensive communications package to promote different strands of the scheme as they go live, and I hope Councillors will also assist with promoting the scheme to their residents.

1.1.10 More information on the roll out of the CRF scheme is provided in the table below:

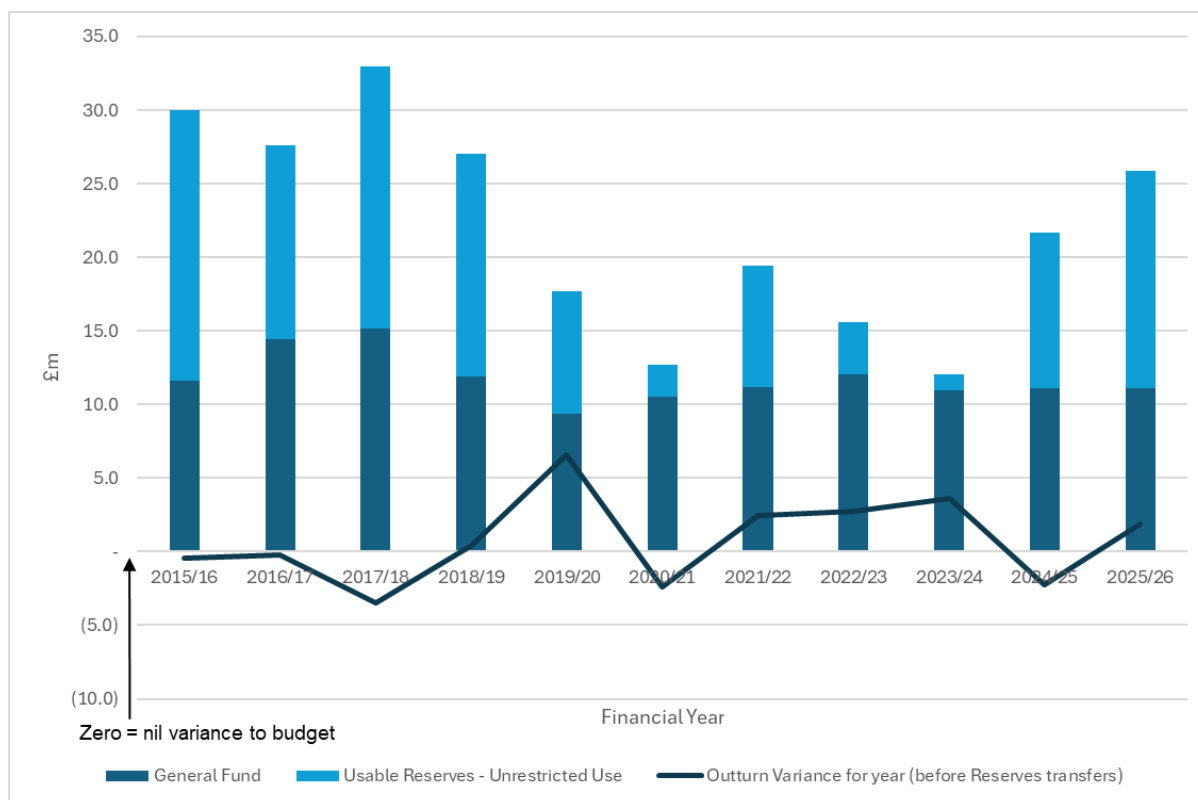
Details	Opens	Amount
Housing Payments	Application open now	Case by Case
Crisis (Applications Open 29 June 2026)	Application open now	Case by Case and subject to income levels
Households in receipt of Free School Meals.	6 & 7 July 2025 (automatic Payments made)	£70 per child
Households in receipt of UC or means tested FSM	8 July 2026 (Application Opens)	£70 per child
Singles, Couples in receipt of UC.	September 2026 (Application or Direct Award)	£50 per household
Pensioners in receipt of Council Tax Reduction.	October 2026. Application or Direct Award)	£50 per household
Temporary Accommodation move on Support (referral from housing solutions)	Application open now	Case by Case and subject to income levels
Terminally ill package	Application open now	£400 Help with Council tax HAF respite places Benefit checks and support
Veteran support	Application open now	Case by Case and subject to income levels
School uniform support	Application open now	Up to £40 primary school Up to £70 secondary school
Community Support Scheme (extension to current to capture additional e.g broken white goods)	Application open now	Case by Case and subject to income levels
No Recourse to Public Funds (direct application or referral from partnering organisations)	Application open now	Case by Case and subject to income levels
Domestic Abuse (referral from DA team)	Application open now	Case by Case and subject to income levels

1.2 Year-end Outturn 2025/26

1.2.1 The year-end position shows the continuing improvement of our financial resilience, with our reserves continuing to rise.

1.2.2 The initial position was outlined in an end-of-year budget report which I presented to the Council's Executive on Wednesday 10 June and which was also considered by OSB on Tuesday 7 July. Building on progress from the last two years, a forecast overspend of £4.5 million at Quarter 1 was reduced to £1.8 million through careful and effective oversight and the management of financial pressures. The initial position reported to Executive on 10 June has been revised marginally to £2.1m overspent as part of the preparation of the draft financial statements for 2025/26 which were published on the Council's website by the statutory deadline of 30 June 2026. The marginal difference relates to the interaction between the revenue budget, and the collection fund accounts, when the final position on assets and liabilities in the Council's balance sheet has been confirmed.

- 1.2.3** It is important to stress that unlike in recent years where reserves were depleted to critically low levels by overspends, this year's figure can be comfortably met by a sum set aside in the budget to cover uncertainty in savings delivery, meaning that reserves have actually continued to increase as illustrated in the graph below which is included in the report. This graph shows unrestricted Reserves Balances from closing balance 2015/16 through to year-end forecast closing balance 2025/26 and reported outturn variance per year



- 1.2.4** Importantly, the Council's financial resilience has continued to improve for the second year running, with usable unrestricted reserves increased by almost £4million to almost £26million at the end of March 2026, despite the overall revenue overspend. This reflects a combination of strengthened financial governance, use of corporate contingencies and the application of one-off resources. It represents continued progress in rebuilding reserves from the previous critically low levels, whereby the Council narrowly avoided a Section 114 notice by applying for Exceptional Financial Support. Maintaining and further strengthening this reserve position remains a high priority and essential to managing future financial risks.
- 1.2.5** The improved financial position has also provided the opportunity for a number of areas of ongoing financial pressures which have impacted on recent years' and led to this year-end position provided for by investment in this year's budget.
- 1.2.6** However, we continue to face ongoing pressures, particularly in relation to Children's and Adult's Social Care. The message is therefore that it is essential that Directors maintain tight financial control, strengthen demand management, and continue to deliver and embed financial recovery and continuous improvement to mitigate these pressures and ensure financial sustainability. There remains an ongoing need to maintain strong financial discipline and there is no room for complacency.

1.3 MTFP and Budget 2027/28 - All Member Engagement

- 1.3.1** I am keen that all members have the opportunity to understand our financial position, be kept up to date with developments and have an input into the budget process for the forthcoming year, and at an earlier stage, offering enhanced transparency and opportunity for engagement. I have therefore requested that officers build this in to the budget timetable.
- 1.3.2** To this end a series of briefings will be held, starting on 6 July, with a Teams meeting at 5pm for which members should have received an electronic invitation. There will be a follow-up session scheduled for early August for those unable to attend. This first briefing will relate to the July Executive report, *MTFP Update and 2027/28 Budget Development Approach and Timetable* which I will present to the July Executive meeting, it will also provide further detail on how Members can engage in and contribute to the budget setting process.
- 1.3.3** Further briefings are planned for October, December, and February, leading up to Full Council in February 2027, where Members will be asked to consider and approve:
- The 2027/28 Revenue Budget
 - The 2027/28 Council Tax
 - The revised Medium-Term Financial Plan to 2030/31
 - The Capital Strategy 2027/28
- 1.3.4** Members will have received an email from Helen Dalby, Head of Financial Planning and Business Partnering, and our Deputy s151 Officer on this subject and I am grateful to Helen for all her work on this.

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EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Councillor Ian Blades - Executive Member for Neighbourhoods

DATE OF MEETING: 15 July 2026

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on areas of activity within my portfolio including performance against strategic priorities. I have focused the updates on the 4 Neighbourhood areas North, East, South and West and this report highlights some of the initiatives and success of the past month.

COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITIES

- *Neighbourhoods*
- *Neighbourhood Safety*
- *Community Cohesion*

Update:

1. HIGHLIGHTS

North Middlesbrough

1.1 Seed Library

- 1.1.1 Central Library has a fantastic 'Seed Library'. The seed library was relaunched at Central Library and placed in its new location in the foyer, to attract people as they walk in. It is a free community initiative to encourage gardening – people can take and donate seeds, exchange plant pots, and leave cuttings. There are also seed libraries at Hemlington and Marton Library and Community Hubs.



1.2 Week of Action – Newport

- 1.2.1 Residents, volunteers, local schools and partner organisations came together for a successful Week of Action across the Newport between 15 and 19 June 2026, delivering a range of environmental improvements and community engagement activities aimed at making neighbourhoods cleaner, safer and more connected.
- 1.2.2 Throughout the week, a programme of activities was carried out in response to local priorities and to strengthen relationships with residents. A total of five key unified projects were completed across Newport, focusing on environmental improvements and addressing issues raised by local communities.



1.3 Crime and ASB

- 1.3.1 In relation to crime and antisocial behaviour, the North Neighbourhood Team have been working closely with partners to deliver on the neighbourhood action plan to reduce levels of crime and ASB. Some of the outcomes they have delivered on this year include:
- 5 house closures this year, Neighbourhood Safety Officers are currently joint working on a further 2 closures with Neighbourhood Police Colleagues
 - 14 Criminal Behaviour Orders granted
 - 6 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts issued to young people in partnership with Police
 - 11 Community Protection Notice Warnings and 2 Community Protection Notice (CPNs) issued
 - Business engagement in Town Centre and Linthorpe Ward
 - 4 Civil Injunction breach's, leading on to custodial sentences

East Middlesbrough

1.4 Community Engagement

- 1.4.1 Park End Action and Engagement Day - This estate-based action day delivered in Park End consisted of a multi-agency approach to identify and address local issues as well as engaging the local community. Door knocking was carried out on Royston Avenue and Greencroft Walk to engage residents. Thirteen Housing hosted a mobile touchpoint to support residents with repairs and talk about antisocial behaviour. Target hardening equipment was distributed to residents to improve community safety. A football “kick about” was delivered by the Councils Neighbourhood team who engaged with young people.

- 1.4.2 Corpus Christi Primary School Engagement – A recycling awareness assembly was delivered by the Neighbourhood Community Development team to prepare pupils for new recycling changes. Gardening sessions were held with Neighbourhood Caretakers, involving two groups of students. The children then learned about environmental responsibility and the Caretakers' roles with a view to inspire them to join the team in the future or go on to start their own business.

1.5 Crime and ASB

- 1.5.1 In relation to crime and antisocial behaviour, the East Neighbourhood Team have been working closely with partners to deliver on the neighbourhood action plan to reduce levels of crime and ASB. Some of the outcomes they have delivered on this month include:

- Youths smashing windows on Elkington Walk – Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been issued and Youth Justice Service Turnaround referrals have been submitted so that we can help these young people to stop this behaviour, prevent them from entering the criminal justice system and stop the harm they are causing to our communities. There will be consequences if this behaviour continues.
- Stagecoach issues – Due to work undertaken by wardens and the Councils Neighbourhood Team, there have not been any recent reported attacks on buses. Work will continue.
- Youths identified climbing on roofs and damaging property - Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC's) Issued and Turnaround referrals have been submitted.

- 1.5.2 Neighbourhood Caretakers have been tackling weeds in Netherfields.



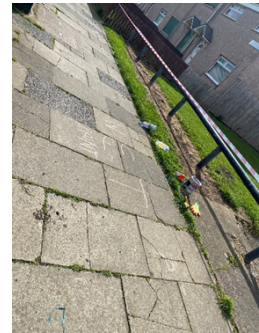
South Middlesbrough

1.6 Neighbourhood Caretakers

- 1.6.1 During May & June the Caretakers continued to work on Coulby Newham's 5k/8k Cycle Route prior to the launch event on 7 June.



1.6.2 They have also cleared some areas in Hemlington, Beckenham Gardens Play Park leading to Aviemore Road.



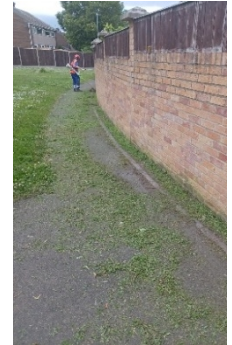
1.6.3 Caretakers have also been replacing the 10 planters across Marton West ready for them to be replanted.



1.6.4 The play park at Hemlington Recreation Centre has also been de-weeded and tidied up



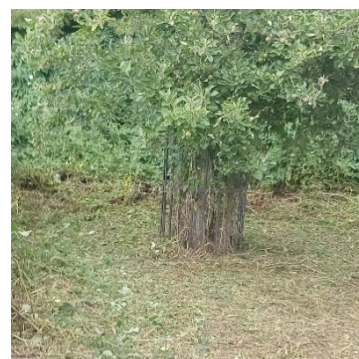
1.6.5 And they have also been scudding and strimming in Marton East



1.6.6 The caretakers have carried out litter picking and some other small projects around Hemlington.



1.6.7 Cleared all the weeds growing around the tree planted by King Charles III, then Prince of Wales, during his visit to Hemlington Lake in May 2010. We are now going to get a plaque to commemorate the visit.



1.6.8 Sprayed 'clean it up' signs at Viewley shops & Hemlington Lake to encourage residents to pick up after their dogs.



Neighbourhood Safety

1.7 Crime and ASB

- 1.7.1 Coulby Newham – there has been a reduction in incidents of throwing missiles at vehicles around the Parkway Centre – Wardens and police patrols continue. A meeting was held with The Parkway Centre and outlying businesses to encourage reporting of crime and antisocial behaviour. An Acceptable Behaviour Contract has been issued to a young person involved in incidents at The Parkway Centre and Hemlington.
- 1.7.2 Three youths have now reached the stage within the ASB process for Civil Injunctions applications to be made. This follows all diversionary works being explored.
- 1.7.3 Following reports of antisocial behaviour on buses Neighbourhood Policing carried out another plain-clothed operation. The operation was carried out with the support of Stagecoach. It saw a police officer travel onboard buses across Coulby Newham, Hemlington and Park End, to identify any antisocial behaviour or criminal activity. The patrols help to gather intelligence, deter offending and ensure public transport remains a safe and welcoming space for everyone in the community.



West Middlesbrough

1.8 Community Development

- 1.8.1 The Neighbourhood Team supported with a coach load of Easterside residents on a trip to Whitby on Tuesday 26th May. It was a fantastic day, the weather was lovely and most people sat on the beach for a couple of hours and had a picnic. Some decided to do a bit of crabbing and others had a wonder around the stalls and in the arcades.



1.8.2 Neighbourhood Caretakers in the West have been working to clear the weeds and make the area cleaner across West Middlesbrough



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EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Councillor Jan Ryles - Executive Member for Public Health

DATE OF MEETING: 15 July 2026

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on areas of activity within my portfolio including performance against strategic priorities.

COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITIES

A healthy place:

- *Improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities*
- *Promote inclusivity for all*
- *Reduce poverty*

1. HIGHLIGHTS

Update:

1.1 Creating Healthy Environments Programme

- 1.1.1 You've Got This (YGT) continues to support place-based whole system approaches to increasing physical activity at a population level. Tees Valley Active Schools is now operational in 15 Middlesbrough schools – with its particular focus on building capacity and capability of staff to embed moving more into and around the school day. YGT is contributing also to the Ageing Well Strategy, demonstrating a whole life course approach. They also presented on the role of being active in reducing falls at the Step Up and Rethink falls Conference organised by the University Hospital Tees.
- 1.1.2 Preparation to deliver the second northern region annual homeless football tournament is underway. The tournament, that will attract players from across the north of England, will take place on Thursday 3 September at Middlesbrough Football Foundation's Southlands facility. This tournament will be used to identify players to represent England at the 2026 Homeless World Cup taking place in Mexico.
- 1.1.3 Albert Park's newly refurbished tennis courts will officially reopen on Wednesday 1 July during the first week of Wimbledon. The new tennis courts will be operated by 'We Do Tennis' working in partnership with PHST and the LTA. The new courts will host a comprehensive package of tennis opportunities including free tennis, coached tennis, community programming and coach development opportunities as well as being open for casual pay and play.

- 1.1.4 Following work in North Ormesby Primary School and Brambles Farm Primary School to identify year 5 and 6 children that may potentially have gift or talent for sport and physical activity, Monday 20 July will see those identified take part in free gifted and talented sports day at Middlesbrough Sports Village. The day will introduce children, and their parents, to opportunities for the children to express their talents whilst seeking to raise their aspirations for their future participation in sport and physical activity.
- 1.1.5 Breastfeeding Boroughs declaration will continue to be supported by funding from the Family Hubs infant feeding workstream for another three years. Progress is continuing with signing up new venues as part of the Welcome to Breastfeed Scheme and Newcastle University are to be commissioned to conduct mapping research into infant feeding in Middlesbrough, which may help to identify any gaps in services, which funding will then be used to address.
- 1.1.6 Healthier Advertising policy was adopted by executive on 08 April. The policy includes advertising restrictions for health harming products including foods high in fat, sugar and salt, gambling, alcohol, tobacco related products, vaping and related products and breast milk substitute and applies to all advertising assets on the council estate, including bus shelters, lamppost and roundabout advertising.
- 1.1.7 Stamping out weight stigma training launched for all Public Health staff to increase awareness of weight stigma and share examples of best practice. The ambition is to roll out to all council staff.
- 1.1.8 MBC Awarded £155k grant from DEFRA to improve local authority food procurement and increase access to local, sustainable, healthy food. Public health jointly leading project with procurement team. Activity will include:
- Development of new Middlesbrough Food Charter & improvements to Good Food Middlesbrough website
 - Incentivise the Eat Well Awards
 - Improving food offer for looked after children's residential homes
 - Getting allotment surplus into Eco-shop network
 - Meet the producer & good food procurement event

1.2 Health Protection Programme

- 1.2.1 HIV Tees Care Pathway session completed in collaboration with national colleagues from UKHSA to support our action planning and next steps, reducing HIV and improving outcomes for those living with HIV.
- 1.2.2 HIV Prevention and Support Service Pilot is now operational (1/4/26), with weekly meetings at Live Well Centre. Already, the new service is producing positive engagement and outcomes, including improved pathways into treatment and care at James Cook.
- 1.2.3 Syphilis Action Plan session held at Live Well Centre to inform a targeted approach, including completion of the National Syphilis Response Plan Toolkit and STI Prioritisation Framework to reduce rates of syphilis and STI's across Teesside.

1.3 Immunisations – work continues across the subgroups:

- 1.3.1 The **childhood subgroup** has collaborated with Health Visiting colleagues across Tees Valley to gather insights from parents whose child is currently outstanding a vaccine at their mandatory visit, this will strengthen previous insights work which together will help determine local interventions.
- 1.3.2 The School Aged Immunisation Service (SAIS) have attended the Secondary Head Teachers meeting to present changes to the **teenage** parental consent process which will move to the national MAVIS (managing vaccines in school) system from September. SAIS has also shared data relating to the schools with lowest immunisation uptake, allowing Public Health to organise meetings with these schools to determine what action can be taken to increase parental engagement.
- 1.3.3 The ESOL subgroup has discovered that at one school there are 43 different languages spoken at home, while vaccine information is often available in 30+ languages only 19 of the HPV vaccine leaflet languages corresponded with the 43 spoken – highlighting the extent of language barriers on vaccine uptake locally.
- 1.3.4 **Cancer Screening** – the team continue to attend community events and services promoting the uptake of screening for breast, bowel, cervical, and lung cancer. The team work closely with the Northern Cancer Alliance and contribute to their strategic plan which focuses on improving early diagnosis, including that of rare cancers (pancreatic, liver, and oesophago-gastric) that have a significant impact on cancer burden.

1.4 III Health Prevention Programme

- 1.4.1 Public Health South Tees, in conjunction with MBC Regeneration and ICB have submitted an early stage bid for Gov/DHSC South Tees Neighbourhood health to encourage funding for Neighbourhood Health Centres to be created within Middlesbrough town.
- 1.4.2 Designs and discussions are still progressing between PHST and MBC Communities to have a presence in the new neighbourhood community centre in Berwick Hills, with the plan to deliver vital Public Health services in the heart of the community. Anticipated go-live is December 2026.
- 1.4.3 Final reports have been submitted to One Public Estate on the back of funding received for the initial phases of the Live Well move to Cleveland Centre. Data shows that whilst running costs have not been reduced, income generation and partnerships working has greatly improved with plans initiated to maintain and improve both outcomes.
- 1.4.4 An exciting relationship has been developed between PHST and STHFT weight management services for obese children and young people with the initiation of dance-exercise. Referral routes are now established, with movement and dance classes taking place to help children with weight issues, in informal, fun and friendly sessions.

- 1.4.5 Community delivery of NHS Health Checks by ELM GP Federation (alongside those delivered by GPs) resulted in 134 checks being completed in Middlesbrough over the last 10 months, with 69% of them being in residents from decile 1-3 (ie those most at risk of poor health). This work will continue into 26-27, with a focus on improving promotion and further uptake.
- 1.4.6 More partners are now trained in providing Blood Pressure checks in communities and appropriate lifestyle advice or signposting to GPs. This supports our wider approach to addressing cardiovascular health.
- 1.4.7 MBC were asked to present at the Regional MECC (Making Every Contact Count) annual Conference in Durham in June, in light of our approach to expanding our MECC trained network and incorporating MECC training into our SLAs with wider Council departments.
- 1.4.8 A development group has been established for the creation of the Ageing Well Strategy for Middlesbrough, made up of key stakeholders. Aim is to complete by March 2027.
- 1.4.9 Tees Valley Anchor Network Co-ordinator for South Tees (hosted by MBC) has now been appointed and has begun connecting with Network partners; designing branding and creating a Social Value charter for network partners to sign up to.
- 1.4.10 Free Colgate resources have been accepted for a second year running which will be used to support schools and nurseries to send home toothbrushing packs. This will support schools and nurseries to embed key oral health messages and to support toothbrushing at home. Further oral health funding is being utilised to support whole school brushing in schools (widening from Reception to Year 1 to all school year groups) within the schools with the highest dmft (decayed, missing, filled teeth) rates.

1.5 Vulnerabilities Programme

- 1.5.1 The NE Regional Reducing Gambling Harms Programme, which is hosted by Public Health South Tees (PHST), has secured additional funding. This enabled expansion of both the team's capacity and the workstreams being delivered, safeguarding delivery until March 2029, as a minimum. A new Advanced Practitioner, Craig Hodgson, has started in June as the senior leader of the team, as well as a new PH Officer to support the expanded programme.
- 1.5.2 PHST has continued to lead the National Reducing Stigma Pilot programme, on behalf of OHID and eight local authorities across the country. This first of its kind approach in Europe aims to measure the prevalence and impact of stigma on people affected by substance use issues. We have developed and rolled out an online Stigma Training Package to raise awareness of the issue and how to mitigate the impact amongst professionals across the country. This is supported by a range of powerful videos of people with lived experience telling their stories of how stigma has affected them. Middlesbrough achieved one of the highest rates on training completion of all areas, helped by working with OD colleagues to get it on the Middlesbrough Learns platform.

- 1.5.3 PHST Vulnerabilities Lead was invited to speak at the International Recovery Conference in early June. This was to share the benefits of directly commissioning our LERO (lived experience recovery organisation), Recovery Connections, and to share details of our innovative, local substance use model. The presentation was well received and there were many requests for further information about the local approach.
- 1.5.4 A bid for significant funding to support a unique approach to preventing drug-related deaths has been submitted to a health innovations research fund. If successful, this would result in a variety of datasets being combined with real time information to provide an enhanced understanding of risk. This has been developed by the Tees Preventing Drug Related Deaths Co-ordinator and support gathered from Tees PH colleagues and Teesside University.
- 1.5.5 The Changing Futures Phase 2 delivery programme is being developed and the first Board Meeting recently took place. Mayor Chris Cook is Chair and there has been positive engagement from partner agencies at the Board. There will continue to be a strong focus on frontline support and housing for people affected by multiple vulnerabilities has been agreed as the main theme to focus on. The full programme will be agreed in July and shared with local partners.

1.6 Mental Health and Wellbeing Programme

- 1.6.1 Mental Health Awareness Week was promoted in May, with a focus this year on 'Action'. The South Tees Wellbeing Network promoted a 'Just One Thing' personal wellbeing pledges campaign, inviting partners and communities to get involved. An online campaign network briefing was hosted to support organisation awareness and involvement.
- 1.6.2 A Tees Mental Health Training Hub contract has been awarded for a further 3 years following a Tees Authorities quotation exercise. The hub will provide a range of courses to increase mental health and suicide prevention knowledge and skills across a range of settings.
- 1.6.3 A programme of activities and events was delivered during Dementia Action Week in May, including a Lunch and Learn session for South Asian communities. Leads from the Mental Health Trust provided an overview of dementia diagnosis pathways and support available through memory clinic services and emphasised the importance of maintaining good brain health and reducing dementia risk factors. The vital role of dementia-friendly communities in supporting people affected by dementia was highlighted.
- 1.6.4 Activity demonstrated the value of targeted community engagement and partnership working in raising awareness, improving understanding and promoting earlier access to dementia support services.

1.7 Start Well

- 1.7.1 The Start Well board for Children and Young People's public health is agreeing milestones for the key projects and priorities for the year ahead. The programme board will be identifying priority areas and key activities for the wider council to

deliver on as part of a “Health in all family policies” approach working with Children’s services and other directorates in the council. The following major projects have been agreed for the year:

- **Best Start & School Readiness:** A new workstream had been set up to develop a Public Health approach to improve early childhood development and school readiness through strengthened Best Start pathways. The first group meeting was in June and the group will focus on school readiness pathways, obesity offer and training the early years teams in Public Health approaches
- **Healthy Schools:** Develop and deliver a unified offer that supports whole-school health, strengthens PSHE delivery, and reaches all school-age children, including consideration of those outside mainstream education
- **Teenage Pregnancy:** Reduce unintended teenage pregnancy rates and improve outcomes for young parents through targeted prevention and coordinated early intervention. The South Tees Teenage Pregnancy Partnerships is now meeting regularly, working through the framework and self-assessment audit tool
- **Childhood Poverty:** Reduce the impact of childhood poverty by acting as system leaders and improving access to supportive services and environments that mitigate health and wellbeing inequalities.

1.7.2 A whole school approach to Public Health is being developed by the “Healthy Schools” group. This will include work to:

- Create health promoting environments and relationships in school settings
- Develop a unified public health offer which is accessible to schools, young people and parents

1.7.3 The development of the 11-19 Young People’s service is on track with the first phase of consultation concluded and the service model in development with a system-wide steering group. The delivery model and staffing models will be agreed after discussion at Public Health DMT in July.

1.7.4 On 30 June, organisations from across the Tees Valley and nationally, including the Tees Valley Combined Authority, came together in Middlesbrough to commit to [“Tackling child poverty together across Tees Valley”](#). The North-East Child Poverty Commission and Close-Knit Families, supported by the Public Health team, led a day focused on agreeing shared strategic priorities and identifying next steps towards a co-ordinated and collaborative approach. The Public Health South Tees team is developing a child poverty profile for Middlesbrough and supporting the identification of local priorities for action.

1.8 Health Determinants Research Collaboration South Tees

1.8.1 We are delighted to announce our first draft Research Governance Framework is ready to test with Middlesbrough colleagues to obtain feedback and amend accordingly. This framework will provide a system to log research, ensure research is conducted in a robust manner and aligns to the values of Middlesbrough Council.

2 TIME AHEAD

Update:

Upcoming issues/things on the FWP/projects involved in:

- 2.1 Development of the Ageing Well Strategy and Neighbourhood Health Centre proposals.
- 2.2 Expansion of Healthy Schools, Young People's Services and oral health programmes.
- 2.3 Continued delivery of Changing Futures Phase 2 and regional gambling harms initiatives.
- 2.4 Implementation of the DEFRA-funded healthy and sustainable food programme.

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EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SECTION 2 – DECISIONS TAKEN THAT HAVE BEEN THROUGH THE CALL-IN PERIOD

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DATE	DECISION MAKER	ISSUE	PURPOSE OF REPORT	KEY DECISION
The Mayor				
10 Jun 2026	Executive	Corporate Performance Year-End 2025/26	The purpose of the report was to present an overview of corporate performance at Year-End 2025/26, including progress against Executive actions, delivery of the Council Plan 2024–27, the Strategic Risk Register, programme and project management, and wider compliance measures.	No
10 Jun 2026	Executive	Digital Strategy 2026-2030	The purpose of the report was to seek approval of the Digital Strategy 2026–2030, which set out the Council's strategic framework for digital, data and technology and established a clear, corporate approach to maintaining secure, resilient and well-governed digital services.	Yes
Executive Member - Development				

DATE	DECISION MAKER	ISSUE	PURPOSE OF REPORT	KEY DECISION
10 Jun 2026	Executive	Scrutiny Response - Barriers to Regeneration	It was a requirement that Executive formally considered the Scrutiny Panel's report and confirmed the service area's response to the accompanying plan.	No
Executive Member for Environment and Sustainability				
10 Jun 2026	Executive	Bereavement Services Strategy	The purpose of the report was to seek approval of the Bereavement Services Strategy, which set out the Council's long-term framework for delivering compassionate, inclusive and sustainable bereavement services across Middlesbrough.	Yes
24 Jul 2026	Executive	2026-2027 - Price reduction of Garden Waste	For Exec to review the cost of the Garden Waste subscription to be reduced	Yes
Executive Member - Finance				
10 Jun 2026	Executive	Crisis and Resilience Fund 2026/27	The purpose of the report was to seek approval of the Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) delivery plan for 2026/27 and to obtain delegated authority to amend the allocation of funding within the plan to ensure it remained responsive to local needs.	Yes
10 Jun 2026	Executive	2025/26 Revenue and Capital Year-end Outturn	The purpose of the report was to present the Council's final Revenue and Capital Year-End Outturn position for 2025/26, including the overall financial performance, budget virements, updates to the Capital Programme and the impact on reserves and financial resilience. Advises the Executive of the Council's year-end financial outturn position for 2025/26	Yes

DATE	DECISION MAKER	ISSUE	PURPOSE OF REPORT	KEY DECISION
Executive Member - Public Health				
10 Jun 2026	Executive	Final report of the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel: Healthy Placemaking with a Focus on Childhood Obesity	The purpose of the scrutiny report was to present the findings of the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel following its review of Healthy Placemaking with a Focus on Childhood Obesity. The Service Action Plan was developed in response to the Panel's recommendations.	Yes

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SECTION 3 – DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN UP UNTIL THE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE	PROPOSED DECISION MAKER	ISSUE	PURPOSE OF REPORT	KEY DECISION
The Mayor				
8 Jul 2026	Executive	Wholly and Partly Owned Council Companies Policy	To set out a governance framework for the oversight of wholly and partly owned Council Companies	No
8 Jul 2026	Executive	Data Protection Policy and Direct Marketing and Cookies Policy	The purpose of this report is to seek formal approval of the Council's Data Protection Policy and the Direct Marketing and Cookies Policy.	No
8 Jul 2026	Executive	Making Middlesbrough Thrive	report to set out how the Council will ensure that it systematically responds to evidence of need within its strategic planning functions	Yes
Executive Member for Environment and Sustainability				
8 Jul 2026	Executive	Stainton Way Highway improvements	To consider the infrastructure improvement proposals at the junctions of Dalby Way and Kings Academy on Stainton Way	Yes

DATE	PROPOSED DECISION MAKER	ISSUE	PURPOSE OF REPORT	KEY DECISION
Executive Member - Finance				
8 Jul 2026	Executive	Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) update and 2027/28 Budget Development approach and Timetable	Decision	Yes
8 Jul 2026	Executive	Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Outturn – 2025/26	The report provides important information regarding the regulation and management of the Council's borrowing, investments, and cash-flow for the 2025/26 financial year. It also provides the Prudential Indicators results for the financial year in accordance with the above and the outturn position on the capital programme Both of these are requirements of the Council's reporting procedures under the CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice, and by regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003.	No
Executive Member - Neighbourhoods				
8 Jul 2026	Executive	Making Middlesbrough Town Centre Safer for People and Business	Increase Town Centre Safety and Perception of Safety through co located approach to nuisance behaviour, retail crime and additional need.	Yes



SECTION 4 – DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE	PROPOSED DECISION MAKER	ISSUE	PURPOSE OF REPORT	KEY DECISION
The Mayor				
2 Sep 2026	Executive	Risk and Opportunity Management Policy	Triennial refresh of the Council's risk and opportunities management policy and its risk appetite	No
2 Sep 2026	Executive	Service Response: OSB Short Review of the Council's Approach to Poverty	To set out the service response to the recommendations within the short review of the Council's approach to poverty	No
Executive Member - Adult Social Care				
11 Nov 2026	Executive	Homeless Needs Assessment and Strategy	To approve the homeless needs assessment, strategy and proposed commissioning model.	Yes
Executive Member - Children's Services				
2 Sep 2026	Executive	Special Guardianship Order Policy	To approve the proposed Special Guardianship Policy	Yes

DATE	PROPOSED DECISION MAKER	ISSUE	PURPOSE OF REPORT	KEY DECISION
Executive Member - Development				
2 Sep 2026	Executive	Park House Accommodation	Executive approval for the business case associated with locating Public Health Services and temporary accommodation	Yes
2 Sep 2026	Executive	Commercial Waste Collection and Disposal	For Exec to approve the requirement for commercial waste collections and disposal from council buildings to be contracted out. No ward affected as this is internal buildings	Yes
Executive Member for Environment and Sustainability				
24 Jul 2026	Executive	2026-2027 - Price reduction of Garden Waste	For Exec to review the cost of the Garden Waste subscription to be reduced	Yes
Executive Member - Finance				
2 Sep 2026	Executive	Corporate Food Poverty Policy	To approve the Corporate Food Poverty policy	Yes
2 Sep 2026	Executive	Quarter One 2026/7 Integrated Performance and Finance Forecast year end Outturn	Decision	Yes

DATE	PROPOSED DECISION MAKER	ISSUE	PURPOSE OF REPORT	KEY DECISION
7 Oct 2026	Executive	2027/28 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2027/28 to 2030/31 Update	Decision	Yes
7 Oct 2026	Executive	Welfare Strategy	To approve the proposed amends to the Welfare Strategy.	Yes
11 Nov 2026	Executive	Procurement Strategy 2027 - 2030	To present the updated Procurement Strategy for 2027 - 2030	No
9 Dec 2026	Executive	Quarter Two 2026/7 Integrated Performance and Finance Forecast year end Outturn	Decision	Yes
9 Dec 2026	Executive	2027/28 Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2027/28 to 2030/31	Decision.	Yes
3 Feb 2027	Executive	Quarter Three 2026/7 Integrated Performance and Finance Forecast year end Outturn	Decision	Yes
3 Feb 2027	Executive	2027/28 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2027/28 to 2030/31	Decision.	Yes
14 Apr 2027	Executive	Quarter Four 2026/27 Integrated Performance and Finance Year end Outturn	Decision	Yes

DATE	PROPOSED DECISION MAKER	ISSUE	PURPOSE OF REPORT	KEY DECISION
Executive Member - Neighbourhoods				
2 Sep 2026	Executive	Update on implementing the Neighbourhoods Model	This report is for information and is intended to provide an update on the progress being made on the neighbourhood plans which is part of the neighbourhood model.	No

COUNCIL MEETING – 15 JULY 2026
QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 4.8.15

QUESTION NO.	QUESTION FROM	QUESTION TO	QUESTION
1/26	Mr Mark Parker	Councillor Gavigan	Middlesbrough has committed to ambitious environmental targets, including biodiversity restoration, expanded tree and meadow planting, and progress toward the 2029/2039 net-zero goals. Given the scale of these commitments and the capacity challenges faced by councils nationally, would the Executive Member for Environment & Sustainability be open to exploring a collaboration model where independent organisations — working alongside Teesside University students — can help design, deliver, and monitor blue-green infrastructure projects that accelerate progress toward these targets?
2/26	Mr Gary King	The Mayor	What safeguards and audit trails does the Council have in place within its incident reporting systems to ensure that health and safety records cannot be deleted or altered after they have been submitted and can you confirm if the Council has identified any instances in the last 5 years where health and safety incident reports were deleted or removed from the official reporting system before their legal retention period expired?
3/26	Ms Lisa Nelson	The Mayor	Can you confirm when the Council's Whistleblowing Policy was last reviewed to ensure it aligns with the latest best practices for protecting those who speak up in the public interest and What specific mental health and legal support mechanisms does the Council provide to whistleblowers during and after an investigation to prevent victimisation or 'detriment' as defined under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998?

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Report of:	Councillor L Young, Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Board and Charlotte Benjamin, Director of Legal and Corporate (Monitoring Officer)
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Relevant Executive Member:	The Mayor
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Submitted to:	Council
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Date:	15 July 2026	
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Title:	Scrutiny Progress Report
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Report for:	Information
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Status:	Public
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Council Plan priority:	Delivering Best Value
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Key decision:	No
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Why:	Report is for information only
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Subject to call in?:	Not applicable
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Why:	Not Applicable	Council Report for information only
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Proposed decision(s)
That Council note the report.

Executive summary
To update the position in respect of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board and scrutiny panels. The current position regarding progress made by the Board and each of the panels is set out below.

1. Purpose of this report and its contribution to the achievement of the Council Plan ambitions

- 1.1 To update the position in respect of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board and scrutiny panels.

1.2

Our ambitions	Summary of how this report will support delivery of these ambitions and the underpinning aims
A successful and ambitious town	By responding effectively and efficiently to constitutional requirements the Council will maintain effective and robust governance arrangements. Robust governance arrangements will allow for effective decisions which inform all the Council's ambitions.
A healthy Place	
Safe and resilient communities	
Delivering best value	

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Council note the report.

3. Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

3.1 The Constitution requires the Council to be provided with an update with regard to the work of the Overview and Scrutiny function.

4. Background and relevant information:

Overview and Scrutiny Board

- 4.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Board met on 15 April 2026 and considered the draft final report following its short review into the Council's approach to poverty. The findings and recommendations of the review were endorsed by the Board and referred to the Executive.
- 4.2 Draft Terms of Reference for a short review on "what role do faith and belief groups play in civic life in Middlesbrough" were discussed and approved. It was intended that the review could contribute to the wider social cohesion agenda and aimed to assess how faith and belief groups could be engaged by the Council more effectively.
- 4.3 The Board also received updates from the Mayor on the Council's Continuous Improvement Plan and an update on his portfolio activity which included progress against key projects including the old town hall and southlands centre as well as continued efforts to improve open spaces
- 4.4 The Executive Member for Neighbourhoods was also in attendance to provide an update on his portfolio which included an update on the role of neighbourhood navigators and neighbourhood caretakers.
- 4.5 At the next meeting, scheduled for 7 July 2026, the Board was due consider a Final Report from the Children's Scrutiny Panel on Out of Area Specialist Provision, agree its Work Programme for 2026-2027 and receive a presentation on Corporate Performance.

5. Scrutiny Panel Updates

- 5.1 The updated position in respect of the work of each of the Council's scrutiny panels is shown below.

Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel

- 5.2 The Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel held an additional meeting on 18 May 2026 at which it considered the Draft Quality Account of University Hospitals Tees NHS Foundation Trust.
- 5.3 Members reviewed the Draft Quality Account and agreed a formal written response on behalf of the Panel.
- 5.4 The Panel met on 23 June 2026 for the first meeting of the 2026/2027 municipal year.
- 5.5 At the meeting, the Panel received overview presentations from the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board, Public Health South Tees, and Adult Social Care and Health. The presentations provided Members with an overview of key priorities, challenges, and areas of focus to inform the Panel's work programme.
- 5.6 Following consideration of a report on setting the work programme, the Panel noted the draft work programme and shortlisted a number of potential scrutiny investigation topics. It was agreed that further information would be provided on the shortlisted topics for consideration at a future meeting.
- 5.7 The Panel will continue its work programme development at its next meeting on 21 July 2026, where it will agree its scrutiny investigation topics, consider the final draft report on Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG): How to Tackle It, and receive updates from Adult Social Care on Digital Inclusion in Adult Social Care and Artificial Intelligence utilisation plans in Adult Social Care.

Children's Scrutiny Panel

- 5.8 Since the last update to Council, the Children's Scrutiny Panel met on 20 April 2026 to consider its draft final report on Out of Area Specialist Provision. Members discussed the report and formulated conclusions and recommendations based on the evidence received throughout the review. It was agreed that the final report would be submitted to the next available Overview and Scrutiny Board for consideration, prior to submission to the Executive. Subsequently, the Panel's final report will be submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Board on 7 July 2026.
- 5.9 The Corporate Director of Children's Services was in attendance at the meeting and provided the Panel with a verbal update in relation to national and local developments, including:
- Policy changes that required the development of a local plan in response to the Government's SEND reforms and associated white paper.
 - Social care reforms including a review of children's social care teams and strengthening collaboration with regional and multi-agency colleagues.

- Update on Children's Services Improvement Plan developed in response to a focused visit from Ofsted to the 'front door' in December 2025.

5.10 The Panel's first meeting of the 2026/27 Municipal Year, scheduled for 29 June 2026, was cancelled due to a full inspection of Children's Services, by Ofsted, taking place. The Panel's first meeting would now take place on Monday, 27 July 2026 at 4.30pm when a Service Overview, highlighting the key priorities and challenges for the year ahead, would be presented and Members would also be asked to consider selecting topics for its Work Programme.

Place Scrutiny Panel

5.11 At the Place Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 30 March 26, the Corporate Director of Regeneration was in attendance and provided the Panel with an overview on the Council's Role in Housing. The panel were advised that the Council was a diverse organisation with housing cutting across several departments although there was no specific housing department. Members were advised that there had been a recent appointment to the role of Head of Strategic Housing which sat within the Regeneration Directorate.

5.12 The Head of Culture was also in attendance at the meeting. Members were advised of an ambitious 5-year plan to transform Middlesbrough by scaling up cultural programming, maximising visibility and deepening reach into Middlesbrough communities towards a major celebration of Middlesbrough's industrial heritage and creative future for the Bicentenary year in 2030.

5.13 At the meeting of 27 April 2026 the District Environment Lead from Erimus Rotary Club was in attendance and provided the Panel with an update on the plans the Erimus Rotary Club had to celebrate Middlesbrough's Bicentenary. The Erimus Rotary Club are currently planning a project of three dimensions which incorporated the past, present and future.

5.14 The Development Control Manager was also in attendance at this meeting and provided an update on Section 106 Agreements. A Section 106 Agreement is a legally binding contract between a local planning authority and a developer/landowner that is deemed to make development acceptable. It can include affordable housing, schools, transport improvements and other additions. Neighbourhood Plans provided a framework for the type of provisions that would be sought through Section 106 agreements.

5.15 The final report on Barriers to Regeneration was submitted to the Executive on 10 June 2026, the report and accompanying recommendations were noted and the Executive approved the action plan prepared by the service area in response to the recommendations.

5.16 The Panel's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 6 July 2026 at 1.30pm.

Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

5.17 The Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee met on 12 March 2026 and considered the following agenda items;

- North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account for 2025/26.
- Tees Esk and Wear Valley (TEWV) NHS Foundation Trust Urgent Care Mental Health Crisis Update.
- Tees Esk and Wear Valley (TEWV) NHS Foundation Trust - Quality Account for 2025/26.

5.18 Members were advised that meetings of the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2026/27 will be administered by Middlesbrough Council.

Scrutiny Reports Submitted to Executive

5.19 The following reports have been reported to Executive since the last update to Council:

- OSB Task and Finish Group Final Report (Community Cohesion) (8 April 2026)
- Final Report of the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel - Healthy Placemaking with a focus on Childhood Obesity (10 June 2026)
- Final Report of the Place Scrutiny Panel - Barriers to Regeneration (10 June 2026)

6. Ward Member Engagement if relevant and appropriate.

6.1 Not applicable.

7. Other potential alternative(s) and why these have not been recommended

7.1 That an update on the work of the scrutiny function is not provided to full Council. This would not comply with the requirements for updates on the scrutiny function, to be reported to full Council.

8. Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Topic	Impact
Financial (including Social Value)	There are no financial implications or impact on any budgets or the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) arising from the content of this report.
Procurement	Not applicable as this is a report to update Council on the work of the scrutiny function.
Legal	The Constitution requires regular updates on the scrutiny function, to be submitted to full Council.
Risk	Failure to adhere to Local Code of Corporate Governance and deliver governance improvements outlined in the Annual Governance Statement.

	If updates on the work of the scrutiny function were not provided to Council, this would not be in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.
Human Rights, Public Sector Equality Duty and Community Cohesion	Not applicable as this is a report to update Council on the work of the scrutiny function and does not change any policy.
Reducing Poverty	Not applicable as this is a report to update Council on the work of the scrutiny function and does not change any policy.
Climate Change / Environmental	Not applicable as this is a report to update Council on the work of the scrutiny function and does not change any policy.
Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers	Not applicable as this is a report to update Council on the work of the scrutiny function and does not change any policy.
Data Protection	Not applicable as this is a report to update Council on the work of the scrutiny function and does not change any policy.

Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)

Action	Responsible Officer	Deadline

Appendices

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Background papers

Body	Report title	Date

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**COUNCIL MEETING – 15 JULY 2026
NOTICE OF MOTIONS 182 AND 183
COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NOS. 4.28 – 4.34**

MOTION NO.	PROPOSER	SECONDER	MOTION
182	Councillor L Young	Councillor J Ewan	Planning reform - 'track record' test for developers This Council notes that: 1. The quality, pace and completion of development directly affects residents' quality of life. 2. Communities here and across the country are blighted by stalled or abandoned schemes and long-term derelict 'blight sites', often where developers have secured permission but failed to build out. 3. Under current planning law there is no clear, statutory 'track record' test for developers, and councils have limited ability to take full account of an applicant's track record of delivery and compliance. This Council believes that: 4. A developer's track record - including any pattern of uncompleted developments or creation of blight sites - should be a material consideration when determining planning applications. 5. Councils should have explicit powers to require transparency over ownership and company structures, and to refuse, condition or phase permissions where there is evidence of repeated failure to deliver or serious non-compliance.

			This Council therefore resolves to: 6. Write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities, and Local Government to call on the UK Government to reform planning law and policy, including the Town and Country Planning Act and the National Planning Policy Framework, to: • Introduce a statutory 'track record' test for developers; • Make a clear track record of uncompleted developments and blight sites a material planning consideration; and • Strengthen councils' powers to secure completion, remediation and timely delivery of sites. 7. Write to: • Both Members of Parliament representing Middlesbrough; and • The Local Government Association, setting out the Council's position and seeking support for these reforms.
183	Councillor I Morrish	Councillor M Saunders	Improving the Handling of Member's Code of Conduct Complaints procedure: * Public confidence in the standards regime depends upon complaints being handled fairly, transparently and within reasonable timescales. * The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman expects councils to determine complaints within a reasonable period, and Middlesbrough Council has consistently failed to meet those expectations. * Unlike many local authorities, Middlesbrough Council has no clear maximum timetable governing the completion of Members' Code of Conduct complaints, leading to unnecessary delays and reduced confidence in the standards process.

			* The Monitoring Officer has access to commissioned resources, including Independent Persons and external legal advisers, and therefore delays attributable to those parties should not be treated as exceptional circumstances. This Council believes that: * Members and the public are entitled to a complaints process that is timely, transparent and accountable. * Delays undermine confidence in the standards framework and the Council's commitment to good governance. * Introducing clear performance standards and democratic oversight of lengthy investigations will improve efficiency and public trust. Council therefore resolves that: 1. A maximum target of 20 weeks shall apply to the completion of all Members' Code of Conduct complaints from the date the complaint is received to the conclusion of the matter. 2. The only exception to this maximum target timescale shall be where delays arise from external statutory bodies outside the Council's control, such as the police or other law enforcement agencies. 3. Time taken by individuals or organisations commissioned, instructed or engaged by the Council—including Independent Persons, external solicitors or any other advisers—shall count within the maximum 20 weeks period, as these resources are under the authority's control. 4. Where an investigation cannot reasonably be completed within the 20 week limit, the Monitoring Officer will report any delays to the Standards Committee via the quarterly report and the monthly email updates to Members of the Standards Committee.
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			5. The Monitoring Officer is instructed to prepare and implement a formal Code of Conduct Complaints Timetable and Procedure incorporating these requirements and to report regularly to Council on compliance with the agreed standards. Council further believes that adopting a clear timetable comparable to that used by many other local authorities will strengthen governance, improve accountability, drive greater efficiency within the standards process and restore confidence amongst councillors and the public that complaints will be dealt with promptly and fairly.
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Report of:	Director of Regeneration – Richard Horniman
Relevant Executive Member:	Executive Member for Development – Cllr Theo Furness
Submitted to:	Council
Date:	15 July 2026
Title:	Adoption of the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan 2024 – 2039
Report for:	Decision
Status:	Public
Council Plan priority:	A successful and ambitious town
Key decision:	No
Why:	Not applicable
Subject to call in?	No
Why:	Council Decision

Proposed decision(s)
That the Council Adopts the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan 2024 – 2039.

Executive summary
The Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared by the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Forum and, following the Independent Examination, as recently been subject to a referendum in accordance with the legislation. The referendum returned a 'Yes' vote which means the Council must now formally 'make' the Plan by adopting it as part of the statutory development plan for the area. The implications of the recommendation(s) have been considered by the appropriate officers of the Council and are set out in the main body of the report.

1. Purpose of this report and its contribution to the achievement of the Council Plan ambitions

1.1 The Report seeks the adoption of the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan.

Our ambitions	Summary of how this report will support delivery of these ambitions and the underpinning aims
A successful and ambitious town	The Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan and associated modifications, sets out policies for the delivery of sustainable development that supports new housing development and economic growth.
A healthy Place	The Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan includes policies that seek improvements to health facilities in the area.
Safe and resilient communities	The Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan includes policies that are focused on securing well-designed development that helps design out crime.
Delivering best value	The Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared to positively secure new, high-quality development that will deliver new homes.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Council

- adopts the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan 2024 – 2039 incorporating the recommendations of the Examiner's Report, including the modifications proposed by the Examiner.

3. Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

3.1 Following the outcome of the referendum, the Council is required to formally adopt the Plan. The Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the statutory development plan for the area.

3.2 The decision to approve Neighbourhood Plans is a non-Executive function, and must be made by the Borough Council, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, and the Council's constitution.

4. Background and relevant information

4.1 In January 2026, a report was brought to Council which approved the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan 2024 – 2039. This decision allowed the plan to incorporate the recommendations of the Examiner's Report (including the modifications proposed by the Examiner) following the Independent Examination of the Plan. It also allowed the Plan to progress to Referendum in accordance with the legislation.

4.2 A copy of the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan 2024 – 2039 is included as Appendix 2 of this report.

Referendum

4.3 On 19th March 2026, as part of the requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning process, a referendum took place in the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Area (which aligns to the Coulby Newham Ward). Residents in this area were asked the following question:

Do you want us to use the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan to help decide planning applications in the Coulby Newham area?

4.4 The results of the referendum were as follows:

- **Yes – 501 votes**
- No – 135 votes
- Electorate: 6,265 voters
- Ballot papers issued: 637
- Turnout: 10.17% of voters

4.5 If more than half of those voting in the referendum support the Plan, the legislation requires the Council to formally adopt (“make”) the Plan, after which it becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area.

4.6 Following a ‘Yes’ vote in the referendum, the Council must formally ‘make’ and formally adopt the neighbourhood plan within 8 weeks of the successful referendum.

4.7 The Council is already outside of this 8-week timeframe due to the timing of the referendum and the requirement for the final report to be considered by Full Council. The July meeting of Full Council is the first opportunity since the referendum took place for the Council to make this decision. This delay could expose the Council to intervention from the Secretary of State, reference to the Local Government Ombudsman and potentially also judicial review if sufficient weight isn’t given to the neighbourhood plan following the referendum.

5. Ward Member Engagement if relevant and appropriate

5.1 The Members for Coulby Newham Ward have been briefed on the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan and the recommendations set out in this report.

6. Other potential alternative(s) and why these have not been recommended

6.1 Under the legislation, the Council is required to formally ‘make’ the plan through adopting it as part of the statutory development plan for the area. Therefore, there are no potential alternative options.

7. Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Topic	Impact
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Financial (including Social Value)	The are no financial implications associated with adopting the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan.
Procurement	The are no procurement implications associated with adopting the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan.
Legal	Following a 'Yes' vote in the referendum, the Council must formally 'make' and formally adopt the neighbourhood plan within 8 weeks of the successful referendum. The Council is already outside of this 8-week timeframe and this delay could potentially expose the Council to intervention from the Secretary of State, reference to the Local Government Ombudsman and potentially also judicial review if sufficient weight isn't given to the neighbourhood plan following the referendum in any relevant planning decisions. Once adopted the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the statutory development plan for the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Area (which is coterminous with the Coulby Newham Ward). Until the neighbourhood plan is adopted it cannot be given full legal weight in planning decisions made by the Council. However, as the plan was approved following a referendum, material weight can and should be given to the plan in accordance with paragraph 49 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
Risk	O8-055 - If the Council doesn't respond effectively and efficiently to legislative changes it could be in breach of statutory duties in relation to service delivery and fail to make the most of opportunities. The Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared in accordance with the legislation and latest Government guidance, so this will have a positive impact on this risk.
Human Rights, Public Sector Equality Duty and Community Cohesion	An impact assessment has been completed and is attached to this report at Appendix 1. This concluded that there will not be an adverse impact on individual human rights.
Reducing Poverty	The Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan does not impact on Reducing Poverty.
Climate Change / Environmental	The Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan sets out a policy framework to deliver sustainable development, including policies that will help mitigate the impact of climate change.
Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers	The Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan does not impact on Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers.

Data Protection	There are no Data Protection or GDPR issues regarding the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan.
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Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)

Action	Responsible Officer	Deadline
Publish a Decision Statement on the Council's website and send copies to the Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Forum and other consultees who have requested to be notified of the decision.	Alex Conti Strategic Policy Manager	30 July 2026

Appendices

1	Initial Impact Assessment
2	Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan 2024 – 2039

Background papers

Body	Report title	Date
Middlesbrough Council	Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Plan – Approval of the Recommendations of the Examiner's Report and Referendum	14 January 2026

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Report of:	Charlotte Benjamin, Director of Legal and Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer)
Submitted to:	Council
Date:	15 July 2026
Title:	Vacancies on Committees and Outside Bodies 2026-2027
Report for:	Decision
Status:	Public
Council Plan priority:	Delivering Best Value

Proposed decision(s)
That the Council approves: subject to receipt of nominations to the vacancies listed at paragraph 2.1 of the report, the places allocated in accordance with the wishes of the political groups and other Councillors and fills the vacancies.

Executive summary
The report seeks Members' approval for nominations of appointment to vacant positions on Committees, Scrutiny Panels and Outside Bodies, due to vacancies that were not filled at the Annual Council Meeting and resignations from Committees.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To seek Members' approval for nominations of appointment to vacant positions on Committees, Scrutiny Panels and Outside Bodies, following resignations and vacancies that remain, following the Annual Council Meeting.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Council approves:

The places allocated in accordance with the wishes of the political groups and other Councillors and fills the following vacancies:

Council Committees

Audit Committee - 1 vacancy

Constitution and Members' Development Committee – 1 vacancy

Licensing Committee – 3 vacancies

Teesside Pension Fund Committee – 2 vacancies

Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Panel – 1 vacancy

Children's Scrutiny Panel – 1 vacancy

Place Scrutiny Panel – 1 vacancy

Working Groups

Corporate Health and Safety Steering Group – 3 vacancies

Works Council – 2 vacancies

Outside Bodies

Council Appointments

South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee – 2 vacancies (reserved to Labour)

Hartlepool Power Station Local Liaison Committee - 1 vacancy

Council/Executive Appointments

Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency – 1 vacancy

Executive Appointments

Staying Put Advisory Committee – 1 vacancy

3. Background and relevant information

- 3.1 Following resignations from Committees and place on Committees and Outside Bodies that were not taken up at the Annual Council meeting, several vacancies exist. Council is required to consider and approve nominations for appointment to the vacancies.

4. Other potential alternative(s) and why these have not been recommended

- 4.1 Do Nothing – This option could result in meetings becoming inquorate and could result in the decision-making process being delayed.

5. Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Topic	Impact
Financial (including Social Value)	There are no financial implications or impact on any budgets or the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) arising from the content of this report.
Procurement	Not applicable as this is a report to approve appointments to Committee, Working Group and Outside Body vacancies in accordance with the Constitution.
Legal	The Council is required to agree appointments to Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.
Risk	Failure to adhere to Local Code of Corporate Governance and deliver governance improvements outlined in the Annual Governance Statement. By ensuring that meetings are quorate then the Council is ensuring that good governance is in place and in line with the requirements of the Council's Constitution. If the Council does not respond effectively and efficiently to legislative changes it could be in breach of statutory duties in relation to service delivery and fail to make the most of opportunities. The Council has a duty to appoint to any vacant places on Committees, Working Groups and Outside Bodies to ensure that all meetings remain quorate. This will have a positive impact on this risk as the Council is fulfilling its duties.
Human Rights, Public Sector Equality Duty and Community Cohesion	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. It is considered that an equality impact assessment is not required.
Reducing Poverty	Not applicable as this is a report in relation to committee vacancies and does not change any policy.
Climate Change / Environmental	Not applicable as this is a report in relation to committee vacancies and does not change any policy.
Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers	Not applicable as this is a report in relation to committee vacancies and does not change any policy.
Data Protection	Not applicable as this is a report in relation to committee vacancies and does not change any policy.

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Background papers

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Report of:	Charlotte Benjamin, Corporate Director of Legal and Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer)
Submitted to:	Council
Date:	15 July 2026
Title:	Reciprocal Arrangement for Independent Persons
Report for:	Decision
Status:	Public
Council Plan priority:	Delivering Best Value

Proposed decision(s)
That the Council approves: - entering into a reciprocal arrangement with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council for the cross-authority use of appointed Independent Persons (IPs) - the appointment of the designated Independent Persons duly appointed by Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council under the Localism Act 2011 to act as substitute Independent Persons for Middlesbrough Council, subject to conflict of interest checks.

Executive summary
The Localism Act 2011 (the Act) places the Council under a duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct for elected and co-opted members. The Act requires that the Council has Code of Conduct Complaint Arrangements (the Arrangements) in place to handle complaints relating to allegations of breaches of the Council's adopted Members Code of Conduct (The Code). Under S.28(7) of the Act, the Council is required to appoint at least one Independent Person whose views are to be sought in relation to complaints before making a decision on an allegation of a breach of the Code. Middlesbrough Council has appointed two independent Persons. Having a small pool of IPs to rely on creates a vulnerability in the event of unexpected conflicts of interest, IP absences or limits of IP capacity. A reciprocal arrangement with Redcar and Cleveland

Borough Council is considered necessary to ensure that the Council still has access to an alternative IP.

When a Council requires an independent person's advice but the one(s) appointed is unavailable, a cost neutral reciprocal arrangement allows each Council to quickly borrow a fully trained IP to ensure continued adherence with the Act, enabling compliance with the Council's existing Code of Conduct Arrangements and providing resilience in the administration of Code of Conduct complaints by reducing any delay in their handling.

It is a requirement of the Act that full Council formally approves the appointment of IPs. Approval by Full Council of the appointment of Independent Persons, duly appointed by Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council under the Localism Act 2011, as substitute Independent Persons for Middlesbrough Council under a reciprocal arrangement, is sufficient for the purposes of the Act.

1. Purpose of this report and its contribution to the achievement of the Council Plan ambitions

- 1.1 An IP's role is to enable the public to have confidence in how the Council deals with allegations of misconduct by members or co-opted Members.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a reciprocal arrangement with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council for the cross-authority use of each council's appointed IPs in the event of their own IP's unavailability.
- 1.3 This is to ensure resilience, business continuity, and proactive management of IP conflicts of interest where they arise in the processing of Member Code of Conduct Complaints.

Our ambitions	Summary of how this report will support delivery of these ambitions and the underpinning aims
A successful and ambitious town	This report will support the delivery of all these ambitions, and the underpinning aims to deliver best value by ensuring robust and effective corporate and ethical governance around Code of Conduct complaint's handling and decision making.
A healthy Place	
Safe and resilient communities	
Delivering best value	

2. Recommendations

That the Council approves:

- entering into a reciprocal arrangement with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council for the cross-authority use of appointed Independent Persons (IPs)
- the appointment of the designated Independent Persons duly appointed by Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council under the Localism Act 2011 to act as

substitute Independent Persons for Middlesbrough Council, subject to conflict of interest checks.

3. Background and relevant information

- 3.1 The Independent Person must be consulted by the Monitoring Officer and have his or her views taken into account to assess the appropriate course of action with regard to a complaint, at each decision-making stage. The Monitoring Officer may also consult the Independent Person at any stage in the process. The views of the Independent Person may be sought in other circumstances by the Council and also by a member or co-opted member that is the subject of an allegation under the Code.
- 3.2 The role of the Independent Person is crucial in ensuring public confidence in the Council's local ethical framework. The Monitoring Officer consults the IPs at each of the different stages of the complaint process.
- 3.3 Although the Council's existing arrangements comply with the requirements of the Act, occasions can arise where the Council's appointed IPs cannot act due to:
 - a) Direct or indirect conflicts of interest (personal or professional or prior business relationship with the complainant or subject member).
 - b) Numerous simultaneous complaints which exceed local IP capacity
 - c) Unavailability of the IPs (e.g. holidays, sickness or other personal absence).
- 3.4 Instead of undertaking the cost of recruiting an endless reserve pool of IPs, having a reciprocal arrangement with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council offers a secure legal backup for the Council's Code of Conduct Arrangements. The reciprocal arrangement would offer a more cost-effective solution to the infrequent need for a substitute IP.
- 3.5 It is a requirement of the Localism Act 2011 that full Council formally approves the appointment of an Independent Persons. Approval by Full Council of the appointment of Independent Persons, duly appointed by Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council under the Act, as substitute Independent Persons for Middlesbrough Council under a reciprocal arrangement, is sufficient for the purposes of the Act.

4. Other potential alternative(s) and why these have not been recommended

- 4.1 Another potential alternative option available to the council is to carry out a separate recruitment process to enlarge the Council's available pool of IPs. This would involve a fresh recruitment process and require a retainer to be paid to any successful candidate to ensure their availability in the event that their services as an IP being required:
 - a) If the recruitment process is successful, this will represent an additional cost for the Council, per newly appointed IP, as opposed to the cost neutral option available in sharing IPs under a reciprocal arrangement, in the event of need, due to conflict of interests or other reasons arising.

- b) If the recruitment process is not successful, the council will not have an available IP in the event of the existing Council IPs being conflicted out, meaning the complaints would be subject to delay whilst an alternative IP solution was found.

4.2 The proposed recommendation of a reciprocal arrangement is considered necessary to ensure that the Council still has access to an alternative IP, enabling compliance with the Council's existing Code of Conduct Arrangements and providing resilience in the administration of Code of Conduct complaints by reducing any delay in their handling.

5. Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Topic	Impact
Financial (including Social Value)	There are no financial implications or impact on any budgets. Entering into a reciprocal arrangement with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council would offer a cost neutral solution to the infrequent need for a substitute IP.
Procurement	There are no procurement implications arising from the recommendations in this report.
Legal	Entering into a reciprocal arrangement with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council will ensure Middlesbrough Council still has access to an impartial IP when this Council's two IPs are not available, it ensures that the Council can comply with the requirements of the Localism Act and this Council's Code of Conduct Complaints arrangements. Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council operate under similar code of conduct arrangements and complaints procedures, therefore there are no concerns with regard to consistency. The sharing of IP's (when needed) will prevent delays in the handling of Code of Conduct Complaints
Risk	This decision will have a positive impact and support good governance and transparency
Human Rights, Public Sector Equality Duty and Community Cohesion	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised therefore an equality impact assessment is not required.
Reducing Poverty	The decision will have no impact on this area, either positively or negatively.
Climate Change / Environmental	The decision will have no impact on this area, either positively or negatively.
Children and Young People Cared for by	The decision will have no impact on this area, either positively or negatively.

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Data Protection	The decision will have no impact on this area, either positively or negatively. The substitute IP will be considered an office holder of this Council in accordance with the duty under s.28(7) of the Localism Act 2011 and would therefore be subject to this Council's Data Protection policies for the duration of their handling of this Council's Code of Conduct complaints.

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Report of:	Corporate Director of Legal and Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer), Charlotte Benjamin
Submitted to:	Council
Date:	15 July 2026
Title:	Extraordinary Council Meeting - Resolution
Report for:	Decision
Status:	Public
Council Plan priority:	Delivering Best Value

Proposed decision(s)
That Council resolves to: • call an Extraordinary meeting of the Council for the purposes of granting the Freedom of the Borough to Mr Dave Budd. • agree that the date of the Extraordinary meeting will be determined with the approval of the Chair of Council.

Executive summary
The report seeks Council approval, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.8.5 (ii) to agree a resolution to call an Extraordinary meeting of Council for the purpose of granting the Freedom of the Borough to Mr Dave Budd. If Council resolve to call an Extraordinary meeting then the date of that meeting will be agreed with the Chair of the Council and arrangements will be made for a Freedom Ceremony to take place.

1. **Purpose of this report and its contribution to the achievement of the Council Plan ambitions**
 - 1.1 To seek approval of Council, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.8.5 (ii) to agree a resolution to call an Extraordinary meeting of Council for the purpose of granting the Freedom of the Borough to Mr Dave Budd.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Council resolves to:

- (i) call an Extraordinary meeting of the Council for the purposes of granting the Freedom of the Borough to Mr David Budd.
- (ii) agree that the date of the Extraordinary meeting will be determined with the approval of the Chair of Council

3. Background and relevant information

- 3.1 The Council of every Borough may from time to time, by the authority of not less than two-thirds of their number present and voting at a meeting of the Council specially called for the purpose with notice of the object, admit to be Honorary Proposed Freeman of the Borough, persons of distinction and any persons who have rendered eminent services to the Borough.
- 3.2 One such person of distinction has been nominated to be admitted to be Honorary Proposed Freeman of the Borough: Dave Budd in recognition of his decades of service to the people of Middlesbrough. Dave Budd has served the town in public office for almost 30 years as Ward Councillor, Executive Member for Regeneration and Culture and Mayor of Middlesbrough.
- 3.3 Subject to approval of the recommendations set out at 2.1 in this report, suitable arrangements will be made for the Freedom Ceremony.

4. Other potential alternative(s) and why these have not been recommended

- 4.1 There is an option not to call an Extraordinary Council meeting. This is not recommended as the Freedom Ceremony could not take place.

5. Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Topic	Impact
Financial (including Social Value)	If Council agree to the Extraordinary Council meeting there will be costs associated with the Freedom Ceremony. The costs are anticipated to be approximately £1,000 and will be met directly from the Democratic Services budget
Procurement	Not applicable as this is a report requesting an Extraordinary Council meeting.
Legal	There are no legal implications as a result of this decision.
Risk	There is no impact on risk as a result of this decision.
Human Rights, Public Sector Equality Duty and Community Cohesion	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. It is considered that an equality impact assessment is not required.
Reducing Poverty	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.

Climate Change / Environmental	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.
Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.
Data Protection	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.

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Report of:	Charlotte Benjamin, Corporate Director of Legal and Corporate Services (Monitoring Officer)
Submitted to:	Council
Date:	15 July 2026
Title:	Amendments to Council Meeting Dates 2026-2027
Report for:	Decision
Status:	Public
Council Plan priority:	Delivering Best Value

Proposed decision(s)
That Council approves: the amended meeting date as detailed at paragraph 3.1 of this report as follows: • Annual Council Meeting – new date: Wednesday 26 May 2027 That Council notes: the amended meeting date as detailed at paragraph 3.2 of this report as follows: • Children’s Scrutiny Panel – new date: Monday 30 March 2027

Executive summary
At the Annual Council Meeting held on 20 May 2026, Council approved a timetable of meeting dates for the Municipal Year 2026-2027, for Council, Executive, Overview and Scrutiny Board, Scrutiny Panels, and working groups. Subsequent to the Annual Meeting, two changes to the previously agreed timetable have been proposed.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval of an amendment to the date of the next Annual Council Meeting and to note a change to the date of a meeting of the Children's Scrutiny Panel in 2027.

2. Recommendations

That Council approves:

the amended meeting date as detailed at paragraph 3.1 of this report as follows:

- Annual Council Meeting – new date: Wednesday 26 May 2027

That Council notes:

the amended meeting date as detailed at paragraph 3.2 of this report as follows:

- Children's Scrutiny Panel – new date: Monday 30 March 2027

3. Background and relevant information

- 3.1 The Constitution requires that Council approves a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council and its Non-executive Committees for the Municipal Year 2026-2027. Subsequent to the approval of the programme at the Annual Council Meeting held on 20 May 2026, Council is requested to approve the following change:

Annual Council Meeting – new date: Wednesday 26 May 2027

- 3.2 Council is also requested to note the following change:

Children's Scrutiny Panel – new date: Monday 30 March 2027

- 3.3 It had been identified that the original date agreed for the Annual Council Meeting in 2027 had been scheduled for a Thursday rather than the usual Wednesday.

- 3.4 It had been identified that the original date agreed for the second March meeting of Children's Scrutiny Panel had been scheduled on a Bank Holiday.

4. Other potential alternative(s) and why these have not been recommended

- 4.1 Do Nothing: No Council decisions would be able to be taken if there were no meetings scheduled.

5. Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Topic	Impact
Financial (including Social Value)	There are no financial implications or impact on any budgets or the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) arising from the content of this report.

Procurement	Not applicable as this is a report to amend the timetable of Council meetings for the Municipal Year 2026-2027.
Legal	As per Council Procedure Rule 4.8.3(b)(x) of the Constitution, the Council is required to agree a timetable of Council meetings for the Municipal Year 2026-2027.
Risk	Failure to adhere to Local Code of Corporate Governance and deliver governance improvements outlined in the Annual Governance Statement. By setting the diary of meetings for the year the Council is ensuring that good governance is in place in line with the Council's Constitution so this would have a positive impact on this risk. If the Council does not respond effectively and efficiently to legislative changes it could be in breach of statutory duties in relation to service delivery and fail to make the most of opportunities. The Council is obliged to hold meetings with members of the public being able to provide questions. By setting a diary of meetings this allows this to happen and has a positive impact on the Council fulfilling its statutory duties.
Human Rights, Public Sector Equality Duty and Community Cohesion	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. It is considered that an equality impact assessment is not required.
Reducing Poverty	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.
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Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers	The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised.
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