

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

Date: Wednesday 26th July, 2023
Time: 4.00 pm
Venue: Mandela Room

AGENDA

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Following the decommissioning of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel in April 2023, the Minutes from the Panel's meeting of the 23 March 2023 will be submitted to OSB for consideration.

7. Executive Member update - Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Education and Culture

The Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Education and Culture will be attendance to provide an overview of her portfolio.

8. Executive Forward Work Programme 17 - 30
9. Middlesbrough Boundary Review 2023

The Head of Legal Services (People) will be in attendance to provide a verbal update on Middlesbrough's Boundary Review 2023.

10. Scrutiny Chairs Update

Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel
Councillor J. Walker (Chair)

Children & Young People's Scrutiny Panel
Councillor E. Clynch (Chair)

Environment Scrutiny Panel
Councillor J. Ryles (Chair)

Health Scrutiny Panel
Councillor J. Banks (Chair)

Regeneration Scrutiny Panel
Councillor I. Blades (Chair)

11. Any other urgent items which, in the opinion of the Chair, may be considered.

Charlotte Benjamin
Director of Legal and Governance Services

Town Hall
Middlesbrough
Tuesday 18 July 2023

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors M Storey (Chair), J Kabuye (Vice-Chair), J Banks, I Blades, E Clynch, D Davison, S Dean, J Ewan, M McClintock, J Platt, J Ryles, M Smiles and J Walker

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

A meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board was held on Tuesday 28 March 2023.

PRESENT: Councillors T Mawston (Vice-Chair in the Chair), D Davison, C Hobson, D McCabe, C McIntyre, J Platt, M Storey and J Thompson

OFFICERS: S Bonner

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors M Saunders, R Arundale, C Cooke and D Jones

22/170 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

22/171 **MINUTES - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD - 12 JANUARY 2023**

The minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 12 January 2023 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

22/172 **MINUTES - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD - 8 FEBRUARY 2023**

The minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 8 February 2023 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

22/173 **MINUTES - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD - 22 FEBRUARY 2023**

The minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 22 February 2023 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

22/174 **EXECUTIVE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which identified the forthcoming issues to be considered by the Executive, as outlined in Appendix A to the report. The report provided the Overview and Scrutiny Board with the opportunity to consider whether any item contained within the Executive Forward Work Programme should be considered by the Board, or referred to a Scrutiny Panel.

ORDERED: the report be noted

22/175 **FINAL REPORT OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIAL CARE AND SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL - SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO PREPARE FOR ADULTHOOD AND INDEPENDENCE**

The Chair of the Children and Young People's Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel presented the Panel's Final Report and draft recommendations in relation to its review of Supporting Young People to Prepare for Adulthood and Independence.

The Board was asked to consider the following recommendations:

Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

A) That clear pathways be established for young people, whatever their status (care leavers, SEN or having a disability), including flowcharts, to help young people and practitioners understand processes in place, options available and ensuring everyone is aware of available support/services.

B) Whilst the SEND and Inclusion, Children with Disabilities, Early Help and Pathways (Leaving Care) services all work closely with Adult Social Care colleagues to ensure a smooth transition to adult social care, where determined appropriate, the Panel recommends that an Adult Social Worker be allocated to the young person between the age of 17 and 17.5 years to ensure a

smooth handover and seamless transition for the young person and their family/carers and to establish appropriate

pathways plans, clearly setting out how the young person will be supported to become an independent adult and identifying the team around the young person.

C) To bridge the gap for a small number of young people with a disability or learning difficulty where their needs assessment outcome is a health need, that health colleagues begin to work with the young person from age 17, rather than 18, to ensure a smooth transition from Children's Social Care, again with clear pathway planning (as B. above).

D) That work with Health colleagues be strengthened, particularly around joint commissioning and that appropriate health colleagues be invited to relevant groups and Strategic Board meetings associated with SEND to ensure joint working and service development.

E) To establish a mechanism, including a Forum for parents/carers, to raise awareness between all groups associated with SEND so that everyone is aware of the work taking place within each of the groups so that opportunities for collaboration can be identified and duplication can be avoided.

F) To ensure effective use of the Education Health and Care (EHC) process for young people with an identified SEND, up to the age of 25, to drive decision making and commissioning decisions in respect of the young person.

Care Leavers

G) In line with Ofsted's findings from its monitoring visit to the Pathways (Leaving Care) Service in November 2022, in relation to areas requiring improvement, the Panel recommends that these areas be taken forward as part of the Improvement Plan and that progress be monitored and reported back to the Panel in six months' time.

H) Ensure that all young people in care are introduced to the Pathways (Leaving Care) service at age 16 and that the process of being allocated a Personal Advisor to help support them in the transition of leaving care and preparation for independence be fully discussed with young people, taking into consideration their views and wishes.

I) That adequate preparation and support in essential skills (such as cooking, shopping and money management) should be discussed as early as possible and regularly with young people to ensure they feel confident in performing such tasks independently once they do leave care and also that they are aware of who they can contact for help and support if needed.

Term of Reference A – To consider how the Council seeks to secure employment or training for young people with care experience and/or special needs

J) That there is greater promotion of Middlesbrough Community Learning across all Council services, particularly Children's Services, to ensure all staff are aware of the support that MCL can offer to young people, particularly those with care experience, additional needs or those who are NEET. This should include:-

- i) Appropriate representatives (Head of Service/Managers from the MCL Teams) to attend a Children's Services LMT to promote their work and advise how they can potentially support vulnerable young people in a range of post-16 employment, education, training or apprenticeship pathways available to them. The information should be disseminated to Team Managers and staff across Children's Services to ensure that all Social Workers, Practitioners and Personal Advisors are aware of the pathways available through MCL and to appropriately signpost young people (and their families/carers) to the service.
- ii) Better promotion of the 50 Futures Programme across all Council services, including information on support provided to placement providers and the benefits of providing a 50 Futures placement for a young person.

K) That the Action Plan currently being developed with the Virtual School and MCL be provided to the Panel upon completion, for information, and that students currently monitored by the virtual school be provided with the advice needed, in sufficient time before leaving school, of

the pathways available to them, including those available through MCL for those where college was not a viable option.

Term of Reference B - To look at ways in which young people with care experience are supported and encouraged to actively participate – with service development and part within their community

L) The Panel supports the continuation of ongoing work by the Council's Participation Team with a range of care experienced young people through a range of groups and forums and encourages alternative, innovative ways of engaging those young people who may not necessarily want to meet in person but may still have valuable feedback to share in terms of shaping service development, for example, through the app/online.

M) To strengthen the programme of participation and inclusion for young people with SEND, and their families/carers, in order for them to contribute to service development, policies and procedures – ensuring their needs are met.

Term of Reference C - To consider, where it is appropriate for a young person to move to supported accommodation or independent living, the options available and the support provided to young people and their families/carers (where appropriate) to prepare and plan for independent living

N) The Panel is supportive of the future accommodation proposals being developed in partnership with housing providers, particularly in relation to care leavers, and requests an update in relation to progress in the next six months.

O) That, in the development of the future accommodation proposals for care leavers, all relevant partners work together to ensure a package of holistic support is provided for each individual, tailored to meet their specific needs and that a detailed plan be produced, clearly setting out each element of the support to be provided to the individual. This plan should be provided to the young person and shared with professionals supporting them.

P) That all accommodation is checked by the housing provider and relevant children's social care staff to ensure that it meets the required living standards and is located in an area considered to be suitable for the young person, also taking into consideration the young person's wishes.

Q) Once finalised and approved, the proposals for independent tenancies with RSLs (housing providers) should be incorporated into the Sufficiency Action Plan (theme 4 – Improving Placements and Support for Care Leavers) which forms part of the Corporate Parenting Strategy.

R) That a directory be compiled for young people moving to independent living accommodation containing essential information about the property, local area and amenities and support contact numbers for services/support across all relevant partners (social care, housing, health services, police).

Term of Reference D - To examine how care experienced young people are supported with budgeting their finances and how they are supported to ensure their physical and emotional health needs are met

S) That, as part of ensuring care leavers are provided with support in essential life skills, particular focus be placed on managing finances and budgeting and as part of the accommodation offer for care leavers, detailed planning in relation to financial entitlements and benefits are clearly set out for each young person.

T) All care leavers should be provided with information, as part of their Pathway Plan, as to where they can access help with their mental health and emotional well-being, including access to the dedicated CAMHS worker who is part of the Pathways service team, and other relevant services/support/peer groups to avoid social isolation.

U) The Panel welcomes the introduction of Health Passports for young people leaving care as it provides essential medical history for young people in the future. The Panel feels this is an essential document and requests that the importance of the document is discussed and reinforced to young people on a regular basis.

That relevant partners (health, Children's Social Care and Tees Valley Adoption) explore the possibility of providing a similar health passport for young people who become adopted.

Term of Reference E - To look at how young people with care experience and/or additional needs are supported to become more independent in travelling to school/college/other education settings/places of employment, or to help them become more independent with travelling socially

W) The Panel is supportive of the independent travel training (ITT) provided to young people to help them have confidence to travel independently to education/employment settings or socially. It recommends that ITT be offered to all young people in Middlesbrough with SEND and/or care experience, where it is deemed they have capacity to travel independently and that this be monitored

ORDERED: That the findings and recommendations of the Children and Young People's Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel be endorsed and referred to the Executive.

22/176 **SCRUTINY CHAIRS UPDATE**

The Chair commented the Scrutiny Chairs updates were largely contained within the Overview and Scrutiny Board update report to Council, scheduled for 29 March. As such it was moved the updates not be heard at OSB on this occasion.

ORDERED that the Scrutiny Chairs updates be heard at full Council on 29 March as part of the Overview and Scrutiny Board update.

22/177 **ANY OTHER URGENT ITEMS WHICH, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, MAY BE CONSIDERED.**

None.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

A meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board was held on Tuesday 18 April 2023.

PRESENT: Councillors M Saunders (Chair), T Mawston (Vice-Chair), B Hubbard, D Jones, D McCabe, J Platt, M Storey and J Thompson

OFFICERS: S Bonner and A Wilson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors R Arundale, C Cooke - Elected Mayor, D Davison, C Hobson and C McIntyre

22/181 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

22/182 **MINUTES - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD - 28 MARCH 2023**

ORDERED: That the minutes of the OSB meeting held on 28 March 2023 would be submitted to the next meeting of OSB after the local elections of 2023.

22/183 **FUTURE SCRUTINY PANEL STRUCTURE**

The Head of Democratic Services presented that report into Future Scrutiny Panel arrangements and explained the report had been driven by the Governance Improvement journey. Members were also advised the report had received input from those working on the CIPFA sub-working group concerned with Governance arrangements.

The report contained two appendices which included an analysis of how scrutiny operated in the Council and what good scrutiny would look like.

The purpose of the report was to present a new structure for the Council's scrutiny panels. The current structure consisted of eight thematic panels. However, the work of the Governance sub-group found a new structure would be better suited to themes based on strategic objectives. It was commented that the proposed structure could allow for improved relationships between scrutiny and service areas.

The Head of Democratic Services advised the report and its recommendations sought a discussion from OSB about the future structure of scrutiny panels.

OSB was advised an Executive/ Scrutiny Protocol was being drafted but this would be brought to a future meeting.

A Member commented that, while agreeing with the proposals, fewer and therefore larger panels may make them unwieldy and prone to subject overlap. The Member also commented that panel members would need to be clear about what services fell within respective panel remits. It was clarified that the panels would be closely aligned to respective service areas.

Members pointed out that one of the Sub-Group's suggestions was for panel's Chair and Vice Chair to be from different political groups. It was clarified this would be difficult to enforce and was based on political make-up and cultural shift.

A Member raised concerns about the amalgamation of some panels as larger panels could lead to broader topic selection. As such topic selection would need to be precise. It was commented this issue would be seen in any panel structure.

It was commented that political persuasion of Chair and Vice Chairs of panel should be left to the political process. It was also commented that more emphasis should be placed on the role of the Vice Chair of panels, rather than just taking assuming the Chair's role when required. It was also noted that more needed to be done about publicising the role scrutiny played.

A Member commented that a change to the panel structure would be beneficial but held some reservations about the potential breadth of some remits. However, the Head of Democratic services clarified that the frequency of meetings would not be affected just the number of panels.

A Member queried if other Council's scrutiny panel structures had been examined by means of benchmarking. It was clarified this had been done as part of the options appraisal but had not included Councils in the Tees Valley.

The Chair queried if it was possible for Chair and Vice Chairs to be selected at the first meeting of the panel rather than the Annual General Meeting. It was commented this would require a change to the constitution, but enquiries would be made of the Monitoring Officer.

A discussion took place regarding the number of Members that could sit on panels and the possibility of having a more equal gender balance on panels. It was also discussed those matters were based on political proportionality.

A Member queried if OSB could reconsider the proposals at a later stage. It was clarified that was possible if OSB requested it. It was commented that accepting the proposals demonstrated a willingness to look at how to change and improve the existing system.

ORDERED that:

- 1. The proposed scrutiny panel structure be approved and;**
- 2. Establish the advantages and disadvantages of appointing Chairs and Vice Chairs of panels at first committee meetings rather than the AGM**

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ANY OTHER URGENT ITEMS WHICH, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, MAY BE CONSIDERED.

None.

AD-HOC SCRUTINY PANEL

A meeting of the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel was held on Thursday 23 February 2023.

PRESENT: Councillors M Saunders (Chair), D Davison (Substitute for C Dodds), J McTigue, D Rooney, J Thompson and M Storey

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: S Gill (Homelessness Café) Cllr J Rathmell

OFFICERS: S Bonner, A. Glover, R Jenkins and E Scollay

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors C Dodds, T Mawston and J Walker

22/1 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

22/2 **SCRUTINY REVIEW - SUPPORT TO THE HOMELESS IN MIDDLESBROUGH**

The Chair welcomed representatives from The Neighbourhood Welfare Hub, also known as Homeless Café, as well as officers from Adult Social Care and Health Integration and invited the service area to present their information.

The Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration introduced himself to the Panel advising he was a career Social Worker with 15 years' experience in the field and had spent the last seven years as Director.

He explained that a briefing paper on homelessness had been distributed to the Panel and that the Accessing Change Together (ACT) Lead Officer would provide further detail to that end.

The Director commented that, while legislation existed in relation to homelessness, any discussion by the Service Area ran risk of them seeming unsympathetic. While each case of homelessness was a tragedy, the Service had to abide by the statutory requirements governing the subject.

The ACT Lead Officer proceeded to brief Members and responded to questions. It was explained the underpinning legislation for homelessness was the Housing Act 1996. It was against this legislation an individual was assessed for their eligibility to receive support. As part of this an individual would be assessed against several criteria including priority need and their connection to the local area.

There had been some amendments to this process. For example, the 2002 Homeless Act introduced the need for a homelessness strategy and efforts to address the root causes of homelessness. Importantly, this did not just cover rough sleeping.

In 2017 the Homelessness Reduction Act was introduced which required local authorities to intervene at earlier stages to try and prevent homelessness, which contrasted with the 1996 Housing Act that largely focussed on responding to service requests.

Members were advised that Middlesbrough had always gone beyond legislative requirements, and as such the requirements of the 2017 Homelessness Reduction Act had less impact in Middlesbrough as they were already being undertaken. One of the provisions of the 2017 Act was to afford 56 days to local authorities to find a solution to an individual's housing needs.

Those requesting service underwent a test to determine eligibility. The test comprised several elements including if an individual could legally or reasonably reside in a property and of their ability to reside at a property was prohibited or presented a risk of violence.

Another element was priority need, which was arguably the most contentious element of the test. Essentially, this element of the test examined vulnerability factors including those who were pregnant, had dependent children or if the individual was elderly.

The assessment process did not end with the test and the Council was required to continue working with individuals to try and find accommodation.

A Member queried what provision was in place for emergency accommodation. It was clarified the Council worked to a framework for emergency housing. Members also discussed options individuals had for securing accommodation should the need arise. It was commented that individuals seeking assistance needed to attend Middlesbrough House. A determination about somebody's housing needs could be made quite quickly and if that was not possible the Council would look to place that individual in emergency accommodation.

As part of the eligibility tests the Council assessed if an individual was intentionally homeless, namely was their situation a result of engaging in anti-social behaviour. Even if this was the case the Council would still attempt to resolve the individual's housing problem within 56 days.

The Council could also examine if an individual had a local connection to the area, for example had they lived in Middlesbrough for the last three of five years or six of 12 months. It was clarified for that local connections could include family connections however those links had to be relevant. An example was provided whereby an individual not speaking to their parent for 10 years would not qualify as a local connection. There was also the possibility that an individual may have a stronger local connection to a different local authority area and so may be referred there.

A Member commented that local connections was ordinarily the last factor the Council would look at as part of the assessment. It was also noted that an appeals process existed for those who were unsuccessful.

A Member questioned if the Council Housing Solutions Team out of hours service was maintained 24 hours a day. There was evidence to suggest that calls placed in the early hours of the morning were not being answered until after 9am. The Director of the Service stated he would investigate the matter.

Members queried if accommodation commissioned by the Council were monitored. It was confirmed that monitoring of such accommodation was undertaken in line with contractual arrangements. It was also confirmed that should there be any failings in service this would need to be looked in to.

A discussion took place regarding the cost of providing the service. Members were advised that while managing the public purse was important, the priority was helping those in need. It was also clarified there was a challenge in Middlesbrough regarding temporary accommodation. A review was planned into how the Council contracted accommodation and how to get the most out of those contracts to create environments that could help people.

The Housing Solutions Team worked with individuals that had experienced multiple traumas whose patterns of behaviour were established due to their earlier experiences. One of the key challenges for Adult Social Care was to recognise those traumas. Therefore, the accommodation recommissioning exercise was crucial in this regard.

A Member commented that while the recommissioning exercise was welcome, the process could take a while and until it was completed there were examples of individuals staying in unsuitable accommodation. This was sometimes the case with individuals having complex needs who needed emergency accommodation.

It was agreed that individual examples of unsuitable accommodation would be picked up outside the meeting.

A Member commented that Middlesbrough House was not a suitable location to receive those in need of accommodation and a safer space was required. It was commented that this had been recognised and work was underway, albeit at an early stage, to address it.

It was questioned how often the Council inspected its accommodation. It was confirmed this happened regularly, but the frequency would depend on the type of accommodation. However, it was reiterated that should there be specific examples of unsatisfactory accommodation these could be taken up outside the meeting. It was agreed that the frequency of inspections at different types of accommodation would be sent to the panel.

Members were reminded that all decisions made following the assessment could be appealed within 21 days. Appeals would be considered by officers not involved in the decision-making process.

At this point in the meeting the Chair invited the representative from the The Neighbourhood Welfare Hub to provide their presentation.

Members were informed that all services operating from the Hub had been voluntary since 2007 and that the service supported those from disadvantaged backgrounds, not just the homeless. The Hub supported individuals with a range of needs including those with histories of substance misuse and addiction.

The Hub offered a place for individuals to access a warm environment, a cooked meal and a change of clothes. It was explained that, due to the relationships formed in the Hub, support included a safeguarding element as well as helping to arrange funerals for individuals that had passed away. It was explained that a great deal of coordination was required to provide the support offered.

The representative from The Neighbourhood Welfare Hub felt that, given the nature and level of support offered, from the Council were not assisting the Hub's activities enough. Members were advised that, while it had started as a homeless café, the Hub had become much more. The presentation continued to explain how the support offered by the café should have been taken on by the Council.

The Chair thanked the representative from The Neighbourhood Welfare Hub for their presentation and invited questions from the Board.

The Chair commented the support provided by the Council for those with disadvantaged backgrounds was of a good standard. It was important to recognise those deemed homeless could be disadvantaged.

Members commented it was important for the Hub to keep records of how many individuals accessed support as this would inform how the Council could assist. It was clarified the Hub collected information on all individuals it supported and had approximately 300-400 records. It was queried if any other services operated from the Hub. It was clarified that the local PCSO had space available to work from when necessary but that other services, such as probation, would contact the hub for information.

Members queried if there had been an increase in support provided to those with particular needs. It was clarified this would require analysis of data submitted to government.

In terms of the statistics collected by the Council, it was explained the Council collected data based on specific criteria. At the time of the meeting there were approximately 50 people in temporary accommodation.

In terms of rough sleepers, the count was an average of 16 over several months. It was clarified that individuals varied from day to day and the Council knew of those individuals and how to engage with them. It was also explained how it was important to engage with rough sleepers and the homeless to try and overcome their psycho-social trauma.

While there were three rough sleeper counts a week, other specialist outreach teams also worked to reach rough sleepers.

Members queried how many people access the homelessness café a day and it was confirmed approximately 10 individuals per day accessed the café.

Members agreed that the Assertive Outreach Team should be invited to a future meeting of the Panel to understand how they interacted with disadvantaged groups such as the homeless. It

was also suggested that representatives from various housing associations be invited to attend future meetings as well as the organisation Cardboard Citizens.

At this point in the meeting a document was tabled for members consideration. It was deemed non-germane to the proceedings of the Panel and not considered further.

The Chair thanked all attendees for their input.

ORDERED that:

- 1. The information presented be noted;**
- 2. Inspection regimes be provided to the Panel;**
- 3. An invitation be provided to the Assertive Outreach Team to a future meeting of the Panel;**
- 4. An invitation be provided to local Housing Providers about how they support the homeless and;**
- 5. An invitation be invited to Cardboard Citizens to understand their role.**

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ANY OTHER URGENT ITEMS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, MAY BE CONSIDERED.

None.

CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL

A meeting of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel was held on Thursday 23 March 2023.

PRESENT: Councillors Councillor Chris McIntyre, G Wilson (Vice-Chair), C Dodds, D McCabe and Z Uddin

OFFICERS: Susie Blood, Geoff Field and Marion Walker

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: M Nugent, J Rostron and J Walker

22/35 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

22/36 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest received at this point in the meeting.

22/37 **MINUTES- CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY PANEL - 26 JANUARY 2023**

The minutes of the Culture and Communities scrutiny meeting held on 26 January 2023 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

22/38 **TOUGH ENOUGH? ENFORCEMENT IN MIDDLESBROUGH AND ITS IMPACT ON CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR- REVIEW UPDATE**

The Head of Stronger Communities was in attendance provide an update review on Tough Enough? Enforcement in Middlesbrough and its impact on crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Head of Service advised that there was a lot of work being undertaken in the background, including the community trigger process in Middlesbrough and this is a well established process that supported and attended by external partners as appropriate to the complaint. An action plan was in place to cover the recommendations from the report and progress of these would be updated to the committee in due course.

AGREED

That the update be noted.

22/39 **MIDDLESBROUGH COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP- AN UPDATE**

The Head of Stronger Communities was in attendance to provide an update on the Community Safety Partnership.

The update was as follows:

Town Centre Team

External grant funding had been sourced to fund a number of things in the Town Centre, all of which are aimed at providing reassurance and support to existing businesses, attracting and supporting new businesses and making the Town Centre an inviting place to visit and invest.

The funding comes from two sources, the TVCA IGF grant and the Towns Fund and it will fund a number of things including the following:

- Dedicated Town Centre Enforcement Team to respond to crime and anti-social behaviour (to fund a town centre enforcement manager and 12 enforcement officers)
- Extension of the PSPO in the TS1 area (This was complete)
- Re-establish Middlesbrough Retail Crime Partnership/Shopwatch arrangements
- Promotional campaign focused on not to give money to beggars
- Increase CCTV in town centre (£15,000)
- Increase youth provision in town centre to divert people away from ASB and Crime
- Deep clean the town centre

- And increased area care staff

This was currently being introduced and it would cover a 2 year period. Further updates would be provided to scrutiny of required.

Community Safety Partnership

The CSP continues to meet every 2 months and partners discuss key strategic issues relating to community safety.

The CSP Plan was extended for 12 months to give senior leaders time to review the priorities and decide what the priorities should be for the next 2 years. This will be completed with new priorities by 31st March 2024. This process will be informed by a strategic intelligence assessment that will review data from a range of sources looking at patterns and trends of crime and ASB and will include details relating to geographic locations and hotspots.

The CSP has a number of statutory areas that it needs to focus on and these include

- Crime and ASB
- Reducing Reoffending
- Prevent
- Serious Violence

The current plan priorities were:

Priority 1—Perceptions and Feeling Safe

Objectives

- Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour (Inc. environmental crime)
- Improving community cohesion and resilience
- Delivering the prevent agenda

Priority 2 - Tackling the Root Causes

Adverse Experiences

Objectives

- Improve mental health
- Reduce child exploitation (including CSE)
- Reduce substance misuse
- Reduce domestic violence
- Reducing serious violence

Priority 3 - Locality Working, Inc. Town Centre

Reconfigure relationships between statutory organisations and the community. Encouraging and supporting a collaborative approach and building capacity within the community.

Objectives

- Working with communities (doing 'with' not 'to')
- Improving environmental cleanliness
- Addressing underlying community issues
- Reducing Violence, business crime and acquisitive crime
- Reducing re-offending
- Reduce Begging

The Head of Service was thanked for her update.

AGREED- That the update be noted.

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CHAIR'S OSB UPDATE

The Chair provided a verbal update in relation to the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 22 February 2023.

The following agenda items were discussed:

- Executive forward work programme.

- Quarter 3- Corporate performance update
- Quarter 3- revenue and capital budget
- Children's finance improvement plan
- Statutory finance report
- Mayor's budget proposals

The Chair also advised that the two final reports from the children and learning scrutiny panel and our own panel (Culture and communities) on off road bikes were presented and agreed.

AGREED

That the update be noted.

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ANY OTHER URGENT ITEMS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, MAY BE CONSIDERED.

Appreciation

As this was the last meeting of the municipal year, the Chair showed his appreciation to the panel for their support and work over the last year.

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Report of:	Chief Executive
Submitted to:	Overview and Scrutiny Board – 19 July 2023
Subject:	Executive Forward Work Programme

Summary

Proposed decision(s)
It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board consider the content of the Executive Forward Work Programme.

Report for:	Key decision:	Confidential:	Is the report urgent?
Information	No	N/A	N/A

Contribution to delivery of the 2020-23 Strategic Plan		
People	Place	Business
Open and transparent scrutiny supports all elements of the Mayor’s Vision.	Open and transparent scrutiny supports all elements of the Mayor’s Vision.	Open and transparent scrutiny supports all elements of the Mayor’s Vision.

Ward(s) affected
All Wards affected equally

What is the purpose of this report?

To make OSB aware of items on the Executive Forward Work Programme.

Why does this report require a Member decision?

The OSB has delegated powers to manage the work of Scrutiny and, if appropriate, it can either undertake the work itself or delegate to individual Scrutiny Panels.

One of the main duties of OSB is to hold the Executive to account by considering the forthcoming decisions of the Executive and decide whether value can be added by Scrutiny considering the matter in advance of any decision being made.

This would not negate a Non-Executive Member’s ability to call-in a decision after it has been made.

What decision(s) are being asked for?

It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board consider the content of the Executive Forward Work Programme.

Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended

No other options were considered.

Impact(s) of recommended decision(s)

Legal

Not Applicable

Financial

Not Applicable

Policy Framework

The report does not impact on the overall budget and policy framework.

Equality and Diversity

Not Applicable

Risk

Not Applicable

Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)

Implement any decision of the Overview and Scrutiny Board with regard to the Executive Forward Work Plan.

Appendices

The most recent copy of the Executive Forward Work Programme (FWP) schedule is attached as Appendix A for the Board's information.

Background papers

Executive Forward Work Plan

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Forward Plan 11 May 2023 - 31 December 2023

FOR THE PERIOD 18 JULY 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

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The Mayor and Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health							
1015038 All Wards	Breastfeeding Borough Declaration to outline summary of a proposed local authority declaration on breastfeeding also known as 'Breastfeeding Boroughs'.	Executive 19 Jul 2023		KEY	Public		The Mayor and Executive Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health <i>Karen Sproston</i> <i>Karen_Sproston@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>
1016705 All Wards	Governance Improvement: Next steps – Resourcing the Financial Recovery and Resilience and	Executive 19 Jul 2023		KEY	Public		The Mayor and Executive Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health <i>Charlotte Benjamin</i> <i>charlotte_benjamin@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>

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	Cultural Transformation Programmes						
I013777 All Wards	Healthy Weight Declaration Adoption This report outlines the purpose and process of signing up to the Healthy Weight Declaration in Middlesbrough.	Executive 19 Jul 2023		KEY	Public		The Mayor and Executive Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health <i>Mark Adams, Director of Public Health - South Tees</i> <i>mark_adams@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>
I015473	Approval for Consultation on the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2023-2028 and Cumulative Impact Assessment	Executive 4 Oct 2023		KEY	Public		The Mayor and Executive Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health <i>Judith Hedgley, Head of Service - Public Protection</i> <i>judith_hedgley@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>
Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Education and Culture							
I016496 All Wards	Site for the Provision of a new Special Free School The report considers the potential approaches for the provision of a site	Executive 16 Aug 2023			Public		Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Education and Culture <i>Caroline Cannon, Strategic Lead for Inclusion and Specialist Support Service</i> <i>caroline_cannon@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>

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	on Stainsby Road to the Department for Education for the purposes of providing a new Special Free School for pupils with neurodiverse conditions.						
I016303 All Wards	Digiwise Project - Foster Care and Supported Lodgings Wifi and Internet Use Policy Adoption of council wide policy and approval of recommendations to be agreed for all residential and foster care settings.	Executive 6 Sep 2023			Public		Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Education and Culture <i>ralph_jordinson</i> <i>Ralph_jordinson@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>
Executive Member for Children's Services							
Executive Member for Community Safety							
I016495 All Wards	Town Centre Funding and Community Safety For decision around a reviewed approach to town	Executive 16 Aug 2023		KEY	Public		The Mayor and Executive Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health <i>Geoff Field</i> <i>geoff_field@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>

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	centre funding and community safety.						
I014857 All Wards	Refugee Resettlement To seek agreement to resettle 5 families per year, being a mixture of ARAP/ACRS and UKRS.	Executive 6 Sep 2023		KEY	Public		Executive Member for Culture and Communities <i>Marion Walker, Head of Stronger Communities</i> <i>marion_walker@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>
Executive Member for Environment							
I015685 All Wards	Final Report of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel - Off Road Bikes The aim of the panel's investigation was to consider Middlesbrough Council's and Cleveland Police's approach to Off road bikes, following concerns within the community and recent media attention.	Executive 16 Aug 2023			Public		Executive Member for Neighbourhood Safety <i>Marion Walker, Head of Stronger Communities</i> <i>marion_walker@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>

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I016465 All Wards	Bereavement Services in year increase to charges Due to the nature of the request it requires executive approval.	Executive 6 Sep 2023		KEY	Public		Councillor David Branson <i>David Jamison</i> <i>david_jamison@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>
I016627 All Wards	Green Strategy To seek approval of Middlesbrough Council's Green Strategy Year Three action plan.	Executive 6 Sep 2023		KEY	Public		Executive Member for Environment <i>Andrew Mace, Head of Environment Service</i> <i>Andrew_Mace@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>
J012273 All Wards	Tees Valley Waste Report To seek approval for MBC to enter with seven other councils a Special Purpose Vehicle company in order to manage the Tees Valley energy recovery facility that will be responsible for the disposal of Middlesbrough municipal waste.	Executive 13 Feb 2024		KEY	Public		Executive Member for Environment <i>Geoff Field</i> <i>geoff_field@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>

Executive Member for Finance and Governance

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I016390	<p>Risk and Opportunity Management Policy This report sets out the Risk and Opportunity Policy 2023-2026.</p> <p>The policy forms part of the corporate governance policy framework underpinning the Council's Strategic Plan and sets out how the Council will ensure that risks are effectively managed, and opportunities exploited to deliver strategic priorities for the town</p>	Executive 19 Jul 2023			Public		Executive Member for Finance and Governance <i>Ann-Marie Johnstone</i> <i>Ann-Marie_Johnstone@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>
I015717	<p>Partly and Wholly Owned Council Companies policy To put in place a governance framework to guide the establishment and review of any</p>	Executive Member for Finance and Governance 25 Jul 2023			Public		Executive Member for Finance and Governance <i>Ann-Marie Johnstone</i> <i>Ann-Marie_Johnstone@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>

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	future or current companies that are partly or wholly owned by the Council to ensure alignment with recently released CIPFA best practice guidance on the matter						
I016620 All Wards	Budget Monitoring - Q1 23/24 This report advises the Executive of the Council's financial position as at Quarter One 2023/24.	Executive 16 Aug 2023		KEY	Public		Executive Member for Finance and Governance <i>Keely Trainor</i> <i>Keely_Trainor@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>
I016618	Corporate Performance Update: Quarter One 2023/24 This report advises the Executive of corporate performance at Quarter One 2023/24, providing the necessary information to	Executive 16 Aug 2023			Public		Executive Member for Finance and Governance <i>Keely Trainor</i> <i>Keely_Trainor@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>

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	enable the Executive to discharge its performance management responsibilities and where appropriate, seeks approval of any changes (where these lie within the authority of the Executive).						
I016086 All Wards	Discretionary Rate Relief Policy	Executive 16 Aug 2023			Public		Executive Member for Finance and Governance <i>Keely Trainor</i> <i>Keely_Trainor@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>
I016619 All Wards	Initial MTFP Refresh This report provides the Executive with an update of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) position for 2024/25 to 2026/27	Executive 16 Aug 2023			Public		Executive Member for Finance and Governance <i>Keely Trainor</i> <i>Keely_Trainor@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>

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I016676 All Wards	Corporate Procurement Strategy 23-25 Presentation of the refreshed and updated Middlesbrough Council Corporate Procurement Strategy 23-26.	Executive 15 Nov 2023		KEY	Public		Executive Member for Finance and Governance <i>Keely Trainor</i> <i>Keely_Trainor@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>
Executive Member for Regeneration							
I016275 Stainton and Thornton	Hemlington North - Disposal - Part A This report advises on the proposal to dispose of the Council's freehold interest in land situated at Hemlington North.	Executive 16 Aug 2023		KEY	Public		Executive Member for Regeneration <i>David Velemir</i> <i>David_Velemir@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>
I016244 Stainton and Thornton	Exempt - Hemlington North - Disposal - Part B This report advises on the proposal to dispose of the Council's freehold interest in land situated at Hemlington North.	Executive 16 Aug 2023		KEY	Fully exempt		Executive Member for Regeneration <i>David Velemir</i> <i>David_Velemir@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>

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I016359 Nunthorpe	Nunthorpe Grange Farm - Disposal - Part A This report advises on the proposal to dispose of the Council's freehold interest in land situated at Nunthorpe Grange Farm	Executive 16 Aug 2023		KEY	Public		Executive Member for Regeneration <i>David Velemir</i> <i>David_Velemir@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>
I016358 Nunthorpe	EXEMPT - Nunthorpe Grange Farm - Disposal - Part B This report advises on the proposal to dispose of the Council's freehold interest in land situated at Nunthorpe Grange Farm.	Executive 16 Aug 2023		KEY	Fully exempt		Executive Member for Regeneration <i>David Velemir</i> <i>David_Velemir@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>
I016052 Central	EXEMPT - Captain Cook Square - Business Case Requirement for update on current position, along with options for maximising the commercial options	Executive 16 Aug 2023		KEY	Fully exempt		Executive Member for Regeneration <i>Sam Gilmore, Head of Economic Growth</i> <i>Sam_Gilmore@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>

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	for the strategic viability of a key Council asset.						
I016601 All Wards	Asset Review A decision is required to determine the future options for a number of Council assets, that may include disposal.	Executive 6 Sep 2023		KEY	Public		Executive Member for Regeneration <i>Richard Horniman, Director of Regeneration</i> <i>Richard_Horniman@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>
I014849 Coulby Newham	Newham Hall - Collaboration with Homes England - Part A To seek Executive approval to enter into a Collaboration Agreement with Homes England to develop the Newham Hall housing site.	Executive 6 Sep 2023		KEY	Public		Executive Member for Finance and Governance, Executive Member for Regeneration <i>Andrew Carr</i> <i>Andrew_Carr@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>
I014850 Coulby Newham	EXEMPT - Newham Hall - Collaboration with Homes England - Part B To seek Executive approval to enter into a Collaboration Agreement with	Executive 6 Sep 2023		KEY	Fully exempt		Executive Member for Finance and Governance, Executive Member for Regeneration <i>Andrew Carr</i> <i>Andrew_Carr@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>

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	Homes England to develop the Newham Hall housing site.						
I013742 Central	Tees Advanced Manufacturing Park – Phase 2 Funding Agreement Executive to approval an additional 1.5 million pounds of capital which will be repaired through retention through business rates of the enterprize zones site.	Executive 6 Sep 2023		KEY	Public		Executive Member for Finance and Governance <i>Paul Shout</i> <i>paul_shout@middlesbrough.gov.uk</i>