



**Decisions taken by the Executive on Wednesday 5 March 2025**

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**Part A – Items considered in public**

<b>A5</b>	Auto-enrolment of Free School Meals and maximising Pupil Premium Funding Pilot across Middlesbrough	<b>ORDERED that Executive:</b>  <b>1. Approve the proposed amendment to the report.</b> <b>2. Approve the continuation of the Free School Meals auto enrolment programme for Schools who ‘opt in’. A 10% fee will be applied for any new pupil premium identified. The fee was intended to cover the Councils costs in administering the auto enrolment business process. The Council would write to Schools each year seeking approval from the School to participate in the auto enrolment initiative.</b>
<b>A6</b>	Review of the Statement of Community Involvement	<b>ORDERED that Executive</b>  <b>1. Approves the revised Statement of Community Involvement.</b> <b>2. Delegates authority to the Director of Regeneration, in consultation with the Executive Member for Development, to make changes to the Statement of Community Involvement as a result of future reviews.</b>
<b>A7</b>	Welfare Support Policy	<b>ORDERED that the Executive approve</b>  <b>1. The refreshed Welfare Support for Residents in Financial Crisis Policy which included the following minor changes:</b>

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		<p>a) Additional payment methods, making it easier and faster for payment to be made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allowing payment via text message to send funds direct to a resident's bank account. In addition, e-vouchers can be provided through text messages or emails to a resident with a voucher code which can be redeemed at a supermarket of their choice.</li> </ul> <p>b) A refresh of the language and some minor amendments to the policy.</p> <p>c) Alignment to the Corporate Welfare Strategy</p>
A8	Tender Pipeline Approval 2025/2026	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive approves</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Middlesbrough Council tender pipeline for 2025/26.</li> <li>2. Delegation of the contract award to the relevant Director who will update their Executive Member.</li> </ol>
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