

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SCRUTINY PANEL
GREEN STRATEGY – ACTION PLAN**

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	PROPOSED ACTION	POST TITLE	BUDGET COST	TIMESCALE
<p>A) Explore the potential for a permanent structure modelled on the West Bromwich Outdoor Market project that could provide a covered performance area in Captain Cook Square, or stalls for street markets or community events, that would also generate renewable electricity and contribute to Middlesbrough’s net carbon neutral targets.</p>	<p>These stalls would be too limiting or restrictive to performances that would take place in the space. There is a planned programme of events for this area. Businesses and new tenants are encouraged to make use of the existing canopy space in the square.</p>	<p>Head of Economic Growth.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>B) Middlesbrough Council should liaise with Sheffield City Council regarding their Grey to Green Strategy, ensure that the Council’s Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SuDS) Guide identifies appropriate plant species that are attractive, low maintenance, improve biodiversity net gain and provide all season coverage for use in SuDs planting schemes and more generally throughout the town.</p>	<p>We will make contact with Sheffield City council to discuss their strategy. There is a Tees Valley Technical SUDS plan which is used for reference purposes for new schemes. We actively encourage developers to use SuDS features which incorporate biodiversity such as rain gardens and ponds. This is one of a range of measures that can be used to meet the objectives set out in the Green Blue Infrastructure Strategy. Developers are required to manage for a 1 in a 100 year storm event plus 40% allowance for climate change on site using SuDS features. Such features need to be cost effective and weighed up against the viability of the development in order for them to proceed.</p>	<p>Flood Risk Manager</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>By 30th Septmeber to respond to Sheffield CC. Each application is assessed as it arises.</p>

<p>C) Review and replace signage and information boards as necessary on dedicated cycle routes throughout the Town to help cyclists plan their leisure or commute journeys and use the available network efficiently.</p>	<p>On-going where resources permit and are always included in new schemes and existing traffic management refresh schemes.</p>	<p>Transport & Infrastructure Manager</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>D) Produce a map or guide to the cycle network either in paper format, or that could be downloaded onto a digital device from the Council's website or made available from the Middlesbrough's Town Hall, Libraries and/or Community Hubs.</p>	<p>This already exists. Electronic version here: https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/site/default/files/Middlesbrough_Cycle_map.pdf</p>	<p>Transport & Infrastructure Manager</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p>E) Through the planning process, encourage Developers to include Electric Vehicle Charging Point (EVCPs) in new houses, housing or commercial developments.</p>	<p>Through negotiations with developers and applicants officers will encourage the provision of new EVCPs as part of new developments. This will be encouraged on future developments. We will seek to incorporate charging stations as a requirement of a review of the Urban design SPD.</p>	<p>Development Control Manager</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Complete- This is given consideration in all future applications are received.</p>
<p>F) Middlesbrough Council should continue to press the Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) to seek further funding to at least maintain the current number of bus services, and increase them wherever possible.</p>	<p>Work on-going with TVCA as part of the BSIP (Bus Service Improvement Plan).</p>	<p>Transport & Infrastructure Manager</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

<p>G) Middlesbrough Council should ask the TVCA to work with Local Authorities to ensure that new bus routes are provided in all new housing developments at the point of delivery, so that greater patronage of services can be encouraged as soon as houses are occupied.</p>	<p>This is not a TVCA function, this would be actioned by MBC planning and highway development (n.b operators are commercial and often require subsidies for new developments). This is however considered at all developments, and in discussions with bus operators. This continues at appropriate locations.</p>	<p>Transport & Infrastructure Manager</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>H) Introduce a Wash, Squash and Recycle Campaign to reduce the level and volume of contaminated items currently collected from domestic recycling bins, and improve current recycling rates.</p>	<p>This will be incorporated into the wider Waste & Recycling Communications campaign for 2022/23.</p>	<p>Operations Manager Waste & Recycling</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Target date by 31/12/22</p>
<p>I) Trial a pilot scheme in one or two wards, for sowing more wildflower areas and moving to a monthly grass cutting regime, with more frequent litter picking, and grass cleared from the footpaths immediately after mowing.</p>	<p>We have sewn 50,000m2 of wildflower / urban meadow during 2021 & 2022. With regards to trialling a Monthly Grass Cutting regime, additional Litter Picking & hard surface clearance, this will require substantial capital & revenue investment (machinery purchase & staffing costs). Current mowers that Area Care use are not capable of Monthly mowing regimes (due to the length of grass that would require cutting).</p>	<p>Environment Services manager</p>	<p>£20k co-funded with Thirteen Group.</p>	<p>November 2022.</p>
<p>J) Continue to build on initiatives such as the Green Month Takeover and Green Action Days to promote and improve membership of established local volunteer groups and encourage greater participation by Elected Members, Council Employees and</p>	<p>A Communications strategy for the councils Green Strategy highlights such opportunities and we will continue to roll out initiatives such as participation in the UN World Environment Day.</p>	<p>Environmental Sustainability manager</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>31st March 2023.</p>

<p>Middlesbrough Residents to make Middlesbrough greener.</p>	<p>We work closely with Middlesbrough's Green Spaces Forum (chaired by TVWT) which supports volunteer participation in our green spaces, where this can be raised to encourage member attendance.</p> <p>Continue to work on Community Ward initiatives will include residents, ward members and other agencies.</p> <p>A new corporate Logo '<i>Middlesbrough Going Greener</i>' has been created.</p>			
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