



**Executive Member Reports
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decision information**

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DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Deputy Mayor & Lead Member for Children's Services

DATE OF MEETING: 06 July 2022

This report aims to provide an update to members on activity within my portfolio and performance against the strategic priorities I either lead on or am involved with.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY - Consolidate and build on recent Children's Services progress to improve Ofsted rating.

1. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

- 1.1. There's been great progress recently with Children's Services – particularly in regards to Ofsted and the inspector's thoughts on our improvement.
- 1.2. In 2019 Ofsted identified 'serious and widespread failures that leave children in harmful situations for too long' and as a result the service was rated as inadequate overall. Since then staff and politicians have worked extremely hard to try and turn this around via an 'improvement journey'.
- 1.3. To date Ofsted has completed three 'monitoring visits' looking at specific service areas - and early next year we can expect a full inspection.
- 1.4. The most recent visit in March considered matching, placement and decision-making for children in care as well as achieving permanence - forever homes - for children.
- 1.5. Significant improvements were identified including children moving to their forever homes in a more timely way. I was particularly happy to note that Ofsted considers that the service 'knows itself' which was a significant failing in the last full inspection.
- 1.6. As well as being on the improvement board, I have very regular meetings with the Executive Director of Children's Services, Sue Butcher, and work with other councillors - such as Cllr Chris Hobson who is the chair of the Corporate Parenting Board - to make sure we are scrutinising the service effectively. I also make regular visits to frontline social workers.
- 1.7. Recently I accompanied the early help team on a family visit and it was great to get a real understanding of the type of work that goes on. Last week I visited the assessment team - and again it was reassuring to see how much faith the team have in the work that is going on to improve things for Middlesbrough children.

- 1.8. The next monitoring visit will take place in July, focusing on early help and the Multi-Agency Children's Hub (MACH) which is the front door to children's services.
- 1.9. Although progress has been made there is still a considerable amount of work to be done to ensure that the outcomes for Middlesbrough's vulnerable children have been improved sufficiently to improve our Ofsted rating. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to our work so far.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY - Expand the current model for youth provision in areas that suffer high levels of deprivation.

2. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

- 2.1. There are some exciting changes afoot for the offering that we give to our young people across the town.
- 2.2. There is an Executive report (due in July) which outlines proposals for enhanced youth services in Middlesbrough. This is in addition to our existing youth service which currently includes different elements such as universal youth work provided by the Linx Youth Project, transitions youth work provided by Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation and targeted youth work provided by The Junction.
- 2.3. The additional investment to enhance youth services includes three proposals:
- To enhance and expand our targeted youth provision in areas of Middlesbrough where there is identified anti-social behaviour
 - To directly support existing voluntary and community sector provision for children and young people through grant funding
 - To provide additional funding for the Music in Secondary Schools Trust (MiSST) to expand to more secondary schools
- 2.4. The MiSST programme has seen the whole of Year 7 learn violin at Kings Academy - with a group of them performing on stage at London's South Bank with Andrew Lloyd Webber in attendance! I was so proud of the young people involved and I'm certain it's something they will always remember.
- 2.5. The MiSST programme is set to expand in September, with the current Kings Academy Year 7s progressing onto Year 8 and continuing to learn violin. The new Year 7s will learn flute or clarinet. I'm also very excited to announce that – subject to executive approval - the scheme is rolling out to Outwood Riverside in September.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY - Introduce a marketing campaign and associated support to significantly grow Middlesbrough Lottery.

3. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

- 3.1. The Middlesbrough Lottery was launched in September 2021 and continues to go from strength to strength.

- 3.2. The lottery supports good causes around Middlesbrough and also provides funds for cultural activity.
- 3.3. Of the £1 ticket cost, 50p goes to the good causes selected by the player, with 10p from every ticket supporting cultural activity. Players can opt to direct the full 60p towards cultural activity.
- 3.4. As of the middle of June, 62 causes are registered and the lottery has generated over £28,000 for good causes and cultural activity. On current projections it will raise £38,000 annually.
- 3.5. Just some of the good causes it supports include: My Sisters Place, Recovery Connections and The White Feather Project.
- 3.6. Since the start of this calendar year, I have been working with the marketing and communications team to grow the good cause base. This activity has seen an increase of 14 good causes join the lottery.
- 3.7. I always do what I can to promote the lottery - and I recently wrote for a national title about the project and what set it in motion. You can read it here: [Mieka Smiles: Our Middlesbrough Lottery is delivering funds for local good causes - Conservative Home](#)
- 3.8. Recently we have had two players win £2,000 – an excellent added extra.
- 3.9. Draws take place every Saturday evening and players can sign up via www.middlesbroughlottery.co.uk

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Executive Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health, Public Protection and Digital Inclusion.

DATE OF MEETING: 06 July 2022

This report aims to provide an update to Members on activity within my portfolio and performance against the strategic priorities I either lead on or am involved with.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY – Business (Promoting investment in Middlesbrough's economy and making sure we work as effectively as possible to support our ambitions for People and Place.

1. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

Public Protection

- 1.1. Environmental Health Officers carry out routine inspections of food businesses to check they meet the legal standards and to protect the public's health from food borne illnesses. After each inspection each business is risk rated which determines how frequently they will be visited and they are also issued with a hygiene rating under the national Food Hygiene Rating Scheme.
- 1.2. The ratings range from 0 to 5 where 0 (zero) is the lowest and means major improvements are needed to a 5 rating which means Very Good. Food hygiene ratings are published monthly on a national website. All public facing food businesses are included in the hygiene rating scheme. Businesses can appeal their hygiene rating if they do not think it reflects the standards in their business. They can request a re-rating which costs £150 and is carried out after at least 3 months of the first inspection.
- 1.3. The purpose of the hygiene rating scheme is to help the public to choose where to purchase their food. The transparency of the scheme also serves as a means of promoting the businesses with the best hygiene ratings and also to encourage businesses to improve their hygiene standards as a poor rating impacts customer choice and can result in a downturn in trade. The online food ordering service "Just Eat" requires a business to have a 3, 4 or 5 rating to operate through them.
- 1.4. 93% of food businesses in Middlesbrough have a 3,4 or 5 rating, only 3% have a rating of 0 or 1 which are the lowest ratings (24 businesses) These 24 businesses are mostly takeaways and restaurants. Environmental Health Officers are planning to provide extra support and will be carrying out additional visits to some takeaways, restaurants and smaller food retail premises to carry out spot checks and provide advice. Businesses will also be encouraged to contact the Public Protection Service to request support or an additional visit.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY – Vulnerability (We will work to address the causes of vulnerability and inequalities in Middlesbrough and safeguard and support those made vulnerable).

2. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

Adult Social Care

- 2.1. Recruitment Pressures: A further paper has been developed and is to be considered at LMT with additional proposed measures in response to the on-going challenge of recruiting staff within adult social care. The paper will seek approval to align both starting salaries and the way in which staff member's progress through career grades with Children's Services. A particular focus will be placed on measures aimed at retaining experienced Social Workers within our service. Currently we have 11 Social Work vacancies and finding resolution to this issue is essential to the effective delivery of our services.
- 2.2. Social Work Reform: Work is ongoing to analyse future demand and to prepare for the introduction of the Government's plans to change the way in which individuals are charged for their social care. A project team is in place working to understand the implications of these reforms and to plan for implementing the changes as information becomes available from the Department for Health and Social Care. This will be reported to Elected Members as it emerges – a briefing for Members is currently being planned.
- 2.3. CQC Assurance: Central Government has determined that as part of their reform agenda for adult social care they will implement an assurance process led by the Care Quality Commission; this will commence in mid-2023 with what they describe as a "base-lining" exercise. It appears likely that this will develop into a framework that will contain assessments of Councils using the same categories as OFSTED employ with Children's Services (i.e. Inadequate; Requires Improvement; Good; Outstanding). The details of the assurance framework are as yet incomplete and CQC have stated that they will not have a clearly documented set of procedures available before September of this year at the earliest. However, planning work has commenced on the basis and a briefing will be brought to Executive in August with the information that is available at that time. A briefing to Members will be programmed thereafter.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY – COVID-19 Recovery (We will ensure the recovery of local communities, businesses and the Council's operations from COVID-19, taking opportunities to build back better.)

3. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

Public Health

Covid-19 update

- 3.1. It is important to stress the Covid-19 is still with and as such people should continue to exercise caution wherever they can. I would also strongly advise that

residents avail themselves of any Covid-19 assistance that is available, such as vaccinations.

- 3.2. While restrictions are easing the latest ONS infection survey showed an estimated 2.1% of population in Middlesbrough had Covid-19 week ending 11th June which is an increase from the previous week of 1.5%. Our local estimated prevalence rate is similar to the North East estimate of 2%. Nationally there has been a 57% increase in positive cases in the week ending 5th June.
- 3.3. Middlesbrough has also seen an increase in its rate currently at 139 per 100,000. Nationally Middlesbrough is now ranked the 56th highest local authority in the country with the highest being Rutland with rate of 257 per 100,000. Latest data from South Tees Trust shows 70 Covid-19 positive cases and 3 patients in critical care which is slightly lower than the previous week of 77. Data at an England level indicates that the most recently discovered variants BA.4 and BA.5 are showing a faster growth over the original omicron variant.
- 3.4. Current National Guidance adopted locally is anyone with symptoms of a respiratory infection, including Covid-19, and a high temperature or who feel unwell, should work from home and avoid contact with other people, until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. Anyone with a positive Covid-19 test result should not come to work. They should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days (children under 18 three days), which is when they are most infectious. If they are well enough they can work from home.
- 3.5. Vaccination data from NHS Foundry shows that 71.6% (8,418) of eligible cohort including care home residents and over 75+ (11,142) have had all 4 Covid-19 immunisations including the spring booster. This compares to 76.4% across Cumbria & North East. Middlesbrough remains under the England average for dose 1 vaccination uptake (at 12 years plus) with a local figure of 76.7% compared to the England uptake of 79.9%, dose 2 and booster uptake is also below the England average. The vaccination community pop up programme is in place until September 2022 and we continue to use local data to target areas or communities where uptake is low.

Long Covid

- 3.6. Middlesbrough observed disproportionate levels of negative direct and indirect impacts of Covid-19. This emerged as high levels of transmission, increased clinical vulnerability and wider socioeconomic impacts, which exacerbated existing health inequalities across the town. The longevity of impact was further threatened by increasing cases of long-Covid symptoms being reported by service-users accessing wider wellbeing support.
- 3.7. In the summer of 2020 there was little evidence base about long-Covid but what was available did acknowledge symptoms such as respiratory, cardiovascular and psychological which some of our service users were presenting with. Alongside clinical symptoms, residents cited wider societal and functional issues which impacted on their ability to work, learn and manage day to day responsibilities as a result of prolonged ill health which, if left unsupported, would further widen the health inequalities gap facing some residents within the town.

- 3.8. In response to this Public Health established a virtual multi-disciplinary working group (including public health practitioners, specialist physical activity instructors, clinicians, nutritionists, social support services, Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group and mental health providers) to help better understand the challenge and formulate a local solution to tackle the issue. The result was a first of its kind, structured and targeted support programme aimed to meet the clinical and non-clinical needs of long-covid patients in order to reduce existing pressures on health and social support services and to facilitate the longer-term recovery of Middlesbrough from Covid-19. The Re-Start Programme was launched from the Live Well Centre in the winter of 20/21 and provides secondary and tertiary prevention support to residents with long-Covid symptoms as part of an integrated recovery model. The programme offers service users holistic support tailored to their needs following a comprehensive assessment process.
- 3.9. The programme team have developed professional referral routes from primary care, hospital-based Covid recovery, mental health services and wider prevention programmes (e.g. National Diabetes Programme), to support a non-clinical approach to the ongoing management of post – Covid symptoms. This included working with Job Centre Plus to build pathways linked to fit note management.
- 3.10. As of April 2022 the programme had received 100 referrals, of these patients 96 were eligible for the programme, with the remaining patients being redirected into primary care. For those 100 who have completed the programme to date:
- 83% of participants experienced improved leg strength and endurance, with 56% average improvement overall (based on “sit to stand” test)
 - 94% of participants experienced improved functional ability, with 26% average improvement overall (based on “6 minute walk” test)
 - 83% of participants reporting improved mood, with a 13% average improvement overall (based on RAS-DS score).
- 3.11. The programme is a finalist for a National for an MJ award which is taking place in London at the end of June.

Local Health Protection Approach

- 3.12. Public Health are working closely with Public Protection to build the local health protection function including response and resilience for pandemic preparedness. The Local Health Protection Programme Board will meet on a monthly basis with a key focus on environmental issues, emergency response, communicable infectious diseases, outbreak management, immunisations and community resilience. The Board will feed into a wider, Tees Valley quarterly Health Protection Partnership meeting to discuss progress on the local health protection plan, share learning and collaboration on key work streams. The Health Protection programme aims to align the local health protection response and reduce existing health inequalities with a focus on:
- Strengthening local health protection efforts, working with key partners in different sectors, building our internal skills and capabilities and enhancing engagement with communities to ensure we make the best of our collective efforts and resources, narrowing the health gap between disadvantaged

groups, communities and the rest of the country through prevention and immunisation

- Concentrating on preventative upstream activities (Screening, immunisation and prevention of outbreaks)

STRATEGIC PRIORITY - *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.*

4. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

Public Health

Holiday Activities & Food Programme (HAF)

- 4.1. The local Holiday Activities & Food Programme is providing thousands of places on free activities for children and young people eligible for free school meal related benefits. The programme continues to evolve and a grants process is underway to distribute the funding for the summer holiday delivery period. A dedicated internal management team is being recruited to and a market-leading booking and data management system is being commissioned, allowing for further developments and improvements to be made to the programme.
- 4.2. During the Easter 2022 Holidays, 866 children and young people in Middlesbrough attended 2,989 day places on the programme – with a hot meal, physical activity and other exciting activities provided at every session.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Executive Member for Culture and Communities

DATE OF MEETING: 06 July 2022

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY - Increase attendance at existing Council events like Orange Pip

1. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

Middlesbrough's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

- 1.1. To celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Middlesbrough Council either hosted or funded a host of activities throughout Spring, culminating in a jam-packed Jubilee Weekend.
- 1.2. These events began during Local History Month in May, with the Council's culture team creating online videos on topics such as Jubilee-themed crafts and baking, plus talks and lectures developed by Officers from our Museums, Libraries and the Teesside Archives, with input from local artists and businesses. Visitors and residents were also treated to a host of Jubilee-themed talks in the Dorman Museum and other cultural spaces across the town.
- 1.3. In June, Centre Square played host to an extended, two-day long special edition of the ever popular Orange Pip Market. This event was home to the usual Orange Pip fare, including artisanal street-food and drink and craft stalls, along with more Jubilee themed activities, such as a pop-up royal pub quiz and our Celebration Parade, which filed through the Town Centre and celebrated the seven decades of Her Majesty's reign.
- 1.4. Visitor numbers at the Orange Pip are always high, but the two day event attracted a huge number of people to our Town Centre, with over 15,000 people entering Centre Square alone, with many others lining the route of the parade through the Town Centre.
- 1.5. On the evening of Thursday 2nd June, the Cenotaph played host to our official Beacon Lighting ceremony. This was a highly choreographed event, with all aspects of the ceremony dictated by Buckingham Palace, but it included a choir, bag piper and our brand new Town Crier taking part in his first official event.
- 1.6. To coincide with the Beacon Lighting, the Dorman Museum hosted "A Night at the Dorman Museum", which offered visitors a chance to take a look around the museum and take in the specially curated exhibit focussing on visits by Her Majesty and other members of the Royal Family to Middlesbrough. This event attracted over 1000 visitors to the Museum on that night alone, and attracted

praise for the staff, exhibits and Dressers Tea Room, situated inside the entrance to the museum.

- 1.7. The culmination of Middlesbrough's Jubilee Celebrations occurred over the Jubilee Weekend, with over 230 street parties and community events across Middlesbrough, funded by Middlesbrough Council. As the Executive Member, it was a pleasure for me to sit on the grants panel which awarded the funding, and brilliant to see the scope of celebrations throughout the town when I visited several street parties, with the enthusiasm from organisers and residents clear from both their applications and their parties.
- 1.8. This enthusiasm will be rewarded on Sunday 3rd July, when the Town Hall will host its very own celebratory street party in the Main Hall, Crypt and Courtyard, with the organiser from each event invited to attend and receive a thank you from myself and the Mayor.

<i>STRATEGIC PRIORITY – We will invest in our existing cultural assets, create new spaces and events and improve access to culture.</i>

2. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

Middlesbrough Cultural Partnership

- 2.1. The Middlesbrough Cultural Partnership (MCP) is a collective of arts, heritage and culture organisations, businesses and freelance artists on a mission to make Middlesbrough the Most Creative Town in the UK. It has over 20 members, including MIMA, Navigator North, Platform A and the Auxiliary Project, and at its core aims to increase the visibility and engagement of culture throughout the town and its surrounding area. To this end, members of the partnership have engaged with over 1 million residents and visitors to Middlesbrough over the past financial year.
- 2.2. The MCP is an independent partnership, but is facilitated by Middlesbrough Council, with all of our important Cultural offerings represented, to showcase them at their very best. It was agreed at the inception of the Partnership that it would be free from political involvement, however, as the portfolio holder, I am regularly updated on the activities, and attend meetings as an observer, along with my regular visits to our cultural spaces and partners.
- 2.3. The Partnership was recently instrumental in securing a £5million funding bid from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). The majority of this fund will go to renovating and modernising Middlesbrough Central Library, but will also fund projects at the Auxiliary Project and Platform Arts, housed on Station Street and the Middlesbrough Railway Station, respectively.
- 2.4. To build on this groundswell of culture, the MCP recently launched the Middlesbrough Cultural Capital Investment Prospectus, which is designed to showcase the town's cultural offering to prospective investors. This approach has already received widespread acclaim, with Arts Council England holding it up as an example of best practice, and Historic England praising Middlesbrough for our exceptionally well joined-up cultural sector.

2.5. More information on the Middlesbrough Cultural Partnership can be found at www.boroculture.org.uk.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY – Vulnerability (We will work to address the causes of vulnerability and inequalities in Middlesbrough and safeguard and support those made vulnerable).

3. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN: Homes for Ukraine

- 3.1. Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) provided guidance for Local Authorities surrounding the Homes for Ukraine scheme. Using this guidance, Middlesbrough Council put together a framework for internal and external services, with the aim of supporting both Ukrainians (known as “guests”) and residents (“hosts”) who wish to host them.
- 3.2. This support includes liaising with local charities and migration partnerships to ensure arrangements are in place to receive Ukrainian asylum seekers, completing property and safeguarding checks to ensure the safety of those guests once they are here, managing payments to guests and hosts, providing education, and supporting guests to access benefits and work. The council also has a duty to safeguard guests if their matching with hosts fails, leading to them becoming officially homeless.
- 3.3. The figure for potential hosts and guests currently stands at 27 host homes and 61 guests, with around half of these (12 and 29, respectively) filled. Middlesbrough has also welcomed 9 Ukrainian children (out of a potential total of 14), with one of our guests also being seven months pregnant.
- 3.4. Besides the official response to the Ukraine conflict, it should be noted that many Middlesbrough residents, including some councillors, have been active in providing relief to those Ukrainians who are unable or unwilling to leave their home country, with many of them collecting supplies and some even travelling to the border to dispense aid.
- 3.5. I would personally like to thank every resident and Member involved- in both gathering and distributing aid and in hosting Ukrainian families- for their selflessness and humanitarianism.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Executive Member for Environment

DATE OF MEETING: 06 July 2022

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<i>STRATEGIC PRIORITY - Climate Change</i>
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1. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

Waste & Green Collections

1.1. Collections are going well so far this year with the kerbside recycling and green waste services proving to be popular as ever, tonnage details below

Material	Apr-21	Apr-22	May-21	May-22
Green Waste	1163	980	736	1173
Kerbside Recycling	1099	903	939	939
Residual Waste	3656	3327	3208	3344

1.2. However, we have seen an increase in contamination rates for kerbside recycling with the following rates reported by the sorting facility:

- April = 38% Contamination
- May = 29% Contamination

1.3. This is obviously a significant amount of waste which is being presented in the bins and the main areas of contamination are:

- Food Waste
- Black Bag Waste
- Nappies

1.4. We are using this information to drive our social media and communications campaign to ensure residents are fully aware of what can and cannot go into the blue lidded recycling bins. The team are also utilising the data from the *webaspx* system to identify relevant properties / households with the intention of visiting these residents to provide any assistance that is required through our Waste Education programme. To improve this situation, our Education & Enforcement Officer is targeting offenders by door knocking & corresponding to improve their waste knowledge & to improve the recycling uptake.

- 1.5. As part of the continued drive to improve the state of the back alleys a trial was undertaken where we installed new communal bins which had reversible lids on them and the bins were secured to locking posts. The bins were installed to reduce the amount of “bin dipping” and to stop the bins being tipped over and rummaged through and this has proved to be very successful.
- 1.6. As part of the drive to increase our recycling rates, The Area Care cleansing teams have trialled Street orderly Barrows for their daily litter collection activities. These barrows enable the collected waste to be segregated from the recyclables. 8 of these barrows were used in the trial with each operative collecting on average 11 bags per week, with each bag weighing 5kg. Subject to funding, we have recommended a full roll out across the borough for our Area Care cleansing operatives.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY – <i>Climate Change</i>
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2. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

Tree Policy/Planting

- 2.1. The Tree Policy has recently been reviewed to ensure that it is fit for purpose & complies with any updated legislation.
- 2.2. This year Area Care have planted 6,735 trees/whips
- 2.3. Area care along with community volunteers have planted 10 Micro Forest (1 per council Ward). The remaining 10 wards will be planted in autumn later this year.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY – <i>Climate Change</i>
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3. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

Green Strategy

- 3.1. As part of the Green Strategy outcomes there have been several important actions carried out:
- We are exploring options about how we can continue to electrify our fleet to further reduce our carbon emissions.
 - We are also engaging with MVDA to see how we can support the voluntary sector in their environmental ambitions and are establishing our carbon baseline data to map our path to net zero.
 - Creating 5 new community gardens with Towns Fund funding

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Executive Member for Finance and Governance

DATE OF MEETING: 06 July 2022

This report aims to provide an update to Members on activity within my portfolio and performance against the strategic priorities I either lead on or am involved with.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY – Quality of Service (We will ensure that we place communities at the heart of what we do, continue to deliver value for money and enhance the reputation of Middlesbrough).

1. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

1.1. On 14th June 2022 I attended the Executive committee to firstly update Executive members of core financial outturn for year ending 2022 and secondly to ask for approval on various items, namely the creation of new reserve funds and the flexible use of capital receipts.

1.2. Regarding the financial update, the financial period which was focused on was for the year ending 2022 in which overall there was a financial overspend of £2.4million. The below table demonstrates by each directorate area how this has arisen. The service which has produced the highest overspend has been children services which has undergone and is still undergoing an improvement journey which is a core strategic priority of the council.

Directorate	2021/22 Full Year Budget	2021/22 Initial Final Outturn (excluding Covid-19)	2021/22 INITIAL OVER / (UNDER) SPEND (excluding Covid-19)	2021/22 Proposed transfer to Pay & Prices budget	2021/22 Proposed transfer to Reserves	2021/22 Proposed Flexible Use of Capital Receipts	2021/22 FINAL OVER / (UNDER) SPEND (excluding Covid-19 and after proposed transfer to Pay & Prices budget, Reserves, and proposed Flexible Use of Capital Receipts)
	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s	£'000s
Regeneration and Culture	3,569	3,522	(47)	0	0	(11)	(58)
Environment and Community Services	19,385	21,368	1,983	(1,363)	0	(263)	357
Public Health	(2,820)	(3,870)	(1,050)	0	230	0	(820)
Adult Social Care	39,682	38,706	(976)	0	0	0	(976)
Total - Adult Social Care and Health Integration	36,862	34,836	(2,026)	0	230	0	(1,796)
Education & Partnerships	737	360	(377)	0	0	0	(377)
Children's Care	40,037	48,332	8,295	0	0	(4,217)	4,078
Total - Children's Services	40,774	48,692	7,918	0	0	(4,217)	3,701
Legal and Governance Services	10,121	10,638	517	0	0	(526)	(9)
Finance	818	(816)	(1,634)	0	0	0	(1,634)
Central Budgets	4,963	715	(4,248)	1,363	0	0	(2,885)
Revenue Outturn	116,492	118,955	2,462	0	230	(5,017)	(2,325)

- 1.3. From this table Executive then approved the proposed transfers listed on the above table but crucially also approved the proposed flexible use of capital receipts.
- 1.4. This mechanism allows local authorities to use income generated from capital sales to be used on revenue expenses. Ordinarily this income would be ring-fenced for capital expenditure.
- 1.5. Whilst this flexibility can be a positive mechanism to help balance council revenue shortfalls it should not be seen as a strategic tool on which the Council can rely upon.
- 1.6. If local authorities dilute their asset base to ensure balanced revenue spending their ability to rely on this mechanism becomes increasingly difficult and unsustainable.
- 1.7. Another key item approved in the Executive meeting was the creation of a social care transformation reserve. This reserve combines a few smaller reserves from the following sources:
- Children's Services Improvement Reserve (£175,000)
 - Children's Services Demand Reserve (£732,000)
 - Social Care Demand Reserve (£500,000)
- 1.8. It then also transfers £5,665,000 from the general fund reserve to make the total value of this newly created reserve to be £7,072,000.
- 1.9. This reserve is included in the below table which shows the opening balances, changes and the end balances of each reserve and provision.

Reserves and Provisions 2021/22	Opening Balance	Use in year	Additional Contributions	Transfers between reserves	Transfers to General Fund of final year-end underspend on non-Covid 19 expenditure	Transfers from General Fund to new earmarked Reserve	Balance at Year End
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
General Fund Reserve	10,500	0	695	3,340	2,325	(5,665)	11,195
Covid Recovery Reserve	4,512	(390)	0	(4,122)	0	0	0
Earmarked Reserve - Social Care Transformation Reserve	0	0	0	1,407	0	5,665	7,072
Earmarked Reserves	28,970	(45,806)	42,859	(2,748)	0	0	23,275
Earmarked Reserve - Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)	(3,291)	(44)	0	0	0	0	(3,335)
School balances	4,864	(4,864)	4,956	0	0	0	4,956
Provisions	2,555	(3,579)	4,548	2,123	0	0	5,647
TOTAL	48,110	(54,683)	53,058	0	2,325	0	48,810

- 1.10. This new earmarked reserve for social care transformation is intended to be able to be utilised by both adult social care and children services as required. However, it is anticipated that children services will be the main beneficiary of this reserve and it is a transparent commitment from Middlesbrough Council that the improvement journey of this service will continue to have firm support.

Fair Cost of Care

- 1.11. In accordance with government requirements we have now commenced the Fair Cost of Care exercises for both older Persons Residential care, and 18+ Home Care. These exercises will seek to identify the true cost of care. This exercise is being undertaken by local authorities nationally and a fair Cost of Care report must be submitted to government by early October along with our Market Sustainability report.

Independent Fostering Framework (IFA)

- 1.12. The 12 North East Local Authorities have worked collaboratively on the commissioning of a new IFA Framework for the region and we are currently in a formal standstill process following a formal joint procurement and the new framework is due to go live on 1st July 2022. This has been a significant piece of work and we hope that the framework continues to meet the needs of the North East, there has been significant engagement of the market in the procurement to ensure a positive response. There are 19 providers going through standstill process in order to be awarded a place on the Framework which is really good.

Asset Disposal

- 1.13. A number of surplus assets have been identified for disposal during the current financial year 2022/2023 and will be brought forward for sale accordingly. In addition to the initial marketing of the Civic Centre – for the purposes of redevelopment following the proposed move to Fountain Court in September, these also include the disposal of assets located on Borough Road, a vacant social club in Thortree, residential properties situated within Gresham, the former Teesside Archives and a retail development site at Coulby Newham.

Asset Valuation

- 1.14. The annual revaluation of land & property assets is a mandatory local government requirement and was successfully completed by the Council's subcontract valuation partner during Q4 2021/22. Arrangements for the current financial year 2022/23 have been agreed, with valuation work on the first batch of land & property assets due to commence during Q1 2022/23.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Executive Member for Neighbourhood Safety

DATE OF MEETING: 06 July 2022

This report aims to provide an update to Members on activity within my portfolio and performance against the strategic priorities I either lead on or am involved with.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY – Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (Increase CCTV across the whole town)

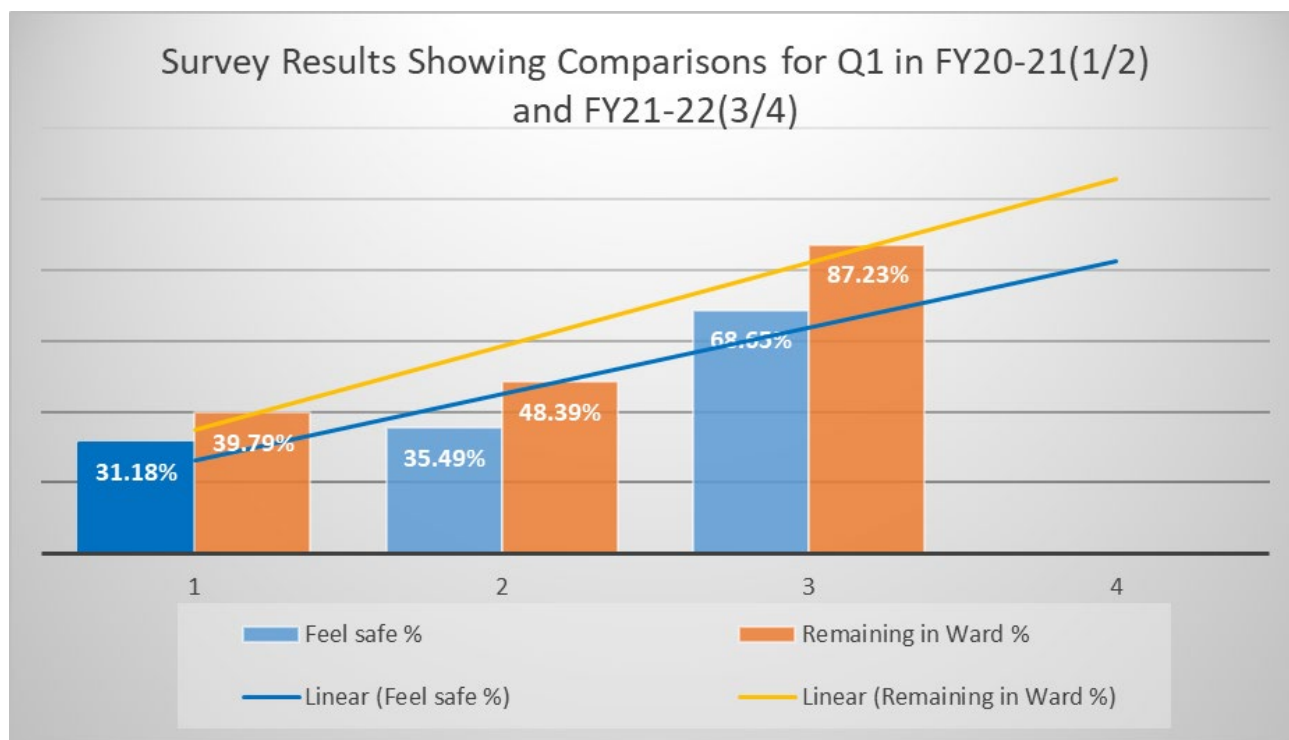
1. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

- 1.1. In 2020 there was 258 CCTV cameras and this increased to 548 in 2021 (an increase of 290 cameras) this has continued to increase and we have installed an additional 27 cameras bringing the current number of cameras to 575.
- 1.2. We have plans to install 147 additional CCTV cameras across the whole of the Town which will bring the total number of cameras to 722 by the end of this financial year.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (Encourage more residents to report crime and ASB)

2. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

- 2.1. Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) has seen a significant reduction in Middlesbrough with ASB levels currently at their lowest level in 4 years.
- 2.2. In relation to environmental crime (e.g. fly tipping) we have seen significant improvements since the introduction of the Flying Squad. There was a significant backlog of jobs prior to the introduction of the team in 2021 and this has now been cleared. The service has moved from being re-active to pro-active.
- 2.3. Perceptions have seen a significant improvement in the Newport and North Ormesby Locality Working pilot areas. A survey indicated that perceptions of feeling safe in their neighbourhood improved by 33.16% alongside people intending to remain in the ward over 3 years increasing by 38.84%.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (Support the police and hold them to account for each neighbourhood)

3. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

Warden and Neighbourhood Safety Officer activity.

- 3.1. School patrols have been taking place daily and have been made up from patrols utilising the CCTV enforcement car and traditional foot patrol. Problematic schools, where parking issues are prevalent, have had enforcement patrols each morning and afternoon during term time.
- 3.2. Below you will find a break down in enforcement activity for the month of May 2022 and gives you an overview of the total PCN'S issued within the reporting period. Now the Football Championship season has drawn to a close we have seen a reduction in complaints and requests for service on the approaches to Middlesbrough Football Club.
- 3.3. We will continue with our patrols and proactively work at these locations when the season starts up again later this year. We are also seeing continuing issues on Linthorpe Road and Fairbridge Street as a result of fast food restaurants and takeaways using delivery agents such as Just Eat, Deliveroo, Uber Eats and others.
- 3.4. Pritchard Road in East Middlesbrough continues to cause issues for local residents and we are being proactive with our approach at this location. In the same reporting period of the last financial year we issued a **total of 1767** penalty charge notices, in comparison to the same period in 2022 we have seen **1888** penalty charge notices issued. **20** of the **1888** penalty charge notices were issued at local schools for

contraventions. **A total increase of 121 PCNS issued (6.8% increase)** when compared to the same reporting period in the previous financial year.

PCN's Issued 2022-23													
Month	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
No. PCN Issued	1124	764											1888

The following information related to Neighbourhood Safety Wardens and Officers Activity for the month of May only 01/05/2022 – 31/05/2022

- 3.5. To support the work of the Wardens we have a team of 7 dedicated Neighbourhood Safety Officers (NSOs) who take positive action against perpetrators, and adopt a problem solving approach to tackle issues that present within their ward areas. During May the Neighbourhood Safety Officers engaged with **58 victims**. The team have progressed several actions against perpetrators of Anti-Social Behavior and some examples of this work can be seen in the good news stories below. In May 2022 the team have carried out **971 actions** within communities.
- 3.6. The Neighbourhood Safety Service in May 2022 have dealt with **1507 service requests**. The leading category for the service area continues to be fly tipping/ dumped material with **555** service requests followed by **303** reports of ASB. There is a very slight increase in both category areas based on the previous month. We dealt with **139** requests for service relating to untaxed and abandoned vehicles. We also responded to **65** requests for service relating to stray dogs/ animal related issues. Officers continue to be proactive with the use of the PSPO and have issued **49** instructions and **5** fixed penalty notices for breaches.
- 3.7. We have undertaken several operations around nuisance vehicles. We have undertaken operations in Newport, North Ormesby and continued to support Operation Fortress in Hemlington. We attended Teesside Magistrates court towards the end of May and Teesside Crown Court relating to serious fly tipping.
- 3.8. Examples of enforcement action can be found on Middlesbrough's Neighbourhood Policing Team Facebook page: [Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Policing Team | Facebook](#).

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Executive Member for Regeneration

DATE OF MEETING: 06 July 2022

This report aims to provide an update to Members on activity within my portfolio and performance against the strategic priorities I either lead on or am involved with.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Agree action plan for the House of Fraser building

1. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

- 1.1. As the store has now formally closed, options are being developed to use existing resources to secure a use for the ground and basement floors. A bid to the Government's Levelling Up Fund is being prepared to seek further resources to address the rest of the building, along with other key vacancies in the town centre.
- 1.2. The intersection between Corporation Road and Linthorpe Road plays a vital role in the overall health of the town centre, and the Council will be working with all of the property owners to ensure the area is fully occupied as soon as possible.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: New housing at St Hilda's

2. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

- 2.1. Natural England have raised an issue across much of Tees Valley regarding the impact of nutrients caused by new development on the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Special Protection Area (and other areas around the country).
- 2.2. This means that planning applications for new housing will now need to mitigate the additional nitrogen generated by their construction and occupation. This issue, known as 'nutrient neutrality' is affecting 42 different local authority areas in whole or in part, including all of Middlesbrough. At this point, Natural England have identified the issue and provided a methodology for calculating the impact of development, but no solutions are yet available to mitigate the impacts, or to quantify what that mitigation can achieve.
- 2.3. As a result, there is effectively a moratorium on approving planning applications for new housing until solutions can be agreed. This will naturally impact upon the Council's plans for housing growth across the borough, both in terms of timescale and in terms of cost. The extent to which it will impact upon the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan is being monitored as the situation unfolds. It is worth noting that less than 1% of the nitrogen in the water infrastructure is generated by human waste water. The vast majority is caused by farming.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Increased enforcement against problem properties

3. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

- 3.1. An innovative approach is being developed to tackle those properties that require co-ordinated 'case management' to push owners from different angles at the same time to ensure that they take action to improve them.
- 3.2. A report will be brought to Executive in September setting out how enforcement action around problem properties will be tied in with investigative roles, chasing Council Tax debts and the ability to place charges on properties where the Council have had to intervene. This will enable the Council to take greater action against the worst offenders and force them to either invest in the properties or sell them on.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Complete planned works on Captain Cook Pub and Old Town Hall

4. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

- 4.1. Renovation works on the Captain Cook Pub have now been completed, although supply issues mean that some of the specialist glass required for the ground floor is still to arrive. The property is being marketed on a leasehold basis, with numerous parties showing an interest.
- 4.2. Discussions and site visits have also taken place with the Heritage Lottery Fund, and an expression of interest will be submitted this summer for the resources required to fully develop the Old Town Hall as a commercial heart to the new St Hilda's.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: BOHO digital expansion

5. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

- 5.1. The construction of Boho X is progressing as planned and is expected to be completed on schedule in December. Agreement has been reached to let the full 60,000 sq ft of space and announcements will be made soon on the further growth of the digital cluster.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Commence work on the new Southlands Centre

6. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

- 6.1. The Executive decision on 14th June to commit further funding to the development of a new community centre at Southlands and create a football hub for East

Middlesbrough has triggered the design work required to secure the appropriate planning permission. Discussions will now commence with the Football Foundation to secure further investment into the football facilities and deliver the original vision of new pitches and changing room capacity. Work should start on site by November.

<i>STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Open three entertainment facilities within Captain Cook Square</i>

7. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

- 7.1. The conversion of Captain Cook Square from retail to leisure is well underway, with Level Up (Lane 7), and the Wired Lobby undergoing fit out works in preparation for an Autumn opening. A further two occupiers have been secured for the project, and announcements will be made soon on their opening plans. Further decanting of retailers from Captain Cook Square to the Cleveland Centre or other town centre space will be managed over the next 12 months, to create more space for new leisure lettings.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Executive Member for Young Adults and Political Engagement

DATE OF MEETING: 06 July 2022

This report aims to provide an update to Members on activity within my portfolio and performance against the strategic priorities I either lead on or am involved with.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY - To help increase Political Participation and engagement across the town.

1. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

Simplification of various Council documents which underline the procedures and processes from which the Council operates.

1.1. Voter engagement is crucial in getting citizens to vote and have a say in their future and we must do all that we can to ensure that people are given as much opportunity as possible to contribute to the political process as this will fundamentally improve our local democracy.

1.2. I am therefore working collaboratively with Democratic Services and the Communications Team to start developing a voter engagement strategy with key aims of:

- Educating people about the importance of voting as an act of civic engagement;
- Spreading information about the voting process, right from voter registration to polling venues and important dates;
- Reducing voter participation gaps and motivating communities with a history of poor turnout to vote;
- Increasing the Pre-registering young voters to increase future participation;
- Reviewing current documentation to improve readability for different audiences.

1.3. The strategy will include an engagement timetable and use various communication tools to get messages out there including traditional methods of radio, newspapers, video's and various social media outlets to target varying audiences. We will also be looking for councillors to volunteer to create some short promotional videos. To help promote democratic engagement with our young people, I recently helped promote the Youth Parliament elections across Middlesbrough's Schools which saw Lucy Buchart elected as Middlesbrough's latest Member of the Youth Parliament.

- 1.4. The Elections Bill will also introduce some significant changes to election processes and additional requirements for both voters and candidates and so we will be working with the Government, other local and regional authorities to develop a range of materials to raise awareness. By having a voter engagement strategy /schedule we will also be able to ensure that we have the appropriate resources to manage any additional demand the engagement strategy may bring.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY - *To increase the opportunities that young people in our area have to develop and voice their opinions on both local and national issues.*

2. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

The development of a new means by which young people who are close to leaving secondary education (ages 15-17) are able to actively debate key contemporary issues and feel they have a proper means by which they can influence local Politics.

- 2.1 Politics has long been considered an area which is dominated by older members of society. Indeed the average age of Councillors in the UK is 59.4 years old (as of 2018). Although older members of society have quite often had more life experience and are therefore often able to provide a greater insight into many issues, it is equally vital that younger people also have a voice within local government.

- 2.2 Work is currently being undertaken to provide a means by which younger members of our society can engage with the Political sphere. By the age of 15 many young people have already developed ideas about the world and have an opinion on some of the key fundamental debates which take place across society. It is therefore only right that they should have the means with which they can discuss, debate and develop these ideas in an official, formal setting.

- 2.3 The end result will be a forum which largely resembles this one, whereby young people are able to bring forward a motion which can be debated with their peers. Depending on how popular/ successful this initiative becomes there is a possibility that this forum could be allocated a small budget to manage in the future.

- 2.4 It must be acknowledged that it is vital this forum is given some real, tangible power as this will be a key determinant with regards to how successful the initiative will be. Young people want the ability to make real, meaningful decisions which have a wider ranging and long term impact.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY - *To increase the opportunities that our younger population has to enter the world of work and gain the necessary skills to have a long and successful career.*

3. WHAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN:

Helping to increase the number and quality of apprenticeships available to young adults in and around the town by speaking to employers and considering how the Council can help improve uptake.

3.1 Apprenticeships are a great means by which young people are able to gain a foothold into the world of work. They provide people with vital on the job experience, can often be done alongside an additional qualification and crucially often provide a source of income.

3.2 In 2019 it was revealed that over 50% of young adults now go to University. Although this figure may initially appear to be positive, the reality is that University is simply not for everyone and there now exists a number of youngsters who are entering University and leaving with a qualification which is simply not relevant to the career they wish to pursue in life.

3.3 Given this, it is important that we look to increase awareness of the benefits of apprenticeships in our schools and colleges and try to encourage more local employers to take on apprentices.

3.4 One way which the Council currently achieving this end is through the tender process on capital projects. Capital projects are awarded on a % split between Price and Quality. Under the 'Quality' section we can find various indicators such as: Use of local labour, training opportunities, local apprenticeships and volunteer days.

3.5 To give a prominent example of this in action, Galliford Try (the main contractor for the BOHO X development) have committed to the following:

- 12 Work Experience Weeks
- 6 Careers and Guidance Events
- 12 training plans
- 200 training weeks
- project initiated apprentices

3.6 It must be acknowledged that aside from internal apprenticeships which are offered by the Council and the capital projects that we put out for tendering, the Council exercises very little direct control over this area. That is why it is vital that members and officers seek to actively engage with local businesses and use the power of persuasion to ensure that we help our young people gain the necessary skills for their ideal career.



EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

DATE	DECISION MAKER	ISSUE	PURPOSE OF REPORT	KEY DECISION
7 Dec 2021	Executive	Corporate Performance Update: Quarter Two 2021/22	This report advises the Executive of corporate performance at the end of Quarter Two 2021/22 and where appropriate seeks approval of any changes, where these lie within the authority of the Executive.	No
7 Dec 2021	Executive	Annual Update: Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)	To provide an update to members with an update of work undertaken by Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)	No
7 Dec 2021	Executive	Virtual School Peer Review	The purpose of this report is to advise Executive that Children's Services has commissioned a peer review from the National Association of Virtual School Heads (NAVSH) as part of the Council's commitment to continuous improvement. Children's Services would like Executive to endorse the findings of the peer review to improve service delivery to young people.	No
7 Dec 2021	Executive	Calculation of Council Tax Base for 2022/2023	To set the council tax base for the financial year 2022/2023 by the statutory deadline of 31 January 2022.	Yes

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7 Dec 2021	Executive	Corporate Debt Write Off Policy	<p>1. The purpose of this new policy is to provide a corporate approach to the writing off of bad and irrecoverable debts in a fair and timely manner, whilst seeking to maximise the opportunity for collection thereby minimising the need for write off.</p> <p>2. All service areas must follow this policy to allow the Council to operate a consistent approach to debt write off, whilst having due regard to the customer's ability to pay.</p> <p>3. Whilst some parts of debt write off are governed by particular legislative requirements such as Council Tax, Business Rates, Adult Social Care Debt, etc, wherever possible the overall principle of debt write off should be efficient and effective, always giving consideration to the financial impact on the Council when debt is written off.</p> <p>4. This policy will underpin any specific recovery strategies and will be applied across all directorates.</p> <p>5. This new policy will also support cross directorate communication where a shared customer base exists. It is envisaged that the approach will work within Data Protection legislation, and should be considered at a corporate level to reduce multiple officer engagements across directorates with the same resident and or business base.</p>	Yes
7 Dec 2021	Executive	International Centre - Transfer of Freehold	The purpose of the report is to consider the proposal to transfer the Council's freehold interest of the International centre to a community organisation.	Yes
11 Jan 2022	Executive	Digital Inclusion Strategy	To adopt the Digital Inclusion Strategy (DIS).	Yes
11 Jan 2022	Executive	Final Report of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel - Cultural Events in Middlesbrough: Their Impact and Future - Service Response	To provide an update and action plan that relates to the recommendations made by the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel.	No

DATE	DECISION MAKER	ISSUE	PURPOSE OF REPORT	KEY DECISION
11 Jan 2022	Executive	Final Report of the Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel - Middlesbrough Regeneration Post COVID-19 - Service Response.	This report seeks Executive approval of the services response and action plan relating to the recent final report of the Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel – investigating Middlesbrough Regeneration post covid-19.	No
11 Jan 2022	Executive	Corporate Crisis Policy	<p>1. The purpose of this new policy is to provide a corporate approach to the definition of crisis, what is considered to be a suitable crisis following which access to the supporting mechanisms can be made, and also covers what is not a crisis. Whilst predominantly focussing on the term crisis, the policy also defines and provides for situations where a 'disaster' occurs. The policy also defines how any support payments will be made.</p> <p>2. All service areas must follow this policy to allow the Council to operate a standardised and coordinated approach to crisis, which would include data sharing (where appropriate and legal to do so), and a 'price list' of support payments.</p> <p>3. Every effort will be made to support residents who are in crisis. Service Areas will work together, where appropriate to do so, and also share data to make informed decisions about what support can be offered. The overall decision and distribution of funds falls within the remit of Resident and Business Support, in collaboration with other service areas.</p> <p>4. This policy is designed to provide consistency, clarity and a payment framework when responding to residents who present themselves to the service when in need of emergency support, and will be applied across all directorates</p>	Yes

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11 Jan 2022	Executive	Elected Members Small Scheme Allocation 2021/22	Executive considers the schemes set out in this report and either approves, declines or recommends alternative funding in respect of the Elected Members Small Scheme Allocation (EMSS).	Yes
11 Jan 2022	Executive	Whorlton Road - Disposal [Part A] & [Part B]	The purpose of the report is to consider the proposal to dispose of the Council's freehold interest in Whorlton Road Industrial Estate.	Yes
12 Jan 2022	Executive Member for Regeneration	Middlesbrough Council Local Implementation Plan (LIP); Consultation findings	To seek adoption of the LIP following public consultation.	Yes
12 Jan 2022	Executive Member for Regeneration	Off-street Electric Vehicle Charging Point Installations	To seek Executive Member approval to work with Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) and their preferred contractor EB, to install Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Points at specified Council operated Car Parks within Middlesbrough.	Yes
13 Jan 2022	Executive Member for Environment, Finance & Governance	COVID-19 Business Financial Support – Covid Additional Relief Fund (CARF) and Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant Scheme.	To seek approval for the proposed terms of the Council's policy required to allow central government CARF funding to be applied to reduce local business ratepayer bills for 2021-2022.	Yes
9 Feb 2022	Mayor, Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health	Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy	The purpose of the report is to seek approval for two proposed changes to the Council's Taxi Policy following numerous requests from the Taxi Trade. The changes relate to the permitted vehicle age limit and window tints permitted for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles licensed by the Council.	Yes
14 Feb 2022	Executive	Corporate Performance Update: Quarter Three 2021/22	This report advises the Executive of corporate performance at the end of Quarter Three 2021/22 and where appropriate seeks approval of any changes, where these lie within the authority of the Executive.	No
14 Feb 2022	Executive	Revenue and Capital Budget - Projected Outturn position as at Quarter Three 2021/22	This report advises the Executive of the Council's financial position at Quarter Three 2021/22, including the projected effect of Covid-19 on the Council's finances.	Yes

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14 Feb 2022	Executive	Revenue Budget, Council Tax, Medium Term Financial Plan, and Capital Strategy 2022/23	<p>1. This report presents the recommended Revenue Budget of £118,328,934, Council Tax increase of 2.99% (paragraphs 71 to 91), and Capital Strategy Report for 2022/23 (paragraphs 151 to 162). Attached to the report are a number of appendices, which are listed at the end of the report.</p> <p>2. Following on from the previous report presented to Council on 24 November 2021, this report also provides a refreshed Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for the period 2022/23 to 2024/25 to reflect the 2022/23 Local Government Finance Settlement (paragraphs 17 to 29).</p> <p>3. The Medium Term Financial Plan update in this report is integrated with the £207.3 million Investment Strategy for Middlesbrough for the period from 2021/22 to 2024/25, supported by £102.4 million of the Council's own resources. The updated Investment Strategy is shown in Appendix 4.</p> <p>4. This budget continues to support the Mayor's commitment to invest in Middlesbrough and transform service delivery for residents. It is intended that through this strategy the Council can achieve the challenging financial targets faced in the Medium Term Financial Plan period whilst ensuring that there is a minimum impact on the level of service delivered to the public.</p>	Yes
14 Feb 2022	Executive	Virtual School Peer Review	<p>1. The purpose of this report is to advise Executive that Children's Services has received the Virtual School peer review report from the National Association of Virtual School Heads (NAVSH). Children's Services would like Executive to note the findings of the Virtual School peer review report and endorse the accompanying action plan. This is not an inspection report however the learning still remains valuable and supports the broader improvement journey.</p> <p>2. The Virtual School is composed of a small team of officers that sits within Children's Services as part of the Education and Partnerships Directorate. The team is managed by the Virtual School Head which is a statutory post within all Local Authorities. The purpose of the Virtual School is to champion and prioritise the educational provision for looked after children. This means that staff work in partnership with</p>	No

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			schools, carers, Social Care and a wide range of other stakeholders to ensure that looked after children receive the best and most appropriate education possible.	
14 Feb 2022	Executive	Appointment of External Auditors 2023/24 to 2027/28	<p>1. The current auditor appointment arrangements (the 'National Scheme') cover the period up to and including the audit of the 2022/23 accounts. The Council opted into the 'appointing person' national scheme established by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) for the period covering the accounts for 2018/19 to 2022/23.</p> <p>2. PSAA is now undertaking a procurement for the next appointing period, covering audits of the accounts for the financial years, 2023/24 to 2027/28. During autumn & winter 2021, all local government bodies need to make important decisions about their external audit arrangements from 2023/24. They have options to arrange their own procurement and make the appointment themselves or in conjunction with other bodies, or they can join and take advantage of the national collective scheme administered by PSAA.</p> <p>3. This report considers the options available and asks Executive to endorse a preferred way forward for recommendation to Council.</p>	No
14 Feb 2022	Executive	Local Council Tax Support 2022/23	This report seeks approval for the amendment of the Council's Council Tax Support (CTS) Scheme for 2022/2023.	Yes
14 Feb 2022	Executive	Tackling Crime and Antisocial Behaviour – CCTV	Request that Executive release the remaining capital funding of £350,000 to the wider development of CCTV in alleys and hot spot areas throughout Middlesbrough to reduce crime, antisocial behaviour and environmental crime.	Yes
14 Feb 2022	Executive	Final Report of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel - Cultural Events in Middlesbrough: Their Impact and Future - Service Response	To provide an update and action plan that relates to the recommendations made by the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel	No

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14 Feb 2022	Executive	Final Report of the Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel - Middlesbrough Regeneration Post COVID-19 - Service Response	This report seeks Executive approval of the services response and action plan relating to the recent final report of the Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel – investigating Middlesbrough Regeneration post covid-19.	No
23 Feb 2022	Executive Member for Regeneration	Tees Valley Combined Authority Enhanced Bus Partnership Plan and Scheme	The purpose of this report is approve that Middlesbrough Council become party to the 'shell' Enhanced Partnership agreement, noting that there are no direct obligations at this stage.	Yes
8 Mar 2022	Executive	Children's Services Improvement Programme: Update Report	To brief members of the Executive on the progress made against the Children's Service Improvement Plan with particular reference to the findings of Middlesbrough's Ofsted Monitoring Visit in December 2021.	No
8 Mar 2022	Executive	2022/23 Transport and Infrastructure Capital Programme	The purpose of this report is to gain approval to allocate funding to develop and deliver transport and infrastructure improvements contained within the report.	Yes
8 Mar 2022	Executive	Fountain Court Refurbishment - Phase Two Works	That Executive: a) Notes the progress made on phase one works at Fountain Court; and, b) Delegates approval for the award of the phase two refurbishment works contract to the Director of Regeneration and Culture, Richard Horniman and Director of Finance, Ian Wright.	Yes
8 Mar 2022	Executive	Final Report of the Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel - The Recruitment and Retention of Staff within Adult Social Care - Service Response	To provide an update and action plan that relates to the recommendations made by the Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel.	No
8 Mar 2022	Executive	Towns Fund - Ward Initiatives	To seek approval to deliver the programme of schemes developed as part of the Towns Fund Ward Initiative project and for the Council to adopt and maintain the assets.	Yes

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5 Apr 2022	Executive	Refreshing the Strategic Plan workplan for the 2022-24 period	<p>1. The Strategic Plan is the Council's overarching business plan for the medium-term, and whilst it is typically refreshed on an annual basis and sets out the priorities of the Elected Mayor of Middlesbrough and other corporate priorities for the Council, its supporting workplan is the mechanism by which those priorities and associated outcomes will be delivered.</p> <p>2. On 30 March 2022, Council was advised that an annual refresh for the Strategic Plan 2021-24 would not be brought forward and that as such the Strategic Plan would remain in place for the coming financial year, to ensure that the Council has sufficient time to consider implications of national and potential forthcoming local changes on its strategic direction.</p> <p>3. Council was further advised that the Strategic Plan's supporting workplan would be refreshed to reflect and address issues identified in the recent budget consultation, including infrastructure within the town. This report seeks Executive approval for the refreshed Strategic Plan workplan for the 2022-24 period. Directorate Priorities for 2022/23, which in conjunction with the Strategic Plan workplan, provide a cohesive approach to the delivery of key priority activities across Council services, are provided for information.</p>	No
5 Apr 2022	Executive	Schools Capital Programme 2022	To seek approval of schemes to be added to the schools capital programme for delivery to commence in the academic years 2021/22 and 2022/23.	Yes
5 Apr 2022	Executive	Local Cycling and Walking Implementation Plan; Linthorpe Road Corridor phase 2	The purpose of this report is to gain approval to commence the proposals to re-allocate road space along the Linthorpe Road corridor (between and Ayresome Street and Devonshire/Cumberland Road) to create protected cycle lanes in both directions.	Yes
5 Apr 2022	Executive	Tender Pipeline Approval 2022/23	To approve Middlesbrough Council's tender pipeline for 2022/23 and agree delegation of award to the relevant Director in consultation with their Executive Member.	Yes

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19 Apr 2022 & 29 Apr 2022	Executive	Homes for Ukraine Impact	To update Executive on the impact of the Homes for Ukraine programme in Middlesbrough and get agreement on how it is being managed locally.	Yes
19 Apr 2022 & 29 Apr 2022	Executive	Star Academies – Option for Land Disposal	<p>This report outlines the case to provide Eton College with a first option to purchase the designated land at Middlehaven under agreed commercial terms, subject to the outlined conditions. The conditions require that DFE support and funding is approved for the project and the land is disposed of at market value. This decision is recommended for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The previous three educational developments have all been progressed on commercial terms, namely discovery school at Natures world, Northern School of Art and more recently Outwood Academy Riverside at Middlehaven. • This will generate a capital receipt • Ensuring the parcel of land is ringfenced for this development signals a clear commitment to all parties that the local authority is supportive of this proposal. • The future potential disposal may be at a value in excess of the £150k threshold <p>A future report detailing the disposal will be brought to Executive for consideration in accordance with the Asset disposal Policy.</p>	Yes
26 Apr 2022	Executive Member for Environment, Finance and Governance	Section 13A (1) (a) (Exceptional Hardship Fund) Policy	This report seeks approval to amend the Council's Section 13A (1) (a) policy, under the Local Government Finance Act (LGFA) 1992 (as amended).	Yes
10 May 2022	Executive	Cultural Capital Investment Prospectus	<p>The purpose this report is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> brief the Executive Members on the Cultural Capital Investment Prospectus and Cultural Partnership; and gain support for the Cultural Development Fund. 	Yes

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10 May 2022	Executive	Demolition of the former Slam Nightclub	The purpose of the report is to seek Executive approval for the demolition of the former Slam nightclub.	Yes
10 May 2022	Executive	Green Strategy - Year Two Action Plan	The purpose of this report is to seek approval of Middlesbrough Council's Green Strategy Year Two action plan and to summarise the progress made in Year One.	Yes
10 May 2022	Executive	Improving our Highways	<p>1. Substantial investment is required in order to improve road / footway network. It is therefore timely to re-evaluate the current approach to maintaining and improving highway assets, with a view to improving the condition of the road / footway network back to a publicly acceptable and manageable level.</p> <p>2. The Executive is therefore asked to approve prioritisation of immediate works required for 2022/23 (detailed in Appendix 1), on the premise that during which time a re-evaluation exercise will be undertaken to address the approach to Red / Amber carriageway defects; developing a longer-term strategy for maintenance and improvements, in-line with the medium-term financial plan.</p>	Yes
10 May 2022	Executive	Proposed Service Delivery Model and associated Subsidised Charges for Residential Pest Control	The purpose of this report is to ask Executive to approve the proposed service delivery model and associated subsidised charges for residential pest control.	Yes
10 May 2022	Executive	Tees Advanced Manufacturing Park - Next Phase - PART A and PART B	This report proposes the development of a second phase at TeesAMP, funded by Middlesbrough Council (£8.82m), subject to complementary funding from Tees Valley Combined Authority; and, an additional £335k to balance the first phase development budget.	Yes
7 Jun 2022	Executive	Adoption of Stainsby Country Park and Masterplan	<p>1. In preparing the Masterplan, the Council is not seeking to develop the Stainsby site. Nor is it seeking to introduce a link road. The aim of the Council is to ensure the best possible development when the private sector being their scheme(s) forward.</p> <p>2. The report seeks to adopt the Stainsby Country Park and Masterplan, which has been finalised following public consultation, and delegate authority to the Director for Regeneration, in consultation with</p>	Yes

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			the Executive Member for Regeneration, to make any subsequent minor amendments to the Stainsby Country Park and Masterplan.	
14 Jun 2022	Executive	Children's Services Improvement Update	The progress made to improve outcomes for Middlesbrough's vulnerable children as set out in our Children's Services Improvement Plan 2020/2023. The effect of this work on showing 'Middlesbrough Children that they Matter'.	No
14 Jun 2022	Executive	Developing New Community Centres at the Southlands	The report seeks to detail the next steps to deliver the Council's aim for a new sporting hub and Community Centre in East Middlesbrough and a new Community Centre in Nunthorpe. The proposals are based upon the desire to assist the areas to secure the social and economic regeneration of the community for the benefit of local residents, as well as satisfying Sport England planning requirements to allow the Marton Avenue housing development to progress. The report requires an Executive approval as the decisions would impact more than two wards and exceed £150,000 expenditure.	Yes
14 Jun 2022	Executive	Revenue and Capital Budget – Year-End Outturn position 2021/22	This report advises the Executive of the Council's revenue and capital financial position at Year-End 2021/22, including the effect of Covid-19 on the Council's finances	Yes
14 Jun 2022 Report Deferred	Executive	Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel's Final Report - Green Strategy - Service Response	Determine how the Council can best implement its Green Strategy and increase biodiversity across Middlesbrough.	No
14 Jun 2022	Executive	Corporate Performance Update: 2021/22 Year End Results	This report advises the Executive of corporate performance at Year-End 2021/22 and where appropriate seeks approval of any changes, where these lie within the authority of the Executive	No

SECTION 3 – DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN UP TO THIS COUNCIL MEETING

DATE	PROPOSED DECISION MAKER	ISSUE	PURPOSE OF REPORT	KEY DECISION
1 Jul 2022	Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Children's Services	Annual Equality and Inclusion Report 2021 (Date TBA - July 22)	The report sets out how the council complies with its equality duties and provides equality and inclusion data about its workforce and the town.	No

SECTION 4 – DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE	PROPOSED DECISION MAKER	ISSUE	PURPOSE OF REPORT	KEY DECISION
7 Jul 2022	Executive Member for Finance and Governance	Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme.	This report seeks approval for the discretionary fund scheme.	Yes
12 Jul 2022	Executive	Exempt - Centre Square Further Office Provision	That the Executive approves prudential borrowing up to a maximum of £305,000 to create an additional 4,589 sq. ft. office suite at 1 Centre Square; and ? approves that provided the holistic budget limit is not exceeded, that the Director of Regeneration be delegated authority on all decisions pertaining to development management, including: - procurement and contractual arrangements; - appointment of specialist advisors and commercial agents; - lease eligibility criteria and incentives within the envelope of a reasonable return on investment; and - marketing and communications.	Yes

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12 Jul 2022	Executive	Application to the World Health Organisation to achieve Age Friendly Status	Communities can apply to join the W.H.O Network when they have commitment by the political leadership to engage in this process.	Yes
12 Jul 2022	Executive	Welfare Strategy	To adopt a new Welfare Strategy which brings together a significant number of existing and future policies under one overall strategic approach.	Yes
12 Jul 2022	Executive	Strategic Housing Site Disposals Part A	To seek approval to commence the process of preparing two Council owned housing sites (Newham Hall and Nunthorpe Grange) for sale. Both sites are contained within the 2014 Local Plan, and approval is needed to commence preparatory work.	Yes
12 Jul 2022	Executive	Exempt - Strategic Housing Site Disposals Part B	To seek approval to commence the process of preparing two Council owned housing sites (Newham Hall and Nunthorpe Grange) for sale. Both sites are contained within the 2014 Local Plan, and approval is needed to commence preparatory work.	Yes
12 Jul 2022	Executive	Overview and Scrutiny Board - Final Report of the Children and Young People's Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel Locality Working From A Children's Services Perspective	The aim of the investigation was to examine what impact the locality working pilots in Newport and North Ormesby were having on Children's Services.	Yes
12 Jul 2022	Executive	Restoration of the Old Town Hall	To seek permission to submit an expression of interest to the Heritage Lottery Fund for additional funding.	No
6 Sep 2022	Executive	Overview and Scrutiny Board - Final Report of the Children and Young People's Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel	Recommendations of the scrutiny panel are considered by Executive following its investigation into Sufficiency and Permanency report.	No

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		Sufficiency and Permanency (Perceptions of Children in Care)		
6 Sep 2022	Executive	Enhanced Youth Service	To present proposals for the new Enhanced Youth Service in Middlesbrough.	Yes
6 Sep 2022	Executive	50 Futures Expansion	Update and plans to expand the 50 Futures Work Experience programme	No
6 Sep 2022	Executive	Tree Maintenance	Executive to approve the re-establishment of an in-house Arboricultural team and in line with this, to approve any amendments to the Authorities current Tree Policy.	Yes
6 Sep 2022	Executive	Revenue and Capital Budget – Projected Outturn position as at Quarter One 2022/23	The report advises the Executive of the Council's financial position as at Quarter One 2022/23.	Yes
6 Sep 2022	Executive	Strategic Plan 2021-2024 – Progress at End of Quarter 1 2022/23	Quarterly monitoring, review and action planning plays a central role in ensuring that the Strategic Plan is delivered effectively.	No
6 Sep 2022	Executive	Locality Working – Evaluation and Next Steps	To ask Executive to consider the evaluation of the pilot and to approve the next phase of Locality Working.	Yes
6 Sep 2022	Executive	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.	Yes

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6 Sep 2022	Executive	Middlehaven – Electricity Reinforcement Works	The report is seeking approval from Executive for funding to facilitate the upgrade of electricity provision in Middlehaven.	Yes
6 Sep 2022	Executive	Transporter Bridge Update	The purpose of the report is to inform Executive of the current status of the Transporter Bridge, highlight what works have been carried and to seek approval/endorsement to identify funds and to carry out further repairs to the Transporter Bridge as identified in the Special Inspection carried out by Rapid Consultants and the follow up Principal Inspection carried out by Atkins Global.	Yes
6 Sep 2022	Executive	Poole Hospital Definitive Map Modification Order	Decision to progress with the DMMO	No
6 Sep 2022	Executive	Expansion of the Digital Sector – BOHO 11 PART A and PART B	To seek approval for the Capital Funding to progress with the expansion of the Digital Sector in Middlesbrough through the development and delivery of BOHO 11	Yes