



**Executive Member Reports
and additional Executive
decision information**

Council Meeting: 30 November 2022



INTRODUCTION

This document contains Executive Member reports relevant to the Council meeting to be held on **30 November 2022**.

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

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

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

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

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

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EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

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

DATE OF MEETING: 30 November 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. ACTIVITY IN MY PORTFOLIO:

- 1.1. Children's Services has now received its sixth monitoring visit from Ofsted focusing on older children in care and care leavers.
- 1.2. There was a two week lead in period and two inspectors, Jan Edwards and Jo Warburton, were with us for two days on November 1 and 2.
- 1.3. Jan was the lead inspector for our original inspection in November/December 2019 - so was able to gauge the progress we have made in this area since that time.
- 1.4. The preparations for the visit went well and all of the documentation was submitted in a timely way.
- 1.5. The inspectors interviewed a range of people, with Jan including me in that process for the first time. As chair of the Corporate Parenting Board Councillor Chris Hobson was interviewed alongside me. Jan was extremely thorough, however, it did feel like a positive meeting.
- 1.6. The inspectors spent time talking with social workers about the young people they are allocated to work with. Inspectors also spent time with young people so they could hear for themselves what young people were saying about their care.
- 1.7. Verbal feedback was received at the end of day two and a draft report was sent to us a week later to check for factual accuracies. This was returned on November 15 but all information is embargoed until the final report is published on December 6. This was the final Ofsted monitoring visit and the service is now preparing for the full inspection in the New Year.

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

2. ACTIVITY IN MY PORTFOLIO:

2.1. Working in collaboration with The Talent Foundry (TTF) and M&G plc, work is underway to help young people to discover what they are amazing at, develop valuable employment skills and prepare them for the world of work.

2.2. TTF has two central beliefs:

- Firstly, is the belief that everyone has something they can be amazing at; they just need to discover what that is, and collectively, we can help them do that.
- Secondly, is the belief that all young people deserve equal opportunities in life, regardless of their background or financial circumstances.

2.3. This partnership will provide early engagement with young people to support them to make informed choices during their school journey, change perceptions of their future opportunities and support the raising of aspirations.

2.4. TTF work with schools with a higher than average proportion of young people eligible for Pupil Premium.

2.5. As part of this mission, the Skills for Life: Middlesbrough programme has been developed and offered as a fully-funded package of employability and enrichment opportunities to secondary schools in Middlesbrough in the 2022-23 academic year.

2.6. Through a variety of awareness and aspiration raising workshops and initiatives, we are collectively working together to help prepare young people in Middlesbrough with the core skills needed to succeed in the world of work.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Introduce a marketing campaign and associated support to significantly grow the Middlesbrough Lottery

3. ACTIVITY IN MY PORTFOLIO:

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. On current projections it will raise £37,000 annually. Just some of the good causes it supports include: My Sisters Place, Recovery Connections and The White Feather Project.

- 3.5. I continue to work with the marketing and communications team to grow the lottery.
- 3.6. Gatherwell has provided comparison data between the Middlesbrough Lottery and three others that also launched in September 2021.
- 3.7. The data shows the Middlesbrough Lottery is performing strongly compared to those of a similar age.
- 3.8. We have had two players win £2,000.
- 3.9. Draws take place every Saturday evening and players can sign up via www.middlesbroughlottery.co.uk

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Promote Middlesbrough on the national stage

4. ACTIVITY IN MY PORTFOLIO:

- 4.1. The marketing and communications team has been trialling different distribution methods and approaches in an attempt to get more positive national coverage of the town.
- 4.2. A recent success saw The Times feature MIMA's exhibition of local man Steve Waller's model of St Hilda's.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Adult Social Care, Public Health, Public Protection and Digital Inclusion

DATE OF MEETING: 30 November 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 – Working with communities and other public services in Middlesbrough to improve the lives of local people.

1. ACTIVITY IN MY PORTFOLIO:

Public Protection

1.1. Staff from the Public Protection Team have been extremely busy in connection with a range of their regulatory roles. Housing inspections have increased in frequency as have food hygiene inspections of premises and Trading Standards enforcement work on, particularly, counterfeit cigarettes, illegal tobacco and illegal vaping products. Some of this latter work has been part of Operation Cece – a joint HMRC and Trading Standards crackdown that aims to disrupt and tackle the trade in illicit tobacco – and recently led to the closure of a shop in Middlesbrough for at least three months after illegal tobacco was seized from the premises. During the intervention in September more than 6,600 cigarettes and 4.5kg of tobacco were seized from the premises and related vehicles. Similarly, enforcement work on illegal vaping products has resulted in the recent seizure of a large volume of potentially hazardous vaping materials.

Adult Social Care

Charging Reform Delays

1.2. Work continues within the directorate as part of the government's adult social work reform agenda to prepare for both the launch of the new Care Quality Commission-led inspection framework, which is due to commence nationally in April 2023, and the "Dilnot Reform" changes to how individuals pay a means-tested contribution towards the cost of their care. In his Autumn Statement the Chancellor confirmed that the implementation of these charging reforms will be delayed for two years until 2025 however elements of preparatory work will need to continue to ensure readiness. The Chancellor announced that in the short term the funding that would have been provided by central government to support the

charging reforms will be allocated to fund additional care packages as part of the Local Government Finance Settlement.

Adult Social Care Discharge Fund

- 1.3. On 16 November 2022 central government announced the establishment of a new fund to support arrangements for hospital discharge. A national funding allocation of £500million was announced with 40% (£200million) being distributed to Local Authorities and 60% (£300 million) to Integrated Care Boards (ICBs). Detailed instructions and conditions for the funding have not yet been received at the time of writing but there is an expectation that both Local Authorities and Integrated Care Boards will be required to demonstrate how they have worked in partnership to determine how both elements of the funding can be used most effectively to support discharge from hospital. The allocation to Middlesbrough Council from the Local Authority 40% is £631,614.

Public Health

Warm Welcome

- 1.4. Public Health are coordinating the Warm Welcome spaces initiative across the town and various community groups and businesses are now joining the initiative. 11 of the Warm Spaces are from Council buildings including The Live Well Centre and Community Hubs and 6 are from community venues including community centres, faith groups, Teesside University, MFC, The Fork in the Road and the BME community network. Advice will be available on affordable warmth and support on a wide range of issues will also be available including benefit advice, housing, mental health and addiction.
- 1.5. Not all areas across the town have a Warm Welcome Space, to mitigate this, a mapping exercise will be undertaken to identify areas that don't currently have any Warm Welcome venues or where there are high levels of vulnerability and some engagement work will be undertaken with businesses/community venues to join the initiative. [Warm spaces | Middlesbrough Council](#)

Making Every Contact Count (MECC) Training

- 1.6. MECC Awareness Training has commenced in Middlesbrough, to ensure staff, partners, communities and health champions make the most of their daily interactions with clients, customers, and community members to impact on improving their health and wellbeing and signpost to services. This is especially important at the moment for people struggling with the Cost of Living crisis; the MECC training will ensure all services who have face to face contact with people impacted by the CoL issues, know how to have conversations with them to encourage them to address their needs, this may include access to benefit advice, affordable warmth advice or access to health and wellbeing services. The use of the MECC Gateway website is invaluable to this and this is being promoted appropriately www.meccgateway.co.uk/nenc

Syphilis Outbreak

- 1.7. Since 2018 there has been an increase in syphilis cases on Teesside. The greatest increases have been seen in Stockton-on-Tees and Middlesbrough predominantly in men who have sex with men (MSM).
- 1.8. Local authority commissioners working closely with the Tees Health Protection from UKHSA formed an Outbreak Control Team with key partners. Actions taken have included:
 - Undertaking a thorough audit of syphilis data for 2020 and 2021 which highlighted that over time the pattern has changed from MSM in 2018. In 2020/21 syphilis diagnoses on Teesside were greater in women and heterosexual men than MSM. This is of great concern for pregnant women as syphilis can be transmitted to the baby which can cause permanent damage to the brain and other vital organs including blindness, deafness and lifelong disability.
 - HCRG (formally Virgin Healthcare) have been working with maternity units on a pathway for referring positive cases for pregnant women into the service for rapid treatment. There have been no cases of congenital syphilis since 2019 mainly as a result of antenatal screening of all pregnant women.
 - Setting up a communications group to work with the HCRG to align and dovetail communication messages to raise awareness to pregnant women, young people and MSM groups across a range of social media platforms.
 - Working with HCRG to develop a syphilis action plan to reach target groups, work with maternity units, increase and improve contact tracing and management.
- 1.9. Monthly monitoring of syphilis data shows that new cases may be slowing down.

Monkeypox

- 1.10. Monkeypox is a rare infection most commonly found in Africa. Recently, there has been an increase in cases in the UK, however the risk remains low. Locally, numbers remain very low across Teesside with less than 5 cases.
- 1.11. Monkeypox transmission is from person to person through close physical contact with someone affected with monkeypox e.g. sexual contact, coughs and sneezes. Anyone can get monkeypox however, currently most cases have been in men who are gay, bisexual or have sex with other men.
- 1.12. In September, vaccine clinics were held locally and over 40 patients identified nationally to be from the most at risk groups, gay, bisexual, men who have sex with men and those taking PrEP medication to prevent onward transmission of HIV were vaccinated. The service is currently working with NHSE&I to secure additional vaccine to vaccinate staff.
- 1.13. Nationally, new Monkey pox cases are slowing down.

SMI Pilot (Stop Smoking Service)

- 1.14. Through ICS Funding, Middlesbrough has been chosen to deliver a pilot scheme focussing on those who are diagnosed with Severe Mental Illness

(SMI). Public Health are working alongside all three Primary Care Networks (PCNs) in Middlesbrough to target individuals who are on the SMI register, who smoke and would like support to quit.

- 1.15. All GP practices across the three PCNs are utilising their Care Coordination teams and Social Prescribers to facilitate a targeted approach on these patients and will support them to access the Specialist Stop Smoking Service where they will receive an enhanced and extended level of support to help patients achieve their goals around quitting.
- 1.16. Smoking prevalence in patients with mental illness has always been higher than those not suffering with poor mental health and the standard approach offered by services does not always work often creating barriers to those that wish to access. It is anticipated that this adapted approach will remove some of these barriers and reduce smoking prevalence in SMI patients as well as reduce other health risks related to smoking. The pilot will be initially for 9 months and is funded by a grant payment from the NENC ICS.

NHS Staff NRT / VAPE offer

- 1.17. From September 2022 South Tees Stop Smoking Service began supporting all NHS staff to quit smoking through access to free NRT / Vaping products. Staff who work in any role for any NHS Trust can access the service, there is a dedicated referral link that NHS in house tobacco advisors can use to refer staff and colleagues into the service. Even though this has only been running for 6 weeks, 36 staff members from James Cook Hospital and TEWV have been supported to stop smoking. This programme hopes to aid the local Trusts to reach / maintain a Whole Site Smoke Free status as well as educating staff members to support patients / visitors to stop smoking when accessing their services and refer onto the SSS provision when they leave. The cost of NRT Vapes are will be covered by payments from NHS.

Specialist Physical Activity Team (SPA)

- 1.18. Recently the Health Development Team has rebranded and relaunched following Covid Restrictions as the new SPA team (Specialist Physical Activity Team). There are three offers within the service – Active, Functional and Maintenance with each providing different levels of support dependant on the clients health needs and risk factors and where symptoms may be reduced or improved through physical activity.
- 1.19. Working collaboratively with partners there has been an increase in referrals from G.Ps as well as specialist teams within STHFT. To support sustained physical activity behaviours following exit from the service, Public Health have secured free / reduced access to community sessions through Everyone Active for individuals that complete their pathway.

Annual International day for Older Persons (IDOP) 1st October

- 1.20. IDOP aims to raise awareness of the impact of an ageing population and the need to ensure that people can grow old with dignity and continue to participate in society as citizens with full rights.

- 1.21. An event was held at the Town Hall on the 29th September to mark this day and to acknowledge and appreciate the valuable contributions and achievements of older people in Middlesbrough. Over 350 people attended including 30 organisations who held advice and information stalls. This was a really crucial time with the Cost of Living Crisis to bring older people together and there were lots of referrals and signposting to services for those in need, including the Staying Put Agency, DWP, Age UK Teesside, Alzheimer's Society and much more. Over 45 people registered their interest to join Tai Chi and Chair based exercise in the community and additionally 15 people expressed an interest to become Age Friendly Middlesbrough Ambassadors.
- 1.22. We were also able to offer space at the old fire station to the Community Vaccines Clinic which was promoted alongside the event and lots of people over 50 received their Autumn Covid booster vaccinations.

Community Covid Vaccine Clinics

- 1.23. The vaccination community pop up programme has been extended until December 2022 and we continue to use local data to target areas or communities where uptake is low. Low uptake unfortunately remains in wards with high levels of deprivation including Central, Berwick Hills and Pallister Park, North Ormesby and Newport.
- 1.24. Vaccination data from NHS Foundry shows that of those eligible for the seasonal booster the uptake rate for Middlesbrough as of 17th Nov was 52.5% compared to a rate of 56.8% across Cumbria & North East. In Middlesbrough, Holgate PCN had the highest vaccination rate of 58.4% and Greater Middlesbrough PCN lowest with 49.8%.
- 1.25. Weekly covid vaccine walk-in sessions are continuing to be held in the Cleveland Centre as well as weekly sessions in targeted areas of Middlesbrough where uptake remains low. These clinics have been targeted at those eligible for the Autumn Boosters (over 50's and clinically vulnerable). A Radio campaign has been updated with a Christmas theme and is receiving some interest on the 'JabtheBoro' url link promoted through the radio ads.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Executive Member for Culture and Communities

DATE OF MEETING: 30 November 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 – We will invest in our existing cultural assets, create new spaces and events and improve access to culture.

1. ACTIVITY IN MY PORTFOLIO:

Venues

- 1.1. Our venues have been characteristically busy over the past few months, playing host to a wide array of activities and events.
- 1.2. The Town Hall had an extremely busy start to the Autumn season, with filming of the BBC New Comedy Awards taking place in October, the wrap of filming for Scarlett Moffatt's new show ("Scarlett's Driving School, airing on BBC One in the new year), the Middlesbrough Older Peoples Conference, Oktoberfest, and performances from 10cc, Giants of Soul and Jason Manford, among others. If Members would like a full list of recent and up-coming events in the Town Hall, they're welcome to contact me.
- 1.3. Our museums, too, have had a busy time, with the Ancient Egyptian exhibit at the Dorman Museum opening in October. This exhibit is a joint venture with the British Museum, with pieces from the Dorman's archives displayed alongside artefacts loaned by the British Museum. The venture- the first of its kind in the UK- is designed to allow people (particularly children) outside of London to experience some of the amazing historical treasures collected by the British Museum, and has already been well received by school and family groups. The Dorman Museum will officially welcome the exhibit at an evening reception on 30th November, where it will play host to the director of the British Museum, Hartwig Fisher.
- 1.4. The Captain Cook Birthplace Museum also hosted some special guests last month, when they welcomed the Cook Islands rugby team on Captain Cook's birthday. The team were given a tour of the museum's Cook Island's collection as well as exchanging gifts- the team were presented with a patchwork quilt made by local artists and children from Marton Manor primary school, with the museum receiving a signed rugby jersey.
- 1.5. The visit also allowed the museum team to re-establish relations with the Cook Islands tourist board, allowing Middlesbrough Council to foster future

engagement projects, including a pen-pal project between pupils at Captain Cook primary and their peers on the other side of the world.

- 1.6. A special thanks must be given to the members of the Captain Cook Birthplace Trust (namely Cllrs Davison and Mawston, Martin Peagam, Robert Nichols, Sylvia Ross and Francis Annett) for being instrumental in securing the visit and facilitating during the day.
- 1.7. In our parks, we have two new “friends of” groups starting- one in Pallister and another in Thorntree. Both groups currently have representation from local partners, clubs, organisations and councillors, and will shortly be looking to engage local residents to inform both the conversations and directions of the groups.
- 1.8. Working alongside Sport England’s local delivery pilot (“You’ve Got This”), the Friends of Thorntree Park are also delivering a consultation exercise with Thorntree residents to ascertain which activities they would like to see in the park. Moving forward, both groups will be working with partners to seek funding to assist with the utilisation of both Thorntree and Pallister Parks.
- 1.9. In Albert Park, the parks team are working in partnership with Breckon Hill School and Park Run to establish a junior park run, which will build on the success of the same venture at Hemlington Lake. The team have already secured £4,000 worth of funding required to establish the run, and it is anticipated that the first run will take place early in the New Year. This weekly event will complement the town’s other three park runs (in Stewart Park, Albert Park and Hemlington) and, coupled with work being undertaken with Everyone Active to develop their athletics and running offer, will hopefully see the development of a clear pathway between participation in the park runs and a sustained involvement in athletics at Middlesbrough Sports Village.
- 1.10. Over Hallowe’en, Newham Grange Farm held its annual spooky farm trail, which saw over 12,000 visitors hunt and purchase over 3,600 pumpkins, alongside engaging in Hallowe’en themed activities and events.
- 1.11. The Farm has also been shortlisted for the North East England Tourism Awards 2023 in the category of small visitor attraction, with judges due to visit the farm between November and February, with the awards ceremony taking place in the first half of next year.

National Portfolio Organisation (NPO)

- 1.12. As part of the Town Hall’s NPO (National Portfolio Organisation) commitments, in September it hosted its second community cast event, a production of the Tony Award winning musical Spring Awakening, a hard-hitting, folk-rock infused show, dealing with adolescent sexuality in 19th Century Germany, based on the 1891 play by Frank Wedekind. The production featured a cast of 16 up-and-coming young actors performing in the Old Courtroom.
- 1.13. In November, Arts Council England confirmed that Middlesbrough Town Hall and the Tees Valley Museum group would continue to be an NPO during 2023-2026. Locally, MIMA, Teesside University, ARC and SIRF (the Stockton

International Riverside Festival) all also retained their NPO status. Alongside these continuing NPOs, Middlesbrough also had success with new ventures, including the Festival of Thrift, The Auxiliary and Tees Valley Arts.

- 1.14. This designation means that all of these organisations will receive funding from the Arts Council for the next three years (with the existing NPOS receiving an increase in their funding), which is particularly good news at the moment, when creative industries and other organisations in the arts sector are struggling to survive.

Arts and Health

- 1.15. As part of the Creative Health South Tees pilot programme, we awarded four artist commissions for the delivery of creative health programmes for people in the South Tees. These include a multi-sensory project in care homes, a photography and creative writing project with MIND staff, a creative wellbeing day service open to all, and an intergenerational dance project.
- 1.16. A fifth commission is currently being advertised for 2 x musician residencies working in family hubs in Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland.
- 1.17. We have also been working with South Tees Public Health to look at how we can creatively engage communities in consultation over the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy. A workshop for representatives from the creative and voluntary sectors will take place on 24 November to explore ideas for creative consultation.
- 1.18. A film highlighting the benefits of Creative Health and some of the excellent work taking place in the South Tees area has been produced and will soon be available to share through the Council's comms channels.

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

2. ACTIVITY IN MY PORTFOLIO:

Afghan Programme

- 2.1. Work with our Afghan asylum seeker residents has continued throughout Middlesbrough, with activities including:
- Trips to Redcar to introduce families to the local area and the use of public transport.
 - Delivery of English lessons focussing on driving license theory tests, which have led to one of the individuals taking part passing their test.
 - Creating a women's only Whatsapp group to help build independence and offer peer support.
 - Introducing families to independent living through such things as supporting with applications to social and private housing, job applications, securing bank accounts, Universal Credit, council tax reductions, and housing and child benefits.

- Four of our asylum seekers have found long term employment through the help delivered by Middlesbrough Council, with another individual setting up his own business.
- 2.2. The team are also finalising a “resettlement pack” that outlines roles and responsibilities, and provides information on building a life in Middlesbrough. The initial draft is nearing completion, after which we will work with the families to ensure all information is relevant and accurate.

Homes for Ukraine

- 2.3. Our newly appointed Support Worker (who speaks fluent Russian) has been working tirelessly with families in order to help them settle into Middlesbrough. Some of the pieces of work include;
- Welcome barbeque in Stewart Park
 - Development of weekly ESOL class in partnership with Middlesbrough and Stockton MIND, delivered at the International Centre.
 - Weekly yoga classes offered by Ukrainian resident at Newport Community Hub.
 - Weekly drop-in session developed in partnership with grassroots volunteers in a local art gallery, offering support and a “community shop” (all items free). People from Ukraine are now helping in running and maintaining the space
 - Working together with the Rotary Club to provide financial support to families with children for things such as school uniforms. Over £1,000 was provided by the Rotary Club

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Executive Member for Environment

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY – Children and Young People - 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.

1. ACTIVITY WITHIN MY PORTFOLIO

CATERING TEAM

The team are working with a number of schools to improve meal uptake which includes taster sessions, parents evenings tasters and exploring new ways to improve uptake.

They are in the process of analysing a school meal survey from both staff in the schools and parents as well as working in collaboration with Public Health to produce a document "You asked We did".

STRATEGIC PRIORITY - Physical Environment We will work closely with local communities to protect our green spaces and make sure that our roads, streets and open spaces are well-designed, clean and safe.

2. ACTIVITY WITHIN MY PORTFOLIO

HIGHWAYS

Carriageway Resurfacing

2.1. The Council has awarded the second surfacing contract to Tarmac Trading Ltd though NEPO (North East Procurement Organisation) for stage 2 of the resurfacing programme which is now underway. Ward Members are being informed of works within their Wards as the programme progresses. The roads that have been resurfaced are those in the worse condition, which should have an impact on reducing the number of insurance claims, and also have a positive impact on the local areas throughout the town.

Bridges & Structures

- 2.2. All but 4 principal inspections have been completed. The remaining inspections are due to be completed upon confirmation of track possession from Network Rail which are expected to be approved within the next few weeks. The reports are been compiled into a programme of works with a full updated schedule to be made available as soon as all the inspections are completed. We are progressing on planned works on A66 Newport/ Cannon Park Interchange, A66 Hartington Interchange, Borough Road Flyover. The NEPO tender to carry out repairs to Column 20B under the elevated section of the A66 will be published this week with tender award, and completion of repairs by January 2023.

Flood Management

- 2.3. We continue to work proactively on flood risk management through joint working with the EA (Environment Agency) and NWL (Northumbrian Water Ltd). The council introduced the gully management and asset mapping software Gully Smart earlier in 2022 to help display the physical infrastructure and status of gullies and to simplify the ongoing updating of inspection and maintenance records. The ongoing use of Gully Smart will ensure the council has a clear picture of the size and condition of the asset, which will improve the long-term planning and maintenance of gullies.

Laboratory

- 2.4. Highways Laboratory have completed the Classified Road Coring Programme for Middlesbrough. The coring reports will aid the tender documentation sent out to asphalt suppliers/contractors for the upcoming road maintenance program. The Laboratory team have also completed calibration of the Council's gritting fleet and tested the salt stock held at Resolution House to ensure compliance with salt and moisture content.

Traffic Signals/UTMC

- 2.5. The redevelopment of Fountains Court has enabled the creation of a new ground floor UTMC (Urban Traffic Management and Control) office where we will be developing a state of the art facility to cover the whole of the Tees Valley Traffic Signal/UTMC Network. The team are expected to move in to the new office within the next few weeks.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY Climate Change: We will ensure our town acts to tackle climate change, promoting sustainable lifestyles.

3. ACTIVITY WITHIN MY PORTFOLIO

Refuse & Recycling

- 3.1. Green waste collections have changed to monthly collections and have remained popular with residents. The Waste team have continued to work hard with residents and our recycling contractors to try and reduce

contamination – this work has included viewing the sampling process at Cumbrian Waste Management to identify the main issues in the recycling and then using this information to develop our communications and social media campaigns. The team have also carried out resident visits to provide advice on what can and cannot go into the blue lidded recycling bins.

3.2. Alongside the above the team have also attended the following events:

- Recycling Roadshow – Middlesbrough Bus Station
- Educational visit – Priory Woods School
- Ten Ward Clean Up events

Middlesbrough Environment City

- 3.3. 422 young people engaged - Continued delivery for climate change curriculum including biodiversity & habitat loss. Great Big Green week programme including climate change quiz, climate change time capsule and plastic decomposition. Beach clean & litter pick. All Our Futures conference. Bug hotels. Allotment, forest school, nature walks & farm visits. Climate training with young people of African heritage.
- 3.4. Carbon Awareness for all - In addition to our (approx.) 6-weekly training, we're delivering an adapted version for people with learning disabilities - this mixed carbon theory and practical workshop has been very well received; and there are plans to deliver something similar to clients of another support organisation over the coming months.
- 3.5. Sustainability oversubscribed! - Our sustainability workshops are becoming increasingly popular with several of the courses filling up very fast! Attendees are not only keen to learn the climate impact of living more sustainably, but are looking to make savings wherever they can in the current economic climate. Workshops included Natural Soap Making, Lacto-Fermentation and Foraging – both urban and in the wild
- 3.6. Cut and collect win! - Our CAM (Climate Action Middlesbrough) partners, Tees Valley Wildlife Trust, had a big win recently with Middlesbrough Borough Council's purchase of a 'cut and collect' machine. By collecting grass after cutting it, we can increase the diversity of our grasslands, improve habitats, and reduce carbon by mowing less often.

Area Care

- 3.7. Area Care are in the process of planning for the final planting of UTCF (Urban Tree Challenge Fund) trees, incorporating 550 standard trees for this Autumn/winter. With an expected completion by late December 2022
- 3.8. Bonfire removal is in place following 05 November, these will be removed on a priority basis and pending ground/weather conditions.
- 3.9. As well as pruning shrubs & hedge for the winter, Area Care are also in the process of cutting the urban meadows throughout the town which is expected to be completed before the winter. The areas will then be prepared for sowing of more seed for 2023. An additional 10,000m² are to be added to

next year's programme which will include extensions of some current areas and also some new areas throughout the town.

- 3.10. Play area refurbishments/replacements are also programmed for various sites throughout the town.

Green Strategy

- 3.11. The new community garden at Grove Hill is near completion with a launch event planned for 21st November and will be used by the councils Staying Put programme clients.
- 3.12. The next community garden installation will be at Trinity Church North Ormesby.
- 3.13. We are looking at consortium led bid with Teesside University for hydrogen vehicles.
- 3.14. Exploring options for photovoltaic panels on Zetland Street carpark roof.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Executive Member for Finance and Governance

DATE OF MEETING: 30 November 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: We will ensure the recovery of local communities, businesses and the Council's operations from COVID-19, taking opportunities to build back better.

1. Since our last ordinary council meeting on the 7th September the council has embarked on the second phase of the governance improvement journey recommended by CIPFA.
2. At this stage, meetings have occurred with both the improvement board and the sub-boards focusing on roles and responsibilities, training and development, constitution and culture and communications.
3. At this stage, dialogue within the sub-boards between members and senior officers is ongoing and will ultimately form part of a final document of work which should have positive general outcomes as well as ensuring better overall ongoing governance.
4. Since the last ordinary council meeting there have been further developments regarding the general financial outlook of the council.
5. On the 8th November I attended the meeting of the Executive in which the Medium Term Financial Plan update and budget savings proposals for the financial year 2023/24 were presented and are being presented at the full council meeting this evening.
6. At this stage, all councils are dealing with high levels of uncertainty regarding both income from central government grants (which comprises a majority of our income) which will not be announced until, it is anticipated, December 2022, and the same concept applies to our outgoings which is subject to inflation, which has increased considerably over the past year, and future national pay awards.
7. Consequently, it can be certain that without proposed budget savings, the budget gap for the next financial year for Middlesbrough Council will be in the region of £10million to £20million. This gap alone is highly concerning, but the gap variance being materially large is a testament to the highly challenging environment in which local authorities operate within.
8. Since our last meeting The Chancellor of the Exchequer has provided a limited degree of clarity for local authorities to consider in his announcement that the cap on the level in which council tax can be increased without a referendum will be

eased. How this is fully implemented and whether or not in the climate of a cost-of-living crisis this is viable option to consider are topics which I am following closely and on the latter topic would seek guidance from members as well as the public in general.

9. At the same meeting of the Executive on the 8th November the quarter 2 outturn report was also presented which showed that even with our in year financial recovery plan, the anticipated in year overspend which was £9.4million and is now forecasted to be £2.1million. Whilst ongoing work will occur to reduce this amount further I would anticipate that an end of year overspend position would still exist by the end of the financial year. If this outcome is the reality then it is anticipated that this overspend will be met by utilisation of the social care transformation reserve fund. This earmarked reserve fund currently has a balance of £5million.
10. This meeting also saw the approval of a new business support strategy which follows the implementation of the welfare strategy which was approved in July 2022. The business strategy essentially provides a proactive one stop shop for local businesses seeking any form of help, support or guidance from the council for a multitude of potential needs such as seeking guidance on potential grants or support with business rates.
11. Since the time of our last meeting I have also held two single member executive decisions – one being focused on rearrangement of the telephony system of the council to allow for more efficient utilisation of staff time to be concentrated on residents which require support. This process will be enhanced as the Welfare Strategy becomes fully implemented. The second decision was focused on updating the lettings policy of the council to make it up to date and more consistent. I would like to continue work on this in the future and incorporate the feedback of voluntary groups into the policy to ultimately foster better working relationships between the council and the voluntary sector which provides an important social positive output for our area.
12. The following items provides a general update of developments within HR:
 - a. Email for All – In late October we implemented email addresses for all staff, so now all frontline staff have access such as Area Care, Cleaning etc. This means that everyone gets access to the same information on organisational updates and access to employee wellbeing and support. They can also use their council email address to access the new benefits platform.
 - b. Vivup Benefits Platform – Implementing in late November the platform gives access for all employees to a variety of benefits including;
 - i. Home and Electronics – provides the opportunity to enjoy the latest technology and home essentials in a more manageable way, enabling the cost of high value items to be spread through a net deduction from pay over a set period of time, negating any need for credit checks or using high interest lenders
 - ii. Cycle to Work – salary sacrifice scheme which provide savings in National Insurance and Tax (will replace current offer).
 - iii. Lifestyle savings – instant discounts to help staff save money across major retailers, supermarkets, restaurants, travel, and entertainment.

- c. Staff Pay Award – The NJC Pay Award has been agreed and will be processed in December including back pay to 1st April 2022.

13. The following provides a general update on the pension fund:

- a. Initial results of the actuary's three-yearly valuation of the Pension Fund were presented to the October Pension Fund Committee and November Pension Board. These show the Fund's asset value at 31 March 2022 was over £5 billion, around £1 billion higher than at the previous valuation as at 31 March 2019. This was largely a result of much better than expected investment performance over the three years. The headline funding level has improved slightly from 115% to 116% but there are challenges ahead, primarily caused by a reduction in expected future investment returns and an increase in expected future inflation. This means employer contribution rates are expected to increase from what is currently a very low base (at least for the four main councils in the scheme). The actuary is continuing to work on finalising employer contribution rates and is expecting to communicate the results to employers in the coming weeks.
- b. The investments team continue to work to move the strategic asset allocation closer to its long-term target. This has allowed the Pension Fund to remove some risk and volatility by reducing its overall allocation to equities (global stock markets) from around 76% at the end of June last year to around 58% currently, much closer to its 55% strategic target. Over the next month or so the team will be working with the Pension Fund's investment advisors to review the overall strategic asset allocation approach in the light of the latest valuation results.
- c. Work continues on drafting the procurement documents to allow the pensions administration contract (currently carried out by XPS Administration) to be put out to tender. The tender is expected to be put out before Christmas with the successful bidder being appointed early in the New Year.

14. Finally, there are various updates regarding insurance at present as the council prepares to tender the insurance arrangements for the first time since 2007. Actuarial reviews of the Middlesbrough and Cleveland funds have been completed. An Insurance Broker appointed to assist with preparing the tender documents. The aim is to tender the contract during the period of Summer 2023.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Executive Member for Neighbourhood Safety

DATE OF MEETING: 30 November 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 (Support the police and hold them to account for each neighbourhood)

1. ACTIVITY WITHIN MY PORTFOLIO:

Active Intelligence Mapping (AIM)

- 1.1. AIM meetings take place monthly and reviews data from Cleveland Police, Fire, and MBC environmental reports for the previous calendar month. Changes to the meeting include a revised hotspot table which contains information on specific incidents which are then tracked. Any recurring issues prompts additional analysis around the area with the view to adapt a task and finish approach, similar to what was applied in Hemlington.
- 1.2. In addition to this, requests for analysis around other issues can also be requested. Recently analysis around mischief night was presented to the group outlining that in 2022 the total of 139 combined incidents of crime and ASB was the lowest recorded level in the last 5 years. Furthermore in problematic areas such as Hemlington the average number of incidents during this period previously was 15 incidents, this year was reduced to 6.

Community Safety Partnership

- 1.3. Recent meetings have focused on the 2022/24 community safety plan and ensuring the associated delivery plan reflects all partner agency priorities. In addition to this, the plan contains actions and priorities identified through the strategic needs assessment. The needs assessment was completed and distributed to CSP members, the priorities identified through the SNA were as follows:
 - Increase in Crime
 - Serious Violence
 - ASB – with significant increases in youth Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Fly tipping
 - Deliberate Fires
 - Begging (Town Centre & Newport)
 - Hate Crime
 - And Youth offending service – First time entrants

- 1.4. Now that the priorities have been agreed, partners have been asked to consider their actions and suggest a measurable outcome to add into the CSP delivery plan to ensure the priorities are achievable, deliverable, and so that progress towards these can be monitored.

Serious Violence

- 1.5. As per the new Serious Violence Duty requirements, once the strategic needs assessment has been completed for the CSP, a separate problem profile for Serious Violence in Middlesbrough needs to be developed.
- 1.6. The current profile is still in draft phase due to waiting times on data sources. In order to try to better understand the themes and drivers of serious violence in Middlesbrough a range of data sources have been requested:
 - Police data on Serious violent crime
 - Police Missing from home persons data
 - Youth Offending Service Orders for Violent/weapon related orders
 - Fixed term exclusions data
 - ASC Mental Health support data
 - Custody release data for those with violent offences
- 1.7. In addition to the problem profile, a serious violence Power BI dashboard has been developed based on police data to track and monitor serious violence in Middlesbrough. A presentation from police analysts to the CSP earlier this year outlined that Cleveland has one of the highest rates of SV crime in the country, and that Middlesbrough has the highest rate per 1000 head of population out of all Cleveland local authority areas.
- 1.8. Close links with the OPCC lead for the Cleveland Unit for Reduction in Violence (CURV) have been established. The lead analyst involved in this work has been informed of current work around SV and been introduced to members of the CSP and analytics teams.

Community Triggers

- 1.9. We have continued to receive a greater number of Community Trigger requests than have been seen over previous years. The process has been refined with work currently ongoing to look into improvements to the way that agencies are involved in the Community Trigger process. Associated documentation and the website have also been updated.
- 1.10. Of the recent Community Triggers there were three in September and one in October, three of which went to full panel reviews that involved joint working from various colleagues within Middlesbrough Council, Cleveland Police and local RSL's.
- 1.11. We will soon be signing up to the Community Trigger Pledge with the national charity "ASB Help" and will likely be the first Local Authority in the Cleveland area to do so. This will involve a number of commitments, including wider promotion of the Community Trigger via a publicity campaign. A briefing session

has also been arranged for elected members to enhance their awareness of the process.

Reducing Reoffending

- 1.12. Work continues with supporting the project leads Barnardo's and Public health head start on the mentors in Violence Prevention -now expanded to two further secondary schools in Middlesbrough. Currently the community safety partnership officer is tasked with supporting the school staff with increased resilience factors around processes to improve school community safety and staff confidence in dealing with any potential issues. In addition to this we are ensuring referral pathways to other public services are strengthened through partnership information sharing and accurate Thrive reporting.
- 1.13. Work also continues in partnership with Public Health's Criminal Justice Lead supporting those clients subject to court ordered Alcohol Treatment Requirements (ATR) and Drug Rehabilitation Requirements (DRR). Work has moved now from raising partners and key stakeholders awareness of the Public Health's role and accessibility in supporting clients to understanding the barriers affecting compliance with requirements for clients. This work is necessary for any subsequent plans to address these barriers to improve compliance and positive client life outcomes moving forward into 2023.
- 1.14. The Community Safety Partnership Officer is also in discussion with existing members of the operational group regarding proposed plans for 2023 and a potential change to the group dynamic in order to increase opportunity to address the issues and challenges by the new plans proposed. These will seek to incorporate more lived ambassador experience and continue to focus on supporting the work of the ATR/DRR Criminal justice lead.

Hate Crime

- 1.15. A multi-agency Operational Hate Crime Group is currently being developed to address emerging trends, discuss specific hate crime cases and to lead on promotion of referral pathways for hate crime reporting across the authority whilst promoting True Vision and Third Party reporting. Issues will be fed into the Cleveland wide Strategic Hate Crime Group.
- 1.16. MBC website to also currently being updated to reflect ongoing changes and partners will continue to receive support in the delivery of education/engagement interventions across the authority area to promote fundamental British values and increase hate crime awareness.

Safer Streets 4 update

- 1.17. MBC are working with the OPCC to deliver all of the projects set out within the funding bid, which seen nearly £700,000 being awarded to tackle anti-social behavior in Hemlington and Pallister Park. Some of the actions to date include;
 - Monthly Steering Group established to oversee each project
 - Delivery Plan developed which outlines all of the specific projects/costings/timescales
 - Lots of site visits conducted to finalise work required/costings

- Recruitment of a Community Development Worker
- Development of Professional Witness Service
- Leaflets developed for target hardening (wardens to deliver to approx. 1000 properties)
- CCTV locations identified and awaiting installation

TS1 PSPO Extension

- 1.18. Executive recently approved proposals to extend the current Public Space Protection Order within the TS1 area following a public consultation exercise. Overwhelmingly respondents voted in favour of extending the current order for a further 3 year. The also will also be varied to include chugging & bin rummaging.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY – Vulnerability - We will tackle crime and anti-social behaviour head on, working with our partners to ensure local people feel safe

2. ACTIVITY WITHIN MY PORTFOLIO:

STEP Programme

- 2.1. Our refugee STEP advisor (which is now called North East Rise) was funded by World Jewish Relief to help support refugees into employment opportunities. Work is continuing to help individuals prepare CVs, interview preparation, identifying ESOL and functional skills opportunities.
- 2.2. Of the 92 people currently on case file (of which 65 are active), 18 people are currently employed, 2 have set up their own business (barbershop and accountancy firm), 5 are currently volunteering and 9 have met “intermediate outcomes” necessary to support sustainable employment on the programme.
- 2.3. We are continuing to work in partnership with various organisations to improve employment outcomes and have attended various regional and national partnership events to celebrate best practice. Acknowledgement has also been received from national partners that Middlesbrough have been a “leader” in the STEP programme.

Cohesion work

- 2.4. Work is continuing in terms of support for the asylum seeker mother and baby unit. Partnership working with Mears to support integration through signposting to community services is working really well and staff are also working with Barefoot Kitchen CIC to develop a garden space for the women.
- 2.5. “Amazing alley” work has taken place in Athol Street and Abingdon Road. Videos have been developed with local faith leaders (Islam, Hindu, Christian, Sikh) to discuss community in their faiths. These videos were completed on International Peace Day.

2.6. Attendance is still going well at the monthly “Day at Skins” event which offers free haircuts, a hot drink/soup, and a friendly chat at Skins and Needles Barbers, in partnership with Middlesbrough’s Helping Hands.

2.7. Other recent/pending projects include;

- Support of monthly “Cuppa and Chat” at Newport Community Hub, working with residents to address any concerns
- Attended Orange Pip’s African Carnival to have community conversations – key issues raised included worries about the economy and education
- Give a Coat a Home event at Newport Community Hub. Over 150 people attended, received free food and clothing
- Black History Month event to bring together black community activists and encouraged them to set up a partnership/network to have voices heard in the community
- Hemlington – working with resident whose children have been targeted by young people in the community. Working with Cleveland Police to develop work in schools
- North Ormesby – attended Community Council to discuss role and encourage residents to work in partnership to address issues around cohesion and resilience
- International Peace Day 2023 – organising a Peace Walk together with Faith leaders and community organisations
- World Cup Football Tournament at Newport Community Hub on 19 November 2022, including support services for residents
- North Ormesby Welcome Orientation – delivering tried and tested orientation to new and emerging communities to alleviate community tensions

2.8. Finally, every month we’ll be celebrating two Middlesbrough residents for being good neighbours, and we’re looking for anyone who’s made a difference to their community. It doesn’t matter whether that’s something big or something small. The only rule is that they have to live in Middlesbrough. More information on this initiative can be found on the Council’s website here: [Good Neighbour Awards | Middlesbrough Council](#) or you can ask me for more information.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Executive Member for Regeneration

DATE OF MEETING: 30 November 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 – Town Centre, We will transform our town centre, improving accessibility, revitalising unused assets, developing iconic new spaces and building more town centre homes.

1. ACTIVITY WITHIN MY PORTFOLIO

Zetland Car Park Solar Panels

- 1.1. Middlesbrough Council has secured £30k grant from Tees Valley Combined Authority, for the installation of a 100kw solar panel array on top of the Zetland car park. The £100k scheme will generate huge levels of electricity and save Middlesbrough Council a minimum of £20,000 in electricity costs per year and contribute to Middlesbrough's Green Strategy. Whilst some parking spaces will be covered over by this installation, modern working arrangements and travelling habits means that there remains plenty of capacity in the car park for commuter use. The installation will commence in early 2023 and will be operational by the summer.

Developing the Town Centre – Market Cross

- 1.2. Middlesbrough Council has supported a key Middlesbrough Business to expand operations into a prominent Town Centre property. Market Cross Jewellers has announced it will increase the size of its town centre store by taking over the former Miss Selfridge building, on the corner of Linthorpe Road and Corporation Road. The jewellers has been a fixture in Middlesbrough for more than 30 years, bringing a range of jewellery brands to loyal shoppers. Its current premises on Linthorpe Road, directly next door to the empty corner store, will remain open while work gets underway to knock through and expand.

Developing Middlehaven

- 1.3. Middlesbrough's Town Deal Board has approved a £1m contribution to Middlesbrough College's relocation of the TTE engineering training facility to its campus on Middlehaven. The £1m is matched by £1m from the Tees Valley Indigenous Growth Fund and a further £10m of Department of Education (DfE),

and Middlesbrough College's own money. The site will expand with a new facility and up to 2,000 additional students, bringing a major boost to the Town Centre. Works are due to commence in early 2023 and will aim to complete for the 2024 academic year.

New Cleveland Centre Tenancies

- 1.4. Middlesbrough Council's ownership of the Cleveland Centre reports an 'improving' position for the investment. New major tenancies have been agreed with BeMoreGeek, Leading Labels and Dart Foods. The facility is bucking national trends and securing tenancies to attract people into Middlesbrough. Additional leases are under discussion and residents can expect future announcements in future months.

Revitalising Exchange Square

- 1.5. As part of the High Street Heritage Action Zone project funded by Historic England, a number of investments are underway around the Exchange Square / Rail Station area. Work has started on an external transformation of Bloom (Formerly Spensley's) and 2-3 Exchange Place that will house a new restaurant. The Historic England grants awarded through the Council are part funding the transformational investment in these properties by their respective owners, and will be supplemented by further properties commencing work in the coming two months. This builds on the recent completion of the transformation of Exchange Square through the same funding route.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Executive Member for Young Adults and Democratic Engagement

DATE OF MEETING: 30 November 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 increase our provision of Community Learning and ensuring everyone in our town has the opportunity to further increase their employability through gaining qualifications and further developing existing skills

1. ACTIVITY WITHIN MY PORTFOLIO:

- 1.1 We are pleased to announce that Middlesbrough Council, has been successful in securing Multiply funding in a joint bid with Hartlepool, Stockton, Redcar and Darlington Local Authorities.
- 1.2 Multiply is a new government-funded programme to help adults across the UK to brush up their numeracy skills and boost their number confidence. It is an element of Pillar 3, People and Skills, within the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, to which up to **£559m** of the £2.6bn total UKSPF (United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund) has been allocated by government to local areas.
- 1.3 In partnership with the other 4 Local Authorities the programme will aim to support 4490 adults, over 3 years, across the Tees Valley to improve their maths skills in daily life, home and work including household finances and supporting parents with their child's home work. The funding secured over the three years is £1,567,000.
- 1.4 Multiply courses will be free for all residents over the age of 19 for those who want to improve their maths skills, who don't already have maths qualifications at GCSE Level.
- 1.5 Here in Middlesbrough we will work with our partners within the Voluntary sector and schools to ensure all those who want to improve their skills, have the opportunity to do so. By giving our residents the opportunity to improve their skills, they will not only increase their employability in the job market but will also gain a large number of skills which will be beneficial across many aspects of their lives.
- 1.6 For further information on our Community Learning strategy I would strongly advise members take a look at the 'Middlesbrough Community Learning Strategy Plan 2021-24.

This document gives an excellent summary of the provision which the Council provides and is filled with many interesting facts/ statistics.

- 1.7 In addition to this, a member briefing is being drafted for all members which should help to further develop members understanding of this Council service.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY - To ensure that our young people have the opportunity to get involved in local Politics and have their voices heard at a local level.

2. ACTIVITY WITHIN MY PORTFOLIO:

- 2.1 Our young people are absolutely vital to the future prosperity of our town moving forward and it's crucial we look to retain as much talent as possible and give them the necessary skills to succeed in life.
- 2.2 The successes which many of our young people achieve at University are often well publicised whilst many of our young apprentices' achievements are often overlooked by local media so to this end....
- 2.3 We held an apprentice celebration event earlier this month, which celebrated those completing their apprenticeship throughout the pandemic.
- 2.4 The event was held in the town hall crypt to mark the success of the apprentices' final end point of assessment and around 90% of those completing their assessments achieved either a merit or distinction grade.
- 2.5 Notably, some of those young people who succeeded in their apprenticeships have now gone on to be employed by Middlesbrough Council. This is an incredible achievement and provides a clear indication of how important it is to ensure our young people are given as much support as possible to ensure they can succeed.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY - To increase the opportunities that young people in our area have to develop the necessary skills to gain employment in the local area.

3. ACTIVITY WITHIN MY PORTFOLIO:

- 3.1. Middlesbrough Council proudly supports the BYC (British Youth Council) which is a national organisation responsible for empowering young people under the age of 25 to get involved and influence some of the decisions that affect their lives.
- 3.2. It is this organisation which is ultimately responsible for the British Youth Parliament and back in March 2022 saw Lucy Butchart and Phoebe Teasdale elected as the MYP and DMYP respectively.

- 3.3. On Friday 4th November MYPS from across the country were invited to take part in a debate in the House of Commons chaired by speaker the Rt Hon Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP.
- 3.4. The event saw a fantastic attendance and the standard of debate was first class. It was also attended by a number of ministers and shadow ministers who offered their own insight into a range of issues.
- 3.5. The issues discussed on the day included:
- Impact of discrimination on health
 - Environment and Health
 - Education and Health
 - Cost of living and Health
 - Mental Health services
- 3.6. These are some of the key issues which are clearly very important to young people up and down the country and work will now begin to best consider how we as a local authority can help to address some of these issues at a local level. A progress update will be provided in next month's executive report.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY - To increase Political participation across our town through increased democratic engagement.

4. ACTIVITY WITHIN MY PORTFOLIO:

- 4.1. Middlesbrough Council continues to engage with residents on a wide range of different topics in an effort to gauge public opinion and ensure decisions are made in consultation with residents.
- 4.2. Currently the budget is out for public consultation and we have received a number of comments and suggestions around its contents which will all be considered carefully. These have come from both individual residents across the town and organisations representing specific interests. Consultations such as these are vitally important as they give our residents a direct input into key decisions which affect them.
- 4.3. The Council continues to engage with residents in a range of conventional methods such as the 'Love Middlesbrough' magazine and on our various social media platforms, all of which receive a good response from residents.
- 4.4. As the May election draws closer we will also consider ways in which we can attempt to boost voter turnout. One way we could perhaps look to do this is through direct involvement from members explaining the importance of voting in elections.
- 4.5. The annual Canvass has now been completed and an update on this will be provided as soon as our team have managed to collate all of the gathered information.
- 4.6. There have been no substantial changes to Secondary legislation around the Elections Bill to make members aware of at this time since the last report.



EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SECTION 2 – DECISIONS TAKEN

DATE	DECISION MAKER	ISSUE	PURPOSE OF REPORT	KEY DECISION
6 Sep 2022	Executive	Increasing Enforcement Against Problem Properties/Streets/Gardens in Disrepair	To seek approval of the spend of £40k and the approach to be used when increasing enforcement against problem properties/streets/gardens in disrepair as per Executive report of 5/4/22.	Yes
6 Sep 2022	Executive	Corporate Performance Update: Quarter One 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	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	Final Report of the Children and Young People's Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel - Locality Working From A Children's Services Perspective - Service Response	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.	No

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6 Sep 2022	Executive	Final Report of the Children and Young People's Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel - Sufficiency and Permanency (Perceptions of Children in Care) - Service Response	Recommendations of the scrutiny panel are considered by Executive following it's investigation into Sufficiency & Permanency report	No
6 Sep 2022	Executive	Nunthorpe Neighbourhood Area	The decision concerns the designation of a neighbourhood area, for which a neighbourhood plan is being prepared and which will ultimately form part of the statutory development plan for the borough. The application has been made affecting 2 wards; as such, it is a key decision. This type of decision falls within the remit of the Executive.	Yes
6 Sep 2022	Executive	Final Report of the Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel - Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) - Service Response	Service Response	No
6 Sep 2022	Executive	Proposal to Progress the Development of Nunthorpe Community Centre	The reports seeks approval for the process to develop a community centre within the Nunthorpe Ward. The report sets out the previous process undertaken and the issues regarding this, the options for progressing forward, the recommendation and reaffirms the financial commitment available for the project.	Yes
8 Sep 2022	Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Children's Services	Advertising on Council website	To seek approval of the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Children's Services to allow advertising space to be sold on the new Council website and to note the associated policy.	Yes

DATE	DECISION MAKER	ISSUE	PURPOSE OF REPORT	KEY DECISION
9 Sep 2022	Executive Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health, Public Protection and Digital Inclusion	CONFIDENTIAL – Project Funding	Project Funding	Yes
6 Oct 2022	Executive Member for Finance and Governance	Estates Strategy – Lettings Policy	The purpose of the report is to seek approval for further enhancements to the Estates Strategy that clarify the processes for letting land and premises owned or managed by the Council.	Yes
11 Oct 2022	Executive Member for Finance and Governance	Resident and Business Support Telephony Solution	This report seeks approval for amendments to the inbound telephony opening hours for Resident and Business Support.	Yes
18 Oct 2022	Executive	Poole Hospital Definitive Map Modification Order	Decision to progress with the DMMO	No
18 Oct 2022	Executive	50 Futures Expansion	Update and plans to expand the 50 Futures Work Experience programme	No

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18 Oct 2022	Executive	Designation of the Newport 2 Ward Area for a Selective Landlord Licensing Scheme	<p>Executive approval is required as this scheme is delivered via a legislative framework that requires organisational approval to start formal consultation prior to implementation.</p> <p>The proposed designation contributes both to Middlesbrough Council's Housing Strategy through improving the quality of the private rented sector and reducing fuel poverty. The designation will also contribute to reducing health and social inequalities by tackling deprivation in the least well-off areas; improving the quality of housing, environmental conditions and reducing crime and disorder which has a direct impact on health and wellbeing.</p>	No
18 Oct 2022	Executive	Final Report of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel – Tough Enough? Enforcement in Middlesbrough and its Impact on Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour – Service Response	To present the final report of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel following its investigation into 'Tough enough? Enforcement in Middlesbrough and its impact on crime and anti-social behaviour'.	No
18 Oct 2022	Executive	Financial Recovery Plan	This report sets out arrangements by each Directorate to support the Council's financial recovery plan for 2022/23.	Yes
18 Oct 2022	Executive	Town Centre Strategy	The purpose of the report is to seek Executive approval for a new partnership approach to tackle town centre anti-social behaviour and crime to sustain and to protect the transformation of Middlesbrough Town Centre. The report also seeks executive approval to secure circa. £1.1 million from Tees Valley external funding resources to aid the delivery of this ambition.	Yes
18 Oct 2022	Executive	Exempt – Dealing with Major Vacant Town Centre Properties	Dealing with Major Vacant Town Centre Properties	Yes

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20 Oct 2022	Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Protection, ICT and Digital Inclusion	Approval of the framework for calculating the level of civil penalty charge in relation to breaches of the Tenant Fees Act 2019 and relevant Letting Agency legislation	Approval of the framework for calculating the level of civil penalty charge in relation to breaches of the Tenant Fees Act 2019 and relevant Letting Agency legislation	Yes
25 Oct 2022	Executive Member for Culture and Communities	Music In Secondary Schools Trust (MISST) Program	To allocate funding to this project	Yes
8 Nov 2022	Executive	Medium Term Financial Plan Update and Budget Savings Proposals 2023/24	This report provides an update to Executive of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for the period to 2025/26, and the current estimated budget gap for 2023/24. The report sets out the proposed budget savings and other proposals, and proposed Council Tax increase for 2023/24, and notes that following Council on 30 November 2022 the proposals will be, where required, subject to public consultation.	Yes
8 Nov 2022	Executive	Corporate Performance Update: Quarter Two 2022/23	This report advises the Executive of corporate performance at the end of Quarter Two 2022/23 and where appropriate seeks approval of any changes, where these lie within the authority of the Executive.	No
8 Nov 2022	Executive	Revenue and Capital Budget – Projected Outturn position as at Quarter Two 2022/23	This report advises the Executive of the Council's financial position as at Quarter Two 2022/23.	Yes
8 Nov 2022	Executive	Business Support Strategy	This report highlights the opportunity for efficiencies with a scale up (or down) approach according to economic climate and resource availability within the Local Authority. Working with businesses effectively from the outset streamlines processes and avoids duplication of work.	Yes

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8 Nov 2022	Executive	Community Benefit Arising from Asset Disposal	The purpose of the report is to seek approval for revision to the Asset Disposal Policy that further clarifies the process for claiming community benefit contributions and ensures that expenditure linked to this is limited to local authority direct or procured provision only.	Yes
8 Nov 2022	Executive	Key Stage 4 Outcomes Report	The purpose of this report is to provide the Executive with an analysis of Key stage 4 2022 outcomes and an outline of support offered to schools.	No
8 Nov 2022	Executive	Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Sufficiency and Capital Developments	This report sets out the requirements to provide sufficient places and schools in Middlesbrough to meet the needs of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and to seek a decision of the Executive for capital programmes to achieve this requirement	Yes
8 Nov 2022	Executive	Approval of the Taxi Licensing Policy 2022	To seek Executive approval for the Taxi Licensing Policy 2022.	Yes
8 Nov 2022	Executive	Planning Fees	To seek approval for the introduction of a schedule of new fees, a review of existing fees, and an overview of the processes for increasing fee income for the functions falling within the remit of the Planning Service	Yes
14 Nov 2022	Executive Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health, Public Protection and Digital Inclusion	Extension to Clinical Substance Misuse Prescribing Service – Part A and Part B	This report seeks approval to extend the current contract with Foundations Medical Practice for a further twelve months, for the period 1/4/23 to 31/3/24.	Yes
15 Nov 2022	Executive Member for Neighbourhood Safety	Executive approves a reapplication as the current TS1 PSPO expires in October.	Executive approves a reapplication as the current TS1 PSPO expires in October.	No



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

There are no decisions to be taken during this time period



SECTION 4 – DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE	PROPOSED DECISION MAKER	ISSUE	PURPOSE OF REPORT	KEY DECISION
6 Dec 2022	Executive	Residential Block Contract - Part A	Executive report seeking permission for Middlesbrough Council to publish its intention to enter into a children’s residential block contract with a provider opening a new 3 bedded home in Middlesbrough in order to assist us in meeting our statutory sufficiency duty and keeping children and young people in Middlesbrough.	Yes
6 Dec 2022	Executive	EXEMPT - Residential Block Contract - Part B	Executive report seeking permission for Middlesbrough Council to publish its intention to enter into a children’s residential block contract with a provider opening a new 3 bedded home in Middlesbrough in order to assist us in meeting our statutory sufficiency duty and keeping children and young people in Middlesbrough.	Yes
6 Dec 2022	Executive	Calculation of Council Tax Base for 2023/24	This report is for Executive to endorse the Council Tax Base for 2023/24. The report is then to be presented to Council on 11 January 2023, and that following approval the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Cleveland Fire Authority and the Parish Councils are notified of the 2023/2024 council tax base.	Yes
6 Dec 2022	Executive	Exchange House – Disposal [Part A]	This report advises on the proposal to dispose of the Council's freehold interest in Exchange House	Yes

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6 Dec 2022	Executive	EXEMPT Exchange House Disposal (PART B)	This report advises on the proposal to dispose of the Council's freehold interest in Exchange House	Yes
6 Dec 2022	Executive	EXEMPT - Fostering Allowances	Fostering allowances decision.	Yes
12 Dec 2022	Executive Member for Finance and Governance	Corporate Food Poverty Policy	This policy, part of the Council's existing Welfare Strategy, and closely linked to the Crisis Policy, sets out the Council's internal and local partnership guidelines for tackling the causes and effects of food poverty within the borough.	Yes
10 Jan 2023	Executive	Approval for consultation on the Draft Statement of Licensing Policy 2022-2027 and Cumulative Impact Assessment	This report seeks Executive approval for the draft Statement of Licensing Act Policy 2022-27 for a period of consultation to be undertaken. It sets out the proposed changes to the Statement of Licensing Policy 2022-27 and the proposed Cumulative Impact Assessment which support the Cumulative Impact Policies in the town.	Yes
10 Jan 2023	Executive	Children's Services Improvement Update	To provide the quarterly update to Executive on the Ofsted Improvement Journey	Yes
14 Feb 2023	Executive	Corporate Performance Report: Quarter Three 2022/23	To review the corporate performance of Q3	Yes
14 Feb 2023	Executive	Tees Advanced Manufacturing Park – Phase 2 Funding Agreement	Executive to approval an additional 1.5 million pounds of capital which will be repaired through retention through business rates of the enterprise zones site.	Yes
TBC	TBC	Adult Social Care Reform Update (Date TBA)	To update Executive of local progress against central government's Adult Social Care reform agenda and the planned commencement of inspections of Adult Social Care by the Care Quality Commission in	Yes

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14 Feb 2023	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
14 Feb 2023	Executive	Middlehaven - Electricity Reinforcement Works	The report is seeking approval from Executive for funding to facilitate the upgrade of electricity provision in Middlehaven.	Yes
14 Feb 2023	Executive	Healthy Weight Declaration Adoption	This report outlines the purpose and process of signing up to the Healthy Weight Declaration in Middlesbrough.	Yes