

## EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

### EXECUTIVE MEMBER: ENVIRONMENT – COUNCILLOR PETER GAVIGAN

**DATE OF MEETING: 29 November 2023**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members on areas of activity within my portfolio including performance against strategic priorities.

#### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

I am currently working on policy proposals for the short, medium and long term. We will continue to 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.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to my weekly meeting with the Director of Environment and Community Services, I have attended a meeting at Middlesbrough Environment City and a meeting of the Crustacean Deaths Working Group in Redcar. I also attended a meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Panel.

#### THE TIME AHEAD

##### Highways

##### **Traffic Signals/UTMC (Urban Traffic Management and Control)**

##### **Traffic Signal Junction upgrades 2023/24:**

- Marton Rd / Aldi (programmed in for completion in February 2024)
- Marton Rd / Corporation Rd (Programmed in for completion in February 2024)

##### **Pedestrian crossing upgrades 2023/24:**

- Ormesby Rd / Balmoral Rd (Programmed for completion November 2023)
- CFL / Alexander Terrace (Programmed for completion in December 2023)
- Wilson St / Sainsburys (Programmed for completion November 2023)
- Low Lane Shetland Close (Programmed for completion in December 2023)
- Boro / Emerald St (Programmed for completion in March 2024)

## **Highways**

- Verge replacement and footway improvement works programmes have been developed and we are underway with implementation of the programme for 2023/24

Verge works complete so far are 9 of the planned 13 schemes.

- Footway Works complete so far are 12 of the planned 23 schemes.

## **Transporter Bridge**

Transporter Bridge structural assessment ongoing. The Stage 1 analysis is already beginning to indicate several areas of overstress that are likely to need additional investigation. We are awaiting a revised scope of works from consultants Atkins.

## **A66 Column 20B**

A66 Station Viaduct - Column 20B - Contractor Volker Laser have started to construct their site compound and works are imminent to replace the column head and bearing and repair the beams in the area of the future Stack development.

## **A66**

A66 Newport Interchange Bridges which involves repairing the bridge deck waterproofing and resurfacing of the whole bridge deck to tie in with other planned resurfacing on A66 Eastbound has been completed.

- Concrete testing will be carried out on Hartington Interchange Bridges with a design phase to follow and repairs to be carried out in 2024.

## **Highway Infrastructure**

### **Transport Planning and Road Safety**

Workplace Travel Planning has been undertaken with various businesses and this will be further rolled out wider across the town, with the aim to it being integrated into a businesses day to day working; providing increased sustainable transport mode options for employees and organisations alike. One of the aims is to integrate this into the recruitment process for businesses, so that they're able to provide advice and information to potential new recruits and support them into employment, whereby it might have previously been an issue due to accessibility.

Longer-term sustainable transport projects are being devised, to ensure that Middlesbrough remains at the forefront of sustainable travel across the Tees Valley region. Projects will be coming forward soon and form part of the City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement, which is led by TVCA.

A focused campaign around parking on zig zag lines and inconsiderate driving around Schools such as Ayresome, Linthorpe, Sacred Heart, Whinney Banks and Acklam Grange was recently undertaken. This was well received by all stakeholders and drivers were also engaged in the

information, advice and guidance from the team. There is still a lot of work to be done, but the initial results are positive and everyone is seeing the role they play in and around the School community.

Road safety education continues with the team attending various venues and offering workshops, resources, lesson plans and tailoring the education to the requirements of the organisation. A recent workshop and presentation was carried out with students on the verge of exclusion from mainstream school at the Acklam Green centre; positive feedback was received from both staff and students.

## **Traffic Management**

### **Major Scheme - Stainton Way / Cypress Road.**

Works to improve road safety at the Stainton Way / Cypress Road junction by the installation of new traffic signals with pedestrian and cycle crossings are continuing to progress well.

The redundant access to the Brunton Arms pub, along with the slip lane coming off Stainton Way onto Cypress Road have now been removed, to help reduce vehicle speed.

The scheme, also comprising full resurfacing of the junction, is programmed to be completed before the Christmas break.

### **Members Small Schemes**

Clevegate - Speed activated signs have now been implemented on Clevegate as part of a Members Small Scheme bid to reduce speeding and improve road safety near Chandlers Ridge Primary School. A number of 'parking buddies' are also shortly to be employed to help to prevent parking at Schools in Nunthorpe.

Roman Road - A road safety scheme, comprising new traffic calming and extension of the existing 20mph speed limit outside Linthorpe Primary School, was installed in the October half term holidays. Carriageway resurfacing was also completed at the same time, along with a new 20mph speed limit on the full length of Burlam Road nearby.

## **Refuse and Recycling**

### **Waste Disposal**

- From November, the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) moves to its Winter Opening Hours
- Winter Opening Hours (1 November to 31 March) 8:00am to 6:00pm
- The HWRC is open every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day
- The HWRC will close at 4:00pm on Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve.



## GREEN WASTE SERVICE

The Green Waste Service will be ending at the end of November until the Spring. The service is as popular as ever. If residents wish to dispose of any green waste over the winter period, this can be taken to the Household Waste and Recycling Centre at SUEZ Haverton Hill. Residents will need to book a slot via the Councils Website.

## CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

I would like to give prior notice for the forthcoming Christmas 2023 Recycling & Waste Collections.

NORMAL DATE	REVISED DATE
TUESDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2023	WEDNESDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2023
WEDNESDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2023	THURSDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2023
THURSDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2023	FRIDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2023
FRIDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2023	SATURDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2023

**\*\*Normal Collections will resume on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.**

## REAL CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTIONS



We will once again be supporting Teesside Hospice for Real Christmas Tree Collections. Teesside Hospice will collect Real Christmas Trees from residents for a small donation. They will then chip them and use them for flower beds and paths in the local community.

A link for residents to book a Christmas Tree Collection will be available in December.

### Area Care

We are once again supporting The Diwali (Festival of lights) on Centre Square, which is planned for Saturday 11th November, and Remembrance Sunday on Sunday 12th November at the Cenotaph, by ensuring that the during/post cleansing is effective. We have also assisted our Property Services team by installing the turf around the war memorial at the Cenotaph ready for the Laying of the first Poppy on Thursday 9th November and Remembrance Sunday.

Christmas Lights switch on will take place in the town centre 19th November and Area Care will assist by ensuring that the during/post cleansing is effective.

We will assist with a joint venture with the Rotary Club assisting with the Tees tree planting works with a total of 84 trees being planted.

Newport Streets ahead volunteer litter pick will take place on 26th November, and we will assist with the removal of all rubbish collected.

The grass cutting season has come to an end and all machinery is now in the workshops waiting for the winter overhaul.

The hedge cutting and shrub pruning schedule has now commenced throughout Middlesbrough; this will be cutting by hand and with the use of the tractor side arms.

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