

## **EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL**

### **EXECUTIVE MEMBER: EDUCATION AND CULTURE – COUNCILLOR PHILIPPA STOREY**

**DATE OF MEETING: September 11, 2004**

1. 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**

- Improve outcomes for children and young people.
- Support Cultural assets and events.

#### **SERVICE AIMS**

##### **Education:**

- Supporting schools to improve the attendance of all children, particularly those who are most vulnerable.
- Improve early years parenting support and the home learning experience to support children's learning, development, and school readiness.
- Reduce the number of children and young people who are suspended or excluded.

##### **Culture:**

- Encouragement of grass roots participation
- Increase income generation events at the town hall
- Consolidate cultural offer
- Make events sustainable

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

##### Education

##### **Family Hubs**

##### **Family Hubs update August 2024**

2. Since the transformation from Children's Centres to Family Hubs, the Family Hubs team and commissioned partners have undertaken direct work with 26,138 residents. This has been in the form of delivery of the following services between the council and commissioned partners.
  - Registrar contact with new families connecting them with their nearest Family Hubs
  - Best Start Pathway

- Chat, Play, Read and Sing sessions
- Early Years workshops
- Let's Talk sessions
- Amazing Babies sessions
- Early Years Literacy gifting pathway
- Support for parents to take up their funded 1, 2, 3 and 4 year old childcare places
- Support for all early years settings to provide good quality childcare in Middlesbrough Family Information Service (FIS Team)
- Support for early years settings to provide good quality education for children in Middlesbrough - 100% of both Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI's) and childminders are either an Ofsted Outstanding or Good judgement.

**New Family Hub funded services, delivered by the Early Year and Family Hubs team:**

- Triple P baby on-line
- Early Talk Boost
- Early Words Together
- Speech and Language advice

**Services delivered by commissioned Family Hub partners:**

- Midwifery: Indigo and Steps teams
- Family Action
- North East Young Dads & Lads

**Other services delivered from Family Hubs include:**

3. Family hub teams have made incredible strides forward in building bridges with within our communities and work continues to ensure our most in-need families receive timely support though the national Family Hub model is still a long way from the comprehensive Sure Start system that our deprived vulnerable communities need.

Youth Justice

**South Tees Youth Justice Board (STYJB)**

**The STYJB Plan is being presented to this full council.**

4. We are statutorily obligated to bring this to full council each year for noting only.
  - It sets out how Youth Justice is provided and funded
  - How it will operate and function
  - The Youth Justice priorities
5. It is a partnership and includes:
  - MBC
  - Redcar Council
  - Cleveland Police
  - Probation Service
  - North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board.
  - Consultation with young people (children's voice)

6. Approval is required by council both statutorily and for the grant terms and conditions.
7. Services can not work in isolation and in order to address issues a holistic approach is needed with co-ordinated strategies
8. Our STYJB priorities are:
  - i. Prevention and Diversion
  - ii. Youth violence and exploitation
  - iii. Preparation for inspection
  - iv. Education, training and employment
  - v. Re-settlement
  - vi. Restorative practice.

### **Youth Custody Suite**

9. A first of its kind Youth Custody Suite has launched in Middlesbrough Police station to ensure no child will ever come into contact with an adult offender.
10. Every single young person who is arrested and brought into custody in Middlesbrough will be dealt with in the brand-new suite which is completely separate from the rest of custody.
11. The suite has its own entry point and reception area along with a small exercise area and is decorated with artwork which was based on designs created by young people.
12. It's hoped the trauma-informed custody suite will minimise a child's exposure to the custody environment while providing additional support to assist the young person.
13. The groundbreaking initiative was delivered and funded by Cleveland Police alongside the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland and Middlesbrough Council's South Tees Youth Justice Service and forms part of the ongoing work to divert young people away from the criminal justice system.

### Culture

Middlesbrough Town Hall: In August we've had:

2 wedding ceremonies & receptions within the building – ***huge congratulations to the two couples, we all wish you a long and happy marriage!***

- Tees Women Poets Summer Bootcamp sessions (weekly, with a showcase taking place on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August)
- Smoggy Queens filming for BBC Three series
- Foster Carer celebration event
- Outdoor Theatre show – Into The Breach
- Musinc Family Fun Day
- Cleveland Art Society Exhibition
- Musinc Summer School – Gig School
- ITV filming in the Council Chamber, fire station and courtroom.

### **Orange Pip:**

14. The 4<sup>th</sup> Orange Pip of the year took place on 31<sup>st</sup> August and was the busiest yet thanks to the weather gods finally smiling on us! The market included the usual mixture of great food and drinks, makers' stalls and a brilliant music stage programme curated by Henry Carden in partnership with the Town Hall. We also welcomed special guests from our sponsor Perco Foods. We are looking forward to the September Pip, which takes place on the same day as Middlesbrough Pride and at the start of Middlesbrough Art Week.

### **Middlesbrough Museums:**

15. Our two museums have been delivering a busy programme of summer exhibitions and events. The Boro Shirt Exhibition at the Dorman has been delighting Boro fans telling the history of the club through an amazing collection of football shirts and other memorabilia. Players from Middlesbrough Football Club and the Club Mascot, Rory visited the exhibition in August as part of 'Togetherfest', which sees museums from the Tees Valley Museums Group come together to deliver special, family-friendly events in the same week. The Dorman also hosted the ever-popular Dino Day on 31<sup>st</sup> August. Over at the Cook, visitors have been enjoyed the Marton Hall exhibition as well as a range of family events including the wonderful Colourscape at the beginning of August, which sold out!

### **Middlesbrough Theatre:**

16. Our 2024 Pantomime Snow White, starring Melinda Messenger and Philip Green was launched earlier in the summer and will run from 6 December to 4 January, including some special HAF performances.

### **Teesside Archives:**

17. Our Archives Service have been busy putting together their application for Re-Accreditation from The National Archives (TNA). As part of the assessment process, we will host a visit from TNA on 6 September and a decision is expected in November.
18. Most Creative Train Station: With support from the Cultural Development Fund, the first in a series of new artist commissions have been installed at Middlesbrough Train Station. Between now and March next year a total of 9 new artworks will be displayed in the station, plus sound artist Nell Catchpole will be artist in residence at the station capturing sounds and stories from people passing through. Our thanks go to the artists involved and to Navigator North for managing the programme.

### **Upcoming events in the Town Hall this September:**

- Classical Café season returns on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>
- ITV Filming from 5<sup>th</sup> September to 12<sup>th</sup> September in the Courtroom for upcoming series 'I Fought The Law' starring Sheridan Smith
- Gary Meikle
- Pete Firman
- Big Country
- Maisie Adam
- The Three Degrees

- Matt Reed
- Middlesbrough Pride – Full Building Takeover & Orange Pip on Centre Square
- The Beat
- NCNC Screenings
- International Older Peoples Day
- Big Mouth Comedy Club
- First Class Wrestling

**Musinc:**

19. **Musinc Summer Family Fun Day** – 19<sup>th</sup> August had 70 participants take part in Musinc's Summer Family Fun Day some of the Activities included: Fusion Drumming, iPad Music Composing, and Musical Crafting.

**Gig School – 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August**

10am – 3pm

20. Gig School was an exciting opportunity for young people to play, rehearse and perform in a band setting. Young musicians took part. learning how to communicate with each other as a band, learn about live music rehearsal, set-up and soundcheck, and performance techniques.

21. For: Young People aged 12-17 years

22. Community Events – I would like to thank Janet Thompson Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and communities and her officers, on their tireless work helping pull together community events across Middlesbrough to rebuild community cohesion and show that we are One Middlesbrough and we will not be divided by thugs.

23. By the time of Full Council, the community event at Newport Hub will have taken place.

24. As will MELA and I would like to thank the MELA committee, council officers, police and community groups and dance troops for their work in making sure that the MELA goes ahead safely.

25. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September is the Unity Festival Event at the Dormans Club and I would like to thank the Dormans Club (Gordon, Tracey, Atif), community members, Kassim, Nadia, Eilis and Executive Member Cllr Janet Thompson and council officer Jolande Mace.

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