

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY – COUNCILLOR JANET THOMPSON

DATE OF MEETING: 11 September 2024

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.

HIGHLIGHTS

Archives Visit

2. I visited the Teesside Archives at the Dorman Museum on 17th July, where I met with some of the team including the Community Engagement Officer, Archive Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator, Archive Assistant. I was able to gain an insight into how the service is working from its temporary home in the museum. It was great to be able to see the community engagement work and school workshops that the service delivers.
3. Also, the way in which volunteers contribute to the service development, research and collection accessibility and the incredible work that the conservator does with cleaning and repairing collections, such as the large format glass plate negatives that have recently been deposited and which tell an amazing story about a local shipyard that they will be sharing in due course.
4. There is also an Archive Manager and, Archivist, who deals with depositors and researchers and catalogues and sorts the collections as they are accessioned into the archive. The service holds a national accreditation, serves the boroughs of Middlesbrough, Hartlepool, Stockton and Redcar and Cleveland and is currently participating in a feasibility study commissioned and funded by the TVCA to look at options for the long-term future of the service within the context of the wider heritage offer in the Tees Valley, due to be published.

Family Hubs/Libraries

5. Many of our Hubs/Libraries provided a variety of activities for children during the school holidays. Several family fun days have also taken place, I attended North Ormesby and Easterside and was very impressed with the large number of people who attended these events. A range of organisations were also present to provide information and advice to residents.

Crime Statistics

	ASB			Crime			Enviro			Deliberate Fires		
	Jul-24	Jun-24	Difference	Jul-24	Jun-24	Difference	Jul-24	Jun-24	Difference	Jul-24	Jun-24	Difference
Acklam	10	6	4	41	51	-10	10	5	5	3	9	-6
Ayresome	15	17	-2	53	37	16	18	19	-1	6	7	-1
Berwick Hills and Pallister	72	55	17	167	167	0	66	57	9	6	6	0
Brambles and Thorntree	26	13	13	130	126	4	22	25	-3	6	7	-1
Central	107	117	-10	437	462	-25	136	71	65	12	14	-2
Coulby Newham	34	40	-6	80	90	-10	20	13	7	6	3	3
Hemlington	43	23	20	113	105	8	28	27	1	11	6	5
Kader	12	6	6	52	58	-6	2	5	-3	0	1	-1
Ladgate	9	7	2	60	51	9	31	18	13	0	1	-1
Linthorpe	13	10	3	37	63	-26	21	17	4	0	0	0
Longlands and Beechwood	38	28	10	192	238	-46	39	49	-10	13	16	-3
Marton East	<5	11	-6	26	29	-3	2	3	-1	1	0	1
Marton West	<5	<10	-2	15	16	-1	4	1	3	2	0	2
Newport	43	47	-4	165	159	6	117	105	12	3	7	-4
North Ormesby	22	22	0	57	75	-18	44	47	-3	1	4	-3
Nunthorpe	<5	<5	3	<5	<15	-10	0	1	-1	0	1	-1
Park	31	26	5	96	92	4	101	53	48	8	2	6
Park End and Beckfield	33	27	6	127	119	8	48	64	-16	2	13	-11
Stainton and Thornton	8	17	-9	23	30	-7	11	11	0	1	3	-2
Trimdon	<5	<5	-1	27	19	8	4	3	1	0	1	-1
Grand Total	532	483	49	1903	2002	-99	724	594	130	81	101	-20

Neighbourhood Action Partnerships (NAPs)

6. Members will recall I was instrumental in developing Neighbourhood Action Partnerships (NAPs) last year following several requests by Elected Members. NAPs were developed in November 2023 and aim to provide feedback to members regarding issues of crime, anti-social behaviour, environmental crime and deliberate fire setting across all wards of Middlesbrough. 20 meetings have taken place to date, which are held bi-monthly across the 4 Neighbourhood locality areas. Information is shared regarding analytical data, hot spot locations and the work that agencies are doing locally to tackle these issues.
7. I have attended a number of these meetings which have proved extremely informative for all ward members. In addition to obtaining lots of valuable information in terms of where local hotspots are, these forums provide an opportunity for members to meet with our partner agencies and raise concerns. The NAP meetings have also allowed other services to attend and provide presentations to Councillors such as Youth Justice Service, Victim Care & Advice, Public Health, Community Safety and SHIFT. Discussions also take place regarding funding opportunities.
8. Members will be aware that Middlesbrough was awarded a significant amount of funding to tackle crime and disorder earlier this year via the Department for Levelling Up, Housing Communities (DLUHC), which is now called Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).
9. This funding has been discussed in all 4 Neighbourhood Action Partnership Meetings and I'm sure many of you will have already submitted proposals to your Neighbourhood Manager.
10. I just wanted to remind all Elected Members about this funding to ensure you've all had the opportunity to submit your ideas as the Neighbourhood Teams are currently prioritising these proposals and obtaining costings. Time is of the essence as all projects must be spent by the end of this financial year. Some of the wider projects include street

lighting upgrades, additional CCTV, kick rails to tackle motorbike nuisance and target hardening measures such as ring doorbells, timer switches and window/door locks.

11. Should you have any queries, please contact your respective Neighbourhood Manager.

Community Safety campaign helps to clean up Middlesbrough

12. A scheme aimed at cleaning up the streets of Middlesbrough has scored some impressive results.

13. The Safer Streets 5 project focusses resources on target areas of the town centre as well as the Beechwood and Longlands wards.

14. Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner Matt Storey said: "Safer Streets channels resources to those areas, which need it most.

15. "My office has been successful in securing Home Office investment as part of all five Safer Streets' programmes since 2020.

16. "By targeting very specific areas and working with a range of partners, we can focus on particular types of crime common in those areas and have a really positive impact on community safety."

17. A number of environmental improvements have also taken place, aimed at stopping ASB and making the areas more pleasant places to live, work and visit.

18. There have been monthly action days since last October, during which residents in Beechwood and Longlands can use a communal skip to get rid of bulky waste. At the same time, they can engage with organisations active in the area and raise any community concerns.

Concrete blocks and kick rails have also been installed in the ward to deter nuisance bikes.



Cleveland's Police and Crime Commissioner.

19. Matt Storey is encouraging those who suffered loss or damage to their property, including cars, homes or businesses, to contact their insurance companies.

20. Those who were not insured, or did not have adequate cover in place, may be eligible to claim compensation under the Riot Compensation Scheme.
21. To qualify for compensation through this scheme, victims must be able to demonstrate that the damage or loss they have suffered was as a result of violent disorder in Middlesbrough on August 4th.
22. To make a claim, you must report the crime to the police, if you have not already. You should be given a crime reference number.
23. Those with insurance, must claim via their insurer first. You will need to show evidence of the losses for which you are claiming, such as receipts, bank statements, surveyor's report, and photographic evidence.
24. The Riot Compensation Scheme does not cover personal items, loss of trade or rent or personal injuries. Claims can be made for 43 days starting on August 29th. Claimants then have 91 days from the day they submit their form to provide evidence for their claim.
25. The details of the scheme and the form are available on the PCC's website: [Riot compensation scheme - Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner \(pcc.police.uk\)](https://www.pcc.police.uk/riot-compensation-scheme)

Public Disorder

26. I am sure all members will share my anger and frustration following the appalling scenes of violence, criminal damage and racially motivated thuggery we witnessed in our town on Sunday 3rd August. I would like to offer my thanks to all our staff who did their best to deal with an unprecedented situation, particularly those who were in the front line of dealing with the riotous behaviour. I would also like to place on record my appreciation of the excellent work of Cleveland Police both during and following the appalling events.
27. I was however heartened by the fantastic response of our community, coming together the following day to clean up our streets. They represented the majority of our town in their willingness to stand together in defiance of those who would seek to divide us.

Unity Festival

28. A Unity Festival was planned to take place on Sunday 15th September at the Dorman's Social Club on Oxford Road. I was pleased to be involved in helping to organise this important event. The amount of support from Local Businesses, organisations and members of the public has been overwhelming. Either by contributing through donations, having a stall, providing entertainment or volunteering to litter pick at the end of the event.
29. The purpose of the event and how it came about was that someone approached the Dorman's Social Club wanting to do something to raise money for all those who have suffered damage to their property or vehicles during the recent riots and don't have the insurance or funds to pay for the repairs.

UNITY FESTIVAL

DIVERSITY IS OUR STRENGTH

UNITY IS OUR POWER

DORMANS CLUB

Oxford Road, Middlesbrough

**SUNDAY 15th
SEPTEMBER 2024
12.00noon until 5.00pm**

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racism.

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