

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: COMMUNITY SAFETY – COUNCILLOR JANET THOMPSON

DATE OF MEETING: 16 October 2024

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

TOWN-WIDE INFORMATION

Neighborhoods

Operational Community Safety

Service Requests (NSO, Enviro & Street Wardens)									Difference from last month
Ward	VA1 ASB Issues	VA2 Noise, Animal, Stray dogs	VA3 PSPO	VA4 Littering / Rubbish/ Waste	VA5 Vehicle Issues	VA6 Criminal Issues	VA7 Tasking / Patrols	Total	
Acklam	1			2	2			5	-19
Ayresome	3	2		20	1	3	2	31	-17
Berwick Hills & Pallister	27	6		107	4	6	93	243	32
Brambles & Thorntree	10	5		46	2		34	97	27
Central	75	4	3	157	8	3	155	405	-92
Coulby Newham	3			37	2		25	67	32
Hemlington	16	1		17	3	2	31	70	-24
Kader	3	1		4	5		7	20	8
Ladgate		2		33	3	1	4	43	-8
Linthorpe	1	1		14	4		9	29	-32
Longlands & Beechwood	11	2		51	11	3	11	89	-1
Marton East	2	3		8	3		5	21	15
Marton West				6	1			7	-4
Newport	19			89	9		27	144	-98
North Ormesby	7	3		43	2	1	42	98	-39
Nunthorpe				1	1		4	6	2
Park	20			81	11		19	131	-33
Park End & Beckfield	11	4		76			73	164	19
Stainton & Thornton				13	2		25	40	10
Trimdon				4	3		2	9	2
Total	209	34	3	809	77	19	568	1719	-220

Crime and ASB Overview

Neighbourhoods

Origin Ward Name 2	ASB			Crime			Enviro			Fire			Thirteen Environmental		
	Current	Previous	Variance	Current	Previous	Variance	Current	Previous	Variance	Current	Previous	Variance	Current	Previous	Variance
Central	114	107	7	470	452	18	104	136	-32	25	12	13	10	15	-5
Newport	71	43	28	329	176	153	73	117	-44	21	3	18	9	11	-2
Longlands and Beechwood	42	39	3	258	200	58	51	39	12	17	13	4	18	13	5
Berwick Hills and Pallister	61	72	-11	134	174	-40	67	66	1	21	6	15	13	8	5
Park	36	30	6	124	99	25	90	101	-11	12	8	4	1	1	0
Brambles and Thorntree	32	26	6	134	136	-2	37	22	15	18	6	12	21	19	2
Park End and Beckfield	23	33	-10	120	131	-11	57	48	9	6	2	4	30	50	-20
Hemlington	71	43	28	96	116	-20	17	28	-11	30	11	19	6	5	1
Coulby Newham	37	34	3	76	84	-8	31	20	11	3	6	-3		3	-3
North Ormesby	15	22	-7	69	60	9	35	44	-9	5	1	4	2	4	-2
Ayresome	37	15	22	45	55	-10	10	18	-8	10	6	4	1	4	-3
Ladgate	11	9	2	43	65	-22	32	31	1	1		1	1	4	-3
Stainton and Thornton	33	8	25	23	26	-3	11	11	0	2	1	1			
Kader	13	12	1	46	53	-7	3	2	1	2		2			
Linthorpe	14	13	1	35	38	-3	10	21	-11						
Acklam	7	10	-3	39	42	-3	4	10	-6	2	3	-1			
Trimdon	18	4	14	25	28	-3	1	4	-3	2		2			
Marion East	11	5	6	24	27	-3	9	2	7	1	1	0			
Marion West	7	4	3	19	15	4	2	4	-2	1	2	-1			
Nunthorpe	2	2	0	13	6	7	1		1	1		1			
Total	655	531	124	2122	1983	139	645	724	-79	180	81	99	112	137	-25

WEST NAP

2. Monthly neighbourhood walks are now taking place in all West Middlesbrough wards. Any issues or queries that are highlighted during these multi-agency walks are forwarded to responsible departments and logged for monitoring until completion.

Ayresome

- A multi-agency walkabout has taken place around the Gleeson site in Whinney Banks. Our Neighbourhood Officer along with Officers from Transport Development and Traffic Management met with Cllr Thompson and PCSO Knight, to discuss concerns around speeding. A number of actions came from the site visit which are as follows:
 - Transport Development Officer will discuss bollards on Forbes Avenue with Gleeson's.
 - Transport Development Officer will discuss the replacement of '20' speed limit signs at the entrance to the estate and also having the '20' speed limit repainted on the road.
 - Speed survey will be carried out on Kingsbridge Crescent in September.



- A resident of St Francis close had complained to Police about several youths causing ASB in the area. Neighbourhood Officer and local PCSO carried out home visits to all 3 youths identified. Relevant enforcement action has been taken against the youths and all have been issued with warning letters regarding their behaviour. Support was also offered to all families involved.
- Local PCSO had received reports of two youths throwing stones from a property towards vehicles on the A66. Neighbourhood Officer has carried out home visits to both youths involved and taken enforcement action against them. Youths and parents/guardians were spoken to about the seriousness of this incident and informed of the further action which will be taken should this behaviour continue. Neighbourhood Officer will continue to work closely with agencies to help encourage engagement in positive activities.
- Criminal damage has been caused to the CCTV camera on Northern Road. This is the 4th CCTV pole to be attacked this month in Middlesbrough. 2 males attempted to cut down the CCTV pole with a circular saw on the evening of 20/08/24?? Thankfully a vigilant resident called Police, who were near the location at the time. Police managed to arrest one of the males responsible before they cut the pole down completely. CCTV cameras have been temporarily removed from the top of the pole until welding work has taken place. Police investigations are ongoing.

Longlands & Beechwood

- Update on concerns around drug dealing and criminal activity in the Mary Jacques Court area of Longlands. Last month Neighbourhood Officer, alongside Thirteen Housing and Police carried out work with residents around reporting incidents. The main tenant involved has now been evicted by Thirteen and the property has been made fully secure.
- CCTV reported several motorbikes in the Saltersgill Avenue area. Neighbourhood Officer requested footage of the bikes, although no facials could be obtained from the footage, these images have been shared with all partners for the purpose of intel gathering so further action can be taken.

Kader

3. Two members of our West Locality Team have been out in the ward to look at potential locations to place speed warning signs. We have already liaised with both Councillors from the ward regarding speeding and they highlighted that one of the areas they would like some attention is around the shops at The Oval. The team are currently looking at different systems available on the market.



Ladgate

4. A resident from Easterside contacted our West Locality Team regarding a complaint of a group of males using a street in Ladgate Ward to store and fix cars as part of a business. A multi-agency approach was conducted led by one of our NSO's.
5. Several vehicles were sorn and not taxed and tested, these vehicles were reported and have now been removed.
6. Cars were parked on the greenbelt and parked blocking the highway. Neighbourhood Wardens visited the property and now these vehicles have been moved.
7. Two of our West Locality staff visited the ward with a view to placing vehicle calming equipment in Saltersgill Road leading to Ladgate Lane, we are considering the use of Large "lego bricks" and placing metal shicanes to reduce the accessibility to off-road vehicles along the "Black Path"

Acklam

8. Our team have placed a temporary CCTV camera in Acklam There has been reports of unacceptable graffiti in the area and hopefully by placing the camera in the area it will identify those responsible and stop them reoffending.

Trimdon

9. Site visits conducted around the ward looking at suitable location to place traffic calming to slow down and discourage off road bike from commuting in the area. Utilising funding to purchase kick rails and Lego Blocks to discourage these nuisance riders and make the paths safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

Environmental Enforcement

10. Our Environmental Enforcement Officer has been working closely with all our partners to address issues such as fly tipping, untaxed vehicles, trade waste and stray dogs in our wards.

Hubs and Libraries

11. Sessions took place throughout the summer for children and their families.
12. Grove Hill community fun day supported by Thirteen housing and Friends of Grove Hill. The family day was well attended by the local community and organisations providing support and advice. These fun days provide an essential part of community cohesion and increase community spirit.
13. Feast of fun session took place Monday – Friday which provided fun activities and a healthy lunch for all children that attended. 15 children attended each session.
14. Monthly community litter pick took place and last Monday of each month. 15 bags collected from the Thorndyke area of Grove hill.
15. Neighbourhood walkabouts have taken place supported by local councilors and thirteen housing. Issues were raised regarding fly tipping and fire setting to the rear of properties. Work is taking place throughout September in partnership with MBC, Community payback and Thirteen housing.

Easterside

16. Easterside Family fun day took place 20th August. The day was supported by Thirteen housing and Easterside partnership. The day was well attended by residents and supported by various agencies providing help and support.



17. CAB appointments continue to be fully booked on Thursday mornings.
18. Community Domestic Violence training provided by My Sister's Place. Places were free and bookable online. The session was well attended and fully booked.
19. The neighbourhood walkabout was attended by MBC and thirteen housing. Issues raised to the rear of Bollington Road regarding fly tipping- Work has commenced to clear the area in partnership with Community payback.

Acklam

20. It's the summer of **Marvellous Makers** and it's all about creativity and reading. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone. Author / Illustrator Liz Million paid a visit for a fun storytelling and drawing session. Children and their parents each got to draw their own funny characters.

21. The children got up close and personal with animals from **Animal Story**. They had encounters with snakes, cockroaches, an owl, a skunk, and lots more.



22. **The Marvellous Junk Modelling** session brought out the creative side of the children and we had monsters and robots taking over the hub. They also made musical penguins that were made from recycled plastic bottles.



Ceremony

23. For the children who had finished the Summer Reading Challenge, we held 2 award ceremonies. We had magician Crazy Colin to entertain the children, then the children were presented with their medals and certificates and enjoyed some refreshments.

24. Some of the events were funded by the Friends of Acklam Library.

South NAP

Coulby Newham

- Residents meeting with Councillor Branson in relation to neighbour issues on The Meadows.
- Home visit and Acceptable Behaviour Contract issued to a young person causing Anti-Social Behaviour at Lingfield Park and surrounding area.
- Following complaints regarding Anti-Social Behaviour and criminal damage issues at the derelict Gables Pub, staff have worked alongside environmental officers and police to patrol the area and request the brewery clean the area.

Marton East

25. An abandoned vehicle was reported for being a danger due to the damage to the front end. A 7-day notice was issued which was not responded to, the vehicle was seized.



Coulby Newham

26. A vehicle was seized from Thistle Rise, this vehicle had been out of tax since 1/7/19.



Hemlington

27. Motorbikes seized from addresses in Hemlington; both are believed to have been stolen.
28. A further red moped was seized after it had been reported as dumped in the woods at Phoenix Park.
29. Untaxed vehicles seized in Boscombe Gardens and Eddison Way two untaxed and another SORN but still on the highway



30. Fly tips below were reported and cleared at the bottom of Cambourne Close, and Cass House Road, Hemlington, no evidence was found on these occasions and the waste was cleared by the Flying Squad.



Community Hubs and Libraries

Marton Community Hub and Library

31. A snapshot of some of the great activities delivered throughout the summer holidays 2024!
32. Stay & Play Monday mornings (term time only) 10am-11am A weekly free and informal session for parents/carers and their babies and toddlers.
33. Cinema Club (the group is a charity and pays Community Group rate for 2 hours - £13) First Monday of the month 1.15-3.15pm. U3A Cinema Club meet in the library to discuss films and play film quizzes.
34. Reading Group First Monday of the month 3.30pm-4.30pm, Marton Library Reading Group meet monthly to discuss and review books.
35. Dementia Drop in Monthly drop in session providing help and advice for those with dementia and those caring for people with dementia.

Hemlington Community Hub and Library

36. When Science is fun!
37. Hands-on fun where children can create their own slime to take home, with wonderful slime to sniff.



38. Friends of Hemlington and Hemlington Community Council put a great summer fete on in the Viewley Hill Centre on August 10th. One lady commented that 'it's

lovely to see the community all getting on with each other and enjoying themselves' this is how summer holidays used to be for the kids,

Coulby Newham

39. Coulby Newham Food Bank Coffee Event

40. The Coulby Newham Food Bank Coffee Event was designed to support members of the community accessing the food bank. This event provided free coffee and a welcoming environment for attendees and advice on Universal Credit (UC), housing, and other support was available if needed.

East NAP

Berwick Hills and Pallister

41. 3 Community protection warnings have been issued to males causing issues outside the Neptune Centre as well as regular proactive patrols and business welfare checks around the Norfolk Shops area. We have also issued initial warning letters to two young people causing ASB within this location.

42. We witnessed a male riding an off-road bike in an aggressive manner in and around Norfolk Shops. Having quickly collaborated with CCTV/Police with a direction of travel the male was arrested for possession of drugs and the bike was located and seized under the white bridge in Berwick Hills.

43. During joint patrols with wardens/partners we have identified x3 untaxed vehicles after residents raised concerns. Our Environmental wardens have quickly removed the vehicles within 24 hours to further enhance the value of locality working.

44. Working with Thirteen group we have carried out home visits to address issues within the community and make people aware if any poor behaviour is directly linked to those living at the address, tenancy action will be taken.

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46. During joint patrols with wardens/partners 3 untaxed vehicles were identified after residents raised concerns. Our Environmental wardens quickly removed the vehicles within 24 hours.

Park End & Beckfield

47. Officers were made aware of a youth riding an off-road motorbike on Elkington Walk they notified CCTV who were able to capture footage of the youth and officers were then able to identify the perpetrator. Officers carried out a home visit and issued him with a warning for breaching the terms of his Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC).



North Ormesby

48. Residents on Jubilee Street are pleased that after being subject to ongoing anti-social behaviour and criminality from a property which has been subject to a 6-month closure order, the tenancy has now been terminated. The property has now been handed back to the landlord and will be getting refurbished and relet. The letting agent has assured us they will follow SLL referencing scheme and place fully vetted tenants into the property in future.
49. We continue to receive calls asking us to deal with untaxed and abandoned vehicles in East Middlesbrough and we continue to take enforcement action.
50. We continue to collect stray dogs in East Middlesbrough, and we hopefully reunite them with their owners if the dog is microchipped and the microchip details are up to date.



Community Development

51. 15 young people from different cultures enjoyed a 2-night camping trip organised by staff from Kids Kabin. They were all from North Ormesby and come along on a weekly basis to enjoy multiple craft activities at the hub. Hub staff are trying to obtain grant funding for Kids Kabin to extend the range of activities that they offer.
52. The family summer event was one of the busiest events we have ever held at North Ormesby Hub. The tickets were free as we wanted to encourage large families from the area who might be struggling with the cost of living. It was great to see children from different cultures joining in with the disco and games. The free balloon modelling and face painting were also a huge success, and everyone loved the outdoor games and riding on the donkeys. The beauty of organising

events like this is that it really breaks down cultural barriers and the children just love to be part of everything.

53. The one activity that brings people from all of our community groups together is our Pie, Peas and Bingo events which we currently hold every 3 months. It's fantastic to see members of the Deaf Club joining in with everyone and getting to know what other groups are available

North NAP

54. Seniors Connected – Let's Move Together Event at Newport Hub.
55. As part of the 'Know Your Neighbourhood' funding initiative that Middlesbrough Libraries received in partnership with Public Health, a special event for care home residents took place on September 28th. The aim of the funding is to tackle chronic loneliness affecting older people in Middlesbrough.
56. Over 45 care home residents took part in activities aimed to encourage movement, including drumming, chair-based exercises, indoor curling, and bowls, supported by Public Health's physical Activity Team. The event was very well received by residents and care home staff, and we hope to seek further funding to make this an annual event.

Central Library Refurbishment

57. Work continues on the refurbishment project at Central Library. The Architects are now looking at the detailing for the fixtures fittings and furnishings. The general colour schemes have been chosen, and work will soon start on building library shelving. The general scheme is neutral, with colour provided by furniture, bean bags and shelving. Work is also taking place on the design of new CCTV facilities, to ensure safe coverage throughout the venue. The Reference Library ceiling is currently being decorated and break out works are taking place for the new stairs and lift.

Area Care

58. The idea of a litter pick on Park Road North and Linthorpe Road was hatched when the Area Care Team Leader popped into New Walk for breakfast with the residents and staff.
59. New Walk is an accommodation provider who have 58 units spread across 6 buildings in Middlesbrough. 1 building is specifically designed for housing vulnerable women and has onsite support. The company works alongside partner agencies such as drug and alcohol and harm reduction services, to provide support to clients.
60. The residents were really interested to find out more about the Area Care team and the work they do. They were asked if they would like to be involved in a litter pick which they thought was a good idea.

Town Centre ASB

61. The Town Centre Safer Streets Officer has continued to engage with Local businesses and partners in the Town Centre to gather information and resolve ASB in and around the Town Centre.
62. Three individuals were taken to court and charged in relation to PSPO breaches and non-payment.
63. A Civil Injunction File has been prepared and signed for a Male responsible for incidents of ASB in the Town Centre. We are awaiting a court date in relation to this matter.
64. Further to this an application for a Criminal Behaviour Order in relation to a prolific Street beggar in the Town Centre has been prepared, signed and submitted for court.

Youth ASB:

65. Officers have responded positively to reports of a group of youths causing ASB in the Town Centre. The group was quickly identified by Council Staff and investigations and intervention have led to the below actions in relation to the group.
 - 1 Final Warning Issued.
 - 4 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts issued.
 - 1 second warning issued.
 - 1 Junction referral completed
 - 1 YJS referral completed
 - 2 ASC safeguarding referrals completed.
66. The actions above have stopped any further issues from occurring in relation to this group and it is hoped that they will continue to work with services.

Hope Foundation Breakfast

67. The Hope Foundation organises a monthly breakfast, where organisations can come together, talk about what they do, network, and make important new connections.

Unity Festival

68. The Strategic Cohesion and Migration Manager worked together with myself and the Deputy Mayor Phillipa Storey, the Dorman Club, and community members to develop the Unity Festival. The festival aims to raise funds to support those who have been affected by the riots and will offer practical help, such as covering the costs of new windows and car repairs.



NAME: Cllr Janet Thompson

DATE: 16 October 2024