

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: ENVIRONMENT - COUNCILLOR PETER GAVIGAN

DATE OF MEETING: 16 October 2024

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. Strategic Priorities: I continue to work 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 and open spaces are well-designed, clean and safe.

HIGHLIGHTS

2. Since the last full council meeting on September 11th, in addition to my regular meetings with the Director of ECS I have:
 - Participated in World Litter Pick Day at Middle March Nature Reserve
 - Contributed to plans for Re-Cycling Month
 - Attended a meeting of the Crustacean Deaths Working Group.

WORKS UPDATE

Transport Planning and Road Safety

3. On-going interventions at schools and businesses to identify Road Safety messages such as visibility, considerate parking and possible alternative transport options. Support given to introduce the Junior Road Safety Officer scheme (where applicable).
4. Continued delivery of Bikeability and Pedestrian training with delivery partner Middlesbrough Environment City (MEC). Contracts have been finalised and are with MEC for review/agreement allowing completion of the 2024/2025 contract, with a possible extension of a further 12 months to avoid any break in service delivery.
5. Travel Plan for Fountain Court reviewed (with assistance from Modeshift) and updated accordingly. Enquires have begun with external organisations with the look to providing support with travel planning in the future.
6. On-going site visits with local councillors and residents to address concerns regarding inconsiderate parking/road use.

7. Partnership working with Cleveland Road Safety Partnership group and Cleveland Police to highlight areas of work that can be concentrated on to improve road safety for all.
8. Installation of zebra crossing on Eastbourne Road.
9. On-going management and support of the SCPO team.
10. On-going work surrounding Linthorpe Road
11. Continued scheme design for the CRSTS programme with TVCA
12. Support for events in Middlesbrough requiring Traffic Management, including Taste of Africa on the proposals for a new rail station for Nunthorpe.

Traffic Signals/UTMC

13. Traffic Signal Junction upgrades 2024/25:
 - Junction upgrade at Hartington Rd / Brentnall Street – Due Feb 25
 - Junction upgrade to Marton Rd JCUH – Due Nov 24
 - Junction upgrade to Newport Rd / Marsh Street – To be replaced by Linthorpe Rd/Park Road South
 - Pedestrian crossing upgrades 2024/25:
 - Puffin crossing upgrade at Acklam Road / Coniston Road - Complete
 - Toucan crossing upgrade at Acklam Road / The Avenue of Trees - Ongoing
 - Toucan crossing upgrade at Acklam Road / Urray Grove - Ongoing
 - Toucan crossing upgrade CFL / Crestwood - Complete
 - Puffin crossing upgrade at Grange Road / Linthorpe Road - Ongoing
 - Puffin upgrade to Marton Road / Wellesley Road - Complete

Highways

14. Verge replacement and footway improvement works programmes have been developed and we are underway with implementation of the programme for 2024/25.
15. Verge works complete so far are 8 of the planned 15 schemes.
16. Footway Works complete so far are 14 of the planned 27 schemes.

Bridges and Structures

17. Transporter Bridge
 - Digital monitoring equipment has been installed.
 - Following consultation with RSPB, works are to take place to discourage nesting. The monitoring data will feed into the design/ repairs going forward.

- Preparations are underway for the main preliminary design and permanent design works, however, discussion around options to take place for future operating model of the structure and funding streams are to be resolved.

18. A66 Column 20B – Station Viaduct

- Works to column 20B and beam 20B to 20C are completed, with the Stack Development now on site undertaking their preparation works.
- Beam 20A to 20C has been temporarily covered and will be monitored with repairs to be carried out at a future date.
- The column has been poured and early concrete testing results are positive.

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Bridges Small Schemes

19. A scope is being drawn up for a tender for several smaller schemes involving minor parapets works, masonry, and concrete repairs.

Principal and General Bridge Inspections

20. The principal and general bridge inspections contracts have been awarded via NEPO. There are 18 principal and 169 general inspections taking place with the inspection programme completing all due inspections. The inspections are ongoing.

21. Longlands Road overbridge will be the subject of a full structural and principal inspection. It is expected that extensive repairs, or even full replacement, will be required. A design phase will follow the assessments with major works planned for 2025/26 – Structural inspection and assessment contracts are ongoing.

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22. Concrete testing at Hartington Interchange has taken place. Specification being drawn up for a works programme to repair the concrete piers. The repair scheme will involve jacking works to support the piers while the damaged concrete is removed and replaced. Ground investigation works have recently been undertaken and we are awaiting the final report which will support the jacking proposals.

23. The principal inspection at the Newport Interchange has identified areas on the piers which require concrete testing to outline the extent of works required, a specification is being drawn up.

24. Principal inspections continue on a number of the A66 structures with condition reports imminent. Closure of the A66 at the footbridges and sign gantry near to the A19 will be taking place in mid-October to facilitate the inspection process.

Borough Road Flyover

25. Resurfacing and re-waterproofing of the bridge deck have been completed on Borough Road Flyover. Further works, to replace the bridge joints, bearings, and

carry out localised hydro demolition and concrete repairs, will be commencing in 2024. Concrete testing works and report are due to start. This work is ongoing.

A174 Marton Interchange Overbridge

26. A174 Marton Interchange Overbridge which include replacing the bridge deck waterproofing and resurfacing, concrete repairs to the abutments and the installation of suicide prevention parapets. The tender process is completed, and the award of contract is imminent. Following the design and parapet manufacturing phase, physical works are due to take place in the summer holidays 2025.

Linby & Belle Vue Footbridges

27. Painting; installation of suicide prevention parapets/cages; structural repairs to piers and decks; new bearings; concrete repairs; other repairs; and install lighting. The design phase is ending and we continue to await the sign-off by Network Rail. Initial estimated prices provided via Network Rail's main contractor for suicide prevention parapets to Linby and Belle Vue footbridges received with a further tender process to follow to ensure best value. This will take place once the design is agreed.

A66 Hartington East and West Overbridges

28. Works to repair the waterproofing/ resurfacing and install new bridge joints was completed in 2023-24. The final six-month inspection for any snagging issues of the works are taking place as part of the principal inspection due for completion within the next month. See note under A66.

Newport Bridge Approach Structures

29. Work is concluding on the repairs to the West Approach Retaining Wall, Cannon Street/ Ayresome Road Bridge, and Newport Approach Bridge – mainly: concrete repairs, anti-bird mesh, renewed lighting, deck-joint replacement, re-waterproofing, and resurfacing works. The works are being co-ordinated with works to Newport Bridge. Road closures from Newport Roundabout with local diversions have now been removed. Lane closures remain in place while calculations are undertaken on the vehicle restraint barriers – it is anticipated that a temporary solution will be installed until such a time that repairs to the footpath cantilevers are programmed to take place. Once the temporary solution is installed the lane closures will be lifted. The footpath/ cycleway ramp at the side of the approach road is temporarily closed to allow repairs and is expected to be completed within the first couple of weeks of October 2024.

Newport Bridge

30. Work started on 8th July and lasted until the beginning of September 2024 on replacement of the bearings, and drainage channels these works were undertaken by Stockton Council. Further works are required to the bearings which will be programmed for Summer 2025.

Bridges Small Schemes

31. The scope is being drawn up for a tender for several smaller schemes involving minor parapets works, masonry, and concrete repairs.
32. Principal and General Bridge Inspections
33. The principal and general bridge inspections are ongoing with most of the 169 general inspections completed. The 18 principal inspections are progressing well with nearly half completed, and the remainder imminent. The inspection programme once completed will conclude all due inspections.
34. Longlands Road overbridge will be the subject of a full structural and principal inspection. It is expected that extensive repairs, or even full replacement, will be required. A design phase will follow the assessments with major works planned for 2025/26 – Structural inspection and assessment contracts are ongoing. The full inspection of the structure is due at the beginning of December 2024 when the rail track possession is booked in.

Carriageways

35. The 2024-25 resurfacing programme has been finalised and two contracts have been awarded for resurfacing on the unclassified and classified roads, with works due to start in October. Works were slightly delayed due to the contract and procurement processes; however, a programme is in place with the contractor, and they are due to start the classified roads on 14th October. A further two contracts are due to be tendered for thin-surfacing and surface-dressing. There are a total of 53 resurfacing schemes to take place in 2024-25.

Flood Management

36. Work continues on the clearance of the Gullies in line with the adopted risk-based approach in prioritising Gully cleansing. This work started back in April of this year and currently we have some 3,000 Gullies cleaned. We continue to work proactively on flood risk management through joint working with EA and NWL and increasing our knowledge of the network and improving the long-term planning for reducing flood risk.

Street Lighting

37. The 2024/25 column replacement programme is still ongoing in various roads throughout the town.
38. Works are ongoing to upgrade the street lighting in TS1 & TS3 with funding from DLUHC.

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