

Executive Decisions between 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024

No.	Committee	Date	Agenda item title	Agenda item text
1	Executive	17-Jan-24	2024-25 Budget and MTFP – Application for Exceptional Financial Support	<p>ORDERED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Executive approve that an application for Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) be made by the Chief Executive and Director of Finance (s151 Officer) to the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) in order to finance forecast budget deficits and enable a balanced budget to be set for 2024/25 as required by statute. Executive delegate authority to the Chief Executive and Director of Finance to negotiate the quantum and terms of the application in consultation with the Elected Mayor and Executive Member for Finance and Governance
2	Executive	17-Jan-24	Tree Policy	ORDERED that Executive approve Middlesbrough Council’s revised Tree Policy (amended November 2023).
3	Executive	17-Jan-24	CTR Scheme 2024-25	AGREED that Executive endorse the Council Tax Reduction (CTR) scheme for 2024/25 and refers it to Council for approval.
4	Executive	17-Jan-24	Draft Local Plan	AGREED that Executive endorses the Draft Local Plan for the purpose of public consultation.
5	Executive	14-Feb-24	Corporate Performance Review: Quarter Three 2023/2024	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approves the proposed amendments to Executive actions at Quarter Three 2023/24 detailed in Appendix. Notes progress of delivery of the Strategic Plan 2022-24 at Quarter Three 2023/24, detailed in Appendix 2. Approves the proposed amendments to Strategic Plan workplan at Quarter Three 2023/24, detailed in Appendix 3.

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6	Executive	14-Feb-24	Revenue and Capital Budget - Forecast Outturn position at Quarter Three 2023/24	<p>ORDERED</p> <p>1. In respect of the General Fund Revenue Budget that Executive approve the proposed revenue budget virements over £250,000 as detailed in Appendix 4. These were technical adjustments.</p> <p>2. In respect of the Capital Programme and Treasury Management that Executive approve the inclusion of additions to the Capital Programme for 2023/24 totalling £0.297m (summarised in Table 9) which were externally funded or funded from within existing Council resources for the 2023/24 Capital Programme as approved by Council in February 2023. These had increased the 2023/24 Capital Programme budget to £67.631m from the £67.334m revised Capital Programme budget for 2023/24 approved at Quarter Two.</p> <p>AGREED</p> <p>In respect of the General Fund Revenue Budget that Executive:</p> <p>1. Note the forecast 2023/24 net revenue budget year-end outturn as at Quarter Three of £131.898m against an approved budget of £126.354m, a forecast year-end overspend of £5.544m (4.4%). This represented an improvement of £3.012m from that forecast at Quarter Two.</p> <p>2. Note that the forecast year-end overspend of £5.544m related primarily to a combination of forecast demand and inflationary pressures as detailed in the table on page 39 of the agenda pack.</p> <p>3. Note and endorse the management actions taken in consultation with Executive Members over the year to date to control expenditure within the approved budget and to develop more financially sustainable solutions for future years as set out in paragraphs 4.6 to 4.13 of the report.</p> <p>4. Note that work would continue to try to mitigate further the forecast year-end overspend before the end of 2023/24 and the final position would be reported as part of the final 2023/24 outturn report to Executive in June 2024.</p> <p>In respect of the Council’s Reserves and Provisions Executive:</p> <p>1. Note that the s151 Officer had undertaken a review of the balance sheet which had resulted in the release of £0.757m from the Revenue Grants Received Unapplied account that has been transferred to the Change Fund and the balance had been re-stated as at 31 March 2023 from £0.730m to £1.487m.</p> <p>2. Note that the s151 Officer had determined that the 2023/24 Change Fund Reserve of £1.487m, should be</p>

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7	Executive	14-Feb-24	Levelling Up Partnership	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the Levelling Up Partnership Programme as set out in appendix A; 2. Approves the acceptance of funding and Council status as accountable body for the funds – on the basis that the formal grant offer letter was in the form of an un-ringfenced S31 Capital grant and funding conditions being achievable; and, formally approved by the Director of Finance (S151); and, 3. Approves that the submission of any programme amendments / change control processes with DLUHC be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Culture, and Director of Finance (S151), subject to consultation with the relevant Executive members.
8	Executive	14-Feb-24	Newham Hall - Disposal Option Update	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the approach of Middlesbrough Council acting as the master developer for the Newham Hall site - being financially responsible for bringing the site forward for phased disposal and marketing without external intervention or support from Homes England; 2. Approve the use of the awarded Levelling Up Fund 2 and Towns Fund grants, Strategic Highways Section 106 Funding, other developer contributions and existing Council capital funding of £4.129m dedicated to Housing Growth or other projects already contained within the current capital programme to unlock and de-risk the Newham Hall housing site; 3. Approve Delegated Authority for the Director of Regeneration in respect of Public Open Space and Land Appropriation process and; 4. Approve Delegated Authority for the Director of Regeneration and Director of Finance for further amendments to the proposed disposal route.
9	Executive	28-Feb-24	The Council Plan 2024-27	<p>ORDERED that Executive endorses the final Council Plan 2024-27 and associated strategic priorities and outcomes prior to full Council approval of the final Council Plan 2024-27 and to enable development of detailed, supporting delivery plans.</p>

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10	Executive	28-Feb-24	2024/25 Revenue Budget, Medium Term Financial Plan, and Council Tax setting	<p>ORDERED that the amended Appendix 5 of the report be approved.</p> <p>AGREED that:</p> <p>In terms of the robustness of the Medium-Term Financial Plan, Executive note the statutory s25 report of the Council's Section 151 Officer in respect of the robustness of the estimates within the budget and the adequacy of reserves.</p> <p>In terms of the Revenue Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2026/27 Executive:</p> <p>1) Note the updated financial planning assumptions following the Final Local Government Finance Settlement, together with confirmed government income sources, expenditure plans and local income budgets.</p> <p>2) Recommend to Council budget proposals for savings and income generation of £13.910m in 2024/25 rising to £21.028m in 2026/27, which incorporated the revisions to savings in light of the consultation response as set out in Appendix 3.</p> <p>3) Recommend to Council an increase in Council Tax of 4.99% resulting in a Council Tax level (Band D) of £1,975.76 excluding parish, Fire, and Police precepts (detailed in Appendix 7).</p> <p>4) Note that after all available measures had been taken in relation to budget proposals, a budget gap of £4.7m existed representing a shortfall of annual income compared to net expenditure plans. Therefore, the Council was dependent upon approval by DLUHC to capitalise this expenditure and finance it from Council borrowing under the provisions of Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) in order to set a balanced budget for 2024/25.</p> <p>5) Recommend to Council the approval of the proposed General Fund revenue budget for 2024/25 with a net budget requirement of £143.190m after adjusting for the capitalisation of £4.7m of revenue expenditure relating to EFS;</p> <p>6) Note whilst the budget gap for 2024/25 has been addressed by the EFS, there would still be a budget gap of £7.474m in 2025/26 and £0.491m in 2026/27 resulting in a cumulative budget gap over the MTFP period of £7.965m. Further savings proposals arising from the Transformation Programme would be required as a minimum to meet these budget gaps.</p> <p>7) Note that in assessing the adequacy of reserves in the context of financial risks within the Council's</p>
11	Executive	28-Feb-24	Increased Residential and Supported Accommodation for Children in Care and Care Leavers	<p>ORDERED that Executive approve the revised approach which is built into the proposed 2024/25 budget and MTFP 2024/25 to 2026/27.</p> <p>AGREED that Executive:</p> <p>1. Note the reasons why the original plan could not be delivered and its removal from the MTFP.</p> <p>2. Note further savings that will be incorporated into future MTFP periods.</p>

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12	Executive	28-Feb-24	Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25	<p>ORDERD T hat Executive review, endorse and recommend for approval and adoption at the Council meeting on the budget on 8 March 2024:</p> <p>1) Approve the Prudential Indicators and limits for 2024/25 to 2026/27 relating to capital expenditure and treasury management activity set out in tables 1 to 10 of Appendix 1.</p> <p>2) Approve the Treasury Management Strategy for 2024/25, which included the Annual Investment Strategy for 2024/25 at Appendix 1 of the report.</p> <p>3) Approve the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy for 2024/25 at Appendix 1 of the report.</p> <p>4) Approve an Authorised Limit for External Debt of £372m for the 2024/25 financial year.</p>
13	Executive	13-Mar-24	Final Report of the Health Scrutiny Panel - Dental Health and the Impact of Covid- 19 - Service Response	<p>ORDERED</p> <p>That the content of the Health Scrutiny Panel’s final report on entitled Dental Health and the Impact of Covid-19 (Appendix 1) be noted; and</p> <p>The action plan (Appendix 2), developed in response to the Scrutiny Panel’s recommendations, be approved.</p>
14	Executive	13-Mar-24	Transformation Governance Arrangements	<p>ORDERED that Executive</p> <p>1. Endorses the proposed governance arrangements for delivery and oversight of the Transformation Portfolio;</p> <p>2. Notes that to ensure transparency of project resourcing costs within the transformation portfolio and its agreed project financial profiling, any decision to appoint project expense on an interim basis to ensure specialist input with a focus on return on investment, will be taken by the Chief Executive as Transformation Portfolio Senior Responsible Officer, in consultation with the Mayor; and</p> <p>3. Approves the delegated decision-making powers relating to approval of proposed change controls to enable projects to be brought back within tolerances relating to time, scope, cost and benefit and as set out in the Programme and Project Management Framework (PPMF), except where this would be a key decision and Executive approval would be sought through the governance arrangements outlines in this report or via an additional Executive report where a more urgent decision is required.</p>

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15	Executive	13-Mar-24	Adult Social Care Non Residential Charging Policy (Fairer Charging Policy)	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Executive approve delegated authority to the Director of Finance to make future minor revisions/modifications to the policy to provide clarity and reflect alterations in legislation during the period to the next 3 year review. 2. Consider the proposals as set out below and approve the updated Non-Residential Charging Policy: 3. Approves an update to the appeals processes which provided further clarity. 4. Approves an insertion around the lower hourly contracted rate of care and signposted service users to the council's web site. 5. Approved the introduction of average response rate for processing assessments. 6. Approved the removal of a home visit offering where online solutions could be provided effectively. 7. Approved an update of the language to ensure that the policy met the current statutory and legal requirements as set out in the Care and Support (charging and assessment of resources) Regulations 2014.

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16	Executive	13-Mar-24	Discretionary Rates Relief	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the proposals as set out in the report approve the updated Discretionary Rates Relief policy. 2. Approve that delegated authority to approve any future minor revisions/modifications required for clarification or legislative requirements to the policy be provided to the Director of Finance. 3. That Executive note that the policy brings together three existing schemes, against which discretionary rate relief could be awarded, to be replaced by one policy which provided clarity and consistency for those organisations wishing to apply for the relevant relief. 4. The proposed key changes to the policy included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Clearly defined criteria, decision making panel and e-form to improve the user experience of the application and governance process. ii. A cap of 50% for Hardship relief applications in year one, with an option for an enhanced rate of 100% relief in year one if applicants can evidence greater impact to the local economy, as outlined in the policy. In addition, an introduction of tapered reductions in consecutive hardship relief awards up to a maximum of three years subject to appropriate supporting evidence. iii. For organisations that were not registered as charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASC), a 20% discretionary relief award will be applied (subject to scheme eligibility). This is a reduction from the existing scheme where non-registered organisations have been eligible for up to 100%. iv. For Partly Occupied Hereditaments, applicants would need to demonstrate inward investment in order to qualify e.g., businesses relocating into Middlesbrough (as opposed to businesses relocating away from the town)
17	Executive	13-Mar-24	Phase One Asset Sales	<p>ORDERED that Executive approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the proposed amendment to include an Overage Agreement and timescale of 2-5 years for completion be accepted. 2. The sale of the House of Fraser Building (37 Linthorpe Road) to (Ref A Buyer Name - Confidential Appendix I) for (Ref B HoF Valuation - Confidential Appendix I); 3. The sale of Zetland Car Park to (Ref A Buyer Name - Confidential Appendix I) for (Ref C Zetland Valuation - Confidential Appendix I); and, 4. Delegates responsibility to the Director of Finance and the Director of Regeneration for the negotiation of the final sales value of each property.

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18	Executive	10-Apr-24	Tender Pipeline 2024/2025	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approves the tender pipeline for 2024/25. Approve delegation of award to the relevant Director in consultation with their Executive Member.
19	Executive	10-Apr-24	Middlesbrough Development Company Update	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the progress made towards closure of the Middlesbrough Development Company, the commencement of the Members Voluntary Liquidation, and the distribution of key assets and liabilities to the Council. As the shareholder, formally endorses the director's decision to close the company.
20	Executive	10-Apr-24	Selective Landlord Licensing: Responses to the Consultation and Approval to Designate the Newport 1 Area	<p>ORDERED</p> <p>That Executive approve the designation of Selective Landlord Licensing in the Newport 1 area.</p>
21	Executive	10-Apr-24	Social Value Charter	<p>ORDERED</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the Social Value Charter, attached to this report at Appendix One and that Council practices are amended to align with its requirements. Approve the guidance document that will be put in place to support implementation. The implementation plans set out within this report would ensure consideration of social value be embedded within all of the Council's practices, in particular procurement and decision-making practices.
22	Executive	10-Apr-24	The Council Plan, 2024-2027: Approach to Delivery	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the Council Plan workplan and associated outcomes, to assure achievement of the Council's priorities for the 2024-27 period; and Agrees the delegation of approval for minor amendments to in-quarter timescales to the Chief Executive, through the corporate performance management framework and policy arrangements, with any significant variation to approach or deliverables, reported to and seeking approval via the quarterly corporate performance reports to Executive.

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23	Executive	10-Apr-24	Schools Capital Programme 2024/2025	<p>ORDERD that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the amendment to paragraph 6.1.4 of the report as detailed above; 2. Approve the new schemes included in Appendix 1; 3. The reallocation of £0.599 grant funding sitting within the capital programme, approved by Council on 8 March 2024, from the Block Budget School Condition Allocation to Schemes in Maintained Primary Schools and Schemes in Special Schools as detailed within the report; and 4. An additional £0.106m of external school funding to be added to the capital programme in order to fully fund £0.705m of anticipated costs for condition works to schools.
24	Executive	10-Apr-24	2024/2025 Transport and Infrastructure Capital Programme	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the removal of the words “and virements” from recommendation three of the report. 2. Approve the allocation of £4.015m of approved LTP grant funding to develop and deliver infrastructure improvements as outlined within the report. 3. Approve the programme package as set out in Appendix 2. 4. Should it be required to change the phasing of these programmes to delegate any programme amendments to new or prioritised projects and where such activity is permissible within the funding criteria, to the Director of Environment and Community Services and the Executive Member for Environment where appropriate.
25	Executive	10-Apr-24	Price Increase for Traded Cleaning and Caretaking Services with Schools	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the proposal to increase the price of Building Cleaning and Caretaking Services by Middlesbrough Council to contracted Middlesbrough Schools by 13%. 2. Approve the transfer of remaining Core Council Cleaning Services for Council Buildings from the Environment and Community Services Directorate to Regeneration Directorate to report under Property Services when appropriate to do so.
26	Executive	10-Apr-24	Corporate Procurement Strategy 2023-2025	<p>ORDERED that Executive approve the Corporate Procurement Strategy 2024-2026.</p>

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27	Executive	01-May-24	Garden Waste Subscription Service - Additional Bin Purchase	<p>ORDERED</p> <p>That Executive approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The purchase of an additional 12,000 brown garden waste bins in accordance with the procurement arrangements set out at paragraph 6.6 of the submitted report. 2. The virement of capital resource from the Traffic Signals scheme to fund the purchase and delivery of the additional bins. 3. That delegated authority was provided to the Director of Environment and Community Services for the purchase of additional waste bins, in line with service demand.
28	Executive	01-May-24	Household Support Fund 2024	<p>ORDERED</p> <p>That Executive approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Household Support Fund delivery plan for 2024, which will be delivered between 1 April 2024 and 30 September 2024 and as set out in Table 1 (para 18) to target four main groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Families with children and in receipt of benefits. · Pensioners in receipt of Council Tax Reduction (CTR) and in receipt of Pension Credit Guarantee Credit (PCGC) · Singles/Couples in receipt of benefits. · Application-based awards for residents not in receipt of CTR or other benefits. 2. That any remaining funds following implementation of the delivery plan (and administrative costs) are allocated to Council Tax accounts, with a then current award of Council Tax Reduction (CTR) and where an outstanding balance remains following the issue of a summons in 2024/25 financial year. This may also be widened to incorporate accounts not in receipt of CTR. 3. That delegated authority is provided to the Director of Finance and the Executive member for Finance to make any minor revisions/modifications to the scheme and make decisions in respect of any remaining funds (as outlined in para 4) to ensure the scheme is distributed in line with the guidance and within the defined timescales.

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29	Executive	22-May-24	2025/26 Budget and MTFP Approach and Timetable	<p>ORDERED</p> <p>That Executive approves the proposed budget development approach and the timetable for the 2025/26 budget setting and MTFP for the period 2025/26 to 2028/29 as summarised in Table 1 and detailed in Appendix 1.</p>
30	Executive	22-May-24	Developing a New Nunthorpe Community Facility	<p>ORDERED</p> <p>That Executive approve progress to the next stage of the project, which included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the design process and site surveys for a planning application submission; 2. a tender process to identify a preferred developer partner; 3. securing planning approval; and, 4. continuing discussions with preferred operational management organisation and to develop 25-year lease agreement.
31	Executive	22-May-24	Sale of TeesAmp	<p>ORDERED That Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the sale of TeesAMP (1 & 2) to the buyer detailed in the exempt Appendix (1) of the report for the sum detailed in the exempt Appendix (1) of the report. 2. Delegates the agreement of any final revisions to the price to the Director of Finance.
32	Executive	26-Jun-24	Corporate Performance: Quarter Four 2023/2024 - Year End	<p>ORDERED that Executive approve the proposed action to the finalise reporting of the Strategic Plan 2022-24 at Quarter Four and Year End 2023/24, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.</p> <p>AGREED that Executive Note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The delivery status of the Strategic Plan workplan (2022-24) at Quarter Four and 2023/24 Year End, as detailed in Appendix 1 and; 2. The Strategic Risk Register, at Appendix 3.

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33	Executive	26-Jun-24	2023/24 Revenue and Capital Outturn and Development of MTFP	<p>ORDERED that, in respect of the Capital Programme, Executive approve the inclusion of additional expenditure budgets to the Capital Programme for 2023/24 totalling £5.012m (summarised in Table 8) which were externally funded. These adjustments had increased the approved 2023/24 Capital Programme budget to £72.643m.</p> <p>AGREED that:</p> <p>In respect of the General Fund Revenue Budget, Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the 2023/24 net revenue budget year-end outturn as of £129.948m against an approved budget of £126.354m, a final overspend of £3.594m (2.8%) as analysed in Table 1 in paragraph 4.12 of the report. 2. Note that an analysis of one-off vs ongoing variances, in 2023/24 had been undertaken as set out in paragraph 4.15 and Appendix 1, and this would be used to review and assess the 2024/25 budget allocation of growth and any revisions will be reported in Quarter One 2024/25 monitoring. 3. Note that £2.399m of qualifying revenue expenditure had been funded from Flexible Use of Capital Receipts (FUOCR) in accordance with the FUOCR strategy approved by Council on 17 January 2024 (Table 9 and Appendix 5 of the report). 4. Note a bid of £0.199m had been made by the Director of Children’s Services to DfE for an additional improvement grant for 2024/25. If successful, this would be incorporated into the relevant budget in order to support the funding of transformation and savings delivery for 2025/26 onwards as well as support practise improvements in progressing young people to permanence (paragraph 4.13). <p>In respect of the Council’s Reserves and Provisions, Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the General Fund Balance of £10.986m and unrestricted usable earmarked reserves of £1.069m at 31 March 2024 2. Note the cumulative usable Collection Fund surplus of £8.325m at 31 March 2024 and the s151 Officer’s action to apply this sum at budget setting 2024/25 in order to replenish the General Fund Balance to the recommended minimum level of £11.1m and unrestricted usable earmarked reserves at £9.280m at 1 April 2024 in accordance with Council approvals on 8 March 2024. 3. Note that the combined total of unrestricted usable reserves at 1 April 2024 stand at £20.380m (14.2% of the 2024/25 Net Revenue Budget of £143.190m) and that this level remained very low compared nationally to all unitary councils as illustrated in comparisons set out in the Reserves Policy approved by Council on 8 March 2024.
34	Executive	26-Jun-24	Auto-enrolment of Free School Meals and Maximising Pupil Premium Funding Across Middlesbrough	<p>ORDERED that Executive approve progression of a pilot initiative with schools, between officers across Revenues and Benefits Service and Public Health, to support the implementation of auto-enrolment of Free School Meals, with the aim of increasing the number of children registered for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium, subject to the agreement of Middlesbrough schools.</p>

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35	Executive	24-Jul-24	The Disposal of Land at Hemlington Grange West	<p>ORDERED That Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the de-risking, marketing and disposal of the Hemlington Grange West housing site; 2. Provides Delegated Authority for the Director of Regeneration and the Director of Finance, following consultation with the respective Executive Members, to approve the Public Open Space (POS) and Land Appropriation process. 3. Confirms it considered all the relevant information in reaching its decision.
36	Executive	24-Jul-24	South Tees Clean Air Strategy	<p>ORDERED that Executive approves the South Tees Clean Air Strategy.</p>
37	Executive	24-Jul-24	Community Safety Partnership Plan	<p>ORDERED That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive approve the proposed priorities and contents of the Community Safety Plan 2024-2026. 2. An update on the Neighbourhood Safety Fund be provided to Executive.
38	Executive	24-Jul-24	Final Report of the Regeneration Scrutiny Panel - Planning Capacity	<p>ORDERED That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The content of the Regeneration Scrutiny Panel’s final report on Planning capacity (Appendix one) be noted; and 2. The action plan (Appendix two), developed in response to the Scrutiny Panel’s recommendations, be approved.
39	Executive	04-Sep-24	Corporate Performance: Quarter One 2024/2025	<p>ORDERED That Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the proposed changes to the Executive actions, detailed at Appendix 1 2. Approve the proposed changes to the Council Plan workplan actions, detailed at Appendix 3 3. Approve the proposed changes to the Council Plan workplan actions, detailed at Appendix 3 <p>AGREED That Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the progress and position of the corporate performance disciplines, including the Transformation Portfolio 2. Note delivery status of the Council Plan 2024-27 supporting workplan at Quarter One, detailed at Appendix 2 3. Note the Strategic Risk Register, at Appendix 4

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40	Executive	04-Sep-24	Review of Licensing fees for Houses in Multiple Occupation	<p>ORDERED That Executive approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The fee structure set out in paragraph 4.10 of the report and in Appendix 1, and 2. The review of the HMO licensing process.
41	Executive	04-Sep-24	Integrated Transport Strategy	<p>ORDERED That Executive approve the updated Integrated Transport Strategy.</p>

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42	Executive	04-Sep-24	Revenue and Capital Budget - Forecast Outturn position at Quarter One 2024/25	<p>ORDERED That Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the amendment to Appendix 3 of the report. 2. Approve the proposed revenue budget virements over £250,000 as detailed in paragraph 4.13 and Appendix 3 of the report. 3. Approve the inclusion of additional expenditure budgets to the Capital Programme totalling £8.973m for 2024/25 which were externally funded (detailed in Appendix 9). Subject to approval this would increase the approved 2024/25 Capital Programme budget to £106.188m. 4. Approve proposed virements over £250,000 between schemes in the 2024/25 Capital Programme approved by Council in March 2024 which were funded from within existing Council resources (detailed in Appendix 9 and paragraph 4.37). <p>AGREED That Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the forecast 2024/25 revenue outturn as at Quarter One of £146.932m against an approved budget of £143.190m, a forecast year-end overspend of £3.742m (2.6%) summarised below and detailed in Table 1 of the report, 2. Note the progress on savings delivery set out in Tables 2 and 3 and Appendix 4 of the report. 3. Note that the Council was dependent upon Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) in 2024/25, approved in principle by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) of up to £13.4m of one-off borrowing, the costs which were factored into the MTFP. Of this sum £4.7m had been utilised to achieve a balanced budget in 2024/25 (paragraph 4.5) of the report. 4. Note that it was essential that all available measures were taken by management to control revenue expenditure within the approved budget, given that the Quarter One forecast overspend, if realised would require further £2.498m of EFS borrowing to fund slippage in savings delivery and £1.244m call upon revenue reserves. Both EFS and reserves could only be used once, and the financial pressure would remain in 2025/26 to be addressed. 5. Note that based upon the Quarter One forecast outturn, the forecast revenue balances at 31 March 2025 would be lower than recommended in the approved Reserves Policy at £17.670m: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General Fund Reserve of £11.1m (minimum recommended) - Council's unrestricted usable earmarked reserves of £6.570m

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43	Executive	04-Sep-24	Vulnerability Policy	<p>ORDERED</p> <p>That Executive approves the refresh of the policy to address inconsistencies, updates and presentational issues that require minor amendments. The amendments were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update the policy to reflect the way in which assistance was provided to those who were hard of hearing / deaf. This would be achieved through the use of British Sign Language interpreters and utilised for the resident via their agreed method of communication e.g. face to face, online etc; - Reference to the Council's welfare strategy as this strategy was not formally in place when the previous Vulnerability policy was agreed; - Confirmation that vulnerable residents would be signposted to the Benefits or - Welfare Rights services to ensure that their income was fully maximised to support the repayment of any outstanding debts
44	Executive	02-Oct-24	Adult Social Care Residential Charging Policy	<p>1. Executive approve the Residential Charging Policy to take effect from 7 October 2024.</p> <p>2. Delegated authority to approve any future minor revisions/modifications is provided to the Director of Finance and the Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration, and the Executive Member for Finance and Governance and the Executive Member of Adult Social Care and Public Health to maintain effective service delivery and reflect revisions brought about by regulatory and/or statutory guidance changes.</p>
45	Executive	28-Oct-24	Health and Wellbeing Strategy	<p>ORDERED that the proposed amendment to paragraph 2.1 be approved.</p> <p>AGREED that Executive noted the Health and Wellbeing Strategy that was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 12 September 2024.</p>

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46	Executive	28-Oct-24	Household Support Fund 2024/2025	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <p>1. Approves the HSF delivery plan for 2024/25, which would be delivered between 1 October 2024 and 31 March 2025 and was set out in Table 1 of the report to target the main groups below where each has a Council Tax or rental liability for their home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Families with children in receipt of benefits. Pensioners in receipt of Council Tax Reduction but not eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment. - Pensioners who are not in receipt of Council Tax Reduction subject to the qualifying criteria (listed in table 1, para 4.7). - Singles/Couples which includes those of pensionable age in receipt of benefits. - Application-based awards for residents not in receipt of CTR or other benefits <p>2. Approves that any remaining funds following implementation of the delivery plan were allocated to Council Tax accounts, with a then current award of CTR and where an outstanding balance remained following the issue of a summons in the 2024/25 financial year. The Council also reserved the right to widen the group to include those accounts not in receipt of CTR. Priority would be given to taxpayers who did not receive HSF from the allocation that remained in September 2024, with the intention that the balances for those in each group would be reduced by the same extent across both schemes so far as is possible.</p> <p>3. Approves that delegated authority is provided to the Director of Finance to make any modifications or minor revisions to the scheme and make decisions in respect of any remaining funds to ensure they were distributed in line with the guidance and within the defined timescales. Any revisions or modifications would be made in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Governance.</p>
47	Executive	13-Nov-24	Middlesbrough Council: Target Operating Model	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <p>1. Approve in principle the emerging target operating model; 2. Approve the continued development and refinement of the proposed target operating model and its intended direction of travel.</p> <p>AGREED that Executive notes the next steps required to implement the target operating model and develop supporting operational strategies.</p>

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48	Executive	13-Nov-24	Capital Programme Governance Improvement	ORDERED that Executive approve the proposed arrangements for improving the effectiveness of capital programme governance, monitoring and reporting including the terms of reference for the Strategic Capital Board and Corporate Capital Board.
49	Executive	13-Nov-24	Corporate Asset Management Plan 2024/ - 2027/28	ORDERED that Executive approve the Corporate Asset Management Plan 2024-25 to 2027-28.
50	Executive	13-Nov-24	Review of Alternative Operating Models for the Captain Cook Birthplace Museum	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the exploration of a new museum with external partners that could replace the CCBM within Stewart Park in the longer term; 2. Approve the continued operation of the CCBM in 2024/25 on the basis that the required saving of £0.100m for 2024/25 had been met by a permanent reduction in staffing and that this saving was ongoing; 3. Approve the continued operation of the CCBM in 2025/26 and 2026/27 subject to securing external revenue support of £0.150m per annum. Failure to secure this funding would result in closure of the CCBM and the transfer of some or all of the collection to the Dorman Museum; and 4. Approves a reduction in the required saving from the CCBM from £0.345m to £0.303m in 2025/26 and 2026/27 on condition that the remainder of the saving £0.042m will be found within the Regeneration budget via a senior management review.
51	Executive	13-Nov-24	Southlands Community Facility and Sporting Hub	<p>AGREED that Executive note the information in the public report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the principles of the lease agreement set out within the agreed Heads of Terms for the Southlands Community Facility and Sporting Hub, between the Council and Middlesbrough FC Foundation; 2. Notes the delegated authority for the Director of Regeneration and the Director of Finance, to approve or amend the lease agreement, in line with the Heads of Terms insofar that such approval or amendments protects the Council's position or enhances the sustainability of the Southlands scheme 3. Notes the business case that outlines how Middlesbrough FC Foundation will manage and finance the site; 4. Notes the passporting of liabilities to the partner organisation and how these will be managed through the lease agreement; 5. Notes the long-term risks and liabilities that could arise, in the event that the partnering organisation ceases to exist. <p>AGREED That the decision be taken once all the exempt information had been considered.</p>

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52	Executive	04-Dec-24	Highway Infrastructure Delivery Plan	<p>ORDERED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Highway Infrastructure Delivery Plan be amended to include references to motorcycles where appropriate. 2. Executive approve the updated Highway Infrastructure Delivery Plan and endorses seeking funding to expedite the requirements.
53	Executive	04-Dec-24	Linthorpe Road Phase One Cycleway Design	<p>ORDERED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive accept the proposed design submitted by Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) for the Linthorpe Road Cycle Lane detailed at appendix one in the report. 2. Executive will receive a further report following a final funded proposal from TVCA.
54	Executive	04-Dec-24	Corporate Performance: Quarter Two 2024/25	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the proposed changes to the Executive actions, detailed at Appendix One of the report . 2. Agree the additional metrics to assess incremental impact of Council Plan outcomes, at Appendix Four of the report. <p>AGREED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the progress and position of the corporate performance disciplines, including the Transformation Portfolio. 2. Note delivery status of the Council Plan 2024-27 supporting workplan at Quarter Two, detailed at Appendix Two of the report. 3. Note the Strategic Risk Register, at Appendix Three of the report.

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55	Executive	04-Dec-24	Housing Supply	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the business case set out in Appendix one of the report aimed at delivering the savings identified within the Council’s Transformation Programme as REG07; 2. Approve the use of approved capital resources from the Towns Fund (£4m) and Levelling Up Partnership (£2.141m), as set out in the Business Case included, as Appendix one of the report , to acquire and refurbish properties to increase the supply of housing in order to reduce expenditure on temporary accommodation. 3. Delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Development, to utilise the three delivery proposals set out in paragraphs 4.11 to 4.13 of this report, within the approved funding envelope of £6.141m, to maximise potential cost reductions.
56	Executive	04-Dec-24	Empty Properties Strategy - Domestic	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the Empty Property Strategy – Domestic. 2. Delegate any future minor revisions/modifications to the Director of Finance and the Director of Regeneration following consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and the Executive Member for Development. The purpose of which was to maintain effective service delivery and reflect revisions brought about by regulatory and/or statutory guidance changes.

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57	Executive	04-Dec-24	2024/25 Quarter Two Revenue and Capital Monitoring and Forecast Outturn	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the proposed revenue budget virements over £250,000 as detailed in Appendix three of the report. 2. Approve the inclusion of additional expenditure budgets to the Capital Programme totalling £0.523m for 2024/25 which were externally funded and detailed in Appendix Eight of the report. Subject to approval, this would increase the approved 2024/25 Capital Programme budget to £106.711m. 3. Approve the proposed virements over £250,000 between schemes in the 2024/25 Capital Programme approved by Council in March 2024 which were funded from within existing Council resources which was detailed in Appendix Eight of the report. <p>AGREED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the forecast 2024/25 revenue outturn as at Quarter Two of £144.572m against an approved budget of £143.190m. This was an overspend of £1.382m (0.97%) as summarised below and detailed in Table one in the report. This was an improvement of £2.360m from the £3.742m forecast year-end overspend reported at Quarter One. 2. Note the progress on savings delivery set out in Tables three and four and Appendix four of the report. 3. Note that the Council was dependent upon Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) in 2024/25 approved in principle by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) of up to £13.4m of one-off borrowing, the costs which were factored into the MTFP. Of this sum £4.7m had been utilised to achieve a balanced budget in 2024/25. The forecast use of EFS had been reduced to up to £8.2m, detailed in paragraph 4.5 of the report. 4. Note that it was essential that all available measures were taken by management to control revenue expenditure within the approved budget, given that the Quarter Two forecast overspend, if realised, would potentially require further £1.382m of EFS borrowing to fund slippage in savings delivery. If the overspend increased in the remainder of 2024/25 this would require further use of EFS or reserves. Both EFS and reserves could only be used once, and the financial pressure would remain in 2025/26 to be addressed. 5. Note that based upon the Quarter Two forecast outturn, the forecast revenue balances at 31 March 2025 would be at £18.914m which was in line with that recommended in the approved Reserves Policy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · General Fund Reserve of £11.1m (minimum recommended) · Council's unrestricted usable earmarked reserves of £7.814m

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58	Executive	04-Dec-24	Calculation of Council Tax Base for 2025/26	<p>ORDERED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the council tax base for 2025/26 as 36,513.9. 2. Approve 2,447.3 and 1,504.8 as council tax bases for the parishes of Nunthorpe and Stainton & Thornton respectively for 2025/26. 3. Approve to notify the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Cleveland Fire Authority, and the Parish Councils of the 2025/26 council tax base. <p>AGREED that Executive note the content of the report.</p>

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59	Executive	04-Dec-24	2025/26 Draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan 2025/26 and 2028/29	<p>AGREED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the update on the key budget assumptions upon which the 2025/26 budget and MTFP to 2028/29 was calculated and were detailed in paragraphs 4.62 to 4.67 in the report. 2. Note the proposed draft budgets for 2025/26 and 2026/27 were balanced, with a gap of £2.686m in 2027/28 and rising to £5.150m in 2028/29 and were detailed in paragraphs 4.124 and 4.125 in the report. 3. Note that further work was required to fully assess the Council’s financial position once the detail of the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement was published. 4. Note that Transformation Programme business cases must be robust, and adequately assured to enable their inclusion in the proposed 2025/26 budget and MTFP. Work was continuing to develop detailed business cases within the Recover, Reset, Deliver Transformation Programme in relation to the cross-cutting Programmes: Target Operating Model including Customer Services, Neighbourhoods, IT and Digital. These programmes would fundamentally modernise and redesign the Council’s service delivery models to achieve improved outcomes for the community from a lower cost base. It was intended that these would be brought forward to the 5 February 2025 Executive for incorporation into the overall budget to be considered by Council on 19 February 2025. <p>AGREED that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse total proposals for savings and income growth of £7.036m in 2025/26 rising to £8.686m in 2028/29, of which £0.249m were deemed to involve policy change and/or impact service delivery levels and would be subject to public consultation and were detailed in Appendices one and two in the report. 2. Endorse total budget growth for re-investment in services aligned to the Recover, Reset, Deliver plan of £2.361m in 2025/26 rising to £2.558m in 2028/29 detailed in Appendix three of the report. 3. Endorse the proposed total Council Tax increase of 4.99% for 2025/26 comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2.99% increase in general Council Tax and - 2% Adult Social Care Precept. 4. Endorse the proposed arrangements to make financial provision against the risk of delivering the 2025/26 budget and MTFP which would enable the Council to set a robust budget without an application for reliance upon Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) from Government as detailed in paragraph 4.65 of the report. 5. Endorse that, where applicable, budget consultation would commence, on 5 December 2024 conclude on 8