

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL	
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Report of:	Chief Executive – Erik Scollay
Relevant Executive Member:	The Mayor – Chris Cooke
Submitted to:	Overview and Scrutiny Board
Date:	30 July 2025
Title:	Delivery against the Continuous Improvement Plan - Progress update
Report for:	Discussion
Status:	Public
Council Plan priority:	Delivering Best Value
Key decision:	Not applicable
Why:	Not applicable
Subject to call in?	Not applicable
Why:	Not applicable

Proposed decision(s)
That Overview and Scrutiny Board Note the contents of the report.

Executive summary
<p>The attached report was considered by Executive on 16 July 2025. That report (Appendix 1) provides an overview of delivery against the Council's Continuous Improvement Plan which captures strategic improvement action being delivered within the organisation to ensure the Council can fully demonstrate its compliance with the principles of the Best Value Duty. Provision of this report forms part of the assurance framework that has been put in place to demonstrate the Council's ongoing commitment to continuous improvement.</p>

1. Purpose of this report and its contribution to the achievement of the Council Plan ambitions

1.1 To inform Overview and Scrutiny Board about delivery against continuous improvement plan.

Our ambitions	Summary of how this report will support delivery of these ambitions and the underpinning aims
A successful and ambitious town	<i>Aims within this ambition are to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - attract and grow businesses to increase employment opportunities - Improve attainment in education and skills - Ensure housing provision meets local demand
A healthy Place	<i>Aims within this ambition are to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improve life chances of our residents by responding to health inequalities - protect and improve our environment - promote inclusivity for all - reduce poverty
Safe and resilient communities	<i>Aims within this ambition are to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - support adults to be independent for longer - improve transport and digital connectivity - promote new ideas and community initiatives - reduce crime and anti-social behaviour
Delivering best value	<i>Aims within this ambition are to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ensure robust and effective corporate governance - set a balanced revenue budget and Medium Term Financial Plan to restore financial resilience and sustainability

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Board Notes the content of the delivery against the continuous improvement plan Executive report.

3. Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

3.1 To advise Overview and Scrutiny Board of the Council's progress against the continuous improvement plan

4. Background and relevant information

4.1 Relevant background and other information is contained in the Executive report at Appendix 1.

5. Ward Member Engagement if relevant and appropriate

5.1 Not applicable

6. Other potential alternative(s) and why these have not been recommended

6.1 Other potential alternatives are detailed in the Executive Report.

7. Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Topic	Impact
Financial (including procurement and Social Value)	Relevant Impact is detailed in the Executive Report.
Legal	
Risk	
Human Rights, Public Sector Equality Duty and Community Cohesion	
Reducing Poverty	
Climate Change / Environmental	
Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers	
Data Protection	

Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)

Action	Responsible Officer	Deadline
NA		

Appendices

1	Executive Report - Delivery against the Continuous Improvement Plan - Progress Update
2	Continuous Improvement Action Plan
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Background papers

Body	Report title	Date

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