

## **EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**EXECUTIVE MEMBER:** Executive Member for Neighbourhoods

**DATE OF MEETING:** 10 September 2025

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

### **COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITIES**

- Neighbourhoods
- Neighbourhood Safety
- Community Cohesion

### **1. HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Update:**

1.1 Neighbourhood Action Partnerships (NAP's) have been introduced across Middlesbrough in the 4 areas i.e. North, East, South and West. These are multi-agency partnership forums aimed at giving elected members a voice in how services are delivered in Middlesbrough. In addition to the NAP's, we also have 4 locality hubs based in each of the areas. This is where multi-agency teams work together on a daily basis to tackle the issue that matter most to local residents and businesses.

#### ***Expansion of neighbourhoods***

1.2 Recruitment has been taking place to employ additional staff within our 4 neighbourhood for the following posts:

- 16 Neighbourhood Caretakers (4 in each neighbourhood area – all are now in post)
- 1 Community Safety Coordinator (town wide – will start end of August)
- 8 Neighbourhood Navigators (2 in each neighbourhood area, in progress)
- 8 Community Development Officers (2 in each neighbourhood area – appointed)
- 4 Neighbourhood Link Workers (1 in each neighbourhood area, in progress)
- 2 additional Neighbourhood Safety Officers (1 in North Ormesby and 1 in North, appointed)

This report highlights some of the initiatives and success of the past month.

#### ***East Middlesbrough***

1.3 Lots of work has been taking place throughout the neighbourhoods, one example is the multi agency partnership work taking place as part of Clear Hold Build named locally as 'Project Orme'. On Tuesday 1st July Police Officers arrested a man wanted

in connection with several incidents in the town, as part of Project Orme. This was part of a multi agency initiative working with the Council and wider partners. The 27-year-old man has since been charged with driving whilst disqualified, dangerous driving, driving without insurance, failing to stop for officers and failing to stop following a traffic collision. He was remanded in custody to appear before court on Wednesday 30th July.

1.4 Our East locality team have collaborated with Police colleagues with the following:

- 3 Males arrested for outstanding warrants
- 1 Male arrested on a prison recall
- 1 Male who was wanted across the force for his involvement in ram raids and other crimes.
- 1 Male arrested for breaching a non-molestation order
- 1 Female arrested for shoplifting
- 1 High risk missing person located by our team to assist police
- 3 Juveniles arrested for violent disorder in Netherfields - all interviewed and bailed pending CPS
- Following community intelligence, vacant house being used for drug misuse emptied and secured by Police
- 1 Male wanted on Prison Recall arrested, currently in HMP
- 1 Male arrested on Warrant after he failed to appear at Court for attacking emergency workers
- 1 Male wanted on prison recall located and arrested Penrith Road

### ***Darras Walk***

1.5 A local resident from Darras Walk in Pallister Park is over the moon after she was given some 3 tier planters by the Neighbourhood Manager to help improve the green area. All of the bedding plants have been purchased by local residents and they've even taken it upon themselves to cut all the edging around the green area.



## ***Pallister Park clean up***

1.6 Following concerns regarding the condition of Pallister Park play area, our newly appointed caretakers quickly got to work and have carried out an amazing transformation of the play area. Most of the damaged equipment was replaced, the area has been re-painted, the whole area was cut back and weeded, and the safety bark was replenished.

Work is still ongoing and we will also be carrying out the following;

- All benches to be either repaired/repainted/replaced
- Additional litter bins to be installed
- All graffiti to be removed
- Further weeding to be carried out around bowling green area
- All railings, fencing, light columns to be painted by Caretakers
- Repair damaged fencing around 5-a-side courts
- Cut back trees where CCTV cameras are in situ
- Community Champions to assist caretakers with painting and regular litter picks
- Increased Street Warden patrols



## ***South Middlesbrough***

1.7 A commercial delivery driver was fined after being caught littering due to the vigilance of a local resident. Their evidence helped neighbourhood officers prove that rubbish was thrown from the driver's side window of a vehicle parked up in Nunthorpe. After an interview, a £300 fixed penalty notice was issued to the driver. Signs have now been put up in the area around Brass Castle Lane, which is a littering hotspot, to warn other drivers that they can and will be fined if they drop litter.



1.8 A targeted operation cracking down on mindless criminal damage to buses and other vehicles took place in Hemlington.

1.9 This happened after countless complaints have been made about youths throwing missiles at moving vehicles, especially on Cass House Road and near the Viewley Shopping Centre. The problems regularly see bus companies re-route services away from the area. This led to Cleveland Police officers travelling undercover on buses in the area to identify those responsible leading to the arrest of a ten-year-old boy on suspicion of criminal damage and causing danger to road users. He was also referred to the Youth Offending Team. Another boy aged 14 was also identified and dealt with for separate offences. A week later two more boys, aged 10 and 13, were arrested in connection with criminal damage and Middlesbrough Council's neighbourhood team has identified a number of young people involved in poor behaviour. They will carry out home visits and have made referrals to youth services, with those who fail to change their behaviour facing the possibility of court appearances and civil injunctions to protect the wider community. More undercover work will continue while CCTV is being used to identify more offenders. Please check where your children are and what they are doing.

### ***North Middlesbrough***

1.10 A 'Week of Action' took place in Central ward at the end of June where Cleveland Police, Thirteen, Middlesbrough Council staff all came together to tackle some of the issues that were of concern. The Neighbourhood Safety officer attended 8 Licenced premises around the sale of alcohol making sure they were compliant with their licences. There were minimal issues with the adherence of licences, but they were able to identify a few locations selling single cans cheaply and talks are intended with head offices. Cleveland Police hosted a 'Hate Crime' stall with council staff in the Hill Street Centre on the Monday and on the Friday, staff worked with the neighbourhood enforcement team in seizing untaxed vehicles which proved very successful!

The community development team conducted environment door knocking on the around Angle Street, Lothian Road and Hazel & Elder Court engaging with 155 residents

1.12 The residents highlighted issues such as anti-social behaviour around certain areas, fly tipping as the alley gates were not always locked and recycling in the area. A Community litter-pick took place and 10 community representatives attended.

1.13 Organisations who supported the litter pick were Teesside University and Recovery Connections. Streets covered included Acton Street, Upton Street, Aubrey Street, Waterloo Road, Egerton Street.



### ***West Middlesbrough***

- 1.14 The Neighbourhood Safety Officer along with the Neighbourhood Development Officer visited addresses on Newbury Avenue after reports of antisocial behaviour in the Ayresome Ward area. Various equipment has been issued as part of the Neighbourhood team's target hardening packs to addresses crime and antisocial behaviour. This includes ring doorbells, fence spikes and security lights. Residents were very grateful and said that they feel it will make a huge difference in making them feel safer.