

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL	
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Report of:	Chief Executive – Erik Scollay
Relevant Executive Member:	Not applicable
Submitted to:	Overview and Scrutiny Board
Date:	22 October 2025
Title:	Executive Forward Plan
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)
It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board consider and Notes the content of the Executive Forward Work Programme.

Executive summary
OSB has delegated powers to manage the work of Scrutiny and, if appropriate, it can either undertake the work itself or delegate to individual Scrutiny Panels. One of the main duties of OSB is to hold the Executive to account by considering the forthcoming decisions of the Executive and decide whether value can be added by Scrutiny considering the matter in advance of any decision being made. This would not negate a Non-Executive Member's ability to call-in a decision after it has been made.

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

1.1 To make OSB aware of items on the Executive Forward Work Programme.

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> - 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> - 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> - 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> - 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

- Consider and note the content of the Executive Forward Work Programme.

3. Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

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4. Ward Member Engagement if relevant and appropriate

4.1 Not applicable

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

5.1 No other options are submitted as part of the report.

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

Topic	Impact
Financial (including procurement and Social Value)	Relevant Impact will be detailed in individual decisions.
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
Implement any decision of the Overview and Scrutiny Board with regard to the Executive Forward Work Plan.	Relevant Officer	As directed by OSB

Appendices

1	Executive Forward Work Plan
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Background papers

Body	Report title	Date
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