

EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Councillor Peter Gavigan - Executive Member for Environment and Sustainability

DATE OF MEETING: 26 November 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

- *A healthy place - Protect and improve our environment*
- *Safe and resilient communities - Improved transport and digital connectivity*

Update:

- *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.*

1. HIGHLIGHTS

Update:

- *I attended the Grove Hill “Big Clean” on 28th October.*
- *I attended a Community Meeting on 7th November to discuss issues affecting Linthorpe Village.*
- *I had an on-site play area planning conversation at Lansdowne Road Park on 7th November.*
- *I had a site tour of Hartlepool Power Station on 26th November.*

2. THE TIME AHEAD

Update:

2.1 Traffic Signals/UTMC

Traffic Signal Junction upgrades 2025/26:

- All complete, however Albert Rd / Corporation Rd due in shortly via Yunex Traffic to complete this year

Pedestrian crossing upgrades 2025/26:

- CFL / Leamington Grove complete and switched on 5/11/25

- Ormesby Rd / TAD Centre due in next week
- Ormesby Rd / Kelvin Grove due following week
- Southfield Rd / Abingdon Rd Due this financial year
- Stokesly Rd / Laurel Rd Due this financial year
- CFL / B1380 Due this year
- Ormesby Rd / Crossfell Rd Due this year

2.2 Highways

Verge replacement and footway improvement work programmes have been developed, and we are underway with implementation of the programme for 2025/26.

Verge works complete so far are **7** of the planned 13 schemes.

Footway Works complete so far are **11** of the planned 22 schemes.

2.3 Bridges and Structures

2.3.1 Emergency Repairs to Ormesby Beck Culvert

Following the development of a significant defect at Ormesby Beck Culvert on Ladgate Lane, the decision was taken to close the westbound carriageway to reduce the risk of further damage. We are prioritising the repairs and engaged early with a civil engineering contractor to undertake the necessary works. A suitable repair may take several months. A contract is now in place and we are looking at the design options/design work stage for the structure.

2.3.2 Transporter Bridge

Preliminary design of the repair and strengthening works is progressing. The council is currently tendering for a contractor to provide ECI (early contractor involvement) services to support this process and provide a refined cost estimate for the works. It is expected that they will be appointed in January, with completion of preliminary design works in Q2 of 2026. Clarification of funding streams available for the detailed design phase is required to prevent project delay.

2.3.3 Newport Bridge

The additional bearing works that took place in the summer holidays are now completed. The works were led by Stockton on Tees Borough Council in collaboration with Middlesbrough Council.

2.3.4 Newport Approach Road Bridge & Structures

We have installed a semi-permanent vehicle restraint safety (VRS) barrier to both sides of the approach road and main bridges along with a new lane layout. The VRS works were co-ordinated with the bearing works on the main Newport Bridge span.

Future programme: Works to replace/rebuild the footways on the main part of the approach structures will be programmed over the next 2-3 years subject to funding.

Temporary netting is required to the underneath of the footways to ensure the safety of the rail infrastructure – these works will be undertaken in collaboration with Network Rail, and we are negotiating rail possession with a works start date to be confirmed. Consultation with Network Rail has started and is ongoing.

2.3.5 Principal and General Bridge Inspections

We are awaiting the final reports on the A66 Station Viaduct and are carrying out checks on all of the submitted reports.

2.3.6 Longlands Road overbridge

We are awaiting the structural assessment report which is imminent. The outcome of the report will inform on the current 7.5 tonne weight restriction. Major works are likely to be programmed for 2026/27 subject to the necessary funding being in place.

2.3.7 A66 Structures

A tender is due to be published in the coming weeks for a works programme to the bridges at Cannon Park Interchange (Newport Roundabout), Hartington Interchange, and All Saints Viaduct. Once approved we can begin to engage and procure contractors for design plans and works. These works are programmed to take place over three years. Year 1 2026-27 will see abnormal loads assessments and options reports for the works. Year 2 2027-28 will be the design phase, and Year 3 2028-29 will be the construction phase.

2.3.8 Borough Road Flyover

Concrete testing works and report due to be undertaken. Works on the design, Approval in Principle, Principal Designer and technical approval for replacement of the bridge joints, bearings, and carrying out localised hydro demolition and concrete repairs, will likely take place in year 2026-27 based on current budget projections. No further update at this stage.

2.3.9 A174 Marton Interchange Overbridge

A174 Marton Interchange Overbridge includes replacing the bridge deck waterproofing and resurfacing, concrete repairs to the abutments and the installation of suicide prevention parapets.

Work has been delayed due to contractual reasons, a new draft programme is being reviewed, with works due to start in January 2026. The contract with the contractor awaiting signature.

2.3.10 Linby & Belle Vue Footbridges

Painting; installation of suicide prevention parapets/cages; structural repairs to piers and decks; new bearings; concrete repairs; other repairs; and install lighting. We are undertaking ground testing works in December and expect this report in January, this will feed into the final design stage, which is coming to a close. The next stage is to undertake the works. This work will progress after year 2025/26. Ongoing.

2.3.11 Bridges Small Schemes

Several minor footbridge railing repairs are due to take place within the next two months at Kader Primary Footbridge (Blue Bell Beck), and the footbridges at Stainton Way/Newham Way. No further update.

2.4 Carriageways

A contract is now in place for the main resurfacing of the classified and unclassified roads. Notification to residents and advanced notice boards are being placed, with works to begin on the 1st of December 2025. The first two weeks schemes have been published on the weekly road works reports and we have a programme in place for the full set of schemes due to complete at the end of March.

Stand out classified road schemes involve three eastbound sections of the A66, a further phase on Marton Road, and a large phase on Longlands Road. The unclassified roads programme will see eighty-two thousand m² of asphalt laid; covering 12.6km (7.8 miles) of the road network.

A surface dressing schemes at Stokesley Road, Coulby Newham, and Brass Castle Lane are now complete. The lining and cats eyes will be installed imminently.

The micro asphalt contract has been awarded, and we are currently undertaking the necessary procurement processes and legal contract stage with works to start as soon as practicably possible. Ongoing.

A full list of resurfacing schemes is published on the Councils website and is available via the following link: <https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/media/hh2hn2ch/highway-infrastructure-maintenance-plan-sept20.pdf>

The weekly road works report will regularly update start and duration dates of all the works, and this can also be viewed on the Council's website.

2.5 Flood Management

The Gully Cleansing Programme has been implemented, and we continue to work through the Gullies in line with this programme's schedules. 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. We are currently looking at the potential impact of surface water in the Marton East Ward.

The new surface water flood maps have been published, and we continue to review them to identify any new areas affected by flooding and if a flood protection scheme is required. Work also continues reviewing and updating the Flood Risk Asset Register and in identifying potential flood risk of Culverts.

2.6 Public Rights of Way

A full survey of the currently recorded Public Rights of Way network continues to be undertaken.

A small number of furniture improvements and drainage works are due during 2025.

2.7 Highway Licences

Work continues to make more applications available online along with payments. The migration of highway licence management to our updated Asset Management Software System is complete.

The Highway Improvement works licenced on Keith Road, The Vale, Marton Burn Road, Ashfield Avenue as part of the development continue as advertised.

2.8 Street Lighting

The 2025/26 column replacement programme is underway in various wards throughout the town.

Works are ongoing to upgrade the street lighting and subway lighting in TS1 & TS3 with funding from DLUHC.

We are also installing new street lighting on behalf of Esh Construction/Thirteen in Grove Hill and Union Street.

We have nearly completed the installation of the town's Christmas motifs and garlands, the tree is currently being dressed in preparation for the switch on, on 23/11/25.

2.9 Environmental Enforcement

All information within this report relates to activity between 1/10/2025 – 31/10/2025

2.9.1 Middlesbrough Council Environmental Enforcement Officers are responsible for investigating all matters of environmental crime. This includes Fly Tipping, Littering, Waste Presentation at both domestic and commercial premises. The team are also responsible for responding to enforcement of untaxed and abandoned vehicles, stray dogs and matters relating to repairing or selling vehicles on a highway.

2.9.2 The team when at full capacity has 8 x Environmental Enforcement Officers, 1 x Senior officer, 5 x Area Care Operatives that form the flying squad. We have 4 x Pest Control Technicians and a Central administrative team that assists with allocation of service requests, invoicing, release of untaxed and abandoned vehicles and taking calls from the public relating to our service area.

2.9.3 In the month of October, the team investigated a total of **766 service requests**. These requests were made up of **551 waste related, 113 vehicles related and 61 Dog related (35 stray reports) 41 Pest control related**.

2.9.4 In comparison to the same period for 2024 it has seen an overall increase of **219 reports** to the service.

Actions:

- 9 stray dogs recovered and returned to owners and 4 dogs taken to the kennels from the 35 reports
- 4 vehicles seized for being either untaxed or abandoned
- 8 Fixed penalty notice issued for commercial, household duty of care and fly tipping offences

- 5 Commercial duty of care inspections undertaken, and notices served for businesses to provide waste transfer notes
- 1 case file prepared and passed to legal for review and listed for hearing in January
- 5 successful court prosecutions between September and October totalling to amount in fines of **£4,868.75** and criminal convictions

Mr Jawad was fined £207.00 Surcharge: £83.00 Costs £725.00

Mr Hamad was fined £660 with a victim surcharge of £264 and ordered to pay costs of £665.25, making a total of £1,589.25

Mr Owens fined £400 with a victim surcharge of £160 and ordered to pay costs of £661.50, making a combined total of £1,221.50.

Mr Rumble was fined £475 with a £190 surcharge and ordered pay £250 costs, making a total of £915

Mr Timlin was fined £120 with a £48 surcharge and ordered to pay £250 costs, totalling £418.

[Pair fined over illegal waste dumping | Middlesbrough Council](#)



[Fly-tipper and litter bug hit with hefty court fines | Middlesbrough Council](#)





2.10 Waste Services

- New food waste rounds and paper and recycling rounds are now built
- All of the food waste caddies have been delivered along with the compostable liners, and we will be commencing deliveries from March 26
- Member briefings have been prepared for all members and briefings will start in the coming weeks

2.11 Area Care

2.11.1 Area Care have now ceased grass cutting and have commenced our winter works programme. Hedge maintenance commenced on the 1st October and will continue through to 31st March. This work will be carried out using Tractor mounted Flail machinery along with powered hand tools.

2.11.2 Tree maintenance has also commenced in all areas removing low branches in preparation for next year's grass cutting season. We have a number of larger projects being carried out by external contractors to assist Area Care.

2.11.3 Bonfire site clearance will commence on the 20th November and continue until all sites are cleared. These sites are prioritised by our Neighbourhood teams and our Neighbourhood Caretakers will be assisting Area Care with this clean up.

2.11.4 The last planned road closure on the A174 Longlands to the A66 will take place on Sunday 16th November. This will include tree and Hedge maintenance, road sweeping and silt removal.

2.11.5 Our cleansing teams are continuing to clear fallen leaves from footpaths and roads across Middlesbrough.

2.12 Transport Planning and Road Safety

2.12.1 Linthorpe Road Cycleway removal

- Good progress made, awaiting decision to implement further design to retain safety features

2.12.2 Newport Road sustainable transport corridor

- Aiming to commence delivery in early 2026

2.12.3 Green Lane Sustainable transport corridor

- Design on-going

2.12.4 Marton Road Sustainable transport corridor

- Design on-going
- To consult in early 2026

2.12.5 Capital Programme

- Stainton Way Cycleway/PUFFIN crossing due to commence 19/11/25
- Ormesby Beck cycleway design on-going

2.12.6 Travel planning

- Working with James Cook University Hospital to identify solutions to their parking issues. These include promoting alternate existing modes, identifying demand for shuttle/supported public transport services and other key information dissemination
- TVCA were successful in a bid application to install on-street EV charging channels in the town. The application process is currently in development and is set to go live for Jan 2026

2.13 Road Safety

- Pedestrian safety improvement projects are also on-going at x3 Primary schools in the area (Pallister Park, Park End and Thorntree)
- The current Bikeability Training delivery contract is due to expire so we are currently working on the appropriate documentation to allow a tender for the contract to go live Jan 2026
- On-going liaison with Cleveland Casualty Reduction Group and Northeast Road Safety Partnership
- Provided neighbourhood safety wardens with information fliers for when patrolling around schools (following request from team in East Middlesbrough)
- Child centred road safety campaign released (via press/social media/schools filmed using students from a local drama school see <https://www.lookoutroadsafety.co.uk> for further information)

2.14 School Crossing Patrols

- Several casual employees have been recruited who will be able to cover sickness at short notice, reducing the number of crossings un-patrolled for the coming school year
- Refresher training delivered for all colleagues in September
- Two colleagues are retiring from the St Joseph's crossing in January after both being in post since 2002 (Marton/Clairville Rd junction)
- Increased numbers of inconsiderate driving incidents (parking on zig zags/failing to stop for SCPO) being reported, especially around Linthorpe and Nunthorpe