

## APPENDIX 2



## Executive Decisions between 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025

No.	Committee	Date	Agenda Item Title	Agenda Item Text
1	Executive	8 Jan 2025	Community Recovery Fund	<b>ORDERED</b> that Executive approve the spend outlined in the report on the £655,000 grant funding provided by MHCLG to support the recovery of the riots that took place in Middlesbrough on Sunday 4th August 2024.
2	Executive	8 Jan 2025	EXEMPT - Restoration of the Old Town Hall: Heritage Lottery Funding	<b>ORDERED</b> that the recommendations of the report be approved.
3	Executive	5 Feb 2025	Corporate Performance Q3 2024/25	<b>ORDERED</b> that Executive approve the proposed changes to the Executive actions, detailed at Appendix one of the report.  <b>AGREED</b> that Executive: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the progress and position of the corporate performance disciplines, including the Transformation Portfolio.</li> <li>2. Note delivery status of the Council Plan 2024-27 supporting workplan at Quarter three, detailed at Appendix two of the report</li> <li>3. Note the Strategic Risk Register, at Appendix three of the report.</li> </ol>
4	Executive	5 Feb 2025	Linthorpe Road Cycleway	<b>ORDERED</b> that Executive approve removal the scheme.
5	Executive	5 Feb 2025	2024/25 Quarter 3 Revenue and Capital Monitoring and Forecast Outturn	<b>ORDERED</b> that Executive approve: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The proposed revenue budget virements over £250,000 as detailed in Appendix three of the report.</li> <li>2. The inclusion of additional expenditure budgets to the Capital Programme totalling £0.430m for 2024/25 which were externally</li> </ol>

			<p>funded as detailed in Appendix eight of the report). This will increase the approved 2024/25 Capital Programme budget to £107.141m.</p> <p>3. The proposed virements over £250,000 between schemes in the 2024/25 Capital Programme approved by Council in March 2024 which are funded from within existing Council resources which were detailed in Appendix eight of the report.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> that Executive note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The forecast 2024/25 revenue outturn as at Quarter three of £143.184m against an approved budget of £143.190m. This was an underspend of £6,000 (£0.006m) (0.00%) as summarised below and detailed in Table one of the report. This was an improvement of (£1.388m) from the £1.382m forecast year-end overspend reported at Quarter Two.</li><li>2. The progress on savings delivery set out in Tables three and four of the report and Appendix four.</li><li>3. The Council was dependent upon Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) in setting the budget for 2024/25 approved, in principle, by the Ministry of Housing, Communities &amp; 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 £4.7m, which related only to the element used to balance the budget detailed in paragraph 4.5 of the report.</li><li>4. It was essential that all available measures were taken by management to maintain revenue expenditure within the approved budget, given the marginal Quarter three forecast underspend. If an overspend occurred in the remainder of 2024/25 this would require further use of EFS or reserves. Both</li></ol>
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				<p>EFS and reserves could only be used once, and the financial pressure would remain in 2025/26 to be addressed.</p> <p>5. Based upon the Quarter three forecast outturn, the forecast revenue balances on 31 March 2025 would be £21.369m which was in line with that recommended in the approved Reserves Policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Fund Reserve of £11.100m (minimum recommended)</li> <li>• Council's unrestricted usable earmarked reserves of £10.269m</li> </ul> <p>6. The 2024/25 Capital Programme forecast year-end outturn of £65.158m at Quarter three was a reduction of £41.983m (39.18%) from the revised Quarter three budget of £107.141m comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An underspend on projects of £12.303m</li> <li>• Slippage on projects of £29.680m into 2025/26 and 2026/27</li> </ul> <p>7. The current forecast deficit of £6.400m for 2024/25 related to the High Needs Block with the Dedicated Schools Grant which increased the forecast cumulative deficit to £20.693m at 31 March 2025. If the statutory override was removed by Government on 31 March 2026 without a national funding solution in place for High Needs, then this presented a critical risk to the Council's financial viability, given that it would significantly deplete the Council's general fund reserves. The DSG recovery actions and risks to the Council's financial resilience were set out in paragraph 4.38 and Appendix six of the report.</p> <p>8. The level of Middlesbrough's share of Collection Fund and General Fund Debtors on 31 December 2024 was detailed in paragraphs 4.63 to 4.65 and Table 11 of the report.</p>
6	Executive	5 Feb 2025	2025/26 Revenue Budget, Medium Term Financial Plan, and Council Tax Setting	<b>AGREED</b> that Executive note the contents of the report and submit the following to Council for approval:

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Budget proposals for savings and income generation of £7.036m in 2025/26 rising to £8.686m in 2028/29, as set out in Appendix two (Annex one and two) of the report.</li><li>2. Budget growth of £2.521m in 2025/26 rising to £2.918m in 2026/27 for reinvestment in services aligned to the Recover, Reset, and Deliver plan as set in Appendix two (Annex four) of the report.</li><li>3. Budget provision of £0.311m in 2025/26 and a further £0.100m in 2026/27 to address the removal of previously approved savings in line with the priorities outlined in the Council Plan and after listening to residents' views as set out in Appendix two (Annex three) of the report.</li><li>4. An increase in Council Tax of 4.99% resulting in a Council Tax level (Band D) of £2,074.35 excluding parish, Fire, and Police precepts in line with both the Government's referendum limits and the s151 Officer's advice (paragraphs 4.29 to 4.32 and detailed in Appendix seven of the report).</li><li>5. The proposed General Fund revenue budget for 2025/26 with a net budget requirement of £143.362m.</li><li>6. The Financial Reserves Policy for 2025/26 (Appendix four of the report) including the proposed contributions to reserves to strengthen the Council's financial resilience, and which proposes:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A minimum General Fund Balance of least 7% of the Net Revenue budget over the MTFP period to 2028/29. In the 2025/26 proposed budget the level is 7.75% equivalent to £11.1m.</li><li>• The building up of the Financial Resilience Reserve to at least £10m in 2025/26 and £20m by the end of 2028/29 to strengthen the Council's financial resilience.</li></ul></li><li>7. The proposed Fees &amp; Charges Policy for 2025/26, and the schedule of fees and charges arising from the application of the approved policy for 2025/26 (Appendix five of the report). The</li></ol>
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			<p>Capital Strategy 2025/26 and the proposed 2025/26 to 2028/29 Capital Programme totalling £170.290m which included the addition of new Council funded schemes, and the associated financing statement (Appendix six of the report).</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> that Executive note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 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 (Appendix one).</li><li>2. The updated financial planning assumptions in the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan following the publication of the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement (Appendix two), and that these will be updated further following publication of the Final Local Government Finance Settlement in early February 2025, with any changes being reported to the Council on 19 February 2025 as part of the budget setting report.</li><li>3. The creation of a Delivery Risk Budget of £2m on a one-off basis in 2025/26 only to protect against unplanned use of reserves (Appendix two).</li><li>4. The transfer of the estimated surplus on the Collection Fund for 2024/25 of £3.135m to a new Savings Delivery Risk Reserve to help provide against the risk of non-delivery or delay of savings and to rebuild reserves (Appendix two).</li><li>5. The creation of a Middlesbrough Priorities Fund totalling £4.367m for 2025/26 only, along with the process for use and governance of the Fund (Appendix two).</li><li>6. Whilst the budget was balanced for 2025/26 and 2026/27 there would still be a budget gap of £2.726m in 2027/28 rising to £5.170m by 2028/29. Further savings proposals arising from the Transformation Programme would be required as a minimum to meet those budget gaps (Appendix two).</li></ol>
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			<p>7. The feedback of the budget consultation exercise (paragraphs 4.8 to 4.16 and Appendix three).</p> <p>8. The estimated balances on unrestricted usable revenue reserves as of 1 April 2025 of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General Fund balance - £11.100m</li><li>• Usable Earmarked reserves – unrestricted £10.269m.</li></ul> <p>9. The inclusion of transformation and redundancy expenditure which could be capitalised under the Flexible Use of Capital Receipts strategy (FUoCR) of £7.500m in 2025/26 (as part of planned £26.700m Transformation Programme from 2024/25 to 2028/29), and that the annual Flexible Use of Capital Receipts (FUoCR) Strategy would be presented to Council for consideration and approval in April 2025.</p> <p>10. The Council's estimated revenue cost of borrowing for 2025/26 was £12.060m which was equivalent to 8.4% of the Net Revenue Budget and was approaching the maximum affordable level (currently set at 10% over the MTFP period), therefore future capital investment would need to rely more heavily on external funding and capital receipts in order to maintain borrowing at affordable levels.</p> <p>11. Details of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Grant for 2025/26 and the allocation to schools (detailed in Appendix eight).</p> <p>12. The forecast total cumulative DSG deficit of £20.693m on 31 March 2025, including £21.281m relating to the High Needs Block (Appendix eight).</p> <p>13. That a statutory override was in place which prevented the DSG deficit from being met from General Fund resources and the Government's plan to deliver a funding solution was awaited. This presented a potential significant medium term financial risk to the Council if the statutory override was removed without a suitable funding solution (Appendix eight).</p>
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7	Executive	5 Feb 2025	Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy - 2025/26	<p><b>AGREED</b> that Executive note the contents of the report and submit the following to Council for approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2025/26 to 2028/29 relating to capital expenditure and treasury management activity set out in tables 1 to 10 of Appendix 1 of the report.</li> <li>2. The Treasury Management Strategy for 2025/26, which included the Annual Investment Strategy for that financial year.</li> <li>3. The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy for the 2025/26 financial year.</li> <li>4. An Authorised Limit for External Debt of £331 million for the 2025/26 financial year.</li> </ol>
8	Executive	5 Feb 2025	Council Tax Reduction scheme 2025/2026	<b>AGREED</b> that Executive note the contents of the report and submit the proposed CTR scheme for 2025/26 to Council for approval.
9	Executive	5 Feb 2025	Customer Strategy	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The new Customer Strategy 2024/27.</li> <li>2. The commitment of the estimated customer programme budget of £1.975m for inclusion within the 2025/26 to 2028/29 capital programme and Flexible Use of Capital Receipts strategy that would be incorporated into the 2025/26 Budget and MTFP report to be considered by Council on 19 February 2025.</li> </ol>
10	Executive	5 March 2025	Auto-enrolment of Free School Meals and maximising Pupil Premium Funding Pilot across Middlesbrough	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the proposed amendment to the report.</li> <li>2. Approve the continuation of the Free School Meals auto enrolment programme for Schools who 'opt in'. A 10% fee will be applied for any new pupil premium identified. The fee was intended to cover the Council's costs in administering the auto enrolment business process. The Council would write to Schools each year seeking approval from the school to participate in the auto enrolment initiative.</li> </ol>

11	Executive	5 March 2025	Review of the Statement of Community Involvement	<b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:  1. Approves the revised Statement of Community Involvement. 2. Delegates authority to the Director of Regeneration, in consultation with the Executive Member for Development, to make changes to the Statement of Community Involvement as a result of future reviews.
12	Executive	5 March 2025	Welfare Support Policy	<b>ORDERED</b> that the Executive approves:  1. The refreshed Welfare Support for Residents in Financial Crisis Policy which included the following minor changes: a) Additional payment methods, making it easier and faster for payment to be made. • Allowing payment via text message to send funds direct to a resident's bank account. In addition, e-vouchers can be provided through text messages or emails to a resident with a voucher code which can be redeemed at a supermarket of their choice. b) A refresh of the language and some minor amendments to the policy. c) Alignment to the Corporate Welfare Strategy.
13	Executive	5 March 2025	Tender Pipeline Approval 2025/2026	<b>ORDERED</b> that Executive approves:  1. The Middlesbrough Council tender pipeline for 2025/26. 2. Delegation of the contract award to the relevant Director who will update their Executive Member.
14	Executive	30 April 2025	Middlesbrough Priorities Fund	<b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:  1. <b>APPROVES</b> the governance arrangements for the £4.367m Middlesbrough Priorities Fund. 2. <b>APPROVES</b> the proposed allocation of the Middlesbrough Priorities Fund between an allocation for elected Ward

				<p>Councillors (£0.235m) with the remaining amount for initiatives proposed by the Mayor (£4.132m).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. <b>APPROVES</b> the following initial list of initiatives proposed by the Mayor totalling £0.680m with details being provided in paragraphs 4.16 to 4.27 of the report, namely Childhood Enrichment Team (£0.250m); Youth Group seed funding (£0.100m); Shop fronts improvements scheme (£0.180m) and Grass verges replacement (£0.150m).</li> <li>4. <b>APPROVES</b> the process for identification and approval of future initiatives proposed by the Mayor, including the requirement for the Executive to approve budget allocations for future initiatives from the Middlesbrough Priorities Fund.</li> </ol>
15.	Executive	30 April 2025	Neighbourhoods Model	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>APPROVES</b> the introduction of the Neighbourhood Model within Middlesbrough.</li> <li>2. <b>APPROVES</b> the Transformation Programme funding from the flexible use of capital receipts to fund the following posts for a 2 year period at a cost of £1.021m per annum: a. 8 Neighbourhood Navigators to take on a caseload (2 in each of the 4 areas) - Grade K b. 8 Community Development workers to build community capital and engage with the community, schools, voluntary and community sector and local businesses (2 in each of the 4 areas) - Grade J o Community Safety Co-ordinator - Grade K c. 4 Neighbourhood link workers to be embedded on rotation within partner organisations such as schools and hospitals.</li> <li>3. <b>APPROVES</b> a capital allocation of up to £5m for improvements to the neighbourhood focused community hubs funded by Transformation Programme funding from the flexible use of capital receipts.</li> </ol>

				<p>4. <b>APPROVES</b> that an analysis of IT requirements takes place in respect of both infrastructure and reporting/ management programmes and that this is fed into the IT refresh requirements.</p> <p>5. <b>APPROVES</b> that annual reports are submitted to Executive to inform them of its achievements and any further development requirements.</p>
16	Executive	30 April 2025	Resetting the Council's Approach to Transformation and Delivery of the Council Plan	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>APPROVES</b> the proposed changes to the structure of transformation themes as outlined below.</li> <li>2. <b>APPROVES</b> the realignment of transformation themes with the Council Plan 2024- 27.</li> <li>3. <b>APPROVES</b> the recruitment of a Head of Transformation.</li> <li>4. <b>APPROVES</b> the establishment of Continuous Improvement Team.</li> </ol> <p><b>AGREED</b> that the Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>NOTES</b> that the transformation of Council services remained critical to achieving service improvements from a lower cost base to stabilise the Council's financial position and achieve financial sustainability over the medium to long term.</li> </ol>
17	Executive	30 April 2025	Thrive at Five	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>APPROVES</b> the amendment to recommendation three of the report from an annual update to a bi-annual update.</li> <li>2. <b>APPROVES</b> the investment into the partnership model with Thrive at Five.</li> <li>3. <b>APPROVES</b> in principle, to enter into the five-year Partnership Agreement with Thrive at Five subject to legal and finance review and approval.</li> </ol>

				4. <b>APPROVES</b> , in accordance with the agreed amendment; to receive a bi-annual update of progress.
18	Executive	30 April 2025	Residential and Supported Accommodation for Children in Our Care and Care Leavers Update	<b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:  1. <b>APPROVES</b> a change in approach to focus on prevention 2. <b>APPROVES</b> that Capital of £3.253m in 2026/27 is no longer required.
19	Executive	30 April 2025	Final Report of the Environment Scrutiny Panel - Waste Management	<b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:  1. <b>APPROVES</b> the amendments to the action plan (Appendix two) to include an update on relevant legislative changes and timescales on the forthcoming waste transfer station. Such updates would also be communicated to the relevant Scrutiny Panel. 2. <b>NOTES</b> the content of the Environment Scrutiny Panel's final report on Waste Management (Appendix one). 3. <b>APPROVES</b> The action plan, as amended, developed in response to the Scrutiny Panel's recommendations.
20	Executive	30 April 2025	Interim Funding Agreement Policy	<b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:  1. <b>APPROVES</b> the Interim Funding Arrangement Policy to take effect from 7 May 2025. 2. <b>APPROVES</b> the delegated authority to the Director of Adult Social Care and Director of Finance and Transformation in consultation with the Executive Member of Adult Social Care and Executive Member for Finance to make any future minor revisions/ modifications to reflect the financial/economic climate and/or statutory guidance changes.
21	Executive	14 May 2025	Household Support Fund 2025/2026	<b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:  1. Approves the HSF delivery plan for 2025/6, which would be delivered between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026 as set out in

				<p>Table 1 (paragraph 4.7) to target the main groups below where each had a Council Tax or rental liability for their home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Families with children in receipt of benefits.</li> <li>• Pensioners in receipt of Council Tax Reduction but not eligible for the Winter Fuel Payment (who could this year receive the full amount of the Winter Fuel Payment from HSF).</li> <li>• Pensioners who were not in receipt of Council Tax Reduction subject to the qualifying criteria (listed in table 1, para 4.7).</li> <li>• Singles/Couples which includes those of pensionable age in receipt of benefits.</li> <li>• Application-based awards for residents not in receipt of CTR or other benefits.</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 2025/26 financial year. The Council also reserved the right to widen the group to include those accounts not in receipt of CTR.</li> <li>3. Approves that delegated authority be provided to the Director of Finance and Transformation in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance to make any modifications or minor revisions to the scheme and make decisions in respect of any remaining funds to ensure they are distributed in line with the guidance and within the defined timescales.</li> </ol>
22	Executive	11 June 2025	Corporate Performance: Quarter Four 2024/2025, Year End	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive approves the proposed changes to the Executive actions, detailed at Appendix 1.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notes the progress and position of the corporate performance disciplines, including the Transformation Portfolio.</li> </ol>

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Notes delivery status of the Council Plan 2024-27 supporting workplan at Quarter Four, detailed at Appendix two of the report.</li> <li>3. Notes delivery status of Council Plan 2024-27 Outcome Measures at Quarter Four, detailed at Appendix three and Appendix four of the report.</li> <li>4. Notes the activities / outcomes of completed Council Plan workplan initiatives as detailed at Appendix five of the report.</li> <li>5. Notes the Strategic Risk Register, at Appendix six of the report.</li> <li>6. Notes corporate projects benefits / outcomes delivered in 2024/25 as detailed at Appendix seven of the report.</li> <li>7. Notes Transformation project benefits / outcomes in 2024/25 as detailed at Appendix eight of the report.</li> </ol>
23	Executive	11 June 2025	2024/25 Revenue and Capital Outturn	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the proposed amendment to Appendix nine of the report referring to Member's Small Schemes so that £150,000 be allocated in 2025/26 and £120,000 be allocated in 2026/27.</li> <li>2. Approve the inclusion of additional expenditure budgets to the Capital Programme totalling £0.322m for 2024/25 which were externally funded and detailed in Appendix six of the report. Subject to approval this would increase the approved 2024/25 Capital Programme budget to £107.463m.</li> <li>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 were detailed in Appendix six of the report.</li> </ol> <p><b>AGREED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the Council's year-end financial outturn for the financial year 2024/25, and the improved financial position which included the following:</li> </ol>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased levels of usable unrestricted revenue reserves, with £21.654m available at 31 March 2025.</li> <li>An underspend of £2.257m on the revenue budget.</li> <li>A requirement to use only £2.443m of the £13.400m Exceptional Financial Support (EFS) approved in-principle by the Ministry of Housing, Communities &amp; Local Government (MHCLG).</li> <li>No requirement to borrow for the EFS, as capital receipts already held will be used.</li> </ul>
24	Executive	11 June 2025	Middlesbrough College Investment	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approves investment in Middlesbrough College of up to £1,600,000 of capital funding from within the approved Capital Programme to enable facility expansion to grow the educational capacity of the college.</li> <li>Approve an amendment to the existing lease of land at Middlesbrough College to introduce a rental value of £131,234 per annum, for a period of 20 years.</li> <li>Approve that the arrangement set out was subject to acceptance by Middlesbrough College Board of Governors.</li> <li>Approve the delegation of any administration and determination of the terms of the lease amendment to the Chief Finance Officer (S151).</li> </ol>
25	Executive	11 June 2025	Newport Road Transport Corridor Improvements	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <p>Approves the Newport Road transport corridor improvements scheme, having considered the highlighted risk and proposed mitigation.</p>
26	Executive	16 July 2025	Progress against Continuous Improvement Plan	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that:</p> <p>The updated Continuous Improvement Plan be approved.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> that:</p>

				The progress made in delivering the commitments within the Continuous Improvement Plan be noted.
27	Executive	16 July 2025	Middlesbrough Priorities Fund	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that:</p> <p>The second tranche of proposals totalling £1.310m as detailed in the report, be funded from the Middlesbrough Priorities Fund.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> that:</p> <p>It be noted if the proposed schemes included in the report were approved, the unallocated balance remaining in the Fund would be £2.142m.</p>
28	Executive	16 July 2025	Nunthorpe Community Centre – Next Steps	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the proposed amendment to recommendation C.</li> <li>2. Approve the proposed terms of the 25-year lease agreement with a consortium led by Nunthorpe Parish Council for the management of the facility.</li> <li>3. Approve the authority to enter contracts and commence construction of the Community Centre; and,</li> <li>4. Delegates authority for the Director of Regeneration, Section 151 Officer and Executive Member for Development to jointly agree any variations between the Heads of Terms and the main lease.</li> </ol>
29	Executive	16 July 2025	Proposed Changes to the Veritau Structure	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Approve the membership of Veritau Public Sector Limited, a company limited by guarantee, and the novation of the existing contract.</li> <li>B. Approve the payment of a dividend from Veritau Tees Valley Limited sufficient to fund the Council's subscription to the new company.</li> </ol>

				<p>C. Approve a special resolution to wind up Veritau Tees Valley Limited once the Council's membership of the new company is confirmed.</p> <p>D. Delegate the approval for the Council to enter into all other necessary agreements to participate in the new company to the S151 Officer.</p> <p>E. Approve the appointment of a director to the Board of the new company and a senior officer to the members' committee to oversee its governance arrangements and performance</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> that:</p> <p>The Business Case for Veritau Public Sector Limited and the reasons for the changes in the Veritau structure and how these impacted on the Council be noted.</p>
30	Executive	3 September 2025	Corporate Performance Quarter One 2025/2026	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approves the proposed changes to the Executive actions, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.</li> <li>Approves the proposed changes to the Council Plan 2024-27 supporting workplan actions, as detailed at Appendix 3 of the report.</li> </ol> <p><b>AGREED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notes the progress and position of the corporate performance disciplines, including the Transformation Portfolio.</li> <li>Notes the delivery status of the Council Plan 2024-27 supporting workplan at Quarter One, detailed at Appendix 2 in the report.</li> <li>Notes the Strategic Risk Register, at detailed in Appendix 4 of the report.</li> </ol>

31	Executive	3 September 2025	Revenue and Capital Budget – Forecast Year-End Outturn position at Quarter One 2025/26	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approves budget virements over £250,000 within the revenue budget (Appendix 1)</li> <li>2. Approves the inclusion of new schemes and additions to existing schemes to the Capital Programme totalling £5.004m for 2025/26, of which £1.818m were externally funded and £3.186m was from existing Council funded resources (detailed in Appendix 5). Subject to approval this will increase the approved 2025/26 Capital Programme budget to £87.575m</li> </ol> <p><b>AGREED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notes the Council's financial performance and forecast year-end financial outturns for revenue and capital budgets for the financial year 2025/26 as at Quarter One, including that if there was no further action the overspend on the revenue budget at year end was currently forecast to be £4.482m (3.1%) after the proposed use of central contingencies and other budgets.</li> <li>2. Notes the requirement for Directors to develop and submit further recovery plans and mitigations to reduce their forecast overspends and seek to achieve a balanced budget for their Directorate by the end of 2025/26, and also that corporate revenue budget spending controls would continue to be applied during 2025/26.</li> </ol>
32	Executive	3 September 2025	Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) update and 2026/27 budget approach and timetable	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that:</p>

				<p>The budget development approach and timetable set out in Appendix two of the report, for developing the 2026/27 Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) to 2029/30, be approved.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> that:</p> <p>The update of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), be noted.</p>
33	Executive	8 October 2025	Final Report of the People Scrutiny Panel - Children Missing Education	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notes the report of the People Scrutiny Panel into Children Missing Education and the accompanying recommendations; and</li> <li>2. Approves the Action Plan prepared by the service in response to the recommendations.</li> </ol>
34	Executive	8 October 2025	Final Report of the Place Scrutiny Panel – Home to School Transport Service	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notes the content of the Environment Scrutiny Panel's final report on Waste Management. 2.</li> <li>2. Approves The action plan, as amended, developed in response to the Scrutiny Panel's recommendations.</li> </ol>
35	Executive	8 October 2025	Information Strategy 2025-2029	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <p>Approves the Information Strategy 2025-2029.</p>
36	Executive	8 October 2025	Waste Disposal Contract: Tees Valley Energy Recovery Facility	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approves an amendment to the report so that recommendations in the report that reference delegated authority in consultation with the Mayor should also include "relevant Executive Member with portfolio responsibility" where applicable.</li> <li>2. Approves the creation of the Local Authority Special Purpose Vehicle (LA SPV).</li> </ol>

			<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Appoints the Director of Environment and Community Services as the Council's Director on the Board of the LA SPV and authorises them and any successors; or any substitute or deputy appointed by the Director of Environment and Community Services should they be unavailable, to take all decisions on behalf of the Council as Director on the Board of the LA SPV for the good governance of the LA SPV and the Energy Recovery Facility.</li><li>4. Authorises the Council to subscribe for shares in and to be a shareholder of the LA SPV; and to issue a Shareholder Resolution to approve and adopt the Articles of Association.</li><li>5. Appoints the Section 151 Officer as the Council's Shareholder Representative and Authorises that Shareholder Representative to appoint an alternative representative to act as their substitute or deputy and authorises the Shareholder Representative and their alternative to make decisions under the Shareholder Agreement, articles of association etc including the making of shareholder resolutions, including a shareholder resolution to approve and adopt the Articles of Association on behalf of the Council.</li><li>6. Authorises the Council to enter into the Shareholders' Agreement and Delegates Authority to Director of Environment and Community Services (in consultation with the Mayor and supported by the Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer) to finalise and agree and enter into the Shareholder Agreement.</li><li>7. Delegates Authority to Director of Environment and Community Services (in consultation with the Mayor and supported by the Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer) to authorise the LA SPV to enter into the Shareholder Agreement.</li><li>8. Authorises the LA SPV the enter into the Service Level Agreement and Delegates Authority to the Director of Environment and Community Services (in consultation with the</li></ol>
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				Council to act as Guarantor in respect of the LA SPV Side Deed with the Estate Owner and Environmental Deed and to authorise the Council to enter into all other necessary agreements or legal documentation on behalf of the Council to enable the project to reach financial completion and to monitor and manage the contract.
37	Executive	8 October 2025	Household Support Fund 2025/26 amendment	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <p>Approve the proposed changes, listed below, to the Household Support Fund (HSF) delivery plan for 2025/26 previously approved by Executive on 14 May 2025, which would be delivered between 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026, as set out in Table 1 (paragraph 4.9) of the report and that it continued to target the same main groups as before.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An increase of £10 per child for those in receipt of income based free school meals, Council Tax Reduction (CTR), Universal Credit (UC) or Housing Benefit (HB).</li> <li>• Widen the criteria for pensioner support to include all on CTR (previously had to have Pension Credit Guarantee Credit as well) and increase the payment from £50 to £100.</li> <li>• Increase the amount provided to singles / couples in receipt of benefits from £45/£55 to £75/£100.</li> <li>• An additional £38,000 to Community Support to assist with crisis applications.</li> <li>• An additional £17,000 allocated to the provision of third-party support.</li> </ul>
38	Executive	8 October 2025	Recovery Solutions Delivery Model	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <p>Approves the establishment of a new central assessment site to support safe and effective care.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> that Executive:</p>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the revenue impact in the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) from year two onwards and that these will be considered for approval by Council as part of the budget setting process.</li> <li>• Note the capital implications on the Levelling Up Partnership funding secured for Live Well East and.</li> <li>• Note the process and timescales to progress the preferred option and ensure continuity of service during library redevelopment.</li> </ul>
39	Executive	12 November 2025	Delivery against the Continuous Improvement Plan - Progress Update	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <p>Approve the updated Continuous Improvement Plan.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> that Executive:</p> <p>Note the progress made in delivering the commitments within the continuous Improvement Plan.</p>
40	Executive	12 November 2025	Reprovision of Levick Court	<p><b>ORDERED</b> the Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the provision of health respite services at Levick Court, subject to the closure of the Most Suitable Provider (MSP) process being conducted by the Integrated Care Board (ICB).</li> <li>2. Approve the revised fees and charges schedule for Adult Social Care, as outlined in Appendix one of the report.</li> </ol>
41	Executive	12 November 2025	Middlehaven Housing	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the appointment of Capital and Centric as the Council's development partner to lead the regeneration and development of Middlehaven.</li> </ol>

				<p>2. Approve the use of £3.6m from the Towns Fund grant allocation for Urban Living and Placemaking to develop designs up to RIBA Stage 4 to enable the procurement of a main contractor. Delegates authority to the Section 151 Officer (in consultation with the Director of Regeneration) to agree any variations to the proposals within the overall budget allocation.</p>
42	Executive	12 November 2025	2025/26 Transport and Infrastructure Capital Programme Update	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve the continued allocation of CRSTS funding across both Highways Maintenance and Integrated Transport workstreams, noting that 75% of schemes were currently on programme (RAG: Green) and a further 25% were experiencing minor delays (RAG: Amber) but remained deliverable within the current or next financial year.</li> <li>Approve the implementation of mitigation measures for schemes at risk of delay or underspend — particularly those in the Carriageways, Structures &amp; Bridges, and Stanton Way Phase 2 schemes — to ensure continued alignment with CRSTS grant conditions, avoid clawback risk, and maintain the Council's ability to meet statutory obligations.</li> </ol> <p><b>AGREED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the progress to date on the delivery of the 2025/26 Capital Programme funded through the £4.154m City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) grant, as detailed in Appendices 1 and 1A of the report.</li> <li>Note ongoing programme management flexibilities, allowing officers to reprofile or reallocate approved funds where appropriate to support accelerated delivery of shovel-ready schemes or respond to emerging priorities.</li> </ol>

43	Executive	12 November 2025	Tees Valley Investment Zone Memorandum of Understanding	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approves the reinvestment of additional business rates income due to the Council, generated from growth within the Tees Valley Investment Zone - Middlesbrough Site, only in meeting the needs of the Priority Sectors. This approval was subject to assurances, required from TVCA, around the decision making processes for projects the TVCA was responsible for.</li> <li>2. Delegates authority to the s151 Officer to finalise and authorise the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA)</li> </ol> <p><b>AGREED</b> that Executive:</p> <p>Notes the Council's engagement in delivering the Tees Valley Investment Zone programme.</p>
44	Executive	12 November 2025	TS1 PSPO Extension - Consultation Results	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <p>Approve the request to extend the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) that covered the TS1 area for a further three years from the 25 November 2025.</p>
45	Executive	12 November 2025	Warm Homes: Local Grant – Home Energy Efficiency Improvement Scheme	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approves the Council taking part in Warm Homes: Local Grant Scheme.</li> <li>2. Approves entry into associated agreements in relation to the grant.</li> </ol> <p><b>AGREED</b> that Executive:</p>

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notes that the scheme will be delivered by Darlington Borough Council on behalf of Middlesbrough Council.</li> <li>2. Notes that the Public Protection service will performance manage the grant usage of the scheme in Middlesbrough and report this to the Director of Environment and Community Services.</li> </ol>
46	Executive	17 December 2025	2026/27 Draft Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2026/27 to 2029/30	<p><b>ORDERED</b> that Executive:</p> <p>Approve the proposed draft budget and budget proposals for service budget growth and council tax for 2026/27 be presented for public consultation, commencing on 18 December 2025 and concluding on 11 January 2026. This is prior to confirmation of Government funding and finalising the proposed budget by Executive on 4 February 2026 for consideration and approval by Council on 18 February 2026.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> that Executive note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the report was prepared following initial analysis of the level of Government funding available to Middlesbrough Council from information contained within the Local Government Finance Policy Statement published by the Government on 20 November 2025, however this was before confirmation was received of the Government funding in the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement which was scheduled to be published in the week commencing 15 December 2025. The figures contained within the report and the budget proposals were therefore subject to further review and change once the detail of the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement was published. The current estimate of the increase in Government funding for Middlesbrough Council resulting from the Government's Fair Funding Review 2.0 totalled £10.653m in 2026/27, £14.485m in 2027/28, and £12.438m in 2028/29, detailed in Table 1 of the report. However, this was subject to potential significant change</li> </ul>

			<p>before being finalised as part of the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The proposed budget for 2026/27 and the updated Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for the period to 2029/30, detailed in Table three of the report, and the key budget assumptions that it was based on detailed in paragraphs 4.38 to 4.41 of the report.</li><li>• That there were forecast service demand pressures and rebasing of budgets, including for reduced income levels and legislative requirements, totalling £15.549m for 2026/27 rising to £35.963m in 2029/30, detailed in Appendix one of the report.</li><li>• The proposed removal of savings totalling £2.458m p.a. from the MTFP which were now found to be unachievable in the manner originally intended, detailed in paragraph 4.36 of the report.</li><li>• That in light of the current estimates of increased Government funding forecast to be received by Middlesbrough Council the Mayor and Executive had proposed the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ that there was no requirement currently for the Council to make any additional further budget savings in 2026/27 other than those already included in the current MTFP, however work would continue to identify and deliver efficiencies and savings in the future through robust budget monitoring and the Transformation Programme, detailed in paragraphs 4.34 and 4.35 of the report.</li><li>◦ no increase in core (general) Council Tax for 2026/27, but an increase in Council Tax for 2026/27 of 2% relating to the Adult Social Care precept to fund increased costs of statutory duties in Adult Social Care, detailed in paragraph 4.27 of the report.</li><li>◦ proposed total service budget growth of £6.460m from 2026/27 to reinvest in some direct services to the community and provide reinvestment in the resilience of enabling services, detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.</li><li>◦ proposed new capital schemes and additions to current schemes and extension of schemes deemed</li></ul></li></ul>
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			<p>Business as Usual totalling £16.310m in 2026/27 and rising to £56.173m by 2029/30, detailed in Appendix 4 of the report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That the Council's S151 officer recommend that the Council increased the Council Tax each year by the maximum allowed by the Government due to the reasons outlined in paragraphs 4.28. However, whilst not recommended, given the improved financial position and financial resilience of the Council and the improved governance and budget spending controls that existed, and the amount of the estimated increased funding available to the Council it was possible to financially accommodate a political decision for a lower than maximum increase in Council Tax to be proposed for 2026/27, detailed in paragraph 4.29 of the report.</li><li>• The forecast level of Council reserves over the period of the MTFP from 2026/27 to 2029/30 following the proposed budget, and that the proposed budget and MTFP should not negatively impact reserves levels in the medium term, detailed in paragraphs 4.51 to 4.53 of the report.</li></ul>
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