

EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNCIL

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

DATE OF MEETING: 01 April 2026

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:

- 1.1 23rd January: Site visit to Marton Moor Road (Nunthorpe) with councillor Rush to consider traffic issues.
- 1.2 13th February: Site visit to Ayresome Primary school (Gresham) with councillor Blades to consider parking issues.
- 1.3 26th February: Meeting at Fountain Court with the Mayor, councillor Blades and community representatives to discuss parking issues concerning the Masjid Maryam on Green Lane, Acklam.
- 1.4 4th March: Site meeting on Acklam Road (Linthorpe) to consider parking issues on Acklam Road.
- 1.5 18th March: Gave a presentation to members of the Oversight and Scrutiny Board (OSB) at the Town Hall.

2. THE TIME AHEAD

Update:

Transport Planning and Road Safety

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:

- Southfield Rd / Abingdon Rd – Complete and switched on Feb 26
- Stokesley Rd / Laurel Rd - Due next financial year 26/27
- CFL / B1380 – Complete and switched on Jan 26
- Ormesby Rd / Crossfell Rd – Complete and switched on Feb 26
- CFL/Ruth Avenue – Due next financial year 26/27
- Albert Road/Corporation Road - Ongoing

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 **9** of the planned 13 schemes.

Footway Works complete so far are **17** of the planned 22 schemes.

2.3 Bridges and Structures

2.3.1 Emergency Repairs to Ormesby Beck Culvert

Temporary repairs have been undertaken at the culvert, and the road is now fully open. Permanent repairs are being developed and will take place later in financial year 2026-27.

2.3.2 Transporter Bridge

Preliminary design of the repair and strengthening works are progressing with an ECI (early contractor involvement) to be tendered in March 2026, with award of this contract due in May 2026. Completion of preliminary design works are expected in late Q3/ early Q4 of 2026. Clarification of funding streams available for the detailed design phase is required to prevent project delay.

2.3.3 Newport Approach Road Bridge & Structures

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.

2.3.4 Principal and General Bridge Inspections

The final report on the A66 Station Viaduct has been issued by the contractor on 9th March this completes the current Principal and General Bridge Inspections contracts. Further inspections will be planned for future years as they become due. With principal inspection undertaken every six years and general inspection undertaken every two years.

2.3.5 Longlands Road overbridge

The structural assessment report has been submitted by the contractor and is currently going through the TAA (Technical Approval Authority) stage prior to acceptance. 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.

2.3.6 A66 Structures

A project for repairs to several structures along the A66 in Middlesbrough are due to start. The tenders from contractors have been submitted and scoring is taking place beginning 9th March 2026 with award due at the end of March 2026. The A66 programme will 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.

2.3.7 A174 Marton Interchange Overbridge (A172 Stokesley Rd, Marton)

The A174 Marton Interchange's works will deliver:

- Replacing the bridge deck joints
- Re-waterproofing and resurfacing
- Concrete repairs to the abutments
- Alterations to the footways with addition of new pedestrian guard rails
- Installation of a higher 1.8m parapet
- Renewal of the existing traffic signal junction

The works started on March 2nd 2026, and are expected to be completed by the beginning of September 2026.

A communications manager is in place for the duration of the scheme and affected residences and business have received scheme information letters. In addition, press notification and electronic message boards have been used for the wider public / businesses who regularly use the route.

The bridge deck works make it necessary to close sections of the road. A contraflow system with single two-way lanes is in operation over the bridge for the duration of the scheme to ensure the continuation of north south traffic flows and avoiding lengthy diversions for residents and customers using Stokesley Rd. Turning onto / exiting the A174's slip roads and U turns have been banned, while the works are ongoing and affected traffic is being diverted through local diversion routes. Left turning exiting from the A174 has been maintained. Occasional full road closures will be necessary and advanced notice using the variable message boards and press notices will take place prior to these taking place

2.3.8 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. GI (Ground investigation) works have recently been undertaken, and a report is imminent. The GI report 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 in 2026/ 2027.

2.3.9 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.

2.3.10 Carriageways

The main resurfacing of the classified and unclassified roads started on 1st of December 2025.

Completed schemes in wards to date include:

- Marton East – Beeches Rise, Birchwood Rd, Bramley Grove, Chestnut Drive, Cloverwood Close, Hawthorn Crescent, Tasmania Square, The Grove, Chestnut Drive and Marton Avenue
- Hemlington – Earls Court Road
- Coulby Newham – Fernwood and Charlock red cul-de-sacs, Gunnergate Lane
- Trimdon – Hesleden Ave and Wigton Sands
- Nunthorpe – Towthorpe
- Newport – Tennyson St and Bow Street
- Central – Granville Rd, Laura st, Snowdon Road, Victoria Road, and Westerby Rd
- Stainton & Thornton – Strait Lane
- Park End & Beckfield – Elgin Avenue
- Longlands & Beechwood – Longlands Road, Roseberry Road
- Acklam – Hall Drive and Tollesby Road
- Ladgate – Broughton Avenue
- Linthorpe – Rockcliffe Road
- Park – St Barnabas Road
- Brambles & Thorntree – Westerby Road

Stand out classified road schemes are:

- Three eastbound sections of the A66
- A further phase on Marton Road
- A large phase on Longlands Road

Schemes Due: Cass House Road (Hemlington), Glendale Road (Acklam), Alan Peacock Way (Marton East), Coulby Manor Farm cul-de-sac 51-87 (Coulby Newham), Wibsey Avenue (Park End & Beckfield), Windleston Dr 74-92 (Park End & Beckfield), Tanhill Walk (Berwick Hills & Pallister), Felby Avenue (park End & Beckfield), Berwick Hills Speed Humps (Berwick Hills & Pallister), The Greenway Speed Table (Brambles & Thorntree).

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 will be installed when the new carriageway surface allows.

The micro asphalt contract has been awarded and we are currently undertaking legal contract stage with works provisionally booked with the contractor for the end of June / Beginning of July (this material must be laid in warmer months).

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 is regularly updated and this can also be viewed on the Council's website.

2.4 Flood Management

Following the implementation of the Gully Cleansing Programmes 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 working through historical information to update our records to enable the assessment of the potential impact of surface water and risk of flooding.

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.

2.5 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 2026.

2.6 Highway Licences

Work continues to make more applications available online along with payments. Following the migration of highway licence management to our updated Asset Management Software System we are looking to expand its use and recording of historic information.

2.7 Street Lighting

The 2025/26 column replacement programme is now complete.

Works are ongoing to replace underground street lighting cables at Stockton Road, Works Road, Romaldkirk Road, Askdale towards the lake, Footpath along A66 towards bridge.

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

2.8 Environmental Enforcement

All information within this report relates to activity between 01/01/2026 – 31/01/2026

2.8.1 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.

2.8.2 The team when at full capacity has 8 x Environmental Enforcement Officers, 1 x Senior officer and 6 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.

2.8.3 In the month of October, the team investigated a total of **783 service requests**. These requests were made up of **525 waste related, 155 vehicles related and 68 Dog related (35 stray reports) and 35 Pest control related**.

2.8.4 In comparison to the same period for 2025 it has seen an overall increase of **190 reports** to the service.

Actions:

- 7 stray dogs recovered and returned to owners and 5 dogs taken to the kennels from the 35 reports
- 36 vehicles seized for being either untaxed or abandoned
- 7 Fixed penalty notice issued for commercial, household duty of care and fly tipping offences
- 2 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 March
- 1 successful court prosecution in January 2026 which resulted in Sentence: £300 fine and £782.25p in costs. Payment to be made in 21 days and collection order made

[Rubbish rummager hit with court fine | Middlesbrough Council](#)



2.8.5 In comparison to the same period for 2025 it has seen an overall increase of **280 reports** to the service.

Actions:

- 6 stray dogs recovered and returned to owners and 1 dog taken to the kennels from the 35 reports
- 20 vehicles seized for being either untaxed or abandoned
- 5 Fixed penalty notice issued for commercial, household duty of care and fly tipping offences
- 1 Commercial duty of care inspections undertaken and notices served for businesses to provide waste transfer notes
- 2 case files prepared and passed to legal for review and consideration for prosecution



2.9 Waste Services

We have commenced the roll out of the new receptacles for food waste and paper and card collections. As of the 09/03/2026 we have delivered receptacles to over 10k households.

The garden waste service has around 10k subscriptions to date.

We have completed the bin replacement programme for communal containers with all bins in North Ormesby now being fully replaced. We have also replaced all damaged and unserviceable communal bins that we are aware of and a large section of the Newport Ward in and around Leven Street.

2.10 Area Care

Area Care have commenced with our Spring / Summer Grass Cutting Program with the hire of the additional 6 front deck ride on rotary cutters.

Area Care teams have now completed their scheduled winter pruning of shrub beds and hedges prior to the bird nesting season. We are currently completing a small number of heavy pruning requests as emergency only such as low hanging branches, overhanging

branches, Street Light Column obstruction requests and CCTV coverage obstruction requests.

We are also now carrying out strimming and weed spraying around street furniture, fence and wall lines along with the pruning of low tree branches to allow safe access for the grass cutting teams.

2.11 Transport Planning and Road Safety

2.11.1 Road Safety

- On-going liaison with North East Road Safety Partnership Delivery Group
- Junior Road Safety Officers at Linthorpe Primary held a borough wide seatbelt / car seat awareness campaign supported by MBC road safety team (#safeseatsquad) - video was picked up and shared by other LA's
- Training provider recruited to deliver Bikeability programme 2026/2027
- Parking Buddies purchased for Abingdon School
- Locations identified for speed activated signs on Baldoon Sands and Earlsdon Ave
- Scheme to install x4 speed activated signs at Stockton Road on-going

2.11.2 School Crossing Patrols

- Several vacant posts have been covered by our casual SCPO's, reducing the number of crossings that had a potential of being un-patrolled

2.11.3 Capital Programme

- Stainton Way cycleway– Works ongoing. Proposed completion: March
- Dropped kerb crossing point being installed at The Avenue School to align with recently added entrance to school
- Ladgate Lane crossing point consulted and approved – to commence in April
- Ormesby Beck cycle way in consultation – likely commence in April, following consultation

2.11.4 Linthorpe Road Cycleway removal

- Good progress made, retained safety features (retained closure of Southfield Lane and retention of PUFFIN crossing at Garnet Street)

2.11.5 Newport Road sustainable transport corridor

- Aiming to commence delivery in early 2026

2.11.6 Green Lane Sustainable transport corridor

- Design on-going

2.11.7 Marton Road Sustainable transport corridor

- Design on-going
- To consult in 2026 (TVCA lead)

2.11.8 Stainton Way

- Design on-going

2.11.9 Longlands Road

- Extended scheme within RCBC – design on-going
- TVCA to lead consultation once design completed