

EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNCIL

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

DATE OF MEETING: 15 July 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

- 7 May 2026 - Thorntree Cemetery site visit with councillor Wilson and Nicky Raine
- 2 June 2026 - Attended East Marton Community Council with Sam Garside
- 23 June 2026 - Acklam Crematorium tour with Nicky Raine
- 30 June 2026 - Attended Acklam Community Council with Sam Garside
- 3 July 2026 - Attended Carisbrooke Avenue site visit with councillor Wilson and Nicky Raine

Highways and Infrastructure

1.1 Transport Planning and Road Safety

1.1.1 Traffic Signal Junction upgrades 2026/27:

- All complete, however Albert Road / Corporation Road - Ongoing

1.1.2 Pedestrian crossing upgrades 2026/27:

- Albert Road/Corporation Road - Ongoing

1.2 Highways

1.2.1 Verge replacement and footway improvement work programmes have been developed, and we are underway with implementation of the programme for 2026/27.

1.2.2 Verge works complete so far are 0 of the planned 13 schemes.

1.2.3 Footway Works complete so far are 1 of the planned 21 schemes.

Bridges and Structures

1.3 Transporter Bridge

1.3.1 Preliminary design of the repair and strengthening works are progressing well. A contract for ECI (early contractor involvement) is currently out to tender, with award of this contract due in late August 2026. This contract can be carried forward to construction, subject to funding. Completion of preliminary design works are expected in Q4 of 2026, detailed design will follow in 2027/28. Clarification of funding streams available for the detailed design phase is required to prevent project delay.

1.4 Newport Approach Road Bridge & Structures

1.4.1 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.

1.4.2 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.

1.5 Longlands Road overbridge

1.5.1 Middlesbrough Council is currently seeking funding from the DfT's Structures fund with the announcement expected this Autumn. If successful, the bridge will be replaced in its entirety in 2029.

1.6 A66 Structures

1.6.1 A contract for repairs to several structures along the A66 in Middlesbrough has been awarded to WSP. The contract documents are currently with legal services and due for issue shortly. 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.

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

1.7.1 The A174 Marton Interchange 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.

1.7.2 The works started on 2nd March 2026 and are progressing well. We have started the stage two works on the opposite side of the carriageway, and the project is

currently running to schedule. We are expected to be completed by the beginning of September 2026.

- 1.7.3 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.

- 1.7.4 Further information can be sought from the Council's web site at the following link: [A174 Marton Interchange Overbridge refurbishment | Middlesbrough Council](#)

1.8 Linby & Belle Vue Footbridges

- 1.8.1 Painting; installation of suicide prevention parapets/cages; structural repairs to piers and decks; new bearings; concrete repairs; other repairs; and install lighting. The ground investigation works are complete, and the project work will progress in 2026/2027.

1.9 Carriageways

- 1.9.1 The main resurfacing of the classified and unclassified roads for 2025-26 are completed, barring Glendale Road and Trimdon Avenue. Glendale Road scheme was postponed, allowing for a full traffic calming consultation which is now completed. The stage 2 resurfacing and full-length traffic calming scheme will now be undertaken in 2026-27 programme. Trimdon Avenue was postponed due to Northern Gas Works – this scheme will also be undertaken in 2026-17. Both schemes include new installations of traffic calming.
- 1.9.2 We added Alan Peacock Way to the 2025-26 programme due to its fast deterioration and potholing issues – this road serves a large housing development and one of the staff car parks at James Cook Hospital and so was prioritised and brought forward into 2025-26 works. A traffic calming consultation is underway for this road and depending on the outcome any approved traffic calming measures would be installed in 2026-27.
- 1.9.3 The micro asphalt schemes have carried forward into 2026-27 works so that they can be completed in good weather, which best suits the material. The micro asphalt works started on June 15th, 2026, and are due for completion by mid-August 2026.
- 1.9.4 2026-27 schemes are due to be published on the council's web site and will be made available in the member's weekly update.
- 1.9.5 The weekly road works report is regularly updated, and this can also be viewed on the Council's website.

1.10 Flood Management

- 1.10.1 The Gully Cleansing Programmes have been reviewed for 2026/2027, and we are working through cleaning the Gullies in line with the programme's schedules. A number of longstanding flooding issues have recently been resolved which have affected some key routes and these will be monitored. We continue to work proactively on wider flood risk management through joint working with the EA and NWL as well as our knowledge of the wider drainage network.
- 1.10.2 The introduction of the new Becks & Drainage team has seen some immediate improvements in a number of known hotspots and has ensured that the grills to culverts are routinely inspected and cleared ensuring that flood risk is reduced.
- 1.10.3 We are continuing to work through our historical information to update our records and the new surface water flood maps to identify any areas affected by flooding and what action can be done to reduce the risk. Work also continues reviewing and updating the Flood Risk Asset Register and in identifying potential flood risk of culverts.

1.11 Public Rights of Way

- 1.11.1 We are continuing with the survey of the currently recorded Public Rights of Way network and identifying furniture improvements and surfacing works to be carried out during 2026/2027.

1.12 Highway Licences

- 1.12.1 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.

1.13 Street Lighting

- 1.13.1 The 2026/27 column replacement programme is now underway.
- 1.13.2 We are currently installing new street lighting on Stainton Way, Marton and are due to start installing columns on Alan Peacock Way in the next few weeks.

1.14 Environmental Enforcement

All information within this report relates to activity between 01/01/2026 – 30/06/2026

- 1.14.1 Middlesbrough Council Environmental Enforcement Officers are responsible for investigating all matters of environmental crime. This includes Fly Tipping, Littering and 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.
- 1.14.2 The team when at full capacity has 9 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.

1.14.3 In the month of June, the team investigated a total of **964 service requests**. These requests were made up of **687 waste related, 145 vehicle related, 63 dog related (27 stray reports) and 69 pest control related**.

1.14.4 In comparison to the same period for 2025 it has seen an overall increase of **129 reports** to the service.

1.14.5 Actions:

- 6 stray dogs recovered and returned to owners and 1 dog taken to the kennels from the 35 reports
- 43 vehicles seized for being either untaxed or abandoned
- 2 fixed penalty notice issued for commercial, household duty of care and fly tipping offences
- 1 case file prepared and passed to legal for review and consideration for prosecution. 2 cases listed for Magistrates courts on 7.7.26 and 25.8.26

1.15 Waste Services

1.15.1 Waste collection service update that we are going live with our new collection services on 30th June 20226.

1.15.2 All residents' calendars can now be viewed online via Middlesbrough Council website.

1.15.3 All Ward Councillors are invited to contact myself should they wish to arrange a Simpler Recycling presentation within their ward. For these sessions I will be joined by Sam Garside to provide an overview of the current changes, key messages for residents, and an opportunity to ask any questions.

1.16 Area Care

1.16.1 Area Care have worked through a schedule which has been disrupted due to issues around staffing and unforeseen changes in the way we transport our equipment and machinery.

1.16.2 All these issues are being worked through with the view of continuing our summer schedule. Also, getting Area Care ready for the Autumn/Winter schedules.

1.16.3 In addition to MBC staff, we have employed contractors to assist us in the upkeep of grassed areas, and we are expecting assistance with a contractor who will take on areas of sweeping.

1.17 Transport Planning and Road Safety

1.17.1 Road Safety

- On-going liaison with Cleveland Casualty Reduction Group, North East Road Safety Partnership and other stakeholders

- Attended road safety promotion events at Middlesbrough College and several primary schools
- Continue to support schools who have 'junior road safety officers' (organised a town and wider region wide campaign on seatbelt safety)
- Workshop resources/plans given to secondary schools
- Resources distributed regarding legalities of e-bikes and scooters
- Identified 5 schools to re-implement school travel plans

1.17.2 School Crossing Patrols

- Recruitment ongoing
- The implementation of casual staff has made a positive difference to being able to cover sites during periods of absence (ie awaiting recruitment checks to be completed)

1.17.3 Capital Programme 2025/26 – Scheme Updates

- Valley Road Traffic Calming – Complete
- Stainton Way Pedestrian/Cycle Facilities Phase 2 – Complete
- Ormesby Beck Cycleway Phase 1 – Works ongoing and progressing well
- Hollyhurst Avenue / Holmwood Avenue – Civil engineering works substantially complete; installation of the bus stop remains outstanding prior to completion of the final wearing course

1.17.4 Members' Small Schemes 2025/26

- Alan Peacock Way Lighting / Traffic Calming – Public consultation currently underway
- Bonny Grove Way Crossing – Complete
- Kingsbridge Crescent Path – Works ongoing
- Glendale Road (LJ/CW) – To be delivered alongside planned resurfacing works
- Low Lane Activated Speed Signage – Complete
- Stockton Road / Longford Street – Scheme progressing
- Trimdon Avenue Phase 1 & Phase 2 Speed Humps – To be programmed

1.17.5 Capital Programme 2026/27 & Members' Small Schemes

- The 2026/27 Capital Programme and associated Members' Small Schemes are currently in the preliminary stages of development, including initial design, feasibility, and prioritisation activities. All schemes are expected to be delivered within the current financial year
- More detailed progress updates, including confirmed programmes and delivery timelines, will be provided as part of the Quarter 2 reporting cycle

1.17.6 Linthorpe Road Cycleway removal

- Scheme completed bar;
 - Albert Terrace re-opening (issues regarding utilities)
 - Bus stops at Victoria Road (awaiting supplier to complete)

1.17.7 Newport Road sustainable transport corridor

- Awaiting TVCA to complete business case. Aiming to commence October 2026

1.17.8 Green Lane Sustainable transport corridor

- Design on-going

1.17.9 Marton Road Sustainable transport corridor

- Design on-going
- To consult in 2026 (TVCA lead)
- Ormesby Beck route element - undertaking Environmental Impact Assessment to enhance delivery rate from TVCA funding

1.17.10 Stainton Way

- To be considered at July Executive

1.17.11 Longlands Road

- TVCA lead consultation underway