

Scrutiny@Middlesbrough

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SCRUTINY PANEL – INVESTIGATION OUTLINE

Middlesbrough's Bicentenary 2030

Investigation By (Scrutiny Panel): Place

Type e.g. Full/Task & Finish: Full

Which of the 4 priorities in the Council Plan does the topic meet? 1

Priority 1: A successful and ambitious town

Maximising economic growth, employment and prosperity in an inclusive and environmentally sustainable way.

Priority 2: A healthy place

Helping our residents to live longer, healthier lives.

Priority 3: Safe and resilient communities

Creating a safer environment where residents can live more independent lives.

Priority 4: Delivering best value

Changing how we operate to deliver affordable and cost-effective outcomes for residents and businesses.

Purpose of Investigation:

To support and contribute to the planning of Middlesbrough's Bicentenary celebrations

Desired Outcomes:

To showcase Middlesbrough's past, present and future

To increase visitor numbers to the town

Terms of Reference:

- 1) *To establish what plans are currently being developed to celebrate Middlesbrough's Bicentenary*
- 2) *To identify good practice from other local authorities who have celebrated significant milestones*
- 3) *To identify ways in which Middlesbrough residents can influence and be involved in the celebrations*

4) *To identify ways in which the celebrations can boost regeneration and highlight local heritage*

Key Issues/Lines of Enquiry: <i>Establish what is currently being developed by our Culture team</i> <i>Look at best practice from other local authorities .</i> <i>Community engagement – how do we engage</i>	Risks:
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Venue: Mandela Room, Town Hall	Timescale: 2026-2030
INFORMATION AND SOURCES	Allocation of Tasks – Who is doing each task: 30 March 2026 – Head of Culture to provide overview 27 April 2026 – Erimus Rotary Club to provide overview of their work and how it could/will tie in with the bicentenary celebrations 28 July 2026 – Executive Member for Education and Culture to provide update on City of Culture Bid 14 September 2026 – Head of Marketing and Communications to provide a presentation on the strategic alignment between Bicentenary 2030, town centre regeneration, and the City of Culture bid, including how these initiatives will be used to promote Middlesbrough, enhance civic pride, attract investment and visitors, and engage residents, businesses and partners.
Documents/evidence (e.g. performance data, information from department):	
Witnesses:	
Geoff Field – Corporate Director of Environment, Communities and Culture Gaye Kirby – Head of Culture Andrew Glover – Head of Marketing and Communications Representatives from other local authorities Representatives from Erimus Rotary Club	
Research/Consultation (e.g. legislation or info from other organisations):	
Site Visits:	

Barnsley

Officer Support from other departments:

Budget Requirements (e.g. hire of minibus for site visit etc.):

Target Body for Recommendations:

Executive