

EXECUTIVE MEMBER UPDATE TO COUNCIL

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

DATE OF MEETING: 09 September 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:

1: 24th July. Site Visit, Longlands: A resident requested clearer road markings to improve safety.

2: 31st July. Site Visit, Acklam Cemetery and Teesside Crematorium to consider future plans.

3: 3rd August. "Buddy Benches" photoshoot in Linthorpe with Councillor Storey.

4: 13th August: Demonstration of "The Glutton", the electric urban waste cleaner. Photoshoot with Mayor Cooke outside MIMA.

1. HIGHLIGHTS

Highways and Infrastructure

Transport Planning and Road Safety

1.1 Traffic Signals/UTMC

1.1.1 Traffic Signal Junction upgrades 2026/27:

1.1.2 There is the potential refurbishment of several traffic signals across Middlesbrough to be completed in 26/27, sites have yet to be agreed.

Pedestrian crossing upgrades 2026/27

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 1 of the planned 13 schemes.

1.2.3 Footway Works complete so far are 2 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) has been awarded and we are in the stand still period before any announcement can be made. 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 has submitted a bid for 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. The council have also started to engage with potential contractors ahead of the funding announcement.

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 awaiting signature. 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'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

1.7.2 The works started on 2nd March 2026, with completion expected in early September.

1.7.3 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 Coulby Newham Footbridges

1.9.1 The Coulby Newham Footbridges by the Parkway are due to have their parapets replaced and minor refurbishment works in early 2027. Documents for the Tender process are currently being drafted.

1.10 Carriageways

1.10.1 The micro asphalt schemes are completed barring several schemes off Levick Crescent which were paused due to voids being found underneath the carriageways. We have repaired the voids and will use a different product to complete these schemes as micro asphalt is no longer suitable due to the underlying condition.

1.10.2 The following resurfacing schemes are to be undertaken in 2026-27 are:

ROAD NAME	LOCATION DETAIL	LENGTH m	TREATMENT	NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA
A66 Eastbound Newport Slip	Full Slip Road	292	Resurfacing	North
Acklam Road	Malvern Drive to Staindrop Drive	506	Resurfacing	West
Alan Peacock Way	Roundabout to James Cook Car Park	n/a	Installation of Traffic Calming	South
Ashford Avenue	Full Street	306	Resurfacing	West
Aster Close	Full Street	78	Resurfacing	West
Brass Castle Lane	New Development to Zebra Dixons Bank	360	Resurfacing	South
Briscoe Way Speed Tables	Junctions with Spaunton & Pexton Closes	53	Resurfacing	South
Corby Avenue	Full Street	174	Resurfacing	West
Cumberland Road Phs 1	Southwell Road to Phillida Terrace	167	Resurfacing	North

Cumberland Road Phs 2	Half Lane Width Outside 98-100 Shops	23	Resurfacing	North
Cypress Road Phs 1	Community Centre to Rosewood Court	291	Resurfacing	South
De Brus Park	Number 6 to Road End	206	Resurfacing	South
Dixons Bank	Stainton way to St Cuthbert Avenue	520	Resurfacing	South
Downside Road	Full Street	320	Resurfacing	West
Eden Road Phase 1	Easson Street to Lambton Road	68	Resurfacing	West
Endsleigh Drive	Full Street	310	Resurfacing	West
Glebe Road	Full Street	159	Resurf & Renew T Calming	North
Glendale Road	Number 74 to Kieth Road	814	Resurfacing	West
Glendale Road	Full Street	n/a	Installation of Traffic Calming	West
Jubilee St South/ Coronation St	Full Streets	151	Resurfacing	East
Ladgate Lane/ Westwick Terrace	At Junction and Westwick Terrace	110	Resurf & Renew T Calming	West
Ladgate Lane Phs 2	At Entrance to Ormesby Hall	n/a	Installation of Traffic Calming	West
Laura Street	Park Lane to Granville Rd	28	Resurfacing	North
Mallowdale	Stainton way to Cookgate	80	Resurfacing	South
Maltby Street	Beaumont Rd to Thornton St	76	Resurfacing	East
Mandale Roundabout	Both Overbridges	170	Resurfacing	West
Oxfield	Full Street	95	Resurfacing	South
Pexton Close	Full Street	97	Resurfacing	South
Phillida Terrace	Vincent St to Cumberland Rd	186	Resurfacing	North
Priory Road Acklam	Full Street	170	Resurfacing	West
Ravenscroft Avenue	Side 45 Emerson Ave to O/S Number 41	219	Resurfacing	North
Seamer Close	Full Street	170	Resurfacing	West
South Bank Road Phase 1	Council Boundary to Light Column PPR34	53	Resurfacing	North
Spaunton Close	Cul -De-Sac 9 to 18, and 27 to 35	108	Resurfacing	South
Stainton Way	West Bound Mallowdale to Shevington Dr	157	Resurfacing	South
Stoneyhurst Avenue	Full Street	177	Resurfacing	West
The Fairway Roundabout	Full RAB and arms to crossing points	93	Resurfacing	South
Trimdon Avenue Phs 2	Blue Bell Beck to Acklam Road	453	Resurfacing	West
Trimdon Avenue	Full Street	n/a	Installation of Traffic Calming	West

1.10.3 The contract for the works is imminent.

1.10.4 We will also undertake investigative core samples at the following locations to ascertain future treatment requirements. The core sampling will be undertaken by Middlesbrough Labs Service.

Core Sampling In Addition To Resurfacing schemes		
Easterside Road & 2-6 Deighton Road	Full Street Easterside Road And Outside 2-6 Deighton Road	Undertake Core Samples
Hutton Road	Outside 28 To 76 (New Devt To Highfield Road)	Undertake Core Samples
Southwell Road	Full Street	Undertake Core Samples
Unnamed Street (End Macbean St To Thornton St)	Between Macbean Street & Thornton St North Ormesby	Undertake Core Samples
Bilsdale Road	Full Road	Undertake Core Samples
The Greenway	Outside Numbers 113-119	Core Sampling/ Ground Testing
Grange Road	Side Of Library To Fountains Court Bend	Undertake Core Samples
Granville Road	Laura Street To Linthorpe Road	Undertake Core Samples
Crescent Road	Worcester Street To Costa Street	Undertake Core Samples
Penrith Road	Delemere Rd To Ladgate Grange	Undertake Core Samples
Greenacres	Full Street But Particularly Outside Number 3	Undertake Core Samples
Boynton Road	Full Street	Undertake Core Samples
Cleveland Drive	Outside Number 7a	Undertake Core Samples
Toronto Crescent	Full Street	Undertake Core Samples

1.11 Flood Management

1.11.1 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.

1.11.2 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.

- 1.11.3 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.

1.12 Public Rights of Way

- 1.12.1 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.

1.13 Highway Licences

- 1.13.1 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.

1.14 Street Lighting

- 1.14.1 The 2026/27 column replacement programme is now underway.
- 1.14.2 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.

2 Environmental Enforcement

All information within this report relates to activity between 1/7/26 – 31/7/26

- 2.1 Middlesbrough Council Environmental Enforcement Wardens 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.
- 2.2 The team when at full capacity consist of 1 Environmental Enforcement and Pest Control Service Delivery Manager, 9 x Environmental Enforcement Officers and 6 x Waste Operatives that form the flying squad. We will have 6 Pest Control Technicians which will form 1x Senior Pest Control Technician and 3 x Pest Control Technicians with a further 2 technicians awaiting to be recruited with a start date week commencing 14th September 2026. We have a 1 Environmental and 1 Pest Control business support officer 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.
- 2.3 In the month of July, the team have investigated 1649 service requests, these are made of 875 waste related, 146 vehicle related and 566 pest control related reports for open public spaces and domestic visits.

2.4 The Pest Control Team launched a new and free domestic service for the residents which commenced on the 6th of July 2026. The team has since received 491 services requests for the following pest types:

- Rats – 370
- Mice – 47
- Bed bugs – 11
- Cockroaches – 4
- Wasps – 59



[Free pest control service set to be launched in Middlesbrough | Middlesbrough Council](#)

2.5 In comparison to the month of July 2025 the team investigated a total of 748 service requests. These requests were made up of 538 waste related, 113 vehicles related, 45 Dog related and 52 Pest Control related. There has been a significant increase to service demand with a total of 901 jobs.

2.6 Actions and outcomes for July 2026:

- 10 stray dogs recovered – 5 returned to owners
- 20 vehicles seized for being either untaxed or abandoned
- 4 Fixed penalty notice issued for various Environmental offences
- 1 prosecution in the courts for a littering offence on 8th July 2026 to an individual in the Hemlington area of Middlesbrough, which resulted in £220 Fine, £88VS, £563.50 Costs – Total £871.50 to be paid within 28 days and a collection order made
- 1 case file prepared and passed to legal for review and listed for court in August 2026.



2.7 Waste Services

2.7.1 The Waste Collection Service continues to make strong progress in delivering Middlesbrough Council's new recycling reforms, with early performance indicators demonstrating that the changes are having a positive impact across the service.

2.7.2 The first four weeks following implementation have provided encouraging results. We have seen a significant reduction in contamination rates within our recycling streams, indicating that residents are increasingly separating their waste correctly and engaging with the new collection arrangements. This improvement has also

resulted in a notable reduction in disposal costs, generating efficiencies for the Council and supporting our wider environmental and financial objectives.

- 2.7.3 In addition, for the first time in many years, the service has experienced an increase in the rebate received for fibre materials. This reflects improvements in the quality of recyclable materials being collected and presents a positive indication that the reforms are delivering tangible benefits both operationally and financially.
- 2.7.4 Whilst progress has been positive, there remain some challenges. We are still awaiting delivery of our four new food waste Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCVs). The absence of these vehicles is currently impacting the availability of onboard technology that will support the efficient delivery and monitoring of food waste collections. We are currently anticipating their arrival within the next four weeks and expect this to further enhance service delivery and operational performance.
- 2.7.5 Resident feedback regarding the new waste and recycling services has been overwhelmingly positive, with many residents recognising the benefits of the changes introduced. However, some operational issues remain, particularly concerning residents placing incorrect materials within recycling and waste containers. Addressing this will continue to be a key focus over the coming weeks.
- 2.7.6 The service is working closely with residents, elected members and the wider community to provide ongoing education, guidance and support to improve recycling behaviours and reduce contamination further. Through continued engagement and communication, we are confident that these issues will continue to improve as the new arrangements become more established.
- 2.7.7 Overall, the early outcomes from the recycling reforms are very encouraging. The service is delivering measurable improvements in recycling quality, reducing disposal costs, increasing material value returns and maintaining strong public support, while continuing to address operational challenges and prepare for the next phase of service development.

2.8 Area Care

- 2.8.1 Area Care ceased grass mowing in July due to the drought conditions and staff concentrated on other works such as strimming and spraying areas that required attention. Mowing re-commenced on 17th August as the grass in some areas required cutting, we will not be cutting areas that are still struggling with drought however we need to plan ahead as we have had a small amount of rainfall, and some areas are greening up.
- 2.8.2 Contractors are still helping with the mowing of large areas and main road sweeping.
- 2.8.3 Winter works schedules have been updated in preparation for the cease of grass mowing which is usually around the 31st October.

Transport Planning and Road Safety

2.9 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

2.10 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)

2.11 Capital Programme 2025/26 – Scheme Updates

- 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

2.12 Members' Small Schemes 2025/26

- Alan Peacock Way Lighting / Traffic Calming – to be delivered
- Kingsbridge Crescent Path – Works close to completion
- Glendale Road (LJ/CW) – To be delivered alongside planned resurfacing works
- Stockton Road / Longford Street – Scheme progressing
- Trimdon Avenue Phase 1 & Phase 2 Speed Humps – To be programmed

2.13 Capital Programme 2026/27 & Members' Small Schemes

2.13.1 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.

2.13.2 More detailed progress updates, including confirmed programmes and delivery timelines, will be provided as part of the Quarter 2 reporting cycle.

2.14 Linthorpe Road Cycleway removal

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

2.15 Newport Road sustainable transport corridor

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

2.16 Green Lane Sustainable transport corridor

- Scheme to be considered at Executive in October

2.17 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

2.18 *Stainton Way*

- To be considered at September Executive

2.19 *Longlands Road*

- To be considered at October Executive