

Appendix 1 - Middlesbrough Community Safety Plan 2020

Foreword by Councillor Mieka Smiles

I am very pleased to present Middlesbrough Council's Community Safety Plan 2020. The Local Authority has a statutory requirement under the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act to develop and deliver a Partnership Plan which contains community safety priorities based on the current evidence base across the communities of Middlesbrough.

Mission Statement '*...working with communities and other public services to improve the lives of our residents; Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour head on*' Andy Preston - Mayor

Middlesbrough's Community Safety Partnership (CSP) bring together the responsible authorities of Police, Local Authority, Fire and Rescue, Health and Probation to work in collaboration with other statutory and voluntary services and local people to reduce crime and make people feel safer by dealing with issues such as anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol misuse, deliver the Prevent duty (Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015) and ensure specific obligations such as public engagement and delivery of an action plan are met.

The priorities and key objectives set out in this plan are based upon an assessment of crime and disorder issues across the Borough and reflect the views of the community on matters that are important to them to collectively implement and deliver initiatives that will help all areas of Middlesbrough become a safe place to live, work and visit.

Priority 1—Perceptions and Feeling Safe

Objectives

- Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour (Inc. environmental crime)
- Improving community cohesion and resilience
- Delivering the prevent agenda

Priority 2 - Tackling the Root Causes

Adverse Experiences

Objectives

- Improve mental health
- Reduce child exploitation (Inc. CSE)
- Reduce substance misuse
- Reduce domestic violence

Priority 3 - Locality Working, Inc. Town Centre

Reconfigure relationships between statutory organisations and the community. Encouraging and supporting a collaborative approach and building capacity within the community.

Objectives

- Working with communities (doing 'with' not 'to')
- Improving environmental cleanliness
- Protecting Children from harm and exploitation
- Addressing underlying community issues
- Reducing Violence, business crime and acquisitive crime

- Reducing re-offending
- Reduce Begging

About Middlesbrough

Our people are warm, friendly and extremely proud of their town, its industrial heritage and location close to the natural beauty of surrounding countryside and stunning North East coast. With a vibrant leisure and cultural scene, Middlesbrough likes to work hard and play hard. Middlesbrough is an evolving town, perfectly positioned in the heart of the Tees Valley. In addition to our population of 139,500 we attract over 700,000 regular visitors from the surrounding areas of Tees Valley, North Yorkshire and County Durham who shop, work and enjoy the leisure attractions Middlesbrough has to offer.

Significant changes in the population demographics of Middlesbrough since the 2001 Census highlight an increasingly diverse and ageing population in the town.

- 20.58% of Middlesbrough's resident population are Children and Young People aged 0 to 15 years
- 63.56% are 'working age' between 16 and 64 years
- 15.90% are 'older people' aged over 65 years
- 50% of people live in areas ranked among 10% most deprived in England
- We have twice the national average rate of treatment for opiate misuse
- North Ormesby ward is now ranked the second most deprived ward nationally
- Cleveland has the second highest rate of Domestic Violence in the country; Middlesbrough has the highest rate of reported Domestic Violence in Cleveland.
- Middlesbrough is the second most ethnically diverse local authority in the north east, behind Newcastle upon Tyne.
 - 88.18% of Middlesbrough's resident population were classed as White
 - 7.78% were classed as Asian/Asian British
 - 1.71% of the population were identified as Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups
 - 1.25% of the population were identified as Black/Africa/Caribbean/Black British
 - 1.08% of the population were identified as Other Ethnic Group
 - 8.2% of Middlesbrough's total population were born outside of the UK as at the 2011 census

Overview of crime and ASB levels across Middlesbrough

Overall crime is double the national average with 21,613 recorded crimes in 2018/19 and with the 3rd highest rate of violent crime in England.

Anti-social behaviour is more than 3 x the national average at 10,619 however we saw a reduction of just under 25% from 2017/18.

On an average day in Middlesbrough:

- There are 10 incidents of Domestic Abuse
- There are 9 incidents of Criminal Damage or Arson

In an average month:

- There are 1,800 criminal offences
- 17 drug or alcohol related hospital admissions

In an average year:

- There are 8039 violent crimes against a person
- We receive 6553 reports of theft and handling stolen goods
- 1315 fire incidents recorded
- 5008 Environmental issues reported to the Local Authority

Community Safety Partnership Vision

“...We will tackle crime and anti-social behaviour head on, working with our partners to establish a stronger and more visible presence in the town centre and in local communities, tackling the harm caused by drugs and imposing tougher penalties on persistent offenders to ensure local people feel safer” Andy Preston – Mayor

How our plan fits into other local and regional plans

Cleveland Police & Crime Plan 20/21: Working collaboratively enables us to co-ordinate resources more effectively and undertake regional work where beneficial.

- **A better deal for victims and witnesses** - Crime can have a devastating impact on someone’s life. It is crucially important that victims are given swift and effective help and support to cope, and that their needs are identified and met.
- **Tackling re-offending** - The cycle of re-offending needs to be broken and persistent behaviour addressed.
- **Working together to make Cleveland safer** - I have always been a strong advocate for partnership working, I believe no single agency is able to do this alone.

Middlesbrough Community Safety Partners actively support the development and implementation of a range of PCC initiatives including;

- Tees Wide Safe Places Scheme providing a place of refuge for vulnerable adults in the community
- Cleveland 3rd Party Hate Crime Reporting Process enabling victims to share information and access help
- VCAS supporting vulnerable victims of crime and ASB
- Restorative Cleveland ensuring victims have access to restorative justice
- Modern Day Slavery helping to identify and protect victims
- Operation Encompass enabling school staff to support children who experience domestic abuse at home
- County Lines Identifying and protecting children exploited for drug trafficking
- Cleveland Divert an alternative way to engage first time and low level offenders
- ECINS An innovative cloud based information sharing database enhancing partnership working
- Strategic Approach to Sex Working improving the safety of sex workers and quality of life in communities
- Targeted Youth Outreach engaging young people at risk of ASB or crime

Middlesbrough Mayor’s Priorities: Each of the Community Safety priorities directly link to

one of the three over-arching Middlesbrough Mayoral priorities;

- **People** – working with communities and other public services to improve the lives of our residents—Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour head on
- **Place** – Securing improvements in Middlesbrough’s housing, infrastructure and attractiveness, improving the town’s reputation, creating opportunities for local people and improving our finances—Making Middlesbrough look and feel amazing
- **Business** – promoting investment in Middlesbrough’s economy and making sure we work together effectively as possible to support our ambitions for people and place—Creating a positive perception of our town on a national basis

Children’s Young People’s Plan: Building on a strengths based model. Working ‘with’ families rather than delivering services ‘to’ them and linking the two Imperatives:

- **Focussing on early intervention and prevention**...prevention is key to improving outcomes later in life (and is more cost effective) All services have a role in improving health outcomes for children and families
- **Ensure that all agencies work together** to protect and safeguard children, with a particular focus on key vulnerable groups and risk issues for Middlesbrough, such as substance misuse, domestic violence, child sexual exploitation and missing from home or care

Health and Wellbeing Plan:

- Tackle the social causes of poor health
- Ensure children and young people have the best health and wellbeing
- Reduce preventable ill-health and early deaths

Our approach

Building on our partnership approach to working in Middlesbrough we will continue to be creative and develop new ways of working, employing the Active Intelligence Mapping (AIM) model providing an opportunity to improve service delivery by strengthening a collaborative approach to addressing crime, environmental crime and anti-social behaviour across the town and ensuring greater accountability to the public

Achievements over past 2 years

- Reducing Serious Youth Violence - partnership work with young people - Knife Angel
- Selective Licensing successes in North Ormesby rolling out in Newport
- Town Centre Teams
- Locality Working pilots in Newport and North Ormesby
- Middlesbrough White Ribbon Partnership
- Heroin Assisted Treatment

Our Priorities: identified via Public Consultation and Partner Engagement

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All partners will aim to deliver an outstanding service to the public and give a better deal for victims and witnesses

Areas of focus

- Develop a strategy to divert young people away from child criminal exploitation and county lines
- Reduce arson and personal fire risk
- Respond to issues in a timely manner, identify perpetrators and bring to justice.
- Implement social prescribing
- Coordinated care planning with key partners
- Restorative Justice – focus on victims.

Priority 2 - Tackling the Root Causes

Adverse Experiences

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- Improve mental health
- Reduce substance misuse
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All partners will strive to increase the uptake of early identification and intervention programmes

Areas of focus

- Strengthen families to reduce the number of children becoming looked after
- Reduce mental health and substance misuse related crime and ASB by early identification of mental health issues.
- Create safer homes across Middlesbrough by identifying those vulnerable to risks
- Identifying vulnerability and put safeguarding measures in place
- Reducing offending behaviour and increase access to support services
- Deliver the right care at the right place at the right time with a co-ordinated trauma informed care planning approach
- Increase the number of families we work with at an Early Intervention threshold, for which the ACE's features in the household

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Create a safe town centre environment to live, work and visit

Areas of Focus

- Locality Working Pilot in Newport and North Ormesby
- Dedicated multi-agency town centre team
- Cleveland divert - reduce further victimisation, reduce reoffending, reduce demand on services
- Increasing safety within the town centre.
- Reduce deliberate fires with education
- Deliver selective landlord licensing (SLL) scheme in Newport and North Ormesby.

Delivering the plan

Delivery will be via an Action Plan developed through the Community Safety Partnership which will set out what each of the partner agencies will do to achieve the objectives identified under the 3 priorities

A key action of the Partnership is to co-ordinate delivery, bring partners together and identify resources and skills in order to achieve the best possible outcomes.

The action plan will be built around a robust outcome-based performance management framework to review and monitor progress. The plan will be reviewed and refreshed annually.