THE CHAIR AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

10 July 2018

Dear Member

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY 18 JULY 2018

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council of the Borough of Middlesbrough to be held on **Wednesday 18 July 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Middlesbrough to transact the following business, namely:-

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

3. Minutes - Council - Ordinary Meeting - 20 June 2018 and Extraordinary Meeting 20 June 2018

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4. Announcements/Communications

   To receive and consider any communications from the Chair, Mayor, Executive Members or Chief Executive (if any).

5. Petition

   To accept a petition in respect of the Southlands Centre

6. Mayors Statement and Report

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9. Urgent Items

To consider and Deal with any urgent business brought before the Council by the Proper Officer (if any).

10. Members' Question Time

To receive from, and provide answers to, questions from Members on Notice in accordance with Procedure Rule No. 26. (if any)

11. Notice of Motion

Copy of Motion

12. Notice of Urgent Motion (if any)

13. Outcome of the Standards (Hearings) Sub Committee held on 19 March 2018.

Report

14. Amendments to the Terms of Reference of Chief Officer Appointments Committee

Report

Bryn Roberts
Monitoring Officer
PLEASE NOTE THERE IS RESTRICTED DISABLED ACCESS TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

Refreshments will be available in the Erimus Heritage Room prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Inspection of Papers - Documents referred to on this Summons may be inspected between 9.00 and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday at the Town Hall, Middlesbrough. Copies may also be downloaded from the Council's Website.

Questions/Motions - Details of questions or notices of motion received and not enclosed with the Summons will be circulated prior to the meeting.

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MEETING OF MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Middlesbrough Council, lawfully convened, and held in the Town Hall, Middlesbrough on 20 June 2018.


OFFICERS: M Allinson, J Bromiley, B Carr, L Henman, D Johnson, E Kunonga, A Pain, T Parkinson, S Reynolds and B Roberts

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were submitted on behalf of Councillors Councillor S Biswas, Councillor E Dryden, Councillor T Harvey, Councillor B A Hubbard, Councillor F McIntyre, Councillor J McTigue, Councillor G Purvis, Councillor J Sharrocks, Councillor Z Uddin.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None Declared

1 MINUTES - COUNCIL - ANNUAL MEETING 16 MAY 2018 - EXTRAORDINARY MEETING AT 8.00PM - 16 MAY 2018 - EXTRAORDINARY MEETING AT 8.30PM - 16 MAY 2018

The minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 16 May 2018 and the 2nd Extraordinary Council meeting held on 16 May 2018 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

The minutes of the 1st Extraordinary Council meeting held on 16 May 2018 were submitted and approved as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

Page 2 paragraph 3 - first sentence to be changed to 'The refurbished bus station opened in 2012, and it was no longer a modern design'.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair of the Council announced with sadness, the death of Barry Dodd CBE, former Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire. The Chair paid tribute to Mr Dodd and advised that a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mr Dodd CBE had now been confirmed as taking place at 11.30 am on Friday 20th July 2018 at York Minster. This would be a public service open to all who wish to celebrate Mr Dodd's life.

All present stood in silence as a mark of respect.

3 PETITION

The Executive Member for Economic Development and Infrastructure received a petition, on behalf of the Council, in respect of the Local Plan proposed building at Newfield Crescent Greenfield site.

Martyn Walker, the Lead Petitioner, addressed the Council in support of the petition. Mr Walker advised that his day job was as a primary school teacher. He advised that he had received the letter a month ago from planning and was upset about it when he read that it
was about the meadow - the Jewel in the Crown of Bluebell beck.

He advised that the meadow had been well used by his own family and other members of the public over a great many years. The use of the meadow varied, and it offered people a means of escape from the stress of life in general. It was necessary and needed by the residents of Middlesbrough and the inclusion of the Newfield meadow in the Town Local Plan was a mistake. He urged the Council to reconsider its decision and instead to put the meadow back in the plan as designated green space.

The Executive Member thanked Mr Walker for the petition and those people that had taken time to sign the petition. He advised that he would ensure that the representations contained within the petition would be taken into account as part of the consultation process.

4 QUESTION FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

Question 1/18 from J Campbell - to the Mayor

Question - ‘You have set aside £100k for a new bus station in a “central location”, can you please confirm how many of the successful and long established businesses currently based in the bus station you will be supporting to move to the new bus station?’

Response - The Mayor thanked Ms Campbell for her question and her concerns for the businesses in the bus station. The Mayor advised that at the present time, no plans had been drawn up for the new bus station and no firm timescales for doing so had been agreed. No decisions had been made and no recommendations formulated with regard to format and location of any retail businesses within the new bus station. Until this changed, there was little further to add. The Mayor stated that if and when there was something available to consult on, a consultation process would take place and all of those affected would be consulted.

5 MAYOR’S STATEMENT AND REPORT

The Mayor advised that a few things had happened since the previous Council meeting. There had been lots of comments in the National media regarding the fact that the high streets were changing and were under threat.

Closures had been announced regarding the House of Fraser Stores including Middlesbrough Binns store, although nothing had been confirmed. Many of the things that Middlesbrough had been doing over the years were to combat these changes and keep the high streets vibrant.

Middlesbrough had been looking at the diversification of the city centre including the Baker/Bedford Street project which was about local businesses rather than national ones. Bistrot Pierre had located in the town and the former BHS store had been successfully filled when others around the country were still vacant.

Middlesbrough had invested in some hotels and others had located to Middlesbrough without requiring Council investment. The aim of the Investment Strategy was about creating more jobs in the town. The hoardings had been erected to the East of Centre Square and work was due to commence next month and this was where many of the new jobs referred to in the Investment Prospectus would be based.

The Mayor stated that investors and developers viewed the city centre as more than just a retail centre. It included the Town Hall, MIMA, Centre Square, the Railway Station, the University, the Snow Centre and the town's infrastructure and sometimes the Council needed to borrow to invest in the city centre. The Mayor stated that there were a number of active
officers in the Council who identified trends before things happened. The Mayor stated that there was national and international interest in Middlesbrough.

The Mayor commented that the word city in terms of Middlesbrough, was frequently used, and he made no apology for that as it was an economic reality and a worthy ambition. The Mayor announced that the Centre for Economic and Business Research and Irwin Mitchell had published some interesting statistics in terms of Middlesbrough.

In the Consumer Powerhouse table which listed 44 cities in UK, of which Middlesbrough was one, in terms of employment in the last quarter of 2017, Middlesbrough was 7th in the table with a 2.6% increase in employment and it was 2nd to Bristol in terms of GVA. The forecast for the next year was that Middlesbrough would be 10th in terms of employment and 7th in terms of GVA. The Mayor thanked the Chief Executive and his officers for their work in promoting and encouraging investment in the town.

A Member referred to the petition that had been handed in at the start of the meeting and queried whether the Mayor was against demolishing the meadow on Newfield Crescent.

The Chair advised that the petition was not part of the Mayor's Statement and therefore the question was not relevant as questions should relate to the Mayor's Statement. The Member stated that the question was relevant as it was part of the Mayor's Vision for the town.

The Mayor stated that he was not prepared to give a yes or no answer at this time. He stated that he had met with the Lead Petitioner and visited the land in question and had formed a view. This was a quasi-legal situation and the process needed to be carried out in the correct way. A consultation process was underway in respect of the Local Plan and had not yet been completed. The Mayor stated that the process would be followed properly and the representations put forward at the Council meeting would be taken into account as part of that process.

A Member stated that the Mayor had referred to the building work that was due to commence in Centre Square and he queried whether anyone had approached the developer with regarding to the recruitment of Middlesbrough people to work on the site or whether people outside the town would be employed.

The Mayor stated that the development was due to commence East of Centre Square rather than in Centre Square and he confirmed that with any project in the town and the Tees Valley an attempt was always made to employ local contractors and local people and the Council would always try to stipulate this.

DEPUTY MAYOR AND EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORTS

The Chair invited Members to raise items for general discussion arising from the Information Booklet of Executive Member reports which detailed activities carried out within the respective Executive Member portfolios (Section 1), Executive decisions taken (Section 2) or to be taken where known, prior to and following the meeting (Sections 3 and 4).

Members commented and posed questions in relation to the following matters and Executive Members responded where appropriate:-

The Chair suggested that as two questions had been received in respect of the Centre Square Development, that the two Councillors put their questions first to allow the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for City Centre Strategy to respond to both questions at the same time.

a) and b) Centre Square Development
A Member referred to page 1, paragraph 1 of the report of the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for City Centre Strategy in relation to Centre Square Development.

The Member commented that in the last week, the hoardings had been erected on the East of Centre Square where the office blocks were due to be built and queried with regard to the impact that this development would have on the town.

A Member referred to the second office building that the Council was due to let out and he queried whether there had been any consideration or if a risk analysis had taken place with regard to the Council’s increase in car parking charges and what affect this would have on the Council’s ability to let out the building.

The Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for City Centre Strategy advised that he would address the first question first. He stated that the development would have a very positive affect on the town. The Council were having discussions with people who were interested in occupying the second building and there had been enough interest to fill the second building. The Council was in discussions with institutions about the investment for the building and that was due to be signed off later in the month ready to commence on site early next month.

In terms of the risk assessment, the Council were getting a far better return on the investment than originally planned, it was an increase of 25% but the actual figures were confidential.

At this point of the meeting a number of members of the public interrupted the meeting and the Chair advised that the Council meeting was a business meeting of the Council and he asked the public to remain quite during the meeting.

c) House of Fraser

A Member referred to page 4, paragraph 13 of the report of the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for City Centre Strategy in relation to the House of Fraser.

The Member referred to the fact that the House of Fraser was closing down and she queried whether the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for City Centre Strategy would reconsider the decision to increase car parking charges, would it help or hinder our struggling high street, as it could drive people away to shop at Teesside Park where parking was free.

The Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for City Centre Strategy advised that car parking did not have any bearing on investment in the town. The study attached to the car parking review stated that the location, convenience and safety of a car park was far more important than the actual car parking charges. The House of Fraser group were closing stores all over the country so it was not just a Middlesbrough issue it was a national problem.

d) Middlesbrough Rail Station

A Member referred to page 3, paragraph 8 of the report of the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for City Centre Strategy in relation to Middlesbrough Railway Station.

The Member referred to the improvements at Middlesbrough Railway Station and he queried with regard to how much Middlesbrough Council were contributing towards the overall cost and how much the Tees Valley Mayoral Authority were contributing.

The Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for City Centre Strategy stated that he did not have the actual costs but he would forward them to the Member. Middlesbrough Council
were contributing to the costs of the Railway Station and the public realms leading to the Railway Station to revitalise the city centre. The Council had discussions with various components of Network Rail and other building and rail owners. The front of the station was now open. It was planned to have a train direct to London in 2020 and an extra platform so that capacity could be improved and any investment was worth it.

The Member commented that the improvements were necessary and he advised that the Middlesbrough Council contribution was £500,000 and the Combined Authority contribution was £2m. The Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for City Centre Strategy pointed out that this was a Middlesbrough Council funded project.

e) Rita Ora: August 2018

A Member referred to page 2, paragraph 7 of the report of the Executive Member for Culture and Communities in respect of the Rita Ora concert.

The Member commented that it was good to see that the Rita Ora concert was coming to Centre Square. He stated that he wanted to see Centre Square used for big events and concerts as it would draw people to the Town Centre. He stated that it was a really positive thing and he hoped to see other such events in the future. He stated that it was part of not seeing things in isolation but as part of a bigger project.

The Executive Member advised that the original location had been Stewart Park and a decision had been taken to relocate it to Centre Square. Centre Square should be used for more cultural events to help attract people to the town.

f) Selective Landlord Licensing

A Member referred to page 5, paragraph 13 of the report of the Executive Member for Culture and Communities in respect of Selective Landlord Licensing.

The Member referred to the successful prosecution of rogue landlords. There had been a scrutiny panel on the issue of Selective Landlord Licensing. The member queried whether the scheme could be rolled out in other wards or across the town as a whole.

The Executive Member stated that Selective Landlord Licensing had been critical to turning the housing market around in North Ormesby. The Executive Member stated that it was not possible to designate a whole town, it had to be a specific area. The Selective Landlord Licensing had been successful but it had been labour intensive and costly. The Council had learned from the North Ormesby experience and he was looking forward to rolling it out across the town in future.

g) Erimus

A Member referred to page 9, paragraph 19 of the report of the Executive Member for Culture and Communities in respect of Erimus, the Middlesbrough Town Hall Opening Performance.

The Member stated that she wished to pass on her congratulations to all of the teams that had organised the above event with the Southpaw dancers. It was pleasing to see that local people had been invited to be part of the event and had been provided with the opportunity to participate in the singing. The Member also passed on her thanks for the Middlesbrough Banquet. Both events had been a celebration of Middlesbrough.

The Executive Member stated that he had no hesitation in passing on his gratitude for the organisation of the event. The event was an astounding portrayal of the history of
Middlesbrough through dance. Some of the cast were from the local community and some that were involved had been assisted by the Homelessness team and the Drug and Rehabilitation Team. The Executive Member advised that he would pass on thanks to all those involved.

h) East to North East

A Member referred to page 7, paragraph 17 of the report of the Executive Member for Culture and Communities in respect of East to North East.

The Member commented on the video and exhibition in the Central library which included a selection of exhibits relating to the history of the migrant community in Middlesbrough. There was a video highlighting the experience of the Muslim people in settling in Middlesbrough.

The project highlighted how the migrants loved the town and how they contributed to the town. It was important to stress the positives and importance of migration and the diversity of culture and the East to North East project highlighted this. The Member stated that he would like to thank Amjid Khazir from the Media Cultured organisation who worked with young people in the Muslim community and worked to prevent radicalisation. Media Cultured was a nationally recognised organisation located in Middlesbrough set up by Amjid Khazir.

The Executive Member stated that he had been able to have a sneak preview the exhibition and he stated that the social fabric of Middlesbrough was stitched together from people from all over the world.

i) Middlesbrough Job Fair

A Member referred to page 2, paragraph 4 of the report of the Executive Member for Economic Development and Infrastructure in respect of Middlesbrough Job Fair.

The Member referred to the Mayor's Statement and the growth in Middlesbrough. The Jobs Fair mentioned in the Executive Member's report complimented the growth in Middlesbrough. It was positive to see the key partners working together to organise the fair and that Middlesbrough was taking the lead role.

The Executive Member advised that he would take the comments back to those who had organised the event and worked hard to build the partnerships. The Jobs Fair was a huge success and over 1000 people had attended and it provided opportunities for Middlesbrough people to access those jobs. The Council would continue to work hard to bring the Job Fairs forward, and it was anticipated that another would be held in the Jury's Inn in July and this would be promoted.

j) Housing Delivery Vehicle - Middlesbrough Council building houses

A Member referred to page 1, paragraph 1 of the report of the Executive Member for Economic Development and Infrastructure in respect of Housing Delivery Vehicle - Middlesbrough Council building houses.

The Member stated that he was really excited to see the issue of Housing Delivery Vehicle - Middlesbrough Council building houses in the Executive Member report and advised that it was a topic that the Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel were currently scrutinising.

The idea that Executive was looking at the prospect of Middlesbrough Council building
social housing was exciting. The Scrutiny Panel aimed to look at the different models/best practice and what other local authorities were doing with regard to this issue. Middlesbrough Council would be taking this forward.

The Executive Member stated that the idea of Middlesbrough Council building houses for the first time in a generation was a really radical plan. He stated that he was pleased that Scrutiny was looking into the matter. A report would be submitted to the Executive later in the year.

k) Special Educational Needs

A Member referred to page 2 of the report of the Executive Member for Education and Skills in respect of Special Educational Needs.

The Member stated that she wished to recognise the acknowledgement sent to Helen Watson, Executive Director of Children's Services from the Parliamentary Under Secretary for Children and Families and the SEN and Disability Professional Adviser for the Department of Education in respect of completing the Transfer of Statements of SEN to EHC plans.

The Executive Member stated it was very important that children with SEN had up to date plans. The staff had worked very hard to ensure that this happened. The Executive Member advised that she would pass thanks on to the staff involved.

l) Acklam Grange School

A Member referred to page 3 of the report of the Executive Member for Education and Skills in respect of Acklam Grange School.

The Member stated that he would like to see a letter of congratulations and thanks sent to the staff at Acklam Grange School for the excellent work carried out at the school to assist the children in achieving a good education and start in life.

The Executive Member thanked the Member for his comments and advised that a letter had already been sent to the school from the department but she would ensure that a letter was sent from all the Councillors.

m) Newham Grange Leisure Farm

A Member referred to page 1, paragraph 1 of the report of the Executive Member for Environment and Commercial Services in respect of Newham Grange Leisure Farm.

A Member stated that he would like to congratulate the Council and all those who had worked on the project for the developments and improvements at Newham Grange Leisure Farm.

The Executive Member thanked the Member for the comments. The developments were a great improvement to the farm and it had great potential and the space and the ability to develop into an educational and leisure facility. The improvements would increase the visitor ratio to the farm. The £3m which came from the Council and the Tees Valley Combined Authority would mean that the farm would generate an income and achieve a profit.

n) Enforcement Team

A Member referred to page 3, paragraph 6 of the report of the Executive Member for Environment and Commercial Services in respect of the Enforcement Team.
A Member referred to the enforcement action taken by the Council and she queried how many successful enforcement actions had been taken in the last year.

The Executive Member stated that a decision had been taken in the last year to increase the Enforcement Team to 7.5 members of staff. It has proved to be successful. There had been 16 successful prosecutions through the courts and over 50 fixed penalty notices had also been issued. Operation Harlow which was mentioned in the report, had been a huge success and this would continue.

7 REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

Council received and considered a report of the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board outlining the work of the Board and Scrutiny Panels.

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8 MEMBERS’ QUESTION TIME

There were no questions for this meeting.

9 NOTICE OF MOTION

Consideration was given to Motion No. 131, moved by Councillor Arundale and seconded by Councillor C Hobson of which notice had been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rules No. 53-60 as follows:

'I propose Middlesbrough Council, as part of their commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant which they signed up to, follow Durham Council's example of offering every Armed Forces Service leaver a job interview within 3 years of leaving service provided they have the right credentials.'

An amendment to the Motion was moved by Councillor N Walker and seconded by Councillor L Lewis as follows:

'This Council resolves, as part of our commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant which we signed up to, to follow Durham Council's example of offering every Armed Forces Service leaver a job interview within 3 years of leaving service, and applying the same principle to those who are still currently in service and are within the 12 week period running up to their discharge date, provided they meet the essential criteria for the vacancy that they apply for.'

Councillor Walker thanked Councillor Arundale for bringing forward the motion and advised that she had not proposed the amendment to the motion to oppose it. The reason for the proposed amendment was to allow officers to apply the motion to Council policy and procedures. The part that had been added in was about those who were due to be discharged. The Council did have some guaranteed interview policies such as for those who were classed as disabled under the Equality Act, care leavers, apprentices and redeployed employees of the Council.

The Executive Member pointed out that the skills gained by those in the Armed Forces were transferable. The Executive Member referred to an initiative which began in 2012 by Shadow Defence Secretary Jim Murphy which was called the Veterans Interview Programme in response to defence cuts which offered a guaranteed interview but by businesses for those leaving the forces. The Executive Member suggested that the Council, in making a commitment as a Veteran Friendly employer encouraged the Council's other partners in Middlesbrough and in the Tees Valley and other public bodies and businesses to
introduce something similar within their own recruitment process. The Executive Member stated that Councillor Lewis as the Council's Armed Forces Champion and Councillor Arundale would be able to play a valuable part in this process.

Members voted on whether to accept the amended Motion. The amendment was declared CARRIED.

The above amendment became the substantive motion.

Councillor Arundale advised that the wording that underlined the Armed Forces Covenant stated that no person should have disadvantage for serving in Her Majesty's Armed Forces. Further to that, Councillor Arundale stated that we had a duty to those people who put themselves between us and those who might do us harm. Councillor Arundale thanked the Executive Member for adding to the original motion.

The substantive motion was put to the vote.

On a vote being taken the substantive motion was declared unanimously CARRIED.

10 NOTICE OF URGENT MOTION (IF ANY)

There were no urgent motions for this meeting.

11 STANDARDISED MEANS TESTED MODEL FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS CARERS: CONNECTED PERSONS AND SPECIAL GUARDIANS.

The Executive Director of Children's Services submitted a report, the purpose of which was to outline the benefits, and consider any associated risks, of adopting the Department for Education standardised means testing model for financial support for Family & Friends Carers.

The Executive Member for Children's Services presented the report to Council.

Moved, Seconded and ORDERED that Council approve the adoption of the Department for Education standardised means test model when assessing the eligibility of Family & Friends Carers for financial support from the Local Authority, which would be reflected in the Council's revised policies attached to the report at appendices 1, 2 and 3.

12 APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES 2018.

Council received a report that sought Members' approval to nominations for appointment, arising from vacancies deferred at the Annual Meeting of Council and resignations from Committees.

Moved, Seconded and ORDERED as follows:

Committee Appointments - Schedule C Appointments:

Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel
Councillor Higgins appointed

Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel
Councillor McGee and Councillor Walters appointed

Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel
Councillor Brady appointed
Health Scrutiny Panel
Councillor McGloin appointed

Licensing Committee
2 resignations: Councillors Dryden and Hussain - 1 appointment Councillor D Rooney
Still 2 vacancies (1 initially reserved for Independent and 1 initially reserved for Labour)

Teesside Pension Fund Committee - Councillor Davison resigned:
Councillor L McGloin appointed

Works Council
Councillor Storey appointed

Outside Bodies

Following the Annual Meeting, the Council was advised that the membership of the Police
and Crime Panel needed to be politically balanced. In accordance with the above a
Conservative vacancy was available on the Police and Crime Panel.

Police and Crime Panel
Councillor Coupe appointed

Councillors Branson and Higgins resigned from Captain Cook Birthplace Trust.
Councillor Davison and Councillor Mawston appointed

Corporate Parenting Board - Councillor J Walker appointed

Durham Darlington Teesside Hambleton Richmondshire and Whitby STP Joint Committee -
Councillor Hellaouli appointed.
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DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None Declared

1 EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The Monitoring Officer had received a request from five Councillors, for an Extraordinary Meeting, to be held for all Councillors to have a full debate on the demolition of the Bus Station. The letter also requested that visitors be able to ask questions.

The letter also advised that the Councillors wished to hand in a petition of over 5,000 names which stated:-

'Ve call upon Middlesbrough Borough Council NOT to demolish and relocate Middlesbrough Bus Station.

This will cost a vast amount of money that would be better spent elsewhere. The bus station is in the most central position for travellers to the town and has also been the accolade as the safest and best bus station in the north east.'

In accordance with paragraph 7 (a) iv) of the Council Procedure Rules, an Extraordinary Council Meeting had been called.

The Chair of the Council reminded members of the public that the Council meeting was a business meeting of the Council, and whilst members of the public were welcome to attend, they were not permitted to speak at the meeting.

The Chair invited Councillor C Hobson to speak on behalf of the signatories in support of the request to call an Extraordinary meeting of the Council.

Councillor Hobson requested that before she presented the case for the Extraordinary meeting, if J Coleman could present the petition to the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for City Centre Strategy. The Chair advised that only a Councillor could present the petition as outlined in the letter calling the Extraordinary meeting. Councillor Jacob Young handed the petition to the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for City Centre Strategy.
The Chair invited Councillor C Hobson to speak on behalf of the signatories in support of the request to call an Extraordinary meeting of the Council.

Councillor Hobson advised that the petition contained more than 5000 signatures from people who did not want the bus station to be moved. Councillor Hobson stated that she would like a few answers.

Firstly, she queried how much it would cost to demolish and rebuild the bus station? The Media Village would have entertainment, a hotel, a cinema, bars, cafes and restaurants and she asked did the town not already have enough bars and restaurants?. Councillor Hobson queried if the Media Village was going to take up a large amount of land, how big the new bus station would be or whether it would be an interchange? Councillor Hobson queried with regard to what would happen to the quiet room which was incorporated into the bus station when the town was designated as a dementia friendly town? Councillor Hobson stated that people did not want the bus station to be demolished, wasting more money, and she asked the Council to think again.

Councillor Arundale stated that the Mayor had promised a full and open consultation but this had not yet happened. He queried whether it was going to happen and what form it would take? He stated that he hoped it would not be a public notice in the Evening Gazette or a notice on the Council's website as many people who were interested in the bus station did not access the Council's website.

Councillor Arundale stated that although it had been said that no decision had been taken, there was an item on the Council's Executive Forward Work Plan for a report to be submitted to the Executive on 2 October to seek endorsement for outline proposals for the development of the Teesside Media Village, so this didn't make sense.

Councillor Branson stated that Members should see what was important. Rather than fixate on the size of the bus station they should focus on the extent of the bus services. The bus station was large and much of the space was not used effectively and other towns did not have bus stations the same size as Middlesbrough. The Council was looking to put forward a development which would bring investment into the town and would generate income which could be used for bus services.

The bus services had been deteriorating for some time. There was no connecting service between Coulby Newham, Marton and Nunthorpe. There was very limited evening service to Coulby Newham and no evening service to Marton and Nunthorpe. The Parkway Centre had to provide its own community bus service to assist people in visiting the Parkway Centre. Councillor Branson stated that deregulation had been a disaster.

Councillor J Young raised a Point of Order. He stated that the meeting had been called to discuss the proposed demolition of the bus station rather than the provision of bus services.

The Chair explained that a bus station's primary function was to be a hub where buses arrived and departed from and he failed to see the logic of the Point of Order. The Chair invited Councillor Branson to continue with his comments.

Councillor Branson explained that it was a question of priorities; whether to continue to spend money on maintaining a large old bus station or whether to provide decent bus services for the people of Middlesbrough. Deregulation had made the bus services unworkable in many parts of Middlesbrough and the Council no longer had any funding available to support bus services. The development of the Tees Media Village would provide income to maintain and develop the bus services.
Councillor Rathmell stated that there had been conflicting statements with regard to whether the bus station was not going to be demolished or if it was to be moved. He queried about how the businesses located in the bus station would be supported. He made reference to pictures that the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for City Centre Strategy had presented to the Nunthorpe Community Council a number of years ago. He queried whether the Mayor was going to commit core funding for local bus services over and above what was in place at the current time, but significantly more to match what would be lost.

Councillor J Walker stated that she would like support the vision for a new fit for purpose bus terminal which would better serve the needs of the Middlesbrough population.

At present the bus station was in the right place but the building required modernisation to enable businesses, workers, shoppers and visitors to access the facility more easily. A new and improved public transport hub would make Middlesbrough an exciting choice for future investment in the town.

In the next few years Centre Square would be undergoing much needed development and the jobs this would bring would be a boost for the region. An increase in commuters would place more demand on the local transport infrastructure. There was already problems every morning with the traffic in certain locations. Councillor Walker stated that the Council must make the use of trains and buses a palatable choice to increase productivity output. The next step for the town was to achieve City Status, but how could the town aim for this with a bus station that was built 35 years ago, it was not the mark of a positive thinking Council. There had been 40,000 deaths because of air quality and the reliance on cars. Councillor Walker stated that there was a need to encourage more people to use public transport.

Councillor L Young stated that he had lost count of the number of times he had said that we would have a bus station and we were not moving it and that it would be on the same site.

Councillor L Young pointed out that one of the opposition members had stated that we had too many restaurants and some opposition members had also opposed a number of other developments such as Orange Pip market and Centre Square.

A number of members of the public interrupted the meeting at this point and the Chair requested that there be order in the public gallery.

The Media Village was an innovative proposal to redefine what the High Street would look like and would have an increased footfall. He stated that there was no point in having a bus station if you didn’t have development surrounding it. Councillor L Young provided a hypothetical vision of the town under an opposition government.

A member of the public interrupted the meeting at this point and the Chair reminded them that it was a business meeting of the Council and members of the public were not allowed to speak. A member of the public continued to interrupt the meeting and the Chair asked her to remain silent.

Councillor L Young stated that there would be meaningful consultation when the plans were brought forward. The bus station would be a vibrant transport hub bringing in thousands of people to work, enjoy the thriving leisure offer and spend their money in town.

Councillor Blyth stated that Middlesbrough had always been about the future. It was a vibrant small city that had ambitions. Councillor Blyth stated that he represented a Ward that has a high proportion of pensioners who regularly used the bus service. The Councillor stated that the town needed a bus station that was more accessible, fit for purpose and was future proof.
Councillor Lawton stated that there was a lot of genuine concern about the future of the bus station. He stated that some of the comments regarding the people signing the petition had been disparaging. He stated that consultation and conversation was required to explain what was happening with the bus station.

Councillor Higgins stated that she had been uplifted earlier on about the good things that were happening in Middlesbrough. She stated that she could understand why the people that had signed the petition were afraid.
The people who signed the petition were afraid because they had not been told the truth about the bus station like Captain Cook Birthplace Museum.

At this point of the meeting Councillor Lawton interrupted the proceedings. The Chair requested that the Member refrain from interrupting while another Member was speaking.

Councillor Higgins stated that the people of Middlesbrough were told that the Captain Cook Birthplace Museum was going to be knocked down and the land was to be sold to developers when it was known that the Council had received funding to refurbish the building. Councillor Higgins stated that this was what was happening with the bus station.

At this point Councillor Lawton interrupted the meeting. The Chair advised that he had asked the Member to refrain from interrupting when Members were speaking at least three times. He advised that all Members should be treated with respect when speaking.

Councillor Higgins stated that the bus station would remain where it is but there may be alterations. Councillor Higgins requested that the people of Middlesbrough be told the truth about the future of the bus station.

Councillor Storey stated that it was saddening to see the attitude of some people in the Council Chamber. He stated that Members should be having meetings to talk about transport and the bus station and about the things that Councillor Branson had referenced. The bus station was worthy of discussion and consultation and that would happen in due course but no projects had come forward yet. The bus station would be on the same site but this was not being articulated to the people of Middlesbrough and the Tees Valley. They were being told it was moving to Middlehaven and Newport. Staff members were worried about their livelihoods. There was a pattern of misinformation which worried local people. People who signed the petition were genuinely concerned on a false prospectus.

A member of the public interrupted the meeting again and the Chair warned the lady that she must stop interrupting the meeting. He explained it was a business meeting of the Council and if she continued to interrupt he would ask her to leave the meeting.

Councillor Storey advised that he was stating facts. He had been interviewed on BBC Tees about the bus station and they had referenced sites for new bus station. Councillor Storey advised that this meeting was a missed opportunity, it should be discussing transport and infrastructure. Councillor Storey advised that the Scrutiny Panel that he was responsible for had looked at bus franchising and this was the kind of things that could be discussed.

Councillor J Young stated that he wished to address what Councillor Higgins and Councillor Storey had commented on. In his view, he felt that they had inferred that the people who started this petition had lied. This was not true. They had not had the facts. The rumour started in a Gazette article dated 15 January 2017, where an officer of the Council said that the bus station could end up near the railway station to create a transport hub. Councillor Young stated that people wanted to know what was happening so they could have a coherent discussion.
Councillor C Rooney stated that the truth was out there in respect of the bus station. Councillor Rooney stated that some Councillors were giving a bad account of themselves shouting across the room and bullying. The Councillor queried which Members/Officers the people had consulted about the future of the bus station before starting the petition because he didn't believe that any Member/Officer had been consulted.

Councillor Thompson stated that this was a heated and political debate. The fact that 5000 people expressed concern was not a bad thing. Councillor Young suggested that the bus station had no relevance to bus services.

Councillor J Young raised a Point of Order. He stated that he had not suggested that the bus station had no relevance to bus services. He stated that what David Branson said about bus services was not relevant to why the Extraordinary meeting had been called.

Councillor Thompson stated that Councillor Rathmell had seen a picture of a village bus stop with no restaurants.

Councillor Rathmell raised a Point of Order. He stated that he had a right to respond and he pointed out that the pictures had been presented at Nunthorpe Community Council.

Councillor Thompson stated that he understood that people were afraid and he did not question that fear. He stated that the Council was talking about a potential proposal or development. Councillor Thompson stated that a discussion could not be held if people were shouted down and laughed at. Members should be able to have differences without laughs, jeering and bullying.

The Mayor stated that the item first came to light in the Investment Prospectus where it was stated that TMV was the one item in the Investment Prospectus that was furthest away. There was no plan, there was an idea and possibilities. It was built around cultural, education and leisure facilities all of which were possible although there was no plan yet. As part of this it was stated openly and honestly that it would affect the bus station. Everything that had happened since then was based on rumour and speculation.

The petition called upon Middlesbrough Council not to demolish and relocate the bus station. It had been confirmed on a number of occasions that the bus station would not be relocated. A consultation would take place when there was something to consult on. The TMV report in October would be about broad aims and possibilities it would not produce a plan. The suggestions that a bus station what the bus station should have had been referred to earlier for example we should have a quiet room and a dementia friendly bus station. In terms of costs, the assumption was that it would cost the Council a fortune, but there was a chance that the private sector would pay for it.

The Mayor suggested that if the issue of the bus station did come before Council again that it should be a debate on what the Council wanted in a bus station and bus services.

Councillor Hobson stated that it had been a really good debate and it had been good to hear the different views. The Council did have two accolades for the bus station, i.e. that it was the safest and the best bus station in the North East with thriving businesses. The bus station had 37,000 footfall every day. Councillor Hobson queried why the Council would want to stop that. Councillor Hobson stated that she would like to know the truth about what the Council were going to do with the bus station.
INTRODUCTION

This document contains Executive Member reports relevant to the Council meeting to be held on **18 July 2018**.

The booklet, in addition to containing details of Executive Member activities covering the period following the last Council meeting (section 1), also details those Executive decisions taken since the last booklet was published (section 2) together with those decisions planned to be taken from dispatch of this booklet up until the date of the Council meeting (section 3) and those decisions planned to be taken following the Council meeting (section 4).

The table at section 2 contains details of decisions taken by individual Executive Members, the full Executive, Executive Sub-Committees and Joint Archives Committee. The public reports that were considered are also available through the E-Genda system.

The tables at section 3 and 4 contain details of the decisions to be taken by individual Executive Members, the full Executive, Executive Sub-Committees and Joint Archives Committee. Further details on key decisions that are to be taken can also be found on the E-Genda Forward Plan.

The Executive Member reports and the additional decision making information will hopefully assist Members when considering any questions they may have for Executive Members at Council, which can be asked within accordance of the Council’s procedure rules.

Details of those decisions to be taken, as outlined in Section 3 and 4, may sometimes be subject to change (e.g. dates of meetings may alter). Members are therefore advised to check with the Executive Office should they have an interest in specific issues.

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1. CEBR Consumer Report

Middlesbrough’s consumer sector is one of the best performing in the UK, according to a recent report which puts Middlesbrough consistently near the top of series of tables ahead of 44 other cities across the UK.

The 2018 UK Consumer Powerhouse report is produced by solicitors Irwin Mitchell in partnership with the Centre for Economics and Business Research (Cebr) and highlights Middlesbrough’s consumer sector as a key driver for economic growth in key sectors covering retail, leisure, tourism, food and drink.

The CBI pointed to ‘the overall resilience of the consumer sector – worth £400 billion in 2017 – with GVA (gross value added) growth of 1.5% and employment growth of 1% across the 44 cities under the spotlight’. In comparison Middlesbrough’s consumer sector GVA growth rate of 3% was the second-highest recorded in the UK in Q4 2017, with the area placed just behind Bristol which was ranked no 1.

Middlesbrough also recorded strong employment growth of 2.6% within the sector with Middlesbrough’s GVA growth rate in Q4 2018 and is forecast to be one of the strongest in the UK at 2.7%.

Irwin Mitchell’s Business Legal Services stated the latest report ‘paints a rosy picture for the consumer sector within Middlesbrough, with its current fortunes and short-term prospects looking very positive. While there could be various factors around this performance, it is worth noting that throughout 2017, footfall data has showed that the city experienced growth in numbers of shoppers despite the national trend being negative.”

2. Snow Centre

Cool Runnings have been working with their appointed architects Faulkener Browns to develop the plans for the Snow Centre in Middlehaven. Two fantastic images have been produced showing how the development will transform the dock area of Middlehaven paying attention to the heritage of the dock clock tower. Through discussions with the Council, the design of the development will incorporate high quality materials to the exterior of the building, providing a development that is in keeping with the ethos of Middlehaven and the neighbouring buildings and Temenos. It provides better interaction with the dock and improved public spaces to provide a facility that will be a visitor attraction of national significance and bring high volumes of tourists to Middlesbrough.
3. Town Centre Update

Town Centre Partnership
The first Town Centre Partnership was held on Wednesday 23rd May. The group discussed the direction a city centre strategy needs to go in and issues such as the feeling of security, early evening vibrancy and how to attract female shoppers. This will all be fed into the emerging city centre strategy.

The Town Centre Partnership Board comprises a high-level briefing session for key businesses/stakeholders in the Town Centre with the aim of disseminating information on major developments and exploring ways to work together to address Town Centre issues. The partnership board is an opportunity to update stakeholders on the progress of the City Centre Strategy to identify how the strategy can be translated into operational matters. It can also address key operational / managerial issues.

Openings and Closures
Recent months have seen a number of new additions to the town centre retail offer; Union Jacks Ale House and Canteen on Linthorpe Road are newly open and we also welcome the additions of Probrushes and Durham Bed Centre in the Cleveland Centre.

Unfortunately we have seen the departure of Pound World, Bargain Buys and Lazy Joe’s along with the announcement that House of Fraser in Middlesbrough is one of 31 stores earmarked for closure across the UK.

Albert Road – Level Surface
Following consultation with surrounding businesses the decision has been made to delay the Level Surface works on Albert Road until January 2019. It was agreed that if the works were undertaken in the originally proposed timeframe it may have an adverse effect on the summer trade of surrounding businesses as well as the many events organised in relation to the opening of the newly refurbished Town Hall.

Restaurant Week
Restaurant Week took place between Monday 7th and 13th May which saw seventeen town centre restaurants and eateries taking part in the annual event. The event continues to drive additional footfall, highlighting the town centre’s eclectic food and beverage offer. Restaurant Week has been well received by those involved and correspondence between the Council and those involved has been extremely positive.
4. Centre Square – Grade A Office Space

Work on the Grade A office space at Centre Square is progressing into the next stage of development. Hoardings are now installed around the first phase of the project which will see the development of the first 2 building and create approximately 100,000 sqft and associated food and beverage space at Centre Square, detailing how the impressive state of the art buildings will look. Development will commence in July and take approximately 14 months to complete with a further 6 months identified for the internal fit out of the buildings.

The wider Centre Square project being developed by Ashall Projects (MB) Ltd. The project including the first phase will create over 210,000sqft of high quality office space on a scale that will rival any city in the north and create over 2000 jobs for the local area.

5. Invest Middlesbrough Breakfast Exchange

The Invest Middlesbrough Breakfast exchange relocated its 2018/2019 business breakfast events programme to the Fire Station in the Town Hall. Over 80 businesses were in attendance to hear more about the public/private Tees AMP development. The event featured the developer, architect, agents and Middlesbrough Council in a panel style Q&A. Excellent feedback was received from the business audience about the location and the content. The next event will be in October.
6. Digital Strategy

Middlesbrough Council is currently in the process of developing the wider strategy for ‘Middlesbrough Digital’, working closely with partners at DigitalCity and TVCA to ensure we’re operating in cohesion, whilst providing an enhanced offer in Middlesbrough. A paper has been sent to the DigitalCity board for review on Monday 2nd July that showcases how Middlesbrough Digital will operate in collaboration with DigitalCity, and in the meantime we’re working internally to put the final pieces of the strategy together.

Short term activity, however, has already started taking place. We’ve recently launched Boho Office Hours and Final Fridays, created a co-working space within Boho Five which has recently seen nine businesses on the DigitalCity Fellowship Accelerator incubated in Middlesbrough, and developed a formal link with Digital Union to enhance the offer for Middlesbrough’s digital cluster.

Boho Office Hours is a business surgery style offer that aims to connect businesses with specialist support providers, as well as offering peer-to-peer mentoring opportunities. We’ve already successfully run Boho Office Hours from within Boho One with Digital Catapult NETV, Department for International Trade, DigitalCity, Tech Nation, and Mercia Technologies – managers of the Northern Powerhouse Investment Funds in Tees Valley. Office Hours are scheduled to take place with FW Capital in July, and conversations are currently taking place with a number of professional services providers to expand the offer.

Final Fridays is a monthly digital-focused networking event that takes place within Boho One, welcoming digital businesses from within the seven buildings of the Boho Zone and wider. Each month, we have one specialist support provider delivering a 5 minute overview of their offer, as well as two businesses from the Boho Zone presenting.

7. Boho Buildings

Boho One is still at 100% occupancy, with Boho Five recently hitting the highest occupancy levels since the building open at 87%. We currently have a waiting list for space in both buildings and are working closely with businesses that are outgrowing their current space to ensure they are aware of the wider portfolio of space in the Digital Enterprise Zone.

Alongside the formal activity delivered under Middlesbrough Digital, we’re focusing on building on the wider community activity that already takes place in the Boho Zone. This is going to be vital to showcasing the genuine community that has been developed – supporting inward investment activity and talent attraction.

We are also looking to refresh the aesthetics within Boho One and Boho Five to support the new activity being delivered. The car park provision is under review, IT infrastructure is being upgraded with new fibre lines to improve communications between Boho 1 and 5 and the Café/Networking area is undergoing repair and maintenance with a new supplier due to be in place by Autumn.

8. Gresham Student Village

Negotiations are ongoing to bring forward a high quality development of over 400 units of student accommodation in the Gresham regeneration area. The proposed development will create a new gateway into the town from the A19/A66 and will benefit from the site’s proximity
to the city centre, the University’s campus and Baker/Bedford Streets. The remaining part of
the Gresham site will see the development of new high quality residential development in
order to create a stable, vibrant and balanced town centre housing market. Further details
will be given in a report to Executive on the 31st July 2018."
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Adult Social Care

Intermediate Care and Reablement

1. A 45 day consultation opened on 19th June 2018 with staff employed in the above services with a view to closing Middlesbrough Intermediate Care Centre, Commissioning 15 beds to support reablement from the independent sector and expanding the in house reablement service to provide rehabilitation in the new residential facility and in the community.

2. 1:1 meetings are currently being held with the staff and there are opportunities in the expanded reablement service as well as a number of vacancies in other provider services available for staff to redeploy to. In addition, a recruitment freeze is in place across provider services for the duration of the consultation and an enhanced ER/VR window has been opened across provider services in order to create opportunities and mitigate any compulsory redundancies.

Adult Social Care Administrative Services

3. A 45 day consultation starts on July 3rd 2018 with a number of Adult Social Care administrative staff involved. The review is to provide the opportunity for a number of administrative staff who TUPE transferred over from Kier to the Council in 2015, and who had remained within a TUPE transfer arrangement to be given the opportunity to move over onto Middlesbrough Council Terms and Conditions.

North Ormesby Resource (Older People)

4. The commencement of internal building works at North Ormesby is now due to start on September 17th 2018. This will mean that the main group of older people based at North Ormesby will be relocating to Levick for a period of three months. The deaf centre and the dementia resource will remain open on the North Ormesby site throughout the building work programme.

Staying Put Agency

5. ‘Each year, Foundations (the National Co-ordinating body for Home Improvement Agencies (HIA)) holds an annual HIA Awards Ceremony which is a celebration of the achievements of the HIA sector, highlighting the most innovative services and inspirational teams. This year Middlesbrough Staying Put Agency submitted an entry for ‘Home Improvement Agency of the Year’ and have been shortlisted by the judging panel.

6. Staff have been invite to attend the awards ceremony which will take place on 18th July at the House of Lords and will be hosted by Lord Richard Best’.

Public Health

Substance Misuse Service
7. We have been successful in Middlesbrough’s bid to host the FAVOR UK 2019 UK Recovery Walk, which will happen in September of next year. It will be the 11th UK Recovery Walk and attract thousands of people (regularly 10,000 or more) into the town, from all over the UK.

8. Over 3,000 votes were cast and we beat strong competition from Luton in the final shortlisted two.

9. The 2018 Recovery Walk is in Shrewsbury in September and they had a Civic Reception this week to mark the beginning of preparations for the event. This is a fantastic opportunity to promote the excellent and innovative recovery work happening in Middlesbrough, as well as wider progressive aspects of the town.

10. The Recovery Walk and build up to it will enable us to promote a positive image of recovery and help to dispel some common myths about alcohol and other drug users in recovery.

11. We will collaborate with Recovery Connections, who co-ordinated the bid, and other key partner organisations in engaging members of the recovery community to plan the events around the Recovery Walk. We will look to maximise the publicity and, consequently, visitors to Middlesbrough in the days leading up to the event.

**Bowel Screening Campaign**

12. Following best practice from the approach taken with the cervical screening campaign, using insight from local people to inform a local response to improving uptake rates, the South Tees Public Health team have launched a bowel screening campaign under the same banner – Screening Saves Lives. Again using learning from the work around cervical screening, this has been developed as a partnership approach, this time working with the local bowel screening centre based at North Tees Hospital and supported via a range of agencies who are part of the local Tackling Cancer Together Partnership. Given the wide geographical area the screening centre covers, Stockton Public Health have contributed financially to the campaign ensuring the messages reach a wider area. Originally created by NHS Scotland, the poo song – a humorous tune about the importance of taking the test – has been re-recorded with a Teesside voiceover and used to launch the campaign via radio adverts on TFM and Smooth radio. This has been followed up with the dissemination of bespoke awareness raising materials distributed across the area and social media messaging. Whilst the campaign is aimed at the whole of South Tees (and Stockton), targeted work will take place in the areas with the lowest uptake rates. The three areas where additional work is planned are Thorntree, North Ormesby and Berwick Hills. Utilising additional capacity within the South Tees Public Health team via the newly appointed Cancer Prevention and Early Diagnosis Officer, time will be spent in these communities, raising awareness of the issue, linking in with community venues, businesses and places where people go.

**HeadStart School Quality Standards**

13. HeadStart (CAMHS Transformation) Middlesbrough is a town-wide, multi-sector programme giving all children and young people age 0 – 18 (25) support to build resilience to achieve
good emotional and mental health by providing support at an early stage to prevent the onset of common mental health conditions.

14. A robust HeadStart offer is being delivered in all primary and secondary schools with the purpose of achieving the following outcomes –

- Increased emotional resilience in young people
- A school workforce with increased awareness of and better able to identify and respond to the needs of children through an overall systems change leading to sustained improvements in early prevention, targeted and specialist services.
- Appropriate, accessible, innovative, joined up services reducing the need for high level interventions
- Improved attainment, attendance and behaviour.

15. In order to facilitate and support school to embed the HeadStart approach a quality standard has been developed to evidence a structured and effective support system for pupils. It is a requirement for schools to work towards achieving the standard to receive the full HeadStart offer. The HeadStart school standard was developed in partnership with schools and provides an incremental framework to achieve a whole school approach to emotional health. The school quality standard goes from bronze to gold allowing schools to demonstrate they are supporting the emotional wellbeing of pupils and increasing resilience. Undertaking this process will also prepare schools for the Transforming Children and Young People’s Mental Health Provision Green Paper.

16. Following rigorous audit and inspection of schools a designated panel meet to assess them against the school quality standard. A recent meeting took place where five schools (4 primary schools and one secondary) have been assessed at both silver and gold achievement levels of the standard.

17. Successful schools as follows:

- Linthorpe Community Primary School (Gold)
- Ayresome Primary School (Gold)
- Newport Primary School (Gold)
- St Alphonsus Primary School (Silver)
- Trinity Catholic College (Silver)

Supporting Vulnerable Groups

18. As part of Refugee Week 2018 a health and wellbeing event was organised at the Live Well Centre on the 20th of June. Agencies provided information to refugees and asylum seekers on mental health, welfare advice, oral health, employment, dementia, breastfeeding and TB prevention. 31 people attended the event.
Sport England Local Delivery Pilot Update

19. Sport England have given the green light to our development plans and so June 2018 is officially the first month of the South Tees Local Delivery Pilot.

20. One of the first actions has been to start the recruitment of a Programme Director. We are shortlisting for this post on 29 June with interviews taking place on 10 July.

Staff Awards

21. Public Health has been shortlisted for a number of the Team Awards which will be held on 13th July including:

- **Working Together for Middlesbrough Award**
  - Dementia Friendly Town Project
  - The Live Well Centre
- **Spotlight on Middlesbrough Council Award**
  - Health Care Quality Team for Integrated Sexual Health Services
- **Customer Excellence Award**
  - Public Protection for Scams Prevention
  - Focus on Under Nutrition (improving nutrition in elderly care homes)
- **Apprentice of the Year Award**
  - James Woodgate for his involvement with the HeadStart programme

22. Public Health have also been recognised at this year’s Public Health England national conference which will be held in September. **Scott Lloyd, Rachel McIlvenna** and **Wendy Kelly** have been successfully selected to showcase poster presentations at this year’s annual conference on PrepWell (the use of physical activity prior to operations); HeadStart (improving children and young people’s emotional health and wellbeing) and a health impact assessment on NHS charging regulation for migrants.

Battle of the Generations at North Ormesby Academy June 2018

23. **Battle of the Generations** took place on June 18th 2018 at North Ormesby Academy. The event is in its 3rd year but this is the first time it has been held in North Ormesby. The event sees Men over the age of 50 from the Sporting Chance project competing against school pupils each competing in four sports: New Age Curling, New Age Bowls, Kwick Cricket and Frisbee Golf. Feedback from the school was very positive saying that it gave the children the opportunity to play sports that they normally wouldn’t be able to do and that the men inspired the children to want to be active when they are older.

New physical activity sessions in pregnancy

24. Health Development have developed new sessions which will start next week to encourage pregnant women to be physically active during and post pregnancy. Evidence shows that being fit and active during pregnancy can help with labour, sleep, reduce anxiety levels and help with getting back into shape following birth.

25. The HDT have worked with midwives and health visitors to encourage uptake of bespoke antenatal and postnatal sessions including antenatal yoga, aquanatal and buggy push sessions available post pregnancy. Midwives and health visitors will give out vouchers to pregnant women which offers the first session free, to provide a taster of the activity. It is
hoped following the taster session women will attend weekly encouraging a lifelong participation in physical activity.

**Loss of alcohol licence and prosecution for shop making underage sales to children**

26. Boro 24 hour shop had its alcohol licence revoked, and the owner and sales assistant were prosecuted after selling alcohol to children.

27. In response to complaints of sales of alcohol and cigarettes to children from the Boro 24 hour shop, officers from Public Protection Trading Standards Service had carried out a test purchasing exercise where cans of Stella Artois lager were sold to two 15 year old boys. The investigation identified a lack of procedures and staff training to prevent underage sales, and of breaches to licensing conditions relating to CCTV.

28. At Teesside Magistrates Court, the owner of the Boro 24 hour shop Mr Surjit Singh Punyani and his sales Assistant Mr Nirjeet Singh pleaded guilty to the underage sale of the four cans of lager to the two 15 year olds. They received a total penalty of £374 in fines, £60 victim surcharge, and £1000 costs.

29. A review of the premises licence was instigated by the Public Protection Trading Standards Team. This was supported by three other responsible authorities - Public Health, Children’s Services and the Police who submitted additional evidence in relation to breaches of their licensing conditions in relation to CCTV, training records, proof of age notices and ongoing concerns about underage sales, with gangs of youths often hanging around the premises, including children vulnerable to exploitation.

30. After hearing the evidence Licensing Committee made the decision to revoke the store’s alcohol licence.

**Update on action taken to prevent the continued operation of illegal tattooist**

31. As previously reported in June an illegal tattooist was served with a court order to prevent him carrying out illegal tattooing and putting his customers at risk of infections including blood borne viruses.

32. Working in collaboration with Public Health England, officers issued a press release in which the name the tattooist was released to the public. This decision was made to protect the health of the tattooist’s customers and if any had concerns about the potential health implications they could seek medical advice.

33. This action created a significant amount of public interest and resulted in additional information being received about the extent of this illegal tattooist’s activities in Middlesbrough and also in another local authority area over a long period of time.

34. Further work is planned to identify illegal tattooists and officers will also be providing support to the local tattoo industry in the running of their businesses.

Councillor Julia Rostron

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Performance Information

As of 3rd July 2018:-

Current Children Looked After (LAC): 490 (Rate = 152.3)
Current Child Protection (CP): 222 (Rate = 69.0)
Current Children in Need (CIN): 1059 (Rate = 329.1)

The rate per 10,000 is now being calculated using the mid 2016 population estimate of 32,180.

Assessment and Care Planning

The assessment and care planning teams have recruited to all vacancies and newest starters are in post – there is a rolling recruitment campaign in order to recruit to the new teams that are within the new structure – these are scheduled to take place between now and August.

Performance reporting has improved, as has social workers evidencing the work that they were completing within performance reporting. We are now working on the improvement plan to improve the evidencing within case notes of the direct work completed with children. SMART planning training has been completed and we are working on implementing this within the written plans for children.

The consultant social worker to manage the Front Line package of training and five Middlesbrough candidates has now been recruited and is due to commence early August. Our first five candidates are now confirmed, have been on shadow training days and will commence the Front Line training in September 2018.

Children's Homes

The Children's Homes Operations Manager continues to drive practice and quality care, with the aim of all four homes achieving an 'outstanding' Ofsted rating.

The ‘Children's Homes Project’ is progressing as a strand of the Believe in Families Programme to consider existing and new provisions. This project is informed by the work undertaken as part of the ‘Sufficiency Strategy’. The focus of additional provision will be edge of care support, with the aim of reducing the numbers of looked after children and additional in-house resources for those children who need to become looked after.

South Tees Youth Offending Service

STYOS has now received notification of the core grant settlement for the 2018/19 financial year, and funding has been matched to last year. However, the remand allocation has seen a significant reduction in funding and has been discussed at YOS Management board.
From 1st July 2018, STYOS will be working with all young people who receive a 1st Youth Caution from the Police, which will increase the prevention offer to young people in South Tees.

The strategic Youth Justice Plan is currently in the process of being written. This will be a two-year plan covering the period 2018-2020 and sets out a number of key priority areas for the service. The plan will also reflect upon the previous year and focus upon the future areas of development and growth in addition to responding to thematic inspections that have taken place over the last year.

**Troubled Families**

The Troubled Families team are in the process of recruiting three workers to work within a whole family model to engage those families who present with complex issues. They will also promote the Troubled Families ethos with partners and stakeholders in line with the Strategic Troubled Families outcomes plan. They will be working as part of a multi-disciplinary team responsible for undertaking assessments and planning interventions, working in innovative and challenging ways with partners to enable all family members to reach their full potential and achieve sustained progress.

**Strategic Services**

The Service continues to support the Directorate with its drive for improvement with regards to quality of practice and strategic development. The Quality Assurance Framework and Performance Framework are being embedded. The entire Directorate are now auditing, and re-audits are beginning to demonstrate the impact of audit on practice. A monthly performance cycle is supporting improvements to practice as demonstrated by improved performance measures. This work is supporting the Directorate’s self-assessment and subsequent targeted challenge. It is also developing a change in the culture in the Directorate of a sharpened awareness and use of performance data to support improvement down to frontline staff. Further work is required to support the quality of auditing and further develop the quality of data. A monthly assurance report is authored by the Service for Children’s Services Improvement Board, chaired by the Chief Executive. The report presents progress against the improvement plan and identifies key areas of good practice and areas for improvement.

The Believe in Families transformation programme is progressing well and is satisfying the quality assurance measures from the PMO office. Governance is in place across the programme and key actions are all on target. A performance framework is in place. The communication strategy for the programme is being brought together with assistance from the Communications Team. A Finance Review group has been established to drive the monitoring of reduced over spend, savings and expenditure to support the delivery of the programme and offer an additional source of challenge to the programme. The group is chaired by the Director of Partnerships and Prevention, and has membership from the service area, Finance, Commissioning and the BIF programme team. The group focusses on BIF, but has extended its remit to ensure wider Children’s Service spending is on track, to support the overall reduction of over spend and the achievement of a saving.

The Participation Strategy is in development. However, elements of the plan are in delivery including the development of the young people’s participation groups and the
development of the Children’s Trust participation sub-group, which supports learning from user feedback from the Safeguarding Partnership. The Voice of the Child practitioner has led on the Feelgoodboro event, being held on the 14th July 2018. The event is aimed at children and families in Middlesbrough to raise awareness of the services available to them as residents. A number of activities have been organised for the event, including craft workshops, go-karting and a showcase of police vehicles.

Councillor Michael Carr
Executive Member for Children’s Services
Events & Culture

1. Midsummer Banquet
To celebrate the civic launch of Middlesbrough Town Hall, a Midsummer banquet was delivered on the 19th June.
Our Middlesbrough Town Hall ‘Banquet for the 21st Century’ looked back to the honesty of historical banquets and forward to an age of thinking globally and acting locally.

The guests included key stakeholders, community groups, business leaders, education leaders and funders. The regional chair of Arts Council England made a speech and an HLF regional Committee member also made speech. Our menu reflected this global outlook - a collision of iconic foods and dishes from around the world and from our region. Each ingredient – whether traditional or ‘future food’ was carefully chosen with reference to Middlesbrough. Below are pictures from the event:

Spark Drummers use theatrical performance
Here are the comments we received about the event:

'It's 15 years since I moved to work in Middlesbrough and discovered a new region that I have come to call home. One thing surprised me - the idea that we didn't really do culture. To be honest it wasn't always helped by those who did "do culture" who were paid to do culture, usually do it to people in the borough, whether they wanted it or not: sometimes you would even hear them say that "Middlesbrough didn't do Culture". My own study of this region's history is slight in comparison to so many who have dedicated great chunks of
their lives to the subject but I know that we have never been a cultural wasteland: we have taken celebrated our past, and looked to it for inspiration in striving towards a bright future. Perhaps we have focussed so much on the future that we have neglected sometimes to take stock and celebrate what is around us - always "we shall be."

In 1881 Hugh Galzean Reid wrote of the great banquet in the Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the Jubilee year. There were no decorations apparently and not everyone could make it. The Mayor gave the opening speech (it is not recorded whether his microphone worked). It sounded a very worthy affair. Not like last night. What a great joy to see our Town Hall so gloriously alive and loved by our communities and not just by those who do culture to people. I never expected to see a Jedi Knight in Middlesbrough brandishing a wine bottle full of flowers rather than a light sabre, yet there he was - next to the Viking and a woman from the 1920s.

Thank you for what you have done to re-think this building as a space of opportunities, of celebration and of hope. As several of the speeches, last night suggested what you are pioneering in the Town Hall may well be the future of blending heritage and the arts. It is most resolutely also our now - a great sense of confidence in ourselves with empathy and caring for our broadest community. Let us take this moment then to say "we are" and keep saying it until the rest of the world cannot but pay attention.

‘My congratulations and gratitude to you both and to your teams.’

‘This is just to say a huge thank you for the invitation to be part of such a glorious event last night - it was absolutely fantastic! What a wonderful way to celebrate the Civic opening of the Town Hall. That beautiful building was brought to life in best way possible - with fabulous music and performance, gorgeous food and great company. It was lovely to sit a flower laden table, surrounded by the scents of summer and enjoy conversations with people from all parts of our community.’

‘Many congratulations to you and to everyone at the Town Hall not only for last night’s celebration but also for all the opening events - which have perfectly captured the heart and spirit of the building and all it stands and the communities of Middlesbrough.’

‘Just wonderful! Very much looking forward to the many exciting things the future holds for us working together as next door neighbours!’

‘Just a short note to say thank you for the AMAZING event last night.

‘It was without doubt, the best ‘work’ event I have ever attended and whoever led the planning should be highly commended for their imagination, innovation and creativity!’

‘I thoroughly enjoyed it – so pleased pass on my thanks and congratulations to the events team.’

‘So pleased the college was involved too….’

2. Mima Recruitment
The new Director of Mima, Laura Sillars will start in post at the beginning of July. Laura Sillars is a fantastic cultural leader and will be well placed in the Middlesbrough. She has been working at Site Gallery in Sheffield and is originally from the North East.

3. **Armed Forces Day**

The event on 23rd June was a great success once again this year – Holding the event in the town centre rather than Centre Square does come with its logistical challenges when trying to fit tank size vehicles on the high street but it’s worth it to see the heart of the centre animated so well.

Dancers from the Tower Ballroom treated the audience to dance displays of all kinds and for those members of the audience who wanted to be more involved, dance teachers were on hand to teach them a few steps.

The Apollo band were a new addition to this year’s program playing old and new tunes throughout the day, the Doowop Dollies were also part of the program for the day singing golden oldies and sporting polka-dot dresses and Betsy curls.

Representatives from the Army, Navy and Air force where on site to enjoy the day as well as Army and Sea cadets who are aged between 12 and 16.

4. **Race for Life**

Another successful event on 3rd June, delivered in the heart of the town centre. This year’s participants created a river of pink as they swirled through the town centre and around Middlehaven before returning to Centre Square for a well-earned ice cream.
5. **The Glass Ceiling**

In partnership with our Combined Authority partners, we have commissioned Periplum to deliver an event marking the 100 year anniversary of the suffrage movement.

Periplum’s Glass Ceiling will be an ambitious, outdoor, night time visual theatre work marking 100 years since British women were first allowed the vote. Inspired by the Suffragettes and Suffragists, the show will celebrate these innovators of direct action through a contemporary interpretation of the modern search for equality in multiple explosive forms.

It will play to an audience of 4,000 people per performance and feature an exceptional female cast of physical performers, dancers and aerialists.

The modern concept of the glass ceiling is brought to life in 3 dimensions, becoming a series of dramatic, transparent, elevated platforms for performance and projection, suspended above and throughout the audience to create an immersive space. They act as a provocation for 5 female characters to climb, confront, subvert and shatter the limits in a choreographed depiction of ongoing struggles for equality and a joyous, uplifting surge of physical virtuosity.

The event will be delivered in each authority area at different times over the next 6 months, Middlesbrough’s performance will take place on the 27th October on Centre Square.

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6. **North East Migration Partnership – Minister Meeting**

The Partnership met with the Immigration Minister, Rt Hon Caroline Noakes and it is expected there will be an ongoing direct dialogue with the Partnerships going forward. The Minister has agreed to a separate meeting with those regions most impacted by asylum
dispersal. The Mayor will attend this follow up meeting in July 2018- key conversations will include, how the new contracts for asylum dispersal accommodation and advice will emerge over the coming months -as these contracts are currently under contracting proceedings; and the inequity in the national configuration of asylum dispersal, the predominance for localised clustering and impact of cases with no recourse to public funds.

7. **Food Power Middlesbrough**
Middlesbrough Environment City has been successful in obtaining a grant of £10,000 from Food Power, a joint collaboration between Sustain and Church Action on Poverty. The grant will fund a Coordinator to work with partner organisations to develop a Food Poverty Action Plan for Middlesbrough, one of the priorities of Middlesbrough's Food Plan.

The Food Poverty Action Plan will support local organisations to work together more effectively to address some of the underlying causes of food poverty in Middlesbrough, working closely with Middlesbrough's Financial Inclusion Group. The project is currently mapping the extent of food poverty in the town with the help of an intern from Teesside University and Middlesbrough Council Public Health. This will be followed by engagement with organisations and individuals who have experience of food poverty in developing the actions in the Plan.

Middlesbrough Environment City is also looking at how these plans to tackle food poverty in Middlesbrough can be better coordinated with the Affordable Warmth Partnership, which is addressing similar issues around fuel poverty in the town.

8. **Integrated Enforcement Team (CCTV & Street Wardens)**

*On 21st May the Street Wardens managed to locate a missing 13 year boy from the Newport area. Police were quickly alerted and informed of the boy’s location.*

**CCTV**
Operatives received a report from a child that a female was unconscious in North Ormesby and the cameras quickly located the female. Emergency services were immediately alerted and they quickly arrived on the scene where they took the female to A&E.

Operatives picked up a call over police radio describing a male wanted for a number of burglaries. CCTV quickly located the male on a bike in Grove Hill who fitted the description. Camera’s monitored the individual whilst maintaining contact with Police colleagues who arrested and detained the individual.

**Monthly Incidents**

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elective Landlord Licensing

Following numerous complaints received about an anti-social tenant, a multi-agency approach was conducted with SLL Neighbourhood Safety, Street Wardens, PCSO and the Breaking the Boundaries team. After lots of interventions the tenant was supported to move out of the area and into a rehab centre. The team recently received a thank you card for all of the work. They sign off by saying, “we are now looking forward to a peaceful and happy life together.”

The SLL Neighbourhood Safety Officer, PCSO and Street Wardens have been supporting an owner occupier who was being targeted by local children. The multi-agency team spoke to those concerned and carried out extra patrols in the area. Since the interventions, some of the neighbours had taken it upon themselves to paint the bin areas, put up hanging baskets, weed and cut the grass. Their actions are appreciated by most people in the court and, whilst there are still some issues, relationships have considerably improved. The owner occupier wanted to express his thanks to all who have helped him; he really appreciates the efforts made on his and his wife’s behalf.

HM Courts and Tribunals Service awarded the Council a Rent Repayment Order on 9th April 2018 relating to a landlord who had previously been prosecuted for non-compliance. The landlord is required to pay back £20,535 in rental monies he had received in Housing Benefit payments and the Housing Element of Universal Credit. This landlord has since applied for 14 properties to be licensed and has paid £10,000 off his rent repayment order and agreed to pay the remaining debt.

10. North Ormesby Academy Mini Police

Selective Licensing Neighbourhood Safety Officer is working in partnership with Cleveland Police to help support and deliver a new and innovative programme for young people living in North Ormesby.
The Mini Police Programme, based at North Ormesby Primary involves a ten-strong team of Year 4 pupils embarking on a six week training programme based on fun and interactive initiatives to promote positive diversion from crime and antisocial behaviour and helps to build honesty and trust. The young officers, with their own uniform of dark baseball cap and hi-vis vest - gained an insight into the opportunities and challenges of policing through active participation in local community interventions.

At the end of the six-week course the pupils will graduate, becoming official Mini Police members, continuing in the role for the rest of the school year. They will continue their role by taking part in local events and crime prevention initiatives, promoting community engagement and eventually delivering what they have learned to their peers. The programme is also an opportunity to strengthen relationships between Council services, neighbourhood police teams and the local community.

11. Neighbourhood Safety
Safeguarding concerns were raised by the breaking the boundaries officer regarding potential exploitation of a service user. Allegations of drug dealing, chaotic lifestyles, potential learning disabilities and lack of engagement with services was also a concern.

Since the team’s interventions, safeguarding is now in place and the individual has started to work with Adult Social Care. Engagement has improved dramatically with drug treatment services, the neighbourhood safety team and GP. Assistance is also being provided regarding her housing and debt issues. This individual has told officers that she now feels fully supported and can start to make positive changes to their life.

Breaking the Boundaries Officers are currently working with 35 open cases, offering a similar “wrap around” approach.

12. Community Cohesion
Our Community Coordinator was approached by the Deputy Head of Newport School, to do some work with pupils on promoting and celebrating cultural and ethnic diversity. The school wanted to reinforce the need for good citizenship and cohesion at all times, not just at school. As a result, work is ongoing to develop and deliver sessions via assembly classes and coffee mornings for parents. Officers from Cleveland Police Hate Crime Unit will also be involved as feedback from the school indicated that people are often reluctant to report hate crime incidents.

13. Reducing Reoffending
Work is continuing with Roseberry Park and Cleveland Police to reduce incidents of violence, this week the electronic crime reporting platform to the Police for the NHS pilot has been approved and the webform is being created on specialist software to link to existing police systems for direct crime reporting. In an effort to prevent bed blocking and ward tensions with problematic patients, links have been established with the 3 neighbouring Local Authority homeless teams to improve referral processes.

14. Alcohol related disorder in Albert Park,
Officers have been conducting visits to individuals identified in offending behaviour. This has resulted in 6 alcohol criminality warnings, 1 referral to breaking the boundaries, 1
referral to DISC and a GP referral to address mental health concerns. Within each alcohol
criminality warning there are numerous supportive self-referral offers to offenders including
contact details for numerous Council and third sector organisations that are happy to
assist with any issues the offender may be facing including mental health, domestic
violence, substance misuse and debt management issues.

15. Stronger Communities Middlesbrough Cohesion Project
Received £300,000 of Home Office funding in July 2017 to focus on interventions which
will help all residents to integrate within communities and, whatever their background, live
and socialise together in an environment of shared rights, responsibilities and
opportunities. There are three main priorities for the project:

1. To improve community cohesion and integration across the wards of Newport, North
   Ormesby and Brambles and Thorne
2. To improve tension monitoring and conflict resolution practices across Middlesbrough
3. To welcome new migrants to Middlesbrough

As part of this work three separate community discussions were held on 25th, 26th and 27th
June in Newport, North Ormesby and Brambles and Thorne wards. Through these
community discussions a number of issues relating to the concerns of the residents were
recorded, which will be used as the focus of work going forward. Positive aspects of the
wards were discussed and many residents were enthusiastic about becoming involved in
the project and working together to bring communities closer.

16. Boro Baby Fair
Around 200 babies, parents and grandparents
attended the first hugely successful event of this type
held in Central Library. Local businesses and support
agencies were present to provide advice to
carers and lots of fun and relaxing sessions were run
including baby massage, rhyme time and baby yoga.
The event received lots of positive feedback (93%
positive), however, the poor access into the building was raised, an issue we are looking to
resolve via funding applications.

17. Crossing the Tees Book Festival
Is curated by the library services of Middlesbrough, Stockton, Hartlepool, Darlington and
Redcar & Cleveland with a three year funding package from Arts Council England. The
festival developed out of the Middlesbrough Literary Festival that ran from 2009 to 2013
and has grown to include all five authorities in the Tees Valley.
about her *The Sinclair Mysteries* series. These sessions are designed to inspire the children and encourage reading for pleasure.

The festival organises a number of events for adults and this year almost 300 adults attended events in Middlesbrough during the festival fortnight. The festival’s Blogger-in-Residence held a blogging workshop for new bloggers and writers; local poet Kirsten Luckins held a Blackout Poetry session at Grove Hill Community Hub; Hexham based author Sarah Dunnakey entertained an audience at Acklam Library with tales of writing her novel *The Companion*, writing and researching *Mastermind* questions and even held a specially written festival quiz; Mudfog Press launched the pamphlets of three women poets from the Tees Valley in our beautiful Reference Library; local performers (both established and new) performed at The Electric Kool-Aid Cabaret; library favourites ‘History Wardrobe’ gave an uplifting presentation entitled ‘V for Victory’ about life on the home front in World War One. We finished the festival fortnight in Middlesbrough by hosting Amanda Owen (right), TV’s The Yorkshire Shepherdess, talking about her life and writing.

18. **National Volunteering Week June 1st – 7th**

National Volunteering Week is celebrated every year to recognise the importance and contribution volunteers give to services across the UK. Middlesbrough Council has over 580 volunteers currently who contribute to a wide range of services from our Community Hubs and Libraries to the renovation of the Town Hall and maintaining our outdoor parks and greenspaces.

For National Volunteering Week we worked with MVDA, M&S and other volunteer organisations around the town to create a Community Conversation event at the refurbished Town Hall, focusing on the views of volunteers and volunteer organisations about the town. Themes included: Improved transport links, promoting volunteering more and linking to increased opportunities to apprenticeships and employment. Over 50 Volunteers attended this event, with lots of positive feedback.

19. **North Ormesby Community Hub**

The Boxing Club were chosen to receive the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service. The volunteers are ‘over the moon’.

A Councillor from Peterborough, originally from North Ormesby donated four large frames of invitations to the hub. Some of the invites date back to 1895. The Councillor was very keen to meet with the local history group so an event was organised to display a lot of the history from the hub which was originally a school erected in 1875. The Mayor and Cllr Lewis Young attended and the history group members were delighted to be able to talk about all of their materials and artefacts that they have collected over the years.
Councillor Lewis Young
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1. Pybus Update

After action by Middlesbrough Council – following concerns raised by residents and elected members about the loss of historic fabric within the conservation area – Tesco halted works to the old Pybus building on Roman Road.

The latest update is that Tesco have now had a stone mason out to sample the stone to assist in making moulds to put back the decorative balustrade above the shop front and are pulling together a specification for the remainder of the building works that they are seeking to undertake to remediate their earlier works. It is anticipated that this will be received within 3 weeks.

Subject to agreement of the Local Planning Authority, the works are likely to take between 5 and 6 weeks to undertake and there is a 12 week lead in to the works for ordering of materials. At this stage a positive resolution to restore the local heritage is therefore anticipated and it is hoped this would be achieved before the end of the year.

2. Housing

Housing Growth in Middlesbrough continues to go from strength to strength. In 2017/18 the town saw a total of 476 new dwellings been completed across a variety of sites.

Moving forward into 2018/19 a number of new housing sites have started on site namely, Trimdon Ave, the site next to Tennis World, Brookfield Woods and Brookland Park, and the Bishopton Rd site in Grove Hill. In addition the sites at Rose Cottage, Millbrook, Ladgate Woods, and Hemlington Grange, continue to produce significant new completions each month. Looking at the first two months – April and May – of the new financial year (2018/19) there has been an additional 66 completions compared to 55 in the same period in 2017/18.

We have received some detailed research from the Northern Housing Consortium regarding the Tees Valley Housing Market. The most obvious messages are that we have sufficient land identified to not need a Garden Village, and to minimise the impact of transport across the Tees Valley then the housing growth should be concentrated in and around Middlesbrough.

Interest and publicity around Middlesbrough Council's intention to build and provide houses has been good – with our plans leading on a week-long series of ITV reports on social housing in the North East. A Shadow Board has now been established, and we will be meeting regularly over the next few months to discuss next steps.

3. Sainsbury’s site – Middlehaven

Officers are currently in discussions with representatives of Sainsbury’s with regards to submitting a planning application to subdivide the empty Sainsbury’s unit at Cargo Fleet. Sainsbury’s are in the process of finalising the necessary technical documentation required to accompany the planning application, which once completed will enable the application to be submitted. Whilst there is no date for the application to be submitted it is anticipated that this will be within the next few months.
4. 50m Olympic Pool proposals

Middlesbrough Council has been approached by a party interested in the development of a 50m Olympic grade swimming pool in Middlehaven. The ambition is to rival the best venues in the UK, providing space for elite and international athletes and also for local swimming groups and the local community, with a view to hosting international swimming events and potentially the commonwealth games. Plans are still at the feasibility stage with a bid being made to the Combined Authority for funding to support the feasibility works which will identify the requirements for the next phase of work.

5. Tees Valley Combined Authority Bids

Investment proposals submitted to the TVCA for this year’s investment pot consist of the following bids for the long-term aspirations of Middlesbrough:-

- **Historic Quarter**
  The proposal addresses 3 key areas, a) Public realm to Wilson Street and Exchange Square, b) Building façade improvements to Wilson Street and Exchange Square through Council led grants system and c) Clean-up operation of street signs and furniture.

- **Middlehaven**
  The proposal seeks support for a package of works with the aim of supporting the development of available development plots at Middlehaven; as well as improving the utility, animation and patronage of the area.

- **Middlesbrough Strategic Public Transport Plan**
  The proposal seeks support to identify opportunities and overlaps between different non car modes to ensure seamless accessibility. Walking and cycling routes will connect to Public Transport Infrastructure at key points which will be identified by higher quality facilities such as bus super stops. Public Transport Services will be co-ordinated along key strategic routes to meet at dedicated Public Transport Hubs which enable passengers to access the whole of the authority area and facilitate future connections to the wider Tees Valley.

- **Middlesbrough Station**
  The proposal seeks support to cover the design and delivery of the station platform to support Middlesbrough and Tees Valley’s direct London rail links from 2020.

- **South Middlesbrough Highways Improvements**
  The proposal seeks to support the infrastructure requirements to support the Housing Growth programme.

- **Tees History Centre**
  This proposal seeks support to deliver a unique Tees History Centre to tell the story of Tees Valley, housing over a million documents and photos and 300,000 objects in an innovative, digitally driven environment, providing people with modern access to their heritage. The facility would provide an opportunity to showcase local creative digital talent.

6. Middlehaven Infrastructure
A number of pieces of work are underway around the Middlehaven area including The Snow Centre, Rail Station masterplanning and wider regeneration plans. In addition to these, funding has recently been secured to deliver a new section of highway linking Windward Way to Cleveland Street.

As a result, an assessment is being undertaken as to how the existing highway infrastructure is currently being used and how it could be used in the future. The assessment includes a strategic highway model (due to be complete by the end of September 2018) and the proposed road link in particular provides the opportunity to provide a strategic East/West link across the Southern boundary of Middlehaven, while also enabling traffic free/reduced traffic routes to be extended from Albert Road/Rail Station to Middlesbrough College and the Snow Centre.

This strategic highway masterplan seeks to create a hierarchy of routes which will inform future development plans and provide high quality infrastructure for different highway user's needs, with part of this potentially resulting in even greater flexibility for future redevelopment.

There is a natural key route for pedestrians/cyclists which links The University, Civic Campus, retail centre, Albert Road, the rail station, through to Middlehaven. This asset needs to be enhanced to improve connectivity between points along the route, through improvement of public realm to promote non car accessibility. Reallocation of highway space to public realm along this route enables the provision of supporting uses to promote economic growth and vibrancy; improving the sense of arrival for the City Centre.

The junction of Windward Way and the proposed link meets at a critical pedestrian/cycle desire line for those travelling between the City Centre and Middlehaven. This scheme will provide a missing link for the aforementioned pedestrian / cycle corridor; enabling the potential future extension of the shared space boulevard further along the Middlesbrough College frontage. The College are supportive of the improvements as it will not only improve road safety in the vicinity of the college, but also benefit sustainable transport access between the City Centre and Middlehaven. The plan is to have the scheme delivered by March 2020.

In the meantime, localised works consisting of additional signing and lining to reinforce the 20mph limit are being installed to improve pedestrian safety links to the College site.

7. Road Safety Initiatives

Junior Road Safety Officers have been busy inviting the road safety officer in to their schools to help deliver important road safety messages. Over 600 pupils at Green Lane Primary saw a presentation about cycling safely/wearing a cycle helmet, 300 pupils at Berwick Hills Primary saw a presentation from ‘Seatbelt sheriff’ and then pledged to become deputy seatbelt sheriffs and 280 pupils at Corpus Christie R.C. Primary saw a presentation about staying safe during the school holidays. The Junior Road Safety Officers then arranged to do follow up awareness raising/competitions in their schools.

Year 10 students at Macmillan Academy became ‘Crash Investigation Officers’ during the school’s annual health and safety awareness day. Students were provided with a crash scenario and supporting materials including highway codes/witness statements/newspaper articles and police reports and they decide what/who led to the described incident occurring. During their investigation the students become aware of
the issues surrounding young driver collisions including speed/seatbelts/drink driving and distraction. Students also got the opportunity to try the brake reaction test, this helps them understand the stopping distances required by vehicles and the need to be cautious when crossing the road.

World Cup Drink Drive Campaign – through our regional work with RSGB (Road Safety Great Britain) a North East wide campaign was launched on 6th June to highlight to football fans the need to organise safe transport home after watching matches where they have been drinking alcohol and not to risk their own safety and the safety of others by driving themselves. Middlesbrough Football Club and Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner, Barry Coppinger also added their support. World cup resources including fixture lists/sweepstake kits and score predictor competition sheets were produced and all feature reminders about the campaign.

8. Sport participation

- Middlesbrough Leisure Centre attendance figures
  More people attended Middlesbrough’s leisure centres through 2017/18 than did so in 2016/17. Figures show that there was a 21.5% increase in attendances across Middlesbrough’s Leisure Centres from 697,017 in 2016/17 to 846,644 in 2017/18, an increase of 149,627.

  The largest overall increase in attendances was seen at the Golf Centre where figures increased from 25413 in 2016/17 to 38270 in 2017/18, an increase of 12857 visits or 50%.

  Swimming lessons also saw an increase with the Neptune increasing swimming lesson attendance from 453 in 2016/17 to 549 in 2017/18, an increase of 96 or 21.19%, meanwhile, the Rainbow saw its swimming lessons participation figures increase from 1022 in 2016/17 to 1196 in 2017/18 an increase of 174 participants or 17.02%

- St Alphonsus Primary School Running
  Working with a local running coach, St Alphonsus Primary School will deliver running sessions for children alongside their parents/carers. These sessions will start in July and if successful funding will be sought to continue these session in the autumn term

- Albert Park Tennis
  Working in partnership with the Lawn Tennis Association, Tennis World and Tennis for Free and TS1 Sport, Albert Park will see the launch of Tennis for Free sessions starting in the summer 2018. These sessions, that will take place on Saturday mornings at Albert Park’s tennis courts, will be free to access and will provide free equipment and coaching to enable the community to enjoy playing tennis in Middlesbrough. The ‘Tennis for Programme’ will not only provide coaching and equipment but will also see additional free court time available for independent play and will look to work with participants to train them to become ‘Tennis Activators’.

9. The Max Whitlock Gymnastics Academy

Fresh off the back of his success at the Commonwealth Games, Max Whitlock was at Washington Leisure Centre on Wednesday 23rd May to launch his partnership with
Everyone Active which aims to get more young people engaging and having fun with gymnastics. The Max Whitlock Gymnastics Academy will be delivered in conjunction with Everyone Active, and gives children access to engage and train with expert coaches through the delivery of in-centre sessions. Together, Max and Everyone Active are pledging to engage one million children in gymnastics by 2022. Everyone Active Middlesbrough are looking to establish these sessions in Middlesbrough from autumn of 2018.
Special Educational Needs

There has been a great deal of work taking place within the Local Area to fully implement the actions within the Written Statement of Action which was a result of the Local Area SEND Inspection in March 2017. On the 4th July a monitoring meeting will take place between the LA, Health the DfE and NHS England to discuss the progress to date. There has been much improvement to date which includes

- Robust Strategic Leadership across Education, Health and Care with regular updates presented to the Children’s Trust.

- Improved work around the Voice of the Child and the Local Offer. The Local Offer website is much improved and will continue to be further improved based on feedback from children, young people and their families.

- Improved Joint Commissioning arrangements.

- Improved data sharing. The Data, Quality and Outcomes work stream presented at a regional event in June the development of a Health Data Dashboard which is one of a kind regionally and only one of two nationally. This Dashboard will be joined to the Education and Social Care Dashboard which will support long term strategic planning.

Alongside this the SEND Assessment Team continue to maintain the high rate of 98% completion of new Education Health and Care Assessments within the 20 week statutory timescale. Early in the implementation phase of the reforms, in calendar year 2015, the team completed only 15% of assessments within 20 weeks but this was followed by sustained improvements to 52% in 2016 and over 94% in 2017.

Raising Achievement and Aspirations through Shakespeare- Karen Smith Senior Advisor

Last week Karen had the absolute privilege of attending a Royal Shakespeare symposium event in Stratford, learning from a range of speakers who shared their views and expertise on the importance of developing pupils’ language skills. Speakers included Patsy Rodenburg OBE, previously Head of Voice at the Guildhall School, who gave a fascinating insight into the effects of speech and drama and the training of young actors, focusing on oracy.

Children of all ages were involved in the event, including Archibald Primary School who brilliantly exemplified their use of Shakespeare’s work and pedagogies which have been developed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. The combination of Shakespeare’s language, with all its complexities, challenge and beauty, and a pedagogy rooted in rehearsal room practice, has proven to unlock potential in young people, particularly those who are least confident with words.

The symposium, which began with a powerful depiction of Merlin by Year 6 pupils, not only shared school experiences but also offered continued professional development for colleagues that seek to develop creativity within the learning environment.
After learning of the significant impact of the rehearsal room’s pedagogies, Archibald Primary School first started working intensively with the Royal Shakespeare Company in 2012. Over time they found that Shakespeare’s language had such an incredible impact on pupils they went onto develop a unit of work based on the plays for every year group from Reception to Year 6. In recognition of the impact Archibald have made to reading and writing, the Royal Shakespeare Company invited them to become a Lead Associate School and they now support other schools through highly effective professional development. Archibald have been instrumental creating innovative ways of working with Shakespeare and young people, exploring ways of developing personalised learning in order to connect learning and classroom practice. As well, colleagues from Archibald, Middlesbrough was very well represented by: Breckon Hill Primary School, Sunnyside Primary Academy, Acklam Grange School and Priory Woods School and the Art College; all of whom have been supported by Archibald to raise attainment in literacy through Shakespeare.

The symposium has left the feeling of being exceptionally proud to see the ambition and high expectations of schools within Middlesbrough who, inspired by Shakespeare, are tackling key learning issues with passion and commitment.

**Healthy Minded Conference 25th May 2018**

On the 25th May Schools North East organised their first Healthy Minded Conference, this was well attended with in excess of 120 colleagues from local authorities and schools across the North East. A representative from the Middlesbrough Achievement Partnership attended on behalf of the Local Authority.

Matthew Hopkinson from the DFE and part of the ministerial advisory group on the mental health strategy gave the opening address, stating the importance of bringing health and education together in a collaborative process to support all young people, whilst improving access to mental health services that respond quickly to need. He recognised the importance of peer support in schools, which resonated with our ASDAN accredited Headstarters project, which is already up and running in Middlesbrough Schools. It was reassuring to hear that much of what is being considered good practice is already on offer or being planned for in Middlesbrough. It is expected that the outcomes from the consultation on the green paper will be available before the end of the summer.

Dr Peter Mulholland from Durham University and Mike Parker from Schools North East gave an update on the voice of the pupil working group of school leaders. This is a pilot project working in both primary and secondary schools in the North East giving children an opportunity through skilful questioning to talk about their mental health and the impact of external influences on this. There is an opportunity for schools in Middlesbrough to take part in this project with training and support available for staff. Following the conference further discussion is currently taking place.

The day continued with a variety of very useful workshop sessions.

In conclusion the day confirmed that Middlesbrough is proactively seeking appropriate solutions to support the mental health needs of its young people, some of which are well established, whilst others are developing. The networking opportunities were invaluable in making connections with colleagues who we can work in partnership with in developing strategy, as well as giving opportunities to discuss aspects of good practice that are of interest in moving our offer forward.
Stronger Families: School Readiness team

30 Hours Funded Childcare entitlement: in addition to the universal Nursery Education Grant which all 3 and 4 year old children are entitled to, in September 2017 the Government rolled out a programme of an extra 15 hours childcare for working parents. Local Authorities are measured on the validation of the codes which are issued to eligible parents and in Middlesbrough we have seen a steady increase each term, going from 77% to 90% and the most recent figure for the Summer term is 96%. This puts us joint 3rd with our statistical neighbours. We have also seen a steady increase in schools delivering 30 hours provision.

Day Care providers (PVI's) and childminders: The team support the local childcare sector to ensure that early education provision for children is of the highest quality. Recent movement can be seen in terms of the number of Requires Improvement and Inadequate Ofsted grades are decreasing:

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Boro Baby Fayre: School Readiness staff worked collaboratively with Health and Library colleagues on this event, which was also an opportunity to involve local businesses. 85 families attended the event and feedback from parents was very positive, some of which are outlined below:

- What a fantastic event, we have had a great day and really enjoyed finding out about classes and events locally plus a chance to meet other mums. Please run again next year, thanks for your hard work organising this event.
- Really good, found out loads of free information.
- Lots to see and do, was better than I expected.
- Some really useful information, everybody helpful & friendly.
- I learned new things and definitely got a recap.

Stronger Families: Work Readiness team

Young Carers

Stronger Families commission The Junction to deliver the Young Carers service in Middlesbrough which has been since April 2016. There were 119 referrals between 31st March 2017 and 1st April 2018 the biggest referrers were from Stronger Families and Children’s Social care.

The service has had contact with 283 Young Carers aged 5 to 18 in this period and over 959 attendances. The greatest percentage of referrals were for children between the ages of 8-14 years of age.

They have delivered 72 leisure group activities with 426 attendances, including three, 2 night residential trips to Peat Rigg Outdoor Activity Centre and summer day trips. They have also delivered a number of small group sessions, including some specifically targeting issues around child sexual exploitation working collaboratively with Barnardo’s. The Friends programme has taken place to build resilience and improve emotional
wellbeing, and ran as a 5 week course. They also delivered ‘I’m a Young Carer’ groups where young carers with similar caring roles come together to learn from each other and realise that they are not the only ones in that situation.

The young people have been involved in the following over the last year;
• staff recruitment at The Junction
• Been interviewed for BBC radio for Children in Need and creating a short film for Children in Need which is on their website.
• Started to work towards an ASDAN award in Peer Mentoring
• Attended Philanthropic award events
• Are developing resources for school notice boards to raise awareness in schools
• Are developing a young carers school pledge
• Have worked with MVDA on producing a young carers ‘you care, we care’ booklet which is now being used across the South Tees.
• Instigated a young carers photo shoot for the booklet
• Recently the photos from the photo shoot have been displayed in the Town Hall during Carers week and will be shown in the Town centre library too.

Stronger Families: Family Casework team
Restorative Practice

In Stronger Families, the Family Casework team have all completed the Restorative Practice training, the foundation of the training is relationship based which enables ownership of conversations.
The Restorative approach does not only work with the families we are engaging, the model is a culture within the service. Therefore to embed the model the team have changed the following:

• Team meeting – these are now delivered in centric circles, this approach is to focus everyone’s attention on the person who is speaking, it provides an equal chance to participate, it encourages careful listening, patience and thoughtful responses. The meetings are a safe space for sharing.

• Allocations – previously the new cases for allocation from the MAST were undertaken by managers and staff were identified as lead practitioners. With the new restorative approach to allocation, staff themselves are choosing the cases which enables strengths and individuals skills to be utilised more effectively. This also promotes ownership of the staff.

• Supervisions with staff are now a restorative conversation which are solution focused.

• Teams have weekly check-ins to ensure all staff are ok – this process provides the opportunity in a fun way to raise staffs motivation and provide support where necessary

• For the families the ‘My Family Plan’ tool supports the restorative approach in identifying goals and gaining the Voice of the Child.

• Restorative Conferences – staff are now facilitating restorative conference with families, although time intensive these conferences have a positive impact where there is family conflict or relationship breakdowns. The meetings focus on how the individuals feel and what needs to happen to make things better. The preparation for the conference is vital to successful outcomes.
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Commercial Services

1. Newham Grange Leisure Farm
The transformation of Newham Grange Leisure Farm is now underway. Works are taking place in line with the agreed proposals to develop the farm into a valuable leisure, cultural and educational facility for the Tees Valley.

Early stage improvements have been completed at the farm now and more are underway, some of which include:
• An existing storage room is being transformed into a tuck shop-style kiosk to provide vending snacks and drinks close to the children’s play area.
• The development of farm trails are underway and will be available very soon, ensuring better views of the animals for visitors.
• Den building equipment will be installed for children to create play dens in time for the summer holidays.
• New play equipment will be installed prior to the start of the summer school holidays and will enhance the current equipment within the toddler play and junior play areas.
• New go-karts are being purchased for the new tractor go-kart track.
• ‘Talking tubes’ will be installed around the maze so children can talk with others in different parts of the maze.
• Works are underway to transform the animal barn into an indoor small animal discovery barn.
• A larger enclosure is being created for the pigs – this will provide the pigs with more space and access to plenty of outside grass and make it easier for visitors to see them.
• More wallabies will be arriving shortly and a wallaby walk will be installed.
• An existing storage room is being transformed into a tuck shop-style kiosk to provide vending snacks and drinks close to the children’s play area.

2. Civic Campus
The vision for working within the new Civic Campus building has been developed through a staff and Member engagement process that has taken place over the last three months.

The new building will provide a fantastic working environment with a mix of work, meeting, quiet and break out spaces to give staff the opportunity to choose the right place and right time to do their tasks. The building will ensure that staff and visitor needs are catered for.

The project has now moved into the second phase of the design process where the vision will be refined further into detailed plans. Engagement with staff and Members will continue as the project heads towards ‘design freeze’ in November, at which point the plans will be finalised.

3. Building Cleaning, Maintenance and Pest Control
Building Cleaning, Building Maintenance and Pest Control have received ISO 9001 in respect of it having in place an effective Quality Management System for the service. The service also received ISO 14000 which demonstrates our commitment to minimising and mitigating its impact on the environment.
These accreditations provide industry wide assurance to our customers and also demonstrates to potential procurers of our services that we have the appropriate quality controls and systems in place.

4. Catering Update

_Catering Update_  

**Letter from the House of Commons**

On 15th June, Mike Hill, Member of Parliament visited Sunnyside Academy. During his visit he was shown around the school spending time talking to children and staff. During his visit, Mike had a school meal. He followed up his visit with a thank you letter and made a point of saying how tasty his school lunch was and that it was much better than when he was at school. He sent his compliments to the Chef and everyone in the kitchen saying that they all must work very hard to provide such lovely meals.

**Acklam Grange Geek Award**

Acklam Grange School Catering Team have demonstrated passion for their work and excellent customer focus. The Catering Team were presented with a Geek of the Week award by the Head Teacher for creative thinking and a focussed approach. The team headed up by Patricia Morris, Unit Supervisor made adaptations to the morning break service during exam time and provided a wide selection of healthy snacks prior to the student’s examinations to make sure they were adequately fuelled to support their concentration.

The Head Teacher presented the award to the team saying they were “integral” to the school and thanked them on behalf of the teaching staff, stressing how responsive they were to the requirements of the school and in providing an excellent adaptable meals service during an important time for students and school.

**Food Waste Recycling**

The Catering service have been carrying out a trial on the recycling of food waste. The trial commenced in November 2017 and has now been completed and fully embedded into our kitchen waste practices it has been rolled out to all but three kitchen sites.

We are working with Warrens who promote the benefits of recycling food waste to caterers and schools and how it can be converted into energy. Once the waste has been collected it is taken to Emerald Biogas which is a state of the art anaerobic digestion facility, this is where a biological process takes place to convert it into valuable commodities which include gas and electric to power thousands of homes in the region.

Fruit and vegetable peelings along with plate waste is separated in the kitchen and the containers which are double bagged are picked up on a weekly basis.

Warrens also offer the schools a leaflet sharing the process and an opportunity to talk to the children in the classroom with regards to recycling and how they can help with the Environment in many ways.

5. Planning for the Future

We are undertaking a review of some areas of our cemetery space including essential drainage, potential future cemetery sites as well the duration of burial deeds and the price arrangements for leasing a plot and for burials etc. Balancing the need for our legacy to be sustainable for the
next 100 years, against the desire to minimise funeral poverty in support of the Mayor’s Vision, this makes Bereavement Service planning a real challenge involving the need for the coordination of a wide range of professional specialists.

6. Building design and maintenance projects at Teesside Crematorium
We hope to complete three projects during the current financial year at Teesside Crematorium. Each of the projects have been led by Design Services in partnership with Bereavement Services.

- The Chapel of Remembrance closed on 11th June to enable essential roof repairs to take place. The work will take approximately 3 months to complete and will involve removal of the roof, re-plastering the damaged internal walls and redecorating the interior. While the Chapel is closed, the Books of Remembrance are on display in a temporary facility adjacent to the Chapel.

- An attractive wooden canopy will be installed over the footpath that leads to St Bede’s Chapel in order to protect mourners who have arrived early for a service, from the elements and to enhance the external appearance of our most well used Chapel.

- Subject to budget and timescales, we hope to significantly refurbish St Hilda’s Chapel and as a result make it significantly lighter and more attractive in appearance internally. A scheme has been designed, however details have not yet been confirmed.

Area Care

7. Green Waste
The green waste collection service is extremely popular with our residents. The collected level of green waste has exceeded our expectations; in May 2018 we collected 1061 tonnes, which is a 21% increase on the same month in 2017. At times this has led to delays; due to this, Environmental Services are currently reviewing a number of service elements, to resolve the situation:

- Reanalysing our data in order that we conduct a re-balancing exercise of our collection routes/rounds/schedules.
- Operative skill sets - We are “up skilling” a number of staff in order that we have more flexibility/skills within our workforce & therefore increasing our capacity to avoid delays in the future.

8. Pest Control
Over the past 5 years Middlesbrough Council have provided a pest control service to whole of the Thirteen Housing Group across the Northern region. This contract recently expired and was retendered by Thirteen Housing Group in May. As part of our tendering strategy, we set up a collaborative partnership with Durham County Council pest control services with Middlesbrough being the lead authority.

The tenders have just been awarded and we are delighted to announce that we have won pest control contract against five other contractors coming first in both quality and price.
The contract runs from July 1st 2018 for a period of up to 5 years and demonstrates not only our competitiveness and value for money, but opportunities for collaborative and mutually advantageous partnership working.

9. Trees
The Area Care operatives have felled several diseased trees which were discovered during the tree inspection survey in the following areas:-
• Thackeray Grove
• Newham Avenue
• Glenfield Drive
• Samaria Gardens
The operatives also felled a tree outside of Gore Sands after investigations revealed that the tree was responsible for structural damage.

Area Care had two operatives on call due to the high winds that were reported by the MET Office for Thursday 14th June, which resulted in operatives attending to :-
• 4 fallen trees (Lime Tree in Cowley Road)
• 12 fallen branches
• 3 fallen branches from privately owned trees

10. Summer in Bloom
Summer bedding throughout Middlesbrough has been planted with the addition of half barrel flower tubs in the South Middlesbrough area.

There have been several areas across the town where ‘Annual Wild Flower’ seeds have been sown, as a trial, to determine if this can be adopted across the town in all areas.

11. Albert Park
On Friday 15th June, Albert Park hosted EID prayers, this saw over 2,000 people attend early morning prayers to mark the end of Ramadan.

On Monday 9th July, the Mayor, David Budd, planted a tree to celebrate Albert Park’s 150th birthday.

12. Stewart Park
The park hosted the very successful ‘Party in the Park’ event in early June, which had an attendance of over 20,000 visitors entertained by a host of shows.

The Circus rolled into town on the 26th June and entertained the public until 8th July.

The Tees Valley Primary Cross County took place on Monday 25th June, of which over 100 runners competed.
Middlesbrough Community Survey

1. In June I took a report to the Executive on the Middlesbrough Community Survey and further detail, including a number of graphs is available in the report which can be accessed on egenda.

2. One of the recommendations from the LGA Peer Review was to reinstate a regular householder survey to identify ‘what citizens think of the council, their priorities and how they access information’. The Council had not undertaken such a survey since the 2009 Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Survey, with the then Coalition Government abolishing the statutory requirement for biennial ‘Place Surveys’ in 2010.

3. The LGA’s standard question bank for such surveys was used, with 14 broad question areas capturing views on the local area (within 15-20 minutes walking distance from home), community safety, and the Council and its services.

4. A total of 1,200 questionnaires were completed by telephone, supported by street interviews where required, providing a demographically representative sample of Middlesbrough’s population. The sample was also balanced across town so that an indication of variation in responses by area could be provided. To drill down to ward level would have proved too expensive, but it is acknowledged that variations will be found within the four geographical areas.

5. The overall findings of the survey are positive, with those areas falling below benchmark performance largely driven by local disadvantage. It should also be noted that the Middlesbrough response shares many of the key issues identified in national telephone polling undertaken by the LGA on quarterly basis and published on its website.

6. To reflect the Council’s ambitious plans for Middlesbrough, it is proposed that action will be taken to improve any response falling below the identified upper quartile threshold (where known) for comparator surveys. In addition, it is proposed that action will also be taken to address significant variation between areas, even where overall performance is above the upper quartile level.

Local Area

7. Satisfaction with the local area forms marginally below the LGA Inform average and there was significant variation between the south of Middlesbrough where it was higher and the north. In addition,
satisfaction improved with age, up to 88% in the 75 years and over group.

8. Sense of belonging to the local area was on a par with the LGA Inform average, and highest in the south of the town. The survey also found that having a sense of belonging fell to 75% among BME groups.

Community Safety

9. Those feeling safe during the day was on a par with the LGA Inform average, with significant variation between the south and north of the town. Those with a disability and those aged 45-54 were less likely to feel safe during the day.

10. Those feeling safe after dark fell below the LGA Inform average, variation between the south and north and east of the town. Women, those aged 16-24, and those with a disability felt least safe after dark.

The Council and its services

11. Satisfaction with the way the Council runs things was on a par with the LGA Inform average and lower in the north, among men and those aged 55-64. The main reasons for dissatisfaction were (in order): ‘litter/cleanliness’ (by some way the highest); road/footway maintenance’; and ‘poor customer service’.

12. More than the LGA Inform average considered that the Council provides value for money, with no significant area variation. The 16-24 age group was more likely to think the Council offered VFM, while males were less likely.

13. Similarly, more than the LGA Inform average were likely to speak positively about the Council, again with no significant variation by area. The 16-24 age group was less likely to speak negatively about the Council, while the 65-74 age group and males were more likely.

14. People were asked about their current and preferred method of finding out about the Council and its services. The top five responses were as follows:

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15. Social media (Council and external sources jointly) was sixth important in both cases.
16. There is therefore broad agreement between the way respondents prefer to find out about the Council and its services, and how they find out about these issues.

17. Satisfaction with seven core Council services was on or above par with comparators across all services, with variation by area broadly aligning with the town’s deprivation profile (except for the west, in which there are no major leisure facilities or formal parks). No significant variations were reported in responses from any other group.

18. Analysis of the survey, including gap from the LGA Inform, upper quartile and local variation, suggests that the Council should focus on improving the following issues:

- Increasing overall satisfaction with the local area, sense of belonging in areas with greater population churn and diversity, and agreement that people pull together and get on well together in local areas (linked).

- Increasing the proportion of people who feel safe after dark, and addressing a range of ASB problems in the north and east, particularly litter, using / dealing drugs, and groups hanging around.

- Increasing satisfaction with the way the Council runs things, agreement that it provides VFM, and those that speak positively about it, and those that feel well informed in the east.

- Increasing satisfaction with street cleaning, road and pavement maintenance (particularly in the south) and sport and leisure (particularly in the west).

19. The report also highlights the means by which these areas of focus will be addressed and how progress will be reported back to the Executive.

Procurement

20. In order to monitor and increase where possible local commissioning the Council has a strategic objective to achieve a target of 25% of all purchasing spend to be with local Tees Valley suppliers and reported performance for 2017/18 is outlined in the table below:

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21. Overall performance has been good with the biggest achievements in Quarter 2 and 3 and has produced an average annual achievement of 35%. The actual spend in monetary terms that has been spent with Tees Valley suppliers is £24,451,355 and of that £13,694,154 directly with Middlesbrough based suppliers.

HR

Guaranteed Interview Armed Forces Leavers

22. Arrangements are underway to update the existing policies and procedures for recruitment following the recent motion to Council initiated by Cllr Arundale, to ensure that the commitment to offer those leaving the armed forces a job interview for posts applied for is complied with. All managers will be advised of the changes. This will include updating the application form to reflect this change.

Living Our Values Event

23. There is an event for all staff in September which will refresh and relaunch the five core values on the anniversary of their original launch. It is an opportunity for staff to:

- have increased visibility of our Leadership Management Team and hear how they will ensure the values are embedded into the Council;
- receive an update from the Chief Executive on what is happening, progress on the Mayor’s Vision and Council’s priorities, future plans.
- experience our corporate induction market place which will be extended to include a stall on each of our Directorates to maximise awareness of the great services we provide as a Council
- experience and gain more information on our wellbeing initiatives and programmes
- gain information on the Equality and Inclusion Group and networks

24. The event will be managed internally by a core project team, supported by the Employee Engagement group and volunteers who are happy to provide support to make this event a great success.

25. Plans are being developed to ensure that as many staff groups as possible are able to attend the event, particularly those not based in the town centre.

Appraisal / Frequent Feedback Update

26. This is the second year of the revised appraisal framework. A total of 3,160 employees are included in framework. There was a 97.4% rate of completion with only 78 appraisals not completed. HR is working with managers to ensure plans are in place for the outstanding appraisals to be completed.

27. From the results, 95% were appraised as having ‘Achieved’, 1% ‘Under-Achieved’ and 2% ‘Over-Achieved’. The HR Business Partners will contact
managers to ensure improvement plans are in place for those who have under-achieved. HR Business Partners will also moderate the results of those who have over-achieved to ensure there is clear evidence of over-achievement.

28. There has been further learning again from this year’s appraisal process and more detailed guidance will be provided for next year’s process, including the application of the scheme for new starters, those on probation or who have TUPE’d.

29. Whilst the format of the appraisal documentation for next year will remain unchanged, the appraisal framework for 2018/19 has been aligned to our values. Over 300 managers have received a briefing on the application of the revised framework and have been provided with materials to enable them to then brief their teams.

**Annual Staff Awards**

30. From the 113 entries received, a total of 27 teams, 4 apprentices and 4 volunteers have been shortlisted. A full list of the finalists is published on the Council’s intranet.

31. The awards event will be held in the Town Hall on Friday, 13th July. The event will be hosted by the Chief Executive and winning teams will be announced on the night, including Team of the Year.

**Staff Health Survey**

32. Following the publication of the recommendations from the findings of the Staff Health Survey, the Corporate Delivery Plan is being drawn up after further consultation with Public Health. The delivery plan will include the following sections to reflect the requirements of both the Extra Life programme and the Better Health at Work Award criteria:

- Mental Health
- Physical Activity
- Healthy Weight and Nutrition
- Long Term Conditions and Reducing Absence
- Quit Well and Reducing Risks

33. The recommendations were taken to the Equality & Inclusion Working Group meeting on 3rd July and their feedback included:

- Improving the take-up of responses from employees in roles such as catering, cleaning, caretaking and area care;

- Taking a new approach to Men’s Health and actively recruiting more male Health Champions/Health Advocates;

- Encouraging Middlesbrough Managers to promote Health & Wellbeing at Team level with the assistance of Health Champions/Advocates; and

- LMT to nominate a Champion specifically for Mental Health.
34. The findings and recommendations were taken to Works Council on the 4\textsuperscript{th} July for consideration by Members and Trade Unions and will also be taken to the next Employee Engagement meeting on 17\textsuperscript{th} July for further consideration.

35. Health Advocates who are working on the Better Health at Work Award and Health Champions who have just completed their training will meet up with the Extra Life Coordinator on 13\textsuperscript{th} July. Future recruitment of Advocates/Champions will be planned and health campaign activity around Summer Health and Cancer Prevention rolled out, with planning also taking place for the Autumn and Winter campaigns.

36. Plans are underway to roll-out further physical activities such as Yoga and a high intensity workout after work hours in line with feedback from the survey. These will be made available as soon as Instructors are sourced via the Health Improvement Team in Public Health.

Other developments include:

- Scoping of a 1 Day Mental Health First Aid course for line managers which will begin rollout in Sep/Oct 2018;

- Promotion of Remploy’s Mental Health Support Service. The aim of the programme, funded by the Department of Work and Pensions, being to act as a preventative measure to avoid long-term sick absence, or to assist employees on sick absence make a successful return to work.

37. Finally, there will be a further opportunity for employees to engage with health and wellbeing initiatives at the Living the Values event on Monday 24\textsuperscript{th} September. There will be between 15 to 20 stands in the Old Fire Station with local providers such as Alliance Counselling, Sano Physiotherapy and Everyone Active, as well as stands representing our internal network groups such as the Carers’ Network and the Mental Health First Aiders.

**Agile Working Workshops**

38. As part of our ICT Strategy, a key focus of work this year is collaboration, connecting departments and Directorates and helping to facilitate greater levels of information sharing and communication. With that in mind, ICT have now deployed the Jabber collaboration tool across desktop users. Jabber is a tool that members may have noticed, and perhaps like myself have used, and is located at the top-middle of your screen on your tablet. Whilst Jabber has been a key tool for our agile users, it is equally important that desktop users can take advantage of its benefits. Jabber provides the benefits of streamlining communications and enhancing productivity by integrating presence, instant messaging, documents and desktop screen sharing.

39. In order to get the best out of Cisco Jabber, ICT held a number of Agile Workshops open to everyone. The workshops provide a reminder of how Jabber can help people work more collaboratively and how to really explore this useful business tool. Agile colleagues could bring along their own laptop to explore Jabber using their own device if they found this more beneficial. Also, individuals were invited to highlight any areas they would like to explore during the sessions.
40. These sessions have been extremely successful and provided some great feedback see below. ICT are committed to scheduling more Agile workshops for as long as they are required and could potentially be rolled out to members. “I really enjoyed the workshop there was so much that I didn’t know about Jabber. Ben delivered the session very well and made it really interesting. He also demonstrated many of the Council’s values, working collaboratively, passion (about the system) and integrity being open and honest about the capabilities of the system.”

PSN Update

41. Staff in ICT are busy preparing for the onsite assessment, by an external security assessor, that comes with the annual IT Health Check. This assessment forms part of the Public Sector Network audit and it required in order for the Council to maintain its connection to Central Government via the Department of Work & Pensions. The assessment will test the strength and robustness of ICT Security included a controlled or ethical “hack” of our network to identify any areas of improvement. The assessment will take place on August the 6th.

Nicky Walker
Executive Member for Finance and Governance
EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL DECISION INFORMATION

SECTION 2 - DECISIONS TAKEN

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<td>Executive</td>
<td>Car Parking Review</td>
<td>To endorse the strategy and pricing for car parking in Middlesbrough.</td>
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<td>12/06/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Customer Strategy 2018-2022</td>
<td>To review and refresh the Customer Strategy that has been in place over the last 12 months.</td>
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<td>12/06/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Digital Strategy 2018-22</td>
<td>To present for approval a proposed corporate Digital Strategy for the period to 2022.</td>
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<td>Housing Delivery</td>
<td>To seek approval for the Housing Delivery Plan.</td>
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<td>12/06/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Middlesbrough Community Survey 2017</td>
<td>To report the finding of the recent large scale resident survey</td>
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<td>12/06/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Response to Environment Scrutiny Panel Final Report - Fly-Tipping &amp; Enforcement</td>
<td>To provide a response to the Executive on the Scrutiny Panel's report - Fly-tipping and Enforcement.</td>
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<td>12/06/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Review of Performance and Risk Management Frameworks</td>
<td>To seek approval of revised frameworks for corporate performance and risk management, and a new format for quarterly performance reporting to the Executive.</td>
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<td>12/06/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Pane - Service Response - Aster Care Home (Formerly Belle Vue Care Home)</td>
<td>Present the response to the recommendations of the OSB</td>
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<td>13/06/18</td>
<td>Executive Sub-Committee for</td>
<td>Potential Site for Discovery Free School</td>
<td>Seek approval to start negotiations to dispose part of the nature worlds site on sandy flat lane for the purposes of a new special school</td>
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<td>10/07/18</td>
<td>Executive Sub-Committee for Property</td>
<td>CONFIDENTIAL - Centre Square future phases - Melrose House and Civic Centre</td>
<td>To outline the Council’s position with regards the future development sites of Melrose House and Civic Centre as part of the future phases of Centre Square development.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>10/07/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>2017-18 Cultural Plan</td>
<td>Consideration of a new cultural plan for Middlesbrough</td>
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<td>10/07/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>A172 Dixon's Bank/Stainton Way Highway Improvement Scheme</td>
<td>Consideration of the consultation responses for the proposed road improvement works at Dixon's Bank.</td>
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<td>11/07/18</td>
<td>Executive Sub-Committee for Property</td>
<td>Nunthorpe Grange Masterplan</td>
<td>To seek approval to consult on a masterplan for the development of the Nunthorpe Grange Housing Site.</td>
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<td>Executive Sub-Committee for Property</td>
<td>Gresham Redevelopment.</td>
<td>Consideration of plans for housing growth at Gresham.</td>
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<td>01/08/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>CONFIDENTIAL - Review of the Strategic Partnership</td>
<td>Provide Executive with an update in respect of the Strategic Partnership with Kier Workplace Services.</td>
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<td>04/09/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Boho Next Generation</td>
<td>To seek endorsement of plans for the development of further business accommodation at Middlehaven.</td>
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<td>Centre Square Masterplan</td>
<td>To present the Centre Square Masterplan</td>
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<td>04/09/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Digital Middlesbrough Strategy Endorsement</td>
<td>To seek endorsement for a digital strategy for Middlesbrough</td>
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<td>04/09/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Marketing Middlesbrough</td>
<td>Consideration of a marketing plan for Middlesbrough and specifically Middlesbrough Council.</td>
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<td>04/09/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Middlehaven Land Disposal Programme</td>
<td>Endorsement of the disposal strategy for Middlehaven</td>
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<td>04/09/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Social Investment Strategy</td>
<td>To endorse the Council's approach to social regeneration</td>
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<td>04/09/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Town Centre Strategy</td>
<td>To present the Town Centre Strategy to executive.</td>
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<td>05/09/18</td>
<td>Executive Sub-Committee for Property</td>
<td>CONFIDENTIAL - Land Disposal at Stainsby North, Hemlington North and Beechwood</td>
<td>To seek approval for disposal of sites at Beechwood, Stainsby North and Hemlington North.</td>
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<td>05/09/18</td>
<td>Executive Sub-</td>
<td>Southlands Future Community Facility</td>
<td>Report the outcome of the community engagement, potential options regarding redevelopment of the Southlands site and re-</td>
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<td>02/10/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Housing Delivery Vehicle</td>
<td>To seek endorsement of proposals to establish a Housing Delivery Vehicle.</td>
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<td>02/10/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Investment Prospectus Delivery Update</td>
<td>To provide an update against progress of the Investment Prospectus and future plans for investment in economic growth.</td>
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<td>02/10/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Local Plan Preferred Options</td>
<td>To seek endorsement for the publication of the Local Plan Preferred Options, following consultation.</td>
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<td>02/10/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>TMIV</td>
<td>To seek endorsement of the outline proposals for the development of Teesside Media Innovation Village.</td>
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<td>06/11/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Broadband</td>
<td>Roll out of broadband improvements across Middlesbrough.</td>
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<td>06/11/18</td>
<td>Executive</td>
<td>Town Centre Heart Design Concept</td>
<td>Endorsement of designs for the central shopping area of Middlesbrough.</td>
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Report title | Scrutiny Progress Report  
---|---  
Chief Executive or Director | Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support  
Date | 18 July 2018  
Purpose of the report | To update the position in respect of the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) and scrutiny panels. The current position regarding progress made by the Board and each of the panels is set out below.  
Summary of the report | The report provides an update in respect of issues considered at each individual Scrutiny Panel and the Overview and Scrutiny Board.  
If this is a confidential report, which exemption(s) from the Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 applies? | NO  
Decision(s) asked for | That the report be noted  
Impact of decision(s) | Members will be able to keep abreast of the work carried out through the Scrutiny Process

What is the purpose of this report?  
1. To update the position in respect of the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) and scrutiny panels.

Why is this report necessary?  
2. The report is necessary so that Members are aware of the work being carried out by the individual Scrutiny Panels and the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

What decision(s) are being asked for?  
3. That Council note the report.  
4. The current position regarding progress made by the Board and each of the panels is set out below.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD
Since the last Council update, the Overview and Scrutiny Board met on the following dates:

3 July 2018

a) Budget and Balanced Scorecards - Position at year-end 2017/18
b) New Report Format
c) Scrutiny Work Programme 2018/2019
d) Executive Forward Plan
e) Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports

SCRUTINY PANEL UPDATES

The updated position in respect of the work of each of the Council’s scrutiny panels is shown below.

Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel

The Panel has not met since the last update to Council.

Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 25 June 2018 and gave consideration to the 2018/2019 work programme. Members agreed the following topics:

Full Review:

1. ‘The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Community and Elderly Care’.
2. 'Social Care Support for Older Carers (incorporating elements of 'Informal/hidden Carers' and 'Carers' Assessments').

Short Topics/Updates/Task and Finish Group Activity:

3. Intergenerational Housing (Task and Finish Group).
4. Care Home Development in Middlesbrough (Update).

Following approval of the work programme by the Overview and Scrutiny Board, the Panel will commence the review into ‘The LGBT Community and Elderly Care’ at the next meeting, which has been scheduled to take place on 25 July 2018.

Children and Young People’s Learning Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 2 June 2018 and considered topics for inclusion on its Work Programme for the 2018/19 Municipal Year. The Executive Director of Children’s Services was in attendance to provide an overview of the services that fell within the Panel’s remit and to highlight service priorities and pressures for the year ahead.

The Panel agreed to include the following topics on its Work Programme:-

1. School Holiday Provision
2. Emotional Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People
The Scrutiny Panel also agreed that they may do a short review of Work Experience. The Youth Select Committee are investigating issues around quality work experience it was agreed that it would be beneficial to await the outcome of their investigations and hold a one meeting review.

A Task and Finish Group will also look at children’s behaviour in school.

Following approval of the Work Programme by the Overview and Scrutiny Board, the Panel will commence the review into ‘School Holiday Provision’ at its next meeting on 16 July 2018.

Children and Young People’s Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 2 July 2018 and considered topics for inclusion on its Work Programme for the 2018/19 Municipal Year. The Executive Director of Children’s Services and Director of Children’s Care were in attendance to provide an overview of the services that fell within the Panel’s remit and to highlight service priorities and pressures for the year ahead.

The Panel agreed to include the following topics on its Work Programme:-

2. Corporate Parenting.

The Panel also agreed that it wished to receive updates/further information, during the course of the year, on the following:-

2. New support to help children living with alcohol-dependent parents/Young Carers.

Following approval of the Work Programme by the Overview and Scrutiny Board, the Panel will commence the review into ‘Early Help and Prevention Services’ at its next meeting on 31 July 2018.

Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 18 June 2018 and gave consideration to the 2018/2019 work programme. Members agreed the following topics:

Full Review:

1. Adult Education (linking to employability).
2. Council’s Partnership working with VCS.

Updates

1. RIPA (Update)
2. PREVENT (CONTEST) (Update)
3. Previous Scrutiny Review ‘Reoffending and rehabilitation’ (Update).
4. Universal Credit (Jan 2019 meeting with Martin Barker and Lee Ogden, DWP in attendance).
5. Previous Scrutiny Review ‘Selective Landlord Licensing’. (Update)
6. Community Safety Partnership

Following approval of the work programme by the Overview and Scrutiny Board, the Panel will commence the review into ‘Adult Education’ at its September meeting, and will receive updates with regard to RIP and CONTEST at the next which scheduled to take place on 23 July 2018.

**Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel**

The Panel met on 4 July 2018 and continued its scrutiny investigation into housing development and associated infrastructure. Representatives from North Kesteven District Council, South Tyneside Council and Croydon Council attended the meeting and provided information in relation to their experiences of different models of Housing Delivery Vehicles (HDVs). The information provided included evidence of best practice models in operation, the benefits and challenges of setting up an HDV in relation to the initial resources needed and the potential financial returns.

**Health Scrutiny Panel**

The Panel met on 25 June 2018 and gave consideration to the 2018/2019 work programme. Members agreed the following topics:

- Vulnerable and fragile health services.
- Suicide prevention with a focus on self-harm.
- Childhood obesity.

At its meeting on 10 July 2018 a further update from STCCG, South Tees NHS Foundation Trust and NHS Foundation Trust on the future of Breast Radiology Services at James Cook University Hospital.

**Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee**

The Committee met on 18 June 2018 and gave consideration to the 2018/19 work programme. Members agreed the following topics:

- Monitoring of the Ambulance Service (Standing Item)
- TEWV Quality Account (Standing Item)
- Roseberry Park – Task and Finish Review of Impact of PFI scheme/remedial works on delivery of services
- Tees Suicide Prevention Plan – Annual Update  
  *(requested in October 2017)*
- IAPT Re-commissioning – Updates
- NHS LD and Complex Needs Respite and Short Breaks Service Changes – Monitoring  
  *(nb. awaiting results of the Sec. of State referrals)*

**North East Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**

The Committee met on 21 June 2018 and considered the following:

- Work Plan for the 2018/19 Municipal Year
Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Committee is scheduled to meet on 19 July 2018

SCRUTINY REPORTS SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE

5. Since the last update to Council no scrutiny panel reports have been submitted to, and approved by, the Executive:

URGENT DECISIONS

6. Since the last update to Council, no urgent decisions have been made.

Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended

7. No other options were considered.

Impact(s) of recommended decision(s)

Legal

8. There are no legal implications as a result of the proposed appointments.

Financial

9. There are no financial implications arising from this report

The Mayor’s Vision for Middlesbrough

10. The report is line with the Mayor’s vision for Middlesbrough

Policy Framework

11. The report does not impact on the overall budget and policy framework.

Wards

12. The report does not impact on wards

Risk

13. Not applicable.

Equality and Diversity

14. An Impact Assessment has not been completed, as the changes will not adversely impact on any individual group.

Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)
15. Not applicable

**Background papers**

No unpublished background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

_COUNCILLOR JEAN SHARROCKS_  
CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

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COUNCIL MEETING – 18 JULY 2018
NOTICE OF MOTION

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NOS. 53-60

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<td>Councillor N Walker</td>
<td>The local authority has a duty of care to care leavers.</td>
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<td>Middlesbrough council recognises the difficult transition care leavers</td>
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<td>face as they move out of care and into adulthood.</td>
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<td>A recent report by The Children’s Society found that when care leavers</td>
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<td>move into independent accommodation and manage budgets for the first</td>
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<td>time, many fall into debt and financial difficulty.</td>
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<td>A national study by The Centre for Social Justice found that over half</td>
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<td>of young people leaving care have difficulty managing their money and</td>
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<td>avoiding debt when leaving care.</td>
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<td>To ease the transition, this council provides a range of services to</td>
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<td>support care leavers, including exemption from council tax for those</td>
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<td>between the ages of 18 and 21.</td>
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<td>Noting that, under the terms of the Children and Social Work Act 2017,</td>
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<td>the council has a legal obligation to offer advice, support and guidance</td>
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<td>to care leavers up to the age of 25, the council resolves to extend the</td>
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<td>council tax exemption to cover all eligible care leavers (as defined by</td>
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<td>the Children Leaving Care Act 2000) up to the age of 25 who are</td>
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**Report title** | Outcome of the Standards (Hearings) Sub Committee held on 19 March 2018.
---|---
**Chief Executive or Director** | James Bromiley – Strategic Director of Finance Governance & Support
**Date** | 18 July 2018
**Purpose of the report** | Council be invited to pass a formal censure by motion against Councillor Rathmell.

**Summary of the report**
The Standards (Hearings) Sub-Committee, held on 19 March 2018, considered a report by the Investigating Officer which concluded that Councillor Rathmell had breached the Authority’s Members’ Code of Conduct in relation to the matters identified in the report. The Standards (Hearings) Sub-Committee decided that the Member had failed to comply with the Members’ Code of Conduct and requested that the member apologise to the officers concerned. Failure to do so within 4 weeks would lead to public censure. As no apologies have been received Council are requested to consider a formal censure by motion.

**If this is a key decision, which key decision test applies?**
- Over the financial threshold (£150,000)
- Amends the Council’s policy framework
- Affects two or more wards
- Non-key

**For the purposes of scrutiny call in procedure this report is**
- Exempt under s.12a Local Government Act 1972
- Urgent (NB this must be approved by the Chair of OSB)
- Non-urgent

**If this is a confidential report, which exemption(s) from the Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 applies?**
N/A

**Decision(s) asked for**
In accordance with the Standards (Hearings) Sub-Committee’s resolution; the matter of a motion of censure is now placed before Council in respect of
Councillor Rathmell’s conduct in respect of the matters detailed by the Investigating Officer in the report to the Standards (Hearings) Sub-Committee meeting held on 19 March 2018 in private.

**Impact of decision(s)**

To carry out the resolution of the Standards (Hearings) Sub Committee and to encourage members to adhere to the Members’ Code of Conduct.

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sylvia_reynolds@middlesbrough.gov.uk 01642 729697.

### What is the purpose of this report?

1. The Standards (Hearings) Sub-Committee, held on 19 March 2018, considered a report by an independent investigating officer which concluded that Councillor Rathmell had breached the Authority’s ‘Members’ Code of Conduct’ in relation to the matters identified in the report. The Standards (Hearings) Sub-Committee decided that the Member had failed to comply with the Code and decided that should Councillor Rathmell fail to apologise to the officers concerned within a 4 week period then a formal censure by motion was appropriate.

### Why is this report necessary?

2. Complaints were submitted by three individuals regarding the conduct of Councillor Rathmell. An external independent investigating officer (recommended by the Local Government Association) was appointed to carry out an investigation.

3. When considered by the external independent investigator some complaints contained multiple elements and when broken down contained six complaints for investigation.

4. Following the investigation, the Investigating Officer concluded that there has been a failure to comply with the Members Code of Conduct in respect of five of the six complaints. The sixth complaint was dismissed.

5. A meeting of Middlesbrough Council’s Standards (Hearings) Sub-Committee was convened on 19 March 2018, to hear the complaints against Councillor Rathmell. The meeting was held in private to protect the personal and sensitive information in relation to Council staff.

6. The Standards Hearing Sub Committee agreed that Councillor Rathmell had breached the Members’ Code of Conduct in respect of:

   a) The obligation to respect others and not to bully any person.
   b) The obligation not to bring the authority or Office of Councillor into disrepute.
c) Councillor Rathmell had also breached the Member/Officer Protocol by failing to show respect in his dealings with officers of the Council.

7. The Standards Hearing Sub Committee ordered that the following sanctions be imposed:

1. That within a period of 4 weeks Councillor Rathmell issues a written apology to the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Executive.

2. Failure to action the above will result in a public censure.

3. Training to be undertaken by Councillor Rathmell in:
   a. Data Protection
   b. Social Media (appropriate use)

4. Councillor Rathmell’s communication plan to be reviewed to enable access to Council IT systems and equipment, allowing access to Council information, in Egenda, receive/send emails etc. However, all communications with the Council would be managed as is at present in order to maintain the protection of staff and all communications would still be via the Onestop/Chief Executive. The Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer to be delegated the power to consider the effectiveness of the revised communication plan in 6 months.

5. The Standards (Hearing) Sub-Committee recommended Councillor Rathmell, the Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer be invited to participate in mediation to break the cycle of distrust and restore a respectful working relationship. This would be facilitated by an external organisation.

What decision(s) are being asked for?

8. Councillor Rathmell has failed to issue the apologies to the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Executive as required under the sanctions imposed by the Standards hearings Sub Committee held on 19 March 2018. The sanctions stipulated that failure to issue the above apologies would result in public censure.

Why is this being recommended?

9. In accordance with the decision of the Standards (Hearings) Sub Committee held on 19 March 2018

Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended

10. Not applicable

Impact(s) of recommended decision(s)

Legal
11. Section 27(1) of the Localism Act 2011 places the relevant authority under a statutory duty to “promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Members and Co-opted Members of the Authority”.

Under Section 27(2) of the Localism Act 2011, a relevant authority “must, in particular, adopt a code dealing with the conduct that is expected of Member and Co-opted members of the Authority when they are acting in that capacity”.

A failure to comply with an authority's Code of Conduct should be dealt with in accordance with arrangements made by the authority.

Middlesbrough Borough Council is a relevant authority and last confirmed its Code of Conduct in 2016.

Financial

12. Not applicable

The Mayor’s Vision for Middlesbrough

13. Not applicable

Policy Framework

14. Not applicable

Wards

15. Not applicable

Equality and Diversity

16. Not applicable – application of prescribed process

Risk

17. If the Council fails to implement the decision of the Standards (Hearings) Sub Committee, members may not act in accordance with the Ethical Code of Conduct and maintain the standards expected of those in public office and this could result in a loss of public confidence in elected members.
Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)

The Deputy Monitoring Officer will advise the member that is the subject of the complaints and the complainants, in writing of the outcome of the motion.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Members’ Code of Conduct

Background papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report’.

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## Report title
Amendments to the Terms of Reference of Chief Officer Appointments Committee

### Chief Executive or Director
James Bromiley – Strategic Director of Finance Governance & Support

### Date
18 July 2018

### Purpose of the report
To amend the Terms of Reference of Chief Officer Appointments Committee (COAC) to allow specific delegations to the Chair of COAC and the Head of Human Resources.

### Summary of the report
The report seeks a specific delegation of authority, in cases of complaints relating to one or more of the Statutory Officers of the Council, to the COAC (or its Chair in an emergency) to suspend a Statutory Officer of the authority, on full pay, if considered appropriate.

The report also seeks a delegation of authority to the Head of Human Resources to negotiate a settlement with a Statutory Officer, if instructed to do so by the COAC.

### If this is a key decision, which key decision test applies?*
- Over the financial threshold (£150,000)
- Amends the Council’s policy framework
- Affects two or more wards
- Non-key

### For the purposes of scrutiny call in procedure this report is*
- Exempt under s.12a Local Government Act 1972
- Urgent *(NB this must be approved by the Chair of OSB)*
- Non-urgent

### If this is a confidential report, which exemption(s) from the Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 applies?
N/A

### Decision(s) asked for
a) The report seeks delegated authority for the COAC (or the Chair of COAC in an emergency) to carry out such suspension of a Statutory Officer, on full pay. Written notice stating the reasons for any such suspension shall be given at the earliest opportunity possible.
b) The report also seeks delegated authority for the Head of Human Resources, if instructed by the COAC, to negotiate a settlement with the Statutory Officer as part of the mutual termination of the Statutory Officer’s contract.

Impact of decision(s)
The requested delegations will allow smooth processing of complaints made against one or more of the Statutory Officers of the Council.

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What is the purpose of this report?

1. The Council has devised a complaints process for Statutory Officers based on the Joint Negotiating Committee for Local Authority Chief Executives National Conditions of Service Handbook and the Joint Negotiating Committee for Local Authority Chief Officers National Conditions of Service Handbook, the principles of which have previously been agreed by the COAC.

2. This guidance outlines the key elements of the procedures for the Chief Officer Appointments Committee who have it within their remit to consider such complaints. This includes and if necessary disciplining the Council’s Statutory Officers i.e.: the Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive); the Section 151 Officer (Chief Finance Officer); and the Monitoring Officer.

3. Where the Statutory Officer’s continuing presence at work may compromise an investigation or may impair the efficient exercise of the local authority’s functions, the Statutory Officer may be suspended from duty.

4. In addition, as part of complaint process, it is possible at any stage to consider mutual termination of the Statutory Officer’s contract and sometimes this may be a suitable alternative for all concerned. Any settlement would need to be sanctioned by the Mayor (in the case of the Head of Paid Service) or the Head of Paid Service (in other cases) and in consultation with the External Auditor.

5. The purpose of the report is to seek delegated authority for the COAC (or the Chair of COAC in an emergency) to carry out such suspension of a Statutory Officer, on full pay.

6. The report also seeks delegated authority for the Head of Human Resources, if instructed by the COAC, to negotiate a settlement with the Statutory Officer as part of the mutual termination of the Statutory Officer’s contract.
Why is this report necessary?

7. The report is necessary to agree the appropriate delegations and for the Terms of Reference of the COAC to be amended and for the Scheme of Delegation in relation to the Head of Human Resources to be amended in the Constitution

Why is this being recommended?

8. In order to meet the Joint Negotiating Committee for Local Authority Chief Executives National Conditions of Service.

Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended

Not applicable

Impact(s) of recommended decision(s)

Legal

The alteration of the terms of reference of the COAC, and the additional delegations provided, will ensure the Council acts within both employment and contract law in dealing with complaints against Statutory Officers.

Financial

It is possible, at any stage of the procedure, to consider mutual termination of the contract. An individual should be identified in order to negotiate a redundancy payment and / or salary in lieu of notice. It is recommended that this be the Head of HR, such final settlement terms to be sanctioned by the Mayor (in the case of the Head of Paid Service) or the Head of Paid Service (in other cases). If the total amounts to a single payment of £100,000 or more, full council will be given the opportunity to vote before the package is approved.

The Mayor’s Vision for Middlesbrough

Not applicable

Policy Framework

In accordance with the Pay Policy Statement 2018/19

Wards

Not applicable

Equality and Diversity

Not applicable – application of prescribed process

Risk

The recommended actions will act to minimise risk for the authority.
Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)

The COAC terms of reference will be amended.

Background papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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