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Cabinet

Agenda

Date:
Monday 16 November 2026 at 4.30 pm

Venue:
Council Chamber, Dunedin House, Columbia Drive, Thornaby, TS17 6BJ

Cllr Lisa Evans (Leader of the Council)

Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Clare Besford, Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Richard Eglington, Cllr Paul Rowling and Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE

Agenda

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2. Evacuation Procedure (Pages 7 - 10)

3. Apologies for Absence

4. Declarations of Interest

5. Minutes (Pages 11 - 14)

Cllr Lisa Evans - Leader of the Council

6. Stockton-on-Tees Plan – Progress 2026 (Pages 15 - 20)

Cllr Clare Besford - Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

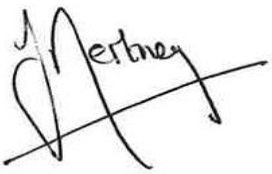
7. School Performance 2025 - 2026 (Pages 21 - 34)

Cllr Pauline Beall - Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care

8. Local Account for Adults, Health and Wellbeing (Pages 35 - 62)

Cllr Paul Rowling - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources and Regeneration

9. Pride in Place Central Stockton & Portrack - update & 10-year plan (Pages 63 - 70)



Jonathan Nertney
Head of Democratic Services
Friday 6 November 2026

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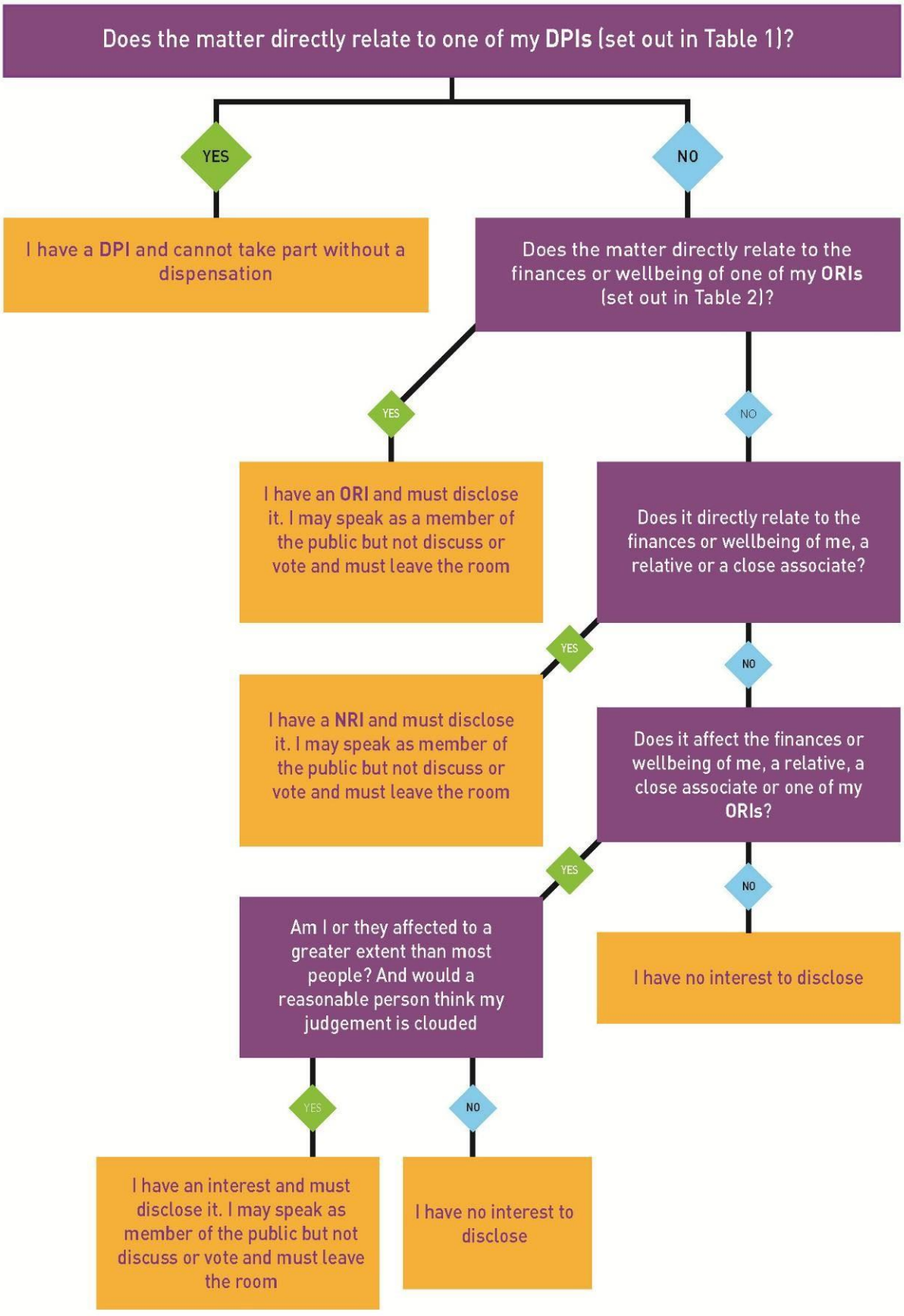
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Key – Declarable interests are :-

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's)
- Other Registerable Interests (ORI's)
- Non Registerable Interests (NRI's)

Members – Declaration of Interest Guidance



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Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Subject	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land and property	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

Table 2 – Other Registerable Interest

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

a) any unpaid directorships

b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority

c) any body

(i) exercising functions of a public nature

(ii) directed to charitable purposes or

(iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management

Council Chamber, Dunedin House
Evacuation Procedure & Housekeeping

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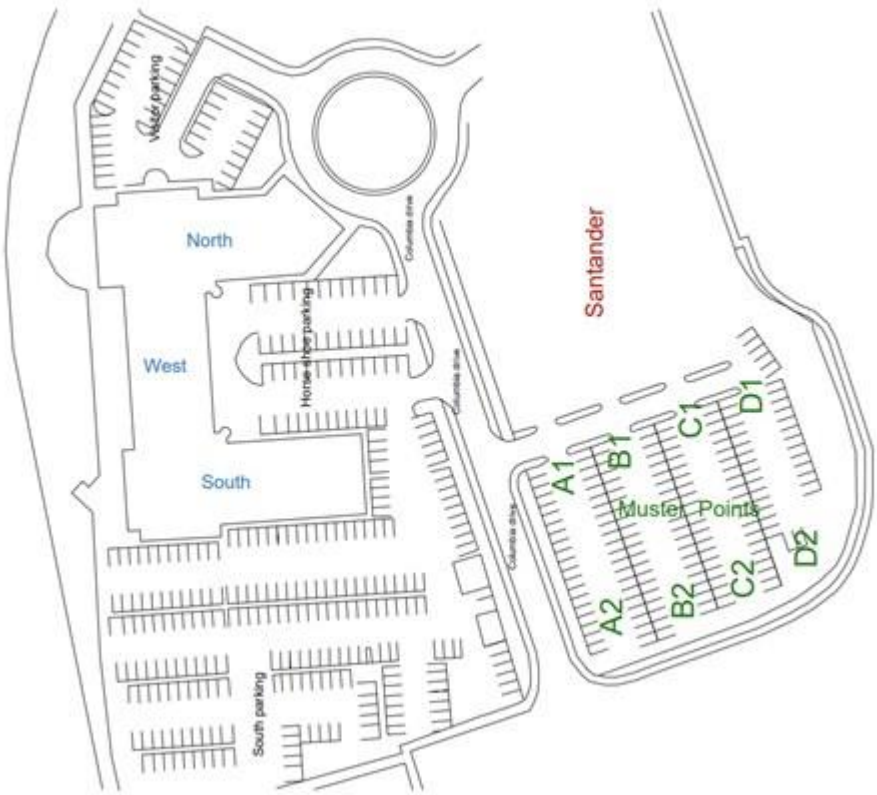
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Fires, explosions, and bomb threats are among the occurrences that may require the emergency evacuation of Dunedin House. Continuous sounding and flashing of the Fire Alarm is the signal to evacuate the building or upon instruction from a Fire Warden or a Manager.

The Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point is in the overflow car park located across the road from Dunedin House.

The allocated assembly point for the Council Chamber is: D2

Map of the Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point - the overflow car park:



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When the Alarm sounds:

1. **stop all activities immediately**. Even if you believe it is a false alarm or practice drill, you MUST follow procedures to evacuate the building fully.

2. **follow directional EXIT signs** to evacuate via the nearest safe exit in a calm and orderly manner.

    - do not stop to collect your belongings
    - close all doors as you leave

3. **steer clear of hazards**. If evacuation becomes difficult via a chosen route because of smoke, flames or a blockage, re-enter the Chamber (if safe to do so). Continue the evacuation via the nearest safe exit route.

4. **proceed to the Evacuation Assembly Point.** Move away from the building. Once you have exited the building, proceed to the main Evacuation Assembly Point immediately - located in the **East Overflow Car Park**.

    - do not assemble directly outside the building or on any main roadway, to ensure access for Emergency Services.

5. **await further instructions.**

    - **do not re-enter the building under any circumstances without an "all clear"** which should only be given by the Incident Control Officer/Chief Fire Warden, Fire Warden or Manager.
    - do not leave the area without permission.
    - ensure all colleagues and visitors are accounted for. Notify a Fire Warden or Manager immediately if you have any concerns

Toilets

Toilets are located immediately outside the Council Chamber, accessed via the door at the back of the Chamber.

Water Cooler

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Microphones

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Cabinet

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Thursday 15th October 2026.

Present: Cllr Paul Rowling (In the Chair) Cllr Pauline Beall (Cabinet Member), Cllr Clare Besford (Cabinet Member), Cllr Nigel Cooke (Cabinet Member), Cllr Richard Eglington (Cabinet Member) and Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE (Cabinet Member)

Officers: Mike Greene, Peter Bell, Julie Butcher, Angela Connor, Tara Connor, Kirsty Grundy, Clare Harper, Simon Milner, Ged Morton, Carolyn Nice, Chris Renahan, Iain Robinson and Aishah Waithe.

Also in attendance: Cllr Marc Besford, Cllr Stephen Dodds, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy and Cllr Ross Patterson

Apologies: Cllr Lisa Evans.

CAB/182/25 Live Streaming

The Chair announced to those present that the meeting would be live streamed.

CAB/183/25 Evacuation Procedure

The evacuation procedure was noted.

CAB/184/25 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

CAB/185/25 Minutes

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2026.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2026 be approved.

CAB/186/25 Scrutiny Review of Community Participation Budget and Ward Transport Budget - Final Report of the Community Safety Select Committee

Consideration was given to a report that presented the outcomes of the Community Safety Select Committee's review of Community Participation Budget and Ward Transport Budget.

RESOLVED that:-

1. Both the Community Participation Budget (CPB) and the Ward Transport Budget (WTB) remain as separate Member-led schemes.

2. With due regard to the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) Ward Councillor survey feedback, SBC reviews and refreshes the guidance available to SBC Ward

Councillors on CPB and WTB eligibility criteria and scheme delivery processes (which should include approximate timelines involved in the most common project proposals).

3. SBC considers how existing resources can best support and improve the timely processing of CPB / WTB proposals and ensure effective communication with SBC Ward Councillors throughout the process.

4. SBC continues to develop, and then implements, its new CPB / WTB-related digital case management and submission system (to include a Members Briefing at the appropriate time).

5. SBC strengthens processes around communication between relevant SBC Ward Councillors and officers designing a CPB / WTB scheme if, after feasibility checks are undertaken, environmental or other factors mean the original scope cannot be achieved.

6. Annual updates be provided to all SBC Ward Councillors on the state of CPB / WTB proposals (including the in-year and full four-year Council term budget position).

7. SBC Ward Councillors be supported to increase engagement with local resident and community groups to generate and discuss project proposals at ward level via Ward surgeries and Members newsletters.

8. To increase wider understanding and promotion of these budget schemes, SBC:

a) publishes a short annual summary on its website of projects funded through CPB and WTB in each ward.

b) uses its website to confirm budget allocations, processes for applications, any deadlines for season-specific works, and principal contacts for enquiries.

c) periodically advertises its CPB / WTB website link to the Borough's Town and Parish Councils, and local residents, via all available communication mediums.

9. SBC introduces an annual report to the relevant SBC scrutiny committee on the CPB and WTB (allocations, proposals, spend, carry-forward, etc.).

CAB/187/25 Integration of Community Day Options and Allensway Centre for Adults with Learning Disabilities and Complex Needs

Consideration was given to a report on the Integration of Community Day Options and Allensway Centre for Adults with Learning Disabilities and Complex Needs.

Community Day Options (CDO) delivered community-based day opportunities for adults with learning disabilities and complex needs from Stockton Business Centre, Ragworth Community Centre and Billingham Forum. Allensway Day Centre was a Council-owned, purpose-designed and fully accessible building with capacity to accommodate additional service provision.

A report was presented to the Corporate Management Team (CMT), and it was agreed that a consultation should be undertaken with people accessing the service and their families and carers regarding the potential relocation of CDO to Allensway Day Centre and the integration of the two services. The proposed integration aimed to

improve accessibility, increase opportunities for people accessing the service, strengthen community inclusion and maximise the use of council assets. Consultation findings indicated strong support for the proposal, with respondents highlighting the importance of maintaining relationships with familiar staff, access to a wider range of activities, improved facilities and opportunities for greater social interaction.

The proposed integration would bring the two services together within a single, integrated day opportunities service based at Allensway Day Centre, while maintaining existing staffing levels and implementing measures to support people throughout the transition. The report presented the findings of the consultation and sought a decision on whether to proceed with the proposal.

RESOLVED that:-

1. Relocate CDO to Allensway Day Centre and integrate the two services.

2. Delegate authority to the Director of Adults, Health & Wellbeing, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Services and the Chief Financial Officer, to take all necessary steps to implement the approved service model, including consultation, engagement with trade unions and staff, and any consequential organisational change processes.

3. Note that through the outcome-based review approach, a new model design, and implementation of a more integrated approach, people will get a wider range of opportunities and there will be more options to grow and develop the experiences for people. Financial savings were not the driver for this review, but it has provided the opportunity to delete vacant posts, without reducing staff numbers and as such there will be £150k in savings.

CAB/188/25 Procurement Plan

Consideration was given to a report that sought approval for the award of planned higher value contracts where the value exceeds the limit on officer delegated authority and which are either funded within the approved MTFP / Capital Programme or are subject to a bid for external funding.

The constitution defined a range of decisions that required a specific Cabinet approval, the financial threshold for which was set at a level of £500k or more. Annex 1of the report lists contracts that exceeds the financial threshold and have not otherwise been delegated to officers.

Further Procurement Plan / Higher Value Contracts Reports would be presented to Cabinet for approval during the year as details of new contracts needed to deliver capital schemes were developed or new revenue funded contracts identified.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The contract listed in Annex 1 of the report be approved.

2. Authority be delegated to the relevant Director or Assistant Director to make the specific contract award decision and any subsequent contract variation, annual inflationary uplifts (where allowed in the contract terms and conditions) and extension decision in accordance with the delegations listed in Annex 1 of the report.

CAB/189/25 Flag Flying Policy - Historic Counties Flags

Consideration was given to a report on the Flag Flying Policy – Historic Counties Flags.

The report presented the options to amend the Council's flag flying policy to celebrate the Historic Counties which fall within the Borough boundaries.

A request had been received from a member of the public to recognise the historic county of Durham through the Council's flag flying policy. With regard to options for flying historic county flags, the following dates were relevant for Stockton-on-Tees:

- County Durham Day – 20 March - the feast day for St Cuthbert. The Durham Flag could be flown at the Town Hall (north of River Tees in the historic county of Durham)
- Yorkshire Day – 1 August - marking the anniversary of the Battle of Minden. The Yorkshire Flag could be flown at Dunedin House (south of River Tees in the historic North Riding of Yorkshire)

A copy of the Council's current flag flying policy was attached to the report. The current policy provided for the Union Flag to be flown from the headquarters building at all times and for the Union Flag to be flown on the Town Hall with the exception of designated days for other flags. If the Historic County Flag Days were to be recognised, the flag flying policy would be amended.

RESOLVED that the Council's flag flying policy be updated to recognise Durham Day on 20 March and Yorkshire Day on 1 August.

CAB/190/25 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item due to the likelihood that, if members of the public were present, there would be disclosure of exempt information and the information was exempt under s100A(4) and paragraphs 1 and 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

CAB/191/25 Opportunities for Young People into Employment

Consideration was given to an exempt report on Opportunities for Young People into Employment.

RESOLVED that the recommendations contained within the report be agreed.

Agenda Item 6

REPORT TO CABINET

DATE 16 NOVEMBER 2026

REPORT OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM

CABINET INFORMATION ITEM

Leader of the Council – Councillor Lisa Evans

Stockton-on-Tees Plan – Progress 2026

Summary

Following Council agreement of the Stockton-on-Tees Plan in 2024, it was agreed that Cabinet would receive annual performance updates.

The indicators attached (appendix 1) provide Cabinet with an update on the Council's progress against the high-level outcomes identified in the Stockton-on-Tees Plan.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)/Decision(s)

1. To Ensure Transparency and Accountability:

   Regular reporting against the Stockton-on-Tees Plan enables Cabinet to monitor progress, assess the effectiveness of service delivery, and ensure that the Council remains accountable to residents and partners.
2. To Support Evidence-Based Decision-Making:

   The report provides an overview of outcomes, highlighting both achievements and areas requiring improvement. This evidence base supports informed decision-making and prioritisation of resources.
3. To Drive Continuous Improvement:

   Identifying areas for improvement allows for timely intervention and the implementation of corrective actions. This promotes a culture of continuous improvement across services and contributes to better outcomes for communities.
4. To Align Strategic Priorities:

   Monitoring progress against the Stockton-on-Tees Plan ensures that the organisation remains focused on delivering its strategic objectives and that progress is aligned with the Council's vision and long-term goals.
5. To Inform Future Planning and Budgeting:

   Insights from the report can inform future service planning, policy development, and budget setting, ensuring that resources are targeted effectively to meet community needs.

6. To Highlight and Celebrate Success:

   Recognising areas of strong progression helps to motivate staff, share best practice, and reinforce the Council's commitment to delivering high-quality services.

Recommendations

1. Note and comment on the update attached at Appendix 1

Detail

1. The Stockton-on-Tees Plan (2024) set a Vision for the future of the Borough, developed with communities, for communities:
   - *Our Vision: Stockton-on-Tees is home. It's a warm and friendly place where we welcome others and come together as a single community. We are a diverse and inspiring Borough, culturally rich and with confidence in a future that we can all share and be proud of. At the economic heart of the Tees Valley, we are a dynamic, safe and healthy place where everyone can grow and succeed. We will continue to work together to reduce inequalities and barriers to opportunity.*

2. The wider plan was developed to reflect the drivers and priorities that can turn our Vision into reality, and included a picture of success, underpinned by key outcome measures (What success looks like - Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council).

3. Outcomes centre around our priority areas of:

   - The best start in life to achieve big ambitions
   - Healthy and Resilient Communities
   - A Great Place to Live, Work and Visit
   - An Inclusive Economy
   - A Sustainable Council

4. Appendix 1 provides the progress report against key outcome measures. This is based on latest available data sourced from national and local sources.

5. This includes:

   - Areas where the Council performs above the national average, and demonstrates strong performance trends aligned to our ambitions:
     - % of households in fuel poverty
     - % of children having a good level of development at foundation stage
     - % of residents have difficulty managing their finances
     - Gross Value Added (GVA) per hour worked
     - Total greenhouse gas emissions (kilo tonnes)

   - Areas where the Council shows strong performance relative to national averages, however there is a need to manage local trends to improve outcomes:
     - Average Attainment 8 score

   - Areas where the Council demonstrates strong performance trends aligned to

our ambitions:

- % of residents that feel like they belong to their neighbourhood
- Total recorded offences
- % of residents who are satisfied with their accommodation
- % of residents who feel that the things they do in your life are not worthwhile
- % of residents who are satisfied with their current job
- Employment rate
- Increased Footfall (Combined) in the 5 Town Centres/High Streets in the Borough

- Known areas of challenge, which form the basis of targeted activity to improve outcomes:
  - % of 16 and 17 year olds who were not in education, employment or training
  - Healthy life expectancy
  - % of residents who feel safe walking alone (within 15 minutes of their home)
  - % Economically Inactive People that are Long Term Sick (16-64)
  - Non domestic rating income (net)

Consultation and engagement

1. The Council Plan drew from a wide range of data and intelligence. But overall, it represents the voice of the Borough. It has been developed with communities, for communities. We've gathered intelligence from:

   - Our Residents Survey
   - Conversations with Community Groups
   - Face-to-face interviews
   - Our Viewpoint Panel.

2. Key themes from our conversation with communities, and which are reflected in the Council Plan are:

   - Creating a Borough to be proud of that encourages more young people to stay here
   - Creating employment opportunities and raising aspirations
   - Creating safe communities and reducing anti-social behaviour in town centres
   - Good Schools and Colleges
   - Good transport links – including cycleways & pathways
   - Joint working with communities and creating an inclusive Borough.

3. Working closely with our communities and partners will help us meet the needs of our residents and make Stockton-on-Tees a place we can all be proud of. Some examples of how we will measure success include:

   - The number of children in poverty
   - Educational attainment
   - Feelings of belonging in communities
   - Crime rates & perceptions of crime
   - Satisfaction with employment & accommodation

- Employment rates & productivity.

Next Steps

1. Following Council agreement of the Stockton-on-Tees Plan in 2024, it was agreed that Cabinet would receive annual performance updates.

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

1. The Stockton-on-Tees Plan's strategic priorities will support the Local Authority to deliver its statutory functions and enable it to be an effective Corporate Parent.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

1. The Stockton-on-Tees Plan is aligned with the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan. There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report. Financial implications will be considered through any proposed action to deliver and approval sought at that point.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

1. Any and all legal implications will be identified through careful action planning throughout the delivery of the Stockton-on-Tees Plan noting, in particular, that growing pressures on communities and public services will require effective management of the Council's resources, and that, any decisions made pursuant to the Council Plan are also made in accordance with the law to minimise any risk of legal challenge.

RISK ASSESSMENT

1. Effective monitoring of progress relies on the use of appropriate KPIs and robust supporting data. KPIs have been identified through consultation with officers and consideration of sector guidance, providing assurance that they reflect progress against Stockton-on-Tees Plan objectives. Data accuracy is supported through established validation processes, minimising the risk of inaccurate reporting.

WARDS AFFECTED AND CONSULTATION WITH WARD/COUNCILLORS

1. All Stockton-on-Tees wards affected.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Council Plan (Council Report, November 2024)

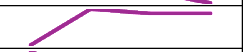
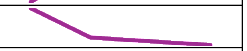
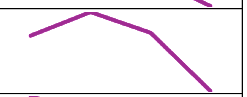
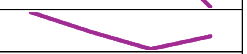
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APPENDIX 1

Stockton-on-Tees Plan	Tier 1 Indicators

Unique Indicator Code	Indicator	Polarity	Previous 2 years		Previous year	Latest data	Latest data date	CIPFA neighbours	North East	England	Direction of travel	Trend
T1001	% of households in fuel poverty	Low is Good	12.2%	9.6%	9.2%	7.8%	2024	10.2%	9.0%	9.9%	↓	
T1002	% of children having a good level of development at foundation stage	High is good	68.1%	69.7%	69.5%	69.5%	2024/25	66.8%	66.5%	68.3%	→	
T1003	Average Attainment 8 score	High is good	49.2%	45.9%	45.5%	45.0%	2024/25	44.9%	44.1%	46.0%	↓	
T1004	% of 16 and 17 year olds who were not in education, employment or training (NEET)	Low is Good	5.2%	6.9%	7.2%	7.0%	2026	4.1%	5.0%	3.4%	↓	
T1005	% of residents that feel like they belong to their neighbourhood	High is good			57.3%	57.8%	2026	N/A	N/A	63.6%	↑	
T1006	% of residents have difficulty managing their finances	Low is Good			21.0%	14.9%	2026	N/A	N/A	24.6%	↓	
T1007	Healthy life expectancy - Males	High is good	58.1	56.5	56.5	55.6	2022-24	58.2	57.0	60.9	↓	
T1008	Healthy life expectancy - Females	High is good	56.8	57.6	56.9	54.9	2022-24	58.6	56.9	61.3	↓	
T1009	Total recorded offences (excl. fraud) (offences per 1,000 population) (12 months rolling)	Low is Good	123.5	110.8	99.2	107.7	2026 Q1	85.0	97.7	83.1	↑	
T1010	% of residents who feel safe walking alone (within 15 minutes of their home)	High is good			52.0%	42.1%	2026	N/A	77.7%	78.0%	↓	
T1011	% of residents who are satisfied with their accommodation	High is good			84.4%	86.3%	2026	N/A	N/A	88.6%	↑	
T1012	% of residents who feel that the things they do in your life are not worthwhile	Low is Good			10.7%	8.2%	2026	N/A	6.5%	5.1%	↓	
T1013	% of residents who are satisfied with their current job	High is good			63.4%	69.1%	2026	N/A	N/A	73.6%	↑	
T1014	Overall employment rate (aged 16-64)	High is good	73.1	69.6	75.2	73.5	Q1 2026	74.9	71.8	75.8	↓	
T1015	Gross Value Added (GVA) per hour worked	High is good	£ 39.60	£ 41.30	£ 42.60	£ 43.15	2023	£ 36.05	£ 35.82	£ 42.39	↑	
T1018	% People who have engaged in Volunteering Recently	High is good			48.0	50.0	2025	51.0	50.0	54.0	↑	
T1019	Total green house gas emissions (kilo tonnes)	Low is Good	2145.7	1960.0	1867.0	1148.2	2025	224553.8	9859.3	1215.2	↓	
T1020	% Economically Inactive People that are Long Term Sick (16-64)	Low is Good	33.5	39.3	26.4	39.3	2025	35.2	32.7	27.7	↑	
T1021	Increased Footfall (Combined) in the 5 Town Centres/High Streets in the Borough (12 months endi	High is Good	5.0%	5.6%	5.4%	5.4%	2025/26	N/A	N/A	N/A	→	
T1022	Non domestic rating income (net)	High is Good	£81,439,381	£82,731,011	£88,690,372	£88,471,816	2025/26	£ 91,186,908	N/A	N/A	↓	

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REPORT TO CABINET

NOVEMBER 2026

REPORT OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM

CABINET INFORMATION ITEM

Children & Young People - Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Clare Besford

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE 2025 – 2026

Summary

This report presents a summary of provisional headline performance data for the academic year 2025-26 in all Key Stages for all providers across the Borough.

Primary schools continue to perform well. Ofsted has not made an 'overall effectiveness' judgement for schools since September 2024, and from November 2025 the renewed inspection framework introduced a new grading system with 'expected' standard as the benchmark. The new standards are not comparable to the previous grades. Of the 10 primary school inspections which have taken place since November 2025, most have met or exceeded the expected standard in all areas. However, 4 have at least one area that 'needs attention'. This is not a 'failing grade' but does draw additional monitoring from Ofsted.

Secondary (including special) schools have also performed well in inspection. Of the 4 inspections under the renewed framework, all have met or exceeded the expected standard in all areas. However, the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) is subject to special measures.

Outcomes for Stockton-on-Tees pupils by the end of primary school are mostly above provisional national average for 2026. The proportion of pupils achieving the higher standards at the end of KS2 has continued to improve but remains below average. Outcomes in phonics and at the end of Early Years are improving, but not as much as the national average.

GCSE Grade 4 and 5 English and Maths outcomes are well above 2026 national averages. The area where they are not above national averages, is in the top scores (Grade 9) which reflects the regional picture. These results have been self-reported by the schools and academies themselves.

Post-16 outcomes (A*-E) continue to perform well, although A*-B grades are not above national averages in this measure, which reflects the regional picture.

Reasons for recommendations

Key Headlines:

- Provisional outcomes for KS2 are above the national outcomes for the end of KS2. Stockton-on-Tees ranks 2nd in the region and 1st in the Tees Valley.
- Outcomes vary widely across the local authority and often reflect the fact that Stockton-on-Tees has some of the most pronounced neighbourhood-level inequalities in the country. The impact of deprivation is particularly evident with almost all of the lowest attaining 20% of schools serving communities with high levels of deprivation.
- The average GLD improvement for schools that received additional support from the local authority was almost four times greater than for the local authority as a whole.
- Provisional GCSE Grade 4+ outcomes in English and Maths were 71.9%; above regional and national averages**.**
- Provisional GCSE Grade 5+ outcomes in English and Maths were 51.8%; above regional and national averages.
- The LA average for A level passes was 98.5%. This is above the national average.
- A level A*-B passes were below the national average, which reflects the regional picture.
- There is a continued focus to further improve higher grades at A level.

Recommendations

Recommended that the report be noted.

Detail

PRIMARY PHASE

1) Early Years Foundation Stage

a) 70.8% of children achieved a Good Level of Development (GLD) in 2026. This is a 1.3% increase in comparison with 2025, and 0.5% above the provisional regional average (70.3%). However, it is below the national average (72.3%) for the first time since 2019. Although this year's improvement reverses a declining trend, there is a need for significantly greater improvement in the next two years if Stockton-on-Tees is to meet the DfE target for 2028 (78.5%)

b) There was a sharp fall in the size of the cohort in Reception for 2026. While this mirrors the national picture, the decline was 4% greater than the national picture. This has a particular impact in some schools where Reception children are in mixed-age classes, either with nursery or Y1.

c) Additional advice, support and training has been available through the DfE RISE Reception improvement offer, and through a targeted programme of support offered by the local authority to all maintained schools and selected academies. Schools that participated in the local authority programme improved their GLD outcomes by an average of 4.7%. This programme will continue in 2026-27 as part of the local authority School Readiness work.

d) Staff retention, attendance and financial considerations continue to impact on take-up of advice, support and training across the Early Years, but most schools and settings access training and support in some way.

2) Phonics:

a) The proportion of Year 1 children meeting the standard in the phonics screening check (PSC) was 80.5%. This is a 0.4% improvement in comparison with 2025. While positive, the improvement was smaller in Stockton-on-Tees than it was regionally or nationally. Nationally, 81.8% met the standard, a 2% improvement on the previous year. The regional average in 2026 was 79.6%, up 1.6%. However, Stockton ranks 4th in the region and 2nd in the Tees Valley.

b) Children who do not meet the standard in phonics in Year 1, or who did not participate in the PSC in Year 1, take the test in Year 2. Of the pupils who took the test in Year 2, 50.9% met the standard. This was a 2.1% improvement on the previous year, but below the regional and national averages of 51.7% and 52.8% respectively.

3) Key Stage 1:

a) Although schools are encouraged to assess pupils' attainment at the end of KS1, statutory assessments were discontinued in 2023. There is, therefore, no data for this Key Stage.

4) Key Stage 2:

a) In comparison with provisional regional and national averages, Stockton-on-Tees schools continue to perform well at the expected standard. Overall, 65.8% of pupils met the expected standard in all of reading, writing and maths. This was a 0.6% improvement in comparison with 2025, and over 2% above both regional and national averages.

b) Outcomes in all three subjects individually were above the regional and national average at the expected standard.

c) Reading outcomes dipped slightly at the expected standard and more so at the higher standard, mirroring the regional and national picture. However, there were significant national difficulties with test and marking procedures in 2026, resulting in a delay in schools receiving results. It has been suggested that there were particular problems with reading. Attainment for some schools will change when the revised outcomes are issued in December 2026.

d) Outcomes at the higher standard were below national average.

e) Progress measures for 2026 will be published but not until December 2026. This information is already available for individual schools as part of their Inspection Data Summary Report (IDSR)

SECONDARY PHASE

5) Key Stage 4:

a) Since 2018 almost all GCSEs are graded 9 (highest) to 1(lowest); a grade 4 is a standard pass (broadly equivalent to a C), grade 5 is a strong pass (B/C grade) and

grade 7 broadly equivalent to an A. Stockton-on-Tees outcomes are expected to be above 2026 national averages. **(Appendix 4)**

b) Within Stockton-on-Tees's secondary schools, performance continues to be strong in many schools.
c) Those with the highest attainment at the grade 4+ in English and Maths pass rate, and above the LA average, are All Saints, Ingleby Manor, Egglescliffe, Conyers, Grangefield and Ian Ramsey.
d) Of particular note are Conyers, Grangefield and Ian Ramsey who improved on the 2025 result. Grangefield and Ian Ramsey achieved the same increase at 5+ English and Maths
e) Grade 4+ English and Maths attainment in most schools is similar or improved compared to 2025 outcomes of the same measure.
f) Six schools improved Grade 4+ outcomes by more than 5%: St Patrick's (+19.2%); Our Lady and St Bede (+12.9%); Ian Ramsey (+12.6%); Thornaby Academy (+8.3%); St Michael's(+7.4%) and Grangefield (+5.8%).
g) One school was significantly below grade 4+ local authority and national averages, though outcomes have improved by over 4.0% from the previous year. This is a MAT school and will be picked up by their relevant body.

6) Post 16:

a) Stockton pass rate for A levels was at 98.5% (LA average) This is higher than national average.
b) Egglescliffe performed highest for the A*-B measure (49.2%)
c) Conyers performed highest for the A*-E measure (99.6%)
d) All A*-E outcomes from Post 16 providers improved from the previous year or were broadly aligned. (**Appendix 5)**
e) Stockton A*-B outcomes were below the national average. Improving outcomes for higher grades continues to be a challenge within Stockton, across the Tees Valley and the North East **(Appendix 5).**
f) For Applied General Qualifications (for example BTEC Nationals) average point scores per entry have improved in three out of four Post 16 organisations compared to the previous year **(Appendix 5).**

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APPENDICES

Note: all national data is provisional at this stage. All figures have been rounded to 2 significant figures

Appendix 1 Good Level of Development

Good Level of Development					
'Expected' in all the Prime areas and Literacy and Mathematics from Specific areas.					
%	2022*	2023	2024	2025	2026
Stockton-on-Tees	68%	70%	70%	70%	71%
National	65%	67%	68%	68%	72%

* Due to changes in the assessment criteria, data prior to 2022 is not directly comparable

Appendix 2 - Phonics (Key Stage 1)

Phonics Screening Check						
Met the standard Year 1	2019	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Stockton-on-Tees	84%	78%	81%	81%	80%	81%
National	82%	76%	79%	80%	80%	82%

Appendix 3

KS2 Headline outcomes – Expected Standard (EXS+)

	2024		2025		2026		
	LA EXS+	National EXS+	LA EXS+	National EXS+	LA EXS+	National EXS+	LA v National 2026
Reading	75%	74%	77%	74%	77%	75%	+2%
Writing	76%	72%	75%	72%	76%	73%	+3%
Maths	77%	73%	76%	74%	78%	75%	+3%
Combined RWM	64%	61%	65%	62%	66%	63%	+3%
English, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	74%	72%	74%	73%	75%	74%	+1%

KS2 Headline outcomes – Greater Depth in the Standard (GDS) or Higher Standard

	2024		2025		2026		
	LA GDS	National GDS	LA GDS	National GDS	LA GDS	National GDS	LA v National 2025
Reading	28%	29%	33%	34%	30%	31%	-1%
Writing	14%	13%	13%	13%	13%	13%	=
Maths	23%	23%	26%	26%	25%	27%	-2%
Combined RWM	7%	8%	8%	8%	8%	9%	-1%
English, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	30%	32%	29%	30%	28%	30%	-2%

Appendix 4 – Stockton-on-Tees Provisional English and Maths GCSEs 2026

KS4 Basic	Number on Roll	4+ in English	4+ in English Language	4+ in English Literature	4+ in Maths	4+ in English & Maths	5+ in English	5+ in English Language	5+ in English Literature	5+ in Maths	5+ in English & Maths
All Saints Academy	168	91.1%	85.1%	86.3%	92.3%	88.7%	79.2%	72.6%	69.6%	73.8%	67.9%
Bishopsgarth-Outwood Acaden	124	65.3%	58.1%	51.6%	49.2%	47.6%	42.7%	36.3%	28.2%	27.4%	21.8%
Conyers	211	81.5%	77.7%	72.5%	80.6%	74.9%	65.9%	57.3%	59.7%	60.7%	52.1%
Egglescliffe	235	86.8%	82.6%	78.7%	82.1%	79.6%	71.1%	63.4%	63.4%	66.4%	59.6%
Grangefield	200	80.0%	66.5%	78.5%	75.5%	73.5%	65.0%	54.5%	60.0%	63.0%	57.0%
Ian Ramsey CE	225	84.4%	77.3%	83.6%	81.3%	78.2%	73.8%	65.8%	68.9%	60.0%	56.9%
Ingleby Manor Free School	119	92.4%	90.8%	84.0%	84.9%	84.0%	84.9%	84.0%	63.9%	71.4%	68.9%
North Shore Academy	150	71.3%	64.0%	68.0%	73.3%	67.3%	61.3%	52.0%	57.3%	54.0%	47.3%
Northfield	296	82.1%	73.0%	78.0%	68.9%	66.2%	65.9%	55.1%	57.1%	49.7%	44.6%
St Patrick's RC	107	75.7%	72.0%	67.3%	73.8%	66.4%	58.9%	52.3%	54.2%	55.1%	47.7%
St Michael's RC	185	75.1%	65.9%	70.3%	68.6%	64.3%	58.4%	49.2%	52.4%	50.8%	42.7%
Our Lady & St Bede RC	200	80.0%	71.5%	75.0%	70.5%	68.0%	66.0%	57.5%	62.0%	56.0%	51.0%
Thornaby Academy	92	77.2%	64.1%	75.0%	73.9%	68.5%	60.9%	53.3%	56.5%	54.3%	52.2%
Stockton LA	**2312**	**80.9%**	**73.6%**	**75.5%**	**75.4%**	**71.9%**	**66.4%**	**58.2%**	**59.0%**	**57.6%**	**51.8%**

9's	No. of 9's			% of 9's		
	English Language	English Literature	Mathematics	English Language	English Literature	Mathematics
All Saints Academy	3	6	12	1.8%	3.6%	7.1%
Bishopsgarth-Outwood Acaden	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Conyers	7	9	11	3.3%	4.3%	5.2%
Egglescliffe	12	8	10	5.1%	3.4%	4.3%
Grangefield	5	7	5	2.5%	3.5%	2.5%
Ian Ramsey CE	6	7	8	2.7%	3.1%	3.6%
Ingleby Manor Free School	15	10	2	12.6%	8.4%	1.7%
North Shore Academy	0	4	4	0.0%	2.7%	2.7%
Northfield	8	6	5	2.7%	2.0%	1.7%
St Patrick's RC	2	1	4	1.9%	0.9%	3.7%
St Michael's RC	1	5	4	0.5%	2.7%	2.2%
Our Lady & St Bede RC	7	6	5	3.5%	3.0%	2.5%
Thornaby Academy	2	5	5	2.2%	5.4%	5.4%
Stockton LA	**68**	**74**	**75**	**2.9%**	**3.2%**	**3.2%**

Ebacc Strong Pass 5+	EBacc APS	Ebacc Entries	Ebacc Achieved
All Saints Academy	4.8	47.0%	29.8%
Bishopsgarth-Outwood Acaden	2.6	16.9%	4.0%
Conyers	4.5	46.9%	46.9%
Egglescliffe	4.6	56.6%	29.8%
Grangefield	4.1	33.0%	27.5%
Ian Ramsey CE	4.2	29.8%	19.6%
Ingleby Manor Free School	4.8	42.0%	31.1%
North Shore Academy	4.0	42.0%	20.7%
Northfield	3.9	22.0%	12.8%
St Patrick's RC	3.8	14.0%	7.5%
St Michael's RC	3.9	17.8%	8.6%
Our Lady & St Bede RC	4.2	55.0%	26.0%
Thornaby Academy	1.9	35.9%	25.0%
Stockton LA	**4.1**	**36.1%**	**22.8%**

Appendix 5 – KS5 A level outcomes

Post-16 Summary - Provisional Data - 2026 V1.0

	Number of A level entries *										
	2019	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Rate of Change				
							2023-2019	2023-2022	2024-2023	2025-2024	2026-2025
Conyers	224	226	282	287	299	235	59	57	5	12	-64
Egglescliffe	477	484	465	507	493	479	-12	-19	42	-14	-14
SSFC	297	334	285	300	371	219	-12	-49	15	71	-152
The ETC	302	477	480	519	367	588	178	3	39	-152	221
LA	1299	1521	1512	1613	1530	1521	213	-9	101	-83	-9

	Average point score per entry – A Level											% A*- B grades – A levels*										% A*- E grades – A levels*									
	2019	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Rate of Change					2019	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Rate of Change					2019	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Rate of Change				
							2023-2019	2023-2022	2024-2023	2025-2024	2026-2025							2023-2019	2023-2022	2024-2023	2025-2024	2026-2025							2023-2019	2023-2022	2024-2023	2025-2024	2026-2025
Conyers	34.89	38.62	35.25	34.46	34.77	33.00	0.36	-3.37	-0.79	0.31	-1.77	53.8	59.6	45.9	51.2	50.0	41.3	-7.9	-13.7	5.3	-1.2	-8.7	100.0	99.6	99.3	98.6	99.0	99.6	-0.7	-0.3	-0.7	0.4	0.6
Egglescliffe	35.22	40.74	35.03	34.84	34.88	34.05	-0.19	-5.71	-0.19	0.04	-0.83	53.8	67.1	51.8	55.6	50.1	49.2	-2.0	-15.3	3.8	-5.5	-0.9	99.3	100.0	99.1	98.2	97.8	97.7	-0.2	-0.9	-0.9	-0.4	-0.1
SSFC	27.64	32.22	25.30	27.00	29.60	26.70	-2.34	-6.92	1.70	2.60	-2.90	29.0	43.4	22.5	28.3	33.2	25.6	-6.5	-20.9	5.8	4.9	-7.6	93.9	98.2	95.1	95.3	97.0	98.0	1.2	-3.1	0.2	1.7	1.0
The ETC	30.90	32.84	30.21	30.27	32.45	31.51	-0.69	-2.63	0.06	2.18	-0.94	39.7	44.0	37.5	35.5	43.3	40.8	-2.2	-6.5	-2.0	7.8	-2.5	98.7	99.0	96.3	98.5	98.1	98.6	-2.4	-2.7	2.2	-0.4	0.5
LA	32.43	36.08	31.70	31.84	33.00	31.85	-0.73	-4.38	0.14	1.16	-1.15	44.9	53.5	40.6	42.7	44.2	39.2	-4.2	-12.9	2.1	1.5	-5.0	98.0	99.2	97.5	97.7	98.0	98.5	-0.6	-1.7	0.2	0.3	0.5
National	34.01	38.87	35.29	35.55	36.09		1.28	-3.58	0.26	0.54		51.1	57.2	53.4	53.6	54.5	54.8	2.3	-3.8	0.2	0.9	0.3	97.6	98.4	97.2	97.1	97.5	97.5	-0.4	-1.2	-0.1	0.4	0.0

	Average points for best 3 A levels											Average point score per entry – Applied General											Average point score per entry – Technical General										
	2019	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Rate of Change					2019	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Rate of Change					2019	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Rate of Change				
							2023-2019	2023-2022	2024-2023	2025-2024	2026-2025							2023-2019	2023-2022	2024-2023	2025-2024	2026-2025							2023-2019	2023-2022	2024-2023	2025-2024	2026-2025
Conyers	34.64	37.59	33.56	33.47	35.00	32.86	-1.08	-4.03	-0.09	1.53	-2.14	38.90	45.80	39.90	38.06	41.61	43.08	1.00	-5.90	-1.84	3.55	1.47	28.42	38.75	32.44	41.17	40.29	37.87	4.02	-6.31	8.73	-0.88	-2.42
Egglescliffe	36.83	40.29	35.17	34.87	34.77	34.56	-1.66	-5.12	-0.30	-0.10	-0.21	30.00	32.50	28.33	24.17	28.33	29.73	-1.67	-4.17	-4.16	4.16	1.40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SSFC	28.10	34.34	25.30	30.70	32.60	26.70	-2.80	-9.04	5.40	1.90	-5.90	29.13	26.93	26.90	28.30	30.70	28.60	-2.23	-0.03	1.40	2.40	-2.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
The ETC	35.09	32.35	33.14	33.64	36.62	33.39	-1.95	0.79	0.50	2.98	-3.23	24.40	31.83	-	32.06	33.66	38.41	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.60	4.75	23.37	26.17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LA**	-	36.91	32.64	33.06	34.08	31.88	-	-4.27	0.42	1.02	-2.20	28.77	33.69	30.77	29.62	29.22	33.11	2.00	-2.92	-1.15	-0.40	3.89	24.74	28.95	24.94	29.66	33.63		0.20	-4.01	4.72	3.97	
National**	33.96	39.20	35.78	36.21	36.80		1.82	-3.42	0.43	0.59		28.91	31.91	29.52	29.09	29.89		0.61	-2.39	-0.43	0.80		28.64	30.54	28.50	28.11	28.82		-0.14	-2.04	-0.39	0.71	

* Results not available via Performance Tables website - data taken directly from the proformas completed by colleges.

** LA and National results revised for 2022-2025 in 2026 based on published data

2019 & 2022 data checked against Performance Tables website 17-08-23.

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Appendix 6 – Primary Attainment by school

Red - more than 5% below National average, Yellow - within 5% (+ or -) of National average, Green - More than 5% above National average

2026 Primary Attainment		EYFS	KS1	End of KS2			
School Name	**Academy Sponsor**	**GLD**	**Y1 Phonics**	**CRWM EXS+**	**Reading EXS+**	**Writing EXS+**	**Maths EXS+**
Local Authority		**70.8%**	**80.5%**	**66.1%**	**76.9%**	**75.8%**	**77.9%**
NCER National (Early Indicator)		**72.4%**	**81.8%**	**63.2%**	**75.1%**	**73.2%**	**75.1%**
Ash Trees School	Ascent Trust	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Bader Primary School	Vision Academy Learning Trust	75.0%	71.9%	69.0%	83.3%	71.4%	71.4%
Barley Fields Primary	Prince Regent Street Trust	83.1%	86.2%	87.4%	94.3%	94.3%	92.0%
Bewley Primary School	Vision Academy Learning Trust	69.0%	76.9%	68.8%	77.1%	81.3%	75.0%
Billingham South Community Primary School		65.5%	66.1%	56.9%	70.6%	56.9%	76.5%
Bowesfield Primary School		62.8%	60.9%	40.0%	47.5%	55.0%	60.0%
Christ The King RC Primary School	Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy	68.1%	75.0%	66.7%	83.3%	72.2%	81.5%
Crooksbarn Primary School	Ad Astra Academy Trust	83.3%	78.1%	74.3%	82.9%	82.9%	80.0%
Durham Lane Primary School		80.0%	89.7%	79.3%	86.2%	93.1%	86.2%
Egglescliffe Church of England Primary School	Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Learning Trust	86.7%	96.6%	92.9%	100.0%	92.9%	96.4%
Fairfield Primary School		80.0%	82.8%	73.7%	84.2%	81.0%	82.5%

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Frederick Nattrass Primary Academy	Northern Education Trust	63.0%	82.1%	87.5%	87.5%	87.5%	95.8%
Green Gates Academy	Horizons Specialist Academy Trust	n/a	n/a	0.0%	22.2%	0.0%	11.1%
Hardwick Green Academy	The Enquire Learning Trust	53.6%	89.7%	52.5%	55.0%	60.0%	62.5%
Harewood Primary School	Lingfield Education Trust	59.5%	69.0%	66.1%	71.4%	76.8%	78.6%
Harrow Gate Primary School	The Enquire Learning Trust	61.7%	78.7%	63.5%	88.5%	71.2%	80.8%
Hartburn Primary School	Prince Regent Street Trust	72.0%	90.4%	77.0%	86.5%	89.2%	82.4%
High Clarence Academy	The Enquire Learning Trust	31.3%	66.7%	50.0%	62.5%	75.0%	62.5%
Holy Trinity Rosehill CofE Voluntary Aided Primary School	Durham and Newcastle Diocesan	77.4%	81.4%	72.3%	80.9%	78.7%	83.0%
Ingleby Mill Primary School	Lingfield Education Trust	79.6%	93.0%	68.4%	81.6%	85.5%	80.3%
Junction Farm Primary School	Vision Academy Learning Trust	76.3%	85.7%	61.1%	74.1%	66.7%	90.7%
Kirklevington Primary School	Vision Academy Learning Trust	68.4%	81.3%	63.2%	84.2%	73.7%	89.5%
Layfield Primary School	Vision Academy Learning Trust	76.7%	73.9%	70.4%	85.2%	77.8%	74.1%
Levendale Primary School	Vision Academy Learning Trust	86.4%	100.0%	77.3%	90.9%	86.4%	81.8%
Mandale Mill Primary School	Lingfield Education Trust	54.5%	84.6%	49.0%	59.2%	69.4%	61.2%
Mill Lane Primary School		66.7%	57.1%	43.3%	46.7%	50.0%	56.7%
Myton Park Primary School		80.0%	90.0%	64.7%	67.6%	79.4%	73.5%
Norton Primary Academy	Northern Education Trust	66.7%	82.4%	75.0%	86.5%	82.7%	88.5%

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Oakdene Primary School	The Enquire Learning Trust	75.7%	89.7%	75.0%	82.5%	90.0%	87.5%
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Academy	Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust	76.5%	72.2%	63.6%	77.3%	81.8%	68.2%
Oxbridge Lane Primary School	Prince Regent Street Trust	73.1%	88.9%	75.0%	79.2%	83.3%	91.7%
Pentland Primary School	1Excellence	72.7%	79.2%	58.6%	62.1%	65.5%	72.4%
Preston Primary School	Lingfield Education Trust	60.7%	81.8%	74.1%	85.2%	85.2%	88.9%
Prior's Mill Church of England Controlled Primary School Billingham	Melrose Learning Trust	84.2%	76.7%	76.7%	83.3%	90.0%	81.7%
Roseberry Primary School	Extol Academy Trust	68.0%	67.6%	57.9%	68.4%	71.1%	60.5%
Rosebrook Primary	Ad Astra Academy Trust	59.5%	89.5%	50.8%	64.4%	71.2%	61.0%
St Bede's Catholic Primary School	Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust	76.7%	89.7%	76.7%	76.7%	80.0%	83.3%
St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School Stockton	Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust	66.7%	76.7%	69.6%	73.9%	78.3%	78.3%
St Francis of Assisi CofE School Ingleby Barwick	Dales Academy Trust	76.1%	90.0%	75.0%	90.0%	80.0%	91.7%
St Gregory's Catholic Primary School	Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust	70.0%	65.5%	73.3%	86.7%	83.3%	76.7%
St John The Baptist Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School		51.7%	42.9%	48.9%	62.2%	57.8%	64.4%
St John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School	Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust	64.3%	83.3%	70.6%	88.2%	88.2%	70.6%
St Joseph's Catholic Academy	Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust	76.2%	73.1%	74.4%	79.5%	82.1%	84.6%
St Joseph's Roman Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School Billingham	Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust	69.6%	79.2%	50.0%	58.3%	66.7%	83.3%
St Mark's Church of England Primary School	1Excellence	71.4%	81.6%	71.7%	81.7%	80.0%	83.3%

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St Mary's Church of England Primary School	Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Learning Trust	75.0%	84.6%	66.7%	83.3%	91.7%	75.0%
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, Stockton	Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust	75.0%	93.3%	82.1%	87.2%	84.6%	84.6%
St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School A Voluntary Catholic Academy	Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy	67.3%	83.7%	74.1%	91.4%	77.6%	93.1%
St Paul's Catholic Primary School	Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust	80.8%	86.7%	84.4%	90.6%	90.6%	93.8%
St Therese of Lisieux Catholic Primary School A Voluntary Catholic Academy	Nicholas Postgate Catholic Academy	70.0%	92.6%	83.8%	97.3%	89.2%	91.9%
The Glebe Primary School		71.7%	71.9%	43.6%	60.0%	69.1%	65.5%
The Links Primary School	Vision Academy Learning Trust	86.7%	87.5%	76.2%	85.7%	90.5%	90.5%
The Oak Tree Academy	Northern Education Trust	57.7%	88.9%	72.2%	77.8%	72.2%	77.8%
Thornaby Church of England Primary School	Dales Academy Trust	68.0%	91.3%	41.9%	62.8%	53.5%	65.1%
Tilery Primary School	Northern Lights Learning	71.4%	79.3%	42.9%	52.4%	47.6%	59.5%
Village Primary School	Prince Regent Street Trust	57.1%	76.0%	66.7%	73.3%	83.3%	76.7%
Whinstone Primary School	Vision Academy Learning Trust	80.0%	96.1%	69.8%	84.1%	81.0%	84.1%
Whitehouse Primary School	Vision Academy Learning Trust	75.0%	88.6%	51.9%	61.5%	75.0%	63.5%
William Cassidi Church of England Aided Primary School		75.0%	86.2%	63.6%	86.4%	63.6%	86.4%
Wolviston Primary School	Prince Regent Street Trust	66.7%	86.7%	71.4%	78.6%	85.7%	71.4%
Wynyard CE Primary	Melrose Learning Trust	82.0%	95.0%	81.7%	93.3%	88.3%	88.3%
Yarm Primary School	The Enquire Learning Trust	65.7%	88.6%	69.2%	87.2%	71.8%	89.7%

Agenda Item 8

REPORT TO CABINET

16 NOVEMBER 2026

REPORT OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM

CABINET DECISION

Health & Adult Social Care – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Pauline Beall

Local Account for Adults, Health and Wellbeing

Summary

This is the second Adults, Health and Wellbeing Local Account to be co-produced with the Making it Real Board, Stockton-on-Tees' strategic co-production Board.

While it is not mandatory under the Care Act (2014) to publish a Local Account, it is considered good practice.

The Local Account is a public-facing document that celebrates achievements from the past year, reflects on challenges, and sets out priorities for the year ahead. Co-producing the report ensures that the views and experiences of people who draw on care and support are central to this process.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)/Decision(s)

Cabinet is asked to approve the content Adults, Health and Wellbeing Local Account 2025/26 prior to publication. The Local Account has been co-produced with the Making it Real Board and provides an overview of progress against previous priorities, key achievements, current challenges and priorities for the year ahead.

Recommendations

1. The report be noted;
2. Agree and endorse the Local Account for Adults, Health and Wellbeing Local Account 2025-2026

Detail

1. This is the second Adults, Health and Wellbeing Local Account to be co-produced with the Making it Real Board, Stockton-on-Tees' strategic co-production forum. The Board,

comprising people with lived experience of care and support, carers, the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and council officers, worked alongside the Directorate and the Council's Communications Team to shape both the content and design of the report.

2. The Local Account presents a positive but balanced assessment of Adults, Health and Wellbeing services. It highlights significant achievements and progress against priorities identified in the previous Local Account, including developments in co-production, housing, public health and community safety. The report also recognises ongoing challenges, including health inequalities, housing affordability and homelessness pressures, supporting people to remain independent, improving transitions for young people moving into adult services, and ensuring a wider range of communities are involved in shaping services. These challenges have informed the priorities identified for the year ahead. Community Safety transferred to the Council's Neighbourhoods Directorate in Autumn 2026; consequently, while the Local Account reflects achievements delivered during the period covered by the report, future Community Safety priorities are not included within the priorities section and will instead be reported through the relevant arrangements within the Neighbourhoods Directorate.

3. The Local Account was developed through ongoing discussions at Making it Real Board meetings, where it was included as a standing agenda item. Officers from across the Directorate completed information-gathering templates and attended meetings to discuss achievements, challenges and priorities with Board members, enabling people with lived experience and carers to shape and refine the content of the report. The report also includes an update on the progress made against the priorities identified in the previous Local Account, allowing the Board to review what has been achieved and influence future priorities.

4. The Council's Communications Team was engaged from an early stage to support the design and publication of the Local Account. Feedback from Making it Real Board members influenced both the content and presentation of the report, ensuring it was shaped by the experiences and needs of people who draw on care and support. This reflects the Council's commitment to putting communities at the heart of what we do by listening to people, particularly those who may experience inequality, and using their feedback to inform decisions about how information is communicated.

5. The Local Account is a public-facing document that celebrates achievements from the past year, reflects on challenges, and sets out priorities for the year ahead. Co-producing the report helps ensure that the views and experiences of people who draw on care and support are central to how progress is reviewed and future priorities are identified.

Community Impact and Equality and Poverty Impact Assessment

6. The Local Account has no direct impact on any protected characteristics: it is a public report and does not directly change how we provide services.

7. However, the Local Account will be of interest to people accessing services, or providing care (paid or unpaid) in Stockton on Tees and the family/friends of people drawing on care and support.

8. An Equality and Poverty Impact Assessment (EPIA) has not been completed for this report as the Local Account is an information and reporting document. It does not introduce or amend a policy, strategy, service, commissioning arrangement or funding decision.

9. Equality and poverty considerations have nevertheless informed the development of the report through co-production with the Making it Real Board, ensuring the views and experiences of people who draw on care and support, including those who may experience disadvantage or inequality, have helped shape its content and presentation.

10. To promote equitable access to information, the Local Account will be available in alternative formats on request, including large print, audio, Braille and translated versions where required. This will help ensure that people with sensory impairments, learning disabilities or whose first language is not English can access the information.

Corporate Parenting Implications

11. This report does not contain any corporate parenting implications.

Financial Implications

12. There are no identified financial implications.

Legal Implications

13. There are no legal implications.

Risk Assessment

14. The Local Account is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

Wards Affected and Consultation with Ward/Councillors (refer to Concordat for Communication and Consultation with Members)

15. The Local Account will be published for sharing across all of Stockton-on-Tees. It is not anticipated that there will be any specific impact on any specific wards Background Papers.

Background Papers

16. None.

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Adults, Health & Wellbeing

Local Account 2025 - 2026

Sharing the achievements, challenges and commitments of services within Adults, Health and Wellbeing in Stockton-on-Tees

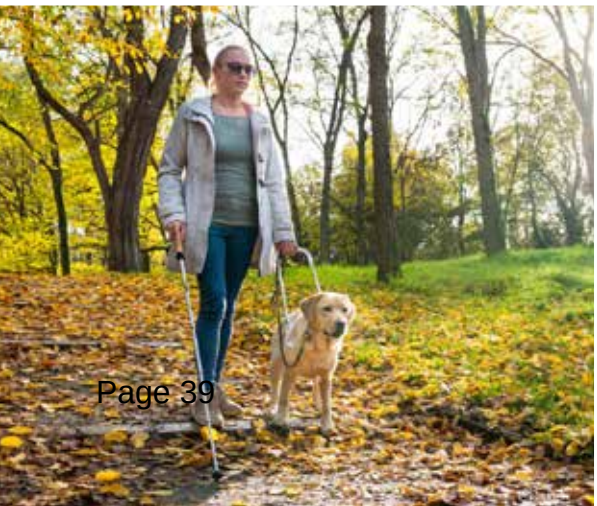
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Making It Real in Stockton-on-Tees











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Welcome from Councillor Pauline Beall



As the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care in Stockton-on-Tees, I'm really pleased to welcome you to the Adults Health & Wellbeing Local Account. The Local Account is a report made with our Making It Real Board. The Making It Real Board is made up of people and carers with lived experience who tell us what we are doing well, identify the strengths and flaws of our services and the support provided to people, their families and carers. They help us to produce information in a format that is easy for everyone to understand. They reflect and advise us on what they think we need to do to our services to meet people's needs now and in the future.

Councillor Pauline Beall
Cabinet Member Adult Social Care

This is our co-produced yearly review of how we've performed as a service, highlighting our place and partnerships; in essence the communities and people we support, where and how we do it.

Whether you are a carer or someone who wants to have choice and control over your daily life, wellbeing and independence within your local community, I hope it helps you understand us a bit better and how we responded to what we were told over the last year.

Co-production means working together to make decisions and plans. So instead of services being designed only by the Council or staff, people with lived experience of accessing services help shape them too.



Foreword from the Making It Real Board

Working together with, and for, our communities

We are a group of local people who have accessed Adult Social Care or Health services, including unpaid carers. We work with the Council to help make these services better. We share our experiences, check if plans will work for real people, and suggest ways to improve them.

This year, we welcomed five new members to the Making It Real Board, each bringing valuable lived experience that has strengthened our understanding of the challenges faced by people across the Borough.

We have enjoyed sharing our stories in Stockton-on-Tees News magazine and in our local communities, and we will be doing even more of this in the coming year.

This is our second co produced Local Account. It gives us the chance to look back at what we said last year, share what has changed, and the priorities for the year ahead. Co producing the Local Account means people's voices, experiences, and ideas shape what we report and what we do next. This is how the Making It Real Board keeps things real for the people of Stockton-on-Tees, and it's something we are proud of.

As a Board, we want to thank everyone who helped - those who shared their stories and the Council officers at all levels who came to meetings and shared information. This helped shape this year's Local Account.

We would also like to thank Councillor Pauline Beall and Carolyn Nice, Director for Adults, Health and Wellbeing for their support, along with the Adult Social Care staff who contributed and supported by attending meetings during the year.

We hope you enjoy the Local Account for 2025 - 2026.

If you are interested in finding out more, please visit:

www.stockton.gov.uk/making-it-real

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Partnership working in Stockton-on-Tees

What has been happening over the last year?

Powering Our Future is our plan to make Stockton on Tees a better place for everyone. It's about working with communities, not making decisions from the top. Here are just some of the key achievements:

Our Communities

(Helping people and families be more confident, independent and involved):

We have introduced Project Harmony: working with communities to understand their strengths and tackle issues like crime and anti social behaviour. We have also provided training for staff on engaging and working with our communities.

Our Place

(Making our six towns welcoming places where people want to visit and spend time):

We are creating a Health & Care Innovation Zone to help improve health, support new ideas in care, and provide good homes for all ages.

Our Partnerships

(Working with health services, schools, charities and others to improve life for residents):

We formed Team Stockton in 2023, bringing together organisational leaders from across Stockton-on-Tees to better support our communities.

Our Transformation

(Making the Council more efficient and improving services)

We are making it easier for people access services and find the information and support they need.

Our Colleagues

(Supporting Council staff to do their best for local communities):

We have worked with staff to create new values and behaviours which are: One Team, Community Focussed, Inclusive, Ambitious and Accountable.

Looking Ahead

New ways that we will be working in partnership in Stockton-on-Tees

PRIDE IN PLACE
LED BY YOU – BACKED BY UK GOVERNMENT

Funded by UK Government

Pride in Place

Central Stockton and Portrack has been named as a Pride in Place area, giving the community access to £19.6 million over the next ten years to help fund projects that make a real difference.

The programme will be led by a community board, made up of local residents, ward councillors, the local MP, businesspeople and representatives of community organisations that support people in the neighbourhood. This board will decide how the money is spent and will work with partners in the area to deliver projects.

We have spent time out and about in the neighbourhood, asking people what is important to them and how they think the board should spend the money to have the biggest positive impact on the area. The board is now working on turning what people have been saying into a Vision and 10 year plan for the neighbourhood.

The Pride in Place board will work with residents and community groups throughout the programme to deliver what they want, ensuring that they build stronger and more successful communities and give people more control over local decisions.

National Neighbourhood Health Implementation Programme

Neighbourhood Health Improvement Programme

Stockton-on-Tees was chosen as one of 43 areas to take part in the first phase of The Government's Neighbourhood Health Programme.

The programme aims to make it easier for people to get the health and care support they need by helping local services work more closely together. This includes GPs, community health services, Adult Social Care and local community organisations. By working together, services can provide more joined-up support and help people stay well for longer.

The first phase focused on Central Stockton and Portrack. It looked at how we can better support people living with more than one long-term health condition, making sure care is joined up and centred around what matters to them.

We are now using what we have learned to develop a local Neighbourhood Health Plan. The Health and Wellbeing Board will help lead this work alongside local partners. The plan will focus on:

- reducing health inequalities
- joining up health, care and community services
- understanding what local people need, and
- providing support earlier to help prevent problems from getting worse.

It will also build on the strengths of local people, community groups and neighbourhood organisations. Co-production with local people will be central to the future of Neighbourhood Health in your area. By sharing your views and experiences, you can help improve services for everyone.

Health and Wellbeing Board: a partnership of local leaders across the health and care system who work together to improve people's health and wellbeing. They help make sure services work well together and focus on helping everyone have the same opportunity to live a healthy life.

Adult Social Care Update



We provide support for people who need care or may be at risk of harm. We help older people, disabled people, and people with physical or mental health conditions stay independent and live safely in their own homes for as long as possible. If someone cannot stay at home, we can give advice or arrange residential or nursing care, including help with funding. We also support carers of all ages who look after someone in the Borough, with advice and help when they need it.

Angela Connor
Assistant Director, Adult Social Care and Principal Social Worker

11,178
People requested Adult Social Care support

5,800+
People supported with information & advice

5,300
People received short or long-term support

959
People supported through our **Reablement Service**

Short-term support to help people regain confidence and independence after illness or difficulty.

5,800+
People supported through our **Occupational Therapy** Service

Help to do everyday things like washing, dressing, cooking, and getting around at home, using equipment or changes to the home

731
People received a **Direct Payment** **up from 644** last year

Money people can use to pay for and arrange their own care and support.

1,000+
Carers' Assessments Completed

a check-in meeting where we find out how caring affects an unpaid carer and what support could help them

What else have we achieved

Recruiting staff for care at home services



We have been working with the Stockton-on-Tees Employment and Training Hub to run a 'Care Academy.' This helps train people in health and social care and gives them skills to find a job. We have taken the Care Academy on tour in the community. The Department of Health and Social Care says this is good practice and will include it in a national guide.

Making it easier to contact Adult Social Care

We have started work to improve our Adult Social Care Front Door. This will make it easier for people, carers and professionals to find information, get advice and access support when they need it.

We worked with the Making It Real Board to create a "house" picture that shows a person's journey through Adult Social Care. This helps people understand where to go for information, advice and support, and how different services work together to help them stay independent and well.

What are our Challenges in 2026?

- Making sure people from all our different communities can work with us to shape services
- Helping young people have a better experience when they move from children's to adult social care services (we call this Transition)
- Finding more ways to help people stay independent at home is a challenge

Starting with What Matters to You

We all need help sometimes.

We will work with you, listen and support you so you can live the life you choose.

Your Rights

Everyone should experience support that is:

- **Safe**
- **Heard**
- **Respected**
- **Fairly Treated**

Your Journey, Your Choices

This pathway shows how support can be accessed and developed around what matters to you.

Step 1: Information and Advice
Get the right information and understand your options.

Step 2: Community Support
Connect with local people, groups and services.

Step 3: Early Help and Prevention
Get support early to prevent problems getting bigger.

Step 4: Let's Talk About What Matters to You
Come and talk to us. We will listen, understand and explore what matters to you.

Let's Talk about what Matters to You

We will listen and work with you to:

- ✓ Explore options.
- ✓ Undertake an assessment where needed.
- ✓ Plan together.
- ✓ Review together.

Support Message
Come and talk to us. We're here to help.

What Matters to Me?

The model is centred around the things that are important to a person

My Home
Support to live comfortably and safely in a place that feels like home.

My Relationships
Maintaining and developing meaningful relationships and connections.

My Independence
Being able to make choices and do as much as possible for myself.

My Community
Being connected with local people, activities, groups and services.

My Purpose
Having goals, interests, contributions and things that give life meaning.

My Health and Wellbeing
Maintaining physical, mental and emotional wellbeing.

Our Gateway is Always Open

Get in touch or find information in the way that works for you.

Ways to Contact Us

Visit Our Website
Find information and explore your options.

Give Us a Call
Talk to someone who can help.

Send Us a Message
Email or online contact form.

Visit a Community Hub
Drop in or speak to local organisations.

Additional Information
We're here wherever you need us.

Review and Staying Connected (Back Door)

Support can grow, reduce or change with you.

You can stay connected, reduce support, move on, or come back whenever you need us.

My Carers and People Important to Me
They are involved, valued and supported.

Tools That Can Help

The following services and resources may help achieve the outcomes that matter to you:

- Information and Guidance
- Community Connections
- Carer Support
- Reablement
- Equipment and Adaptations
- Technology Enabled Care
- Support Plans
- Personal Assistants
- Direct Payments
- Short Breaks
- Peer Support

When Appropriate - Other Options

These options may be considered where they are the best way to help you achieve the outcomes that matter to you.

Residential Care
Support provided within a residential care setting.

Nursing Care
Support provided within a nursing care environment.

Specialist Accommodation
Housing designed to meet specific support needs.

Key Message

Our door is always open. Ask a question, get advice, or start a conversation whenever you need to.

Working with you and the People Important to you (Co-Production)

Together we design, decide and do.

1. Choice and Control
You remain in control of the decisions about your life.

2. Promoting Independence
Supporting you to do as much as possible for yourself and maintain your independence.

3. Enable, Not Disable
Focusing on strengths, abilities and opportunities rather than limitations.

4. We Listen and Explain

- Clear conversations.
- Clear information.
- No surprises.

5. Compassion
Kindness, dignity and respect in every interaction.

Everything we do is shaped by working with you and the people important to you.

Making It Real Board Priorities Last Year

Priority	What Adult Social Care Did
Priority 1 Putting people at the centre of their care and support and focusing on their strengths. This means starting with what people can do and what help is available in their community.	We have created new training for Adult Social Care staff that includes the voices of people with lived experience of adult social care and support.
Priority 2 Work more closely with people to design services together (co-production).	We worked with the Making It Real Board to develop our new Adult Social Care Strategy. Formed a new partnership focusing on what is important to people with a Learning Disability in our Borough. Introduced Co-Production Champions to ensure people's voices are part of making decisions.
Priority 3 Looking for more ways to help people live independently in their own home and have better choices of where to live.	Along with other councils across the North East we are working on a plan called the Regional Market Position Statement. This plan will help councils provide services so people can stay in their own homes. The work focuses on three main areas - older people, people who need more support and homes that are warm and dry

What are our Priorities for 2026?

Working together to plan and check services

We want people who access care services to help us plan and check these services. This is called co-production - working together when we design and buy services and make plans and policies so that the person's voice is the heart of our decisions. We will also work with partners and find more ways to involve groups and communities who are not yet represented.

Helping people stay independent

We are improving the way people contact Adult Social Care, making it easier to access information, advice and support at the right time.

Better support for young people moving into adult services

We have a new team in place to improve the help for young people when they move into adult services.

Making it easier for people when they move between care settings

We will keep working with partners so people have a better experience when leaving hospital or moving between care settings. We are working with local health partners in Stockton-on-Tees on a project called Neighbourhood Health. This project aims to help people get better care and support so they have better health and wellbeing.

Making It Real Board members along with people co-producing with the Council across our Services also shared their experiences with assessors from the **Care Quality Commission** when they assessed Adult Social Care. Thank you to everyone who gave their time to support this.

Care Quality Commission (CQC): The organisation that checks whether people are getting good care and support.

Chris's Story - We are Here Stockton!



We Are Here, Stockton! has made great progress this year. The group was set up in the summer as a new partnership between people with a learning disability, their families and carers, and the Council.

Together, they have been meeting to talk about what matters most to people with a learning disability in our area and to help make positive changes. The group is growing, and people are starting to share their ideas and experiences so services can get better for everyone.

I enjoy the sessions, it's nice to get out the house and get involved. I like that the group talks about things that I find important

Chris, We are Here, Stockton member

Housing and a Fairer Stockton-on-Tees Update



Jane Edmends
Assistant Director - Housing
& A Fairer Stockton-on-Tees

We give advice and support to people who need help with housing. This includes people who are homeless, worried about becoming homeless, looking for a home through Tees Valley Home Finder, or needing changes to their home because of mobility needs through the **Disabled Facilities Grant**.

Disabled Facilities Grant - this is money to help pay for changes to a home so a disabled person can live there more safely and easily. For example, it can help pay for a ramp, a stairlift, wider doors, or a walk-in shower.

We also support people who rent privately or if their home is in poor condition.

We work with local communities and the voluntary and community sector to help people and communities support themselves.

Food Support – The Bread and Butter Thing (TBBT)

- 5 Stockton-on-Tees Hubs
- 4,007 members
- 2,187 volunteering opportunities totalling over 6,561 volunteer hours
- 13, 950 food shops equivalent to 420,459 meals
- 80% of a The Bread & Butter Shops is made up of fruit, veg and chilled produce, delivering maximum nutritional benefit and delivering diet diversity every week hubs
- By shopping with The Bread and Butter Thing residents have made a cumulative saving of over £339,737
- Did you know our food clubs our food clubs give access to nutritious and affordable food taken into the heart of communities [starved of money, food and resources]. This weekly shop provides essential produce for family eating.



The Bread and Butter Thing offers low cost weekly groceries to residents, helping people stretch their budgets while reducing food waste.

Anyone can join, and membership is free. Our 5 Bread and Butter Hubs are located in central Stockton, Thornaby, Billingham, Newtown and Roseworth. For more information visit: **www.stockton.gov.uk/the-bread-and-butter-thing**

Working with our Partners to support our communities

- We have worked with Volunteering Matters to set up the volunteer driver scheme. There are currently 25 volunteer drivers who provide support for people to be socially active and connected with their communities as well as getting to key appointments or meetings.
- We are working with a network of voluntary and community organisations to support our refugee and asylum seeker communities.



Linda's Story - Volunteer Driver Service

After losing my partner, I faced becoming completely housebound due to my sight loss. The Volunteer Driver service changed that. It has enabled me to access healthcare, attend gym and social groups, and continue everyday activities like hair appointments. This support has restored my confidence and independence, improve my wellbeing, and given me back a sense of life and purpose

Providing affordable housing

- We brought 5 empty homes back into use in North Thornaby. These homes are now good quality and affordable.
- We worked with Registered Housing Providers to build 285 new affordable homes which residents of the borough moved into.



Affordable Housing means homes to rent or buy at lower prices, for people who cannot afford to pay the full price for housing

What Making It Real Board identified as a priorities for Housing and a Fairer Stockton-on-Tees last year

Priority 1

Preventing homelessness, supporting those who find themselves homeless and reduce rough sleeping.

What the Housing and a Fairer Stockton-on-Tees team did:

- We worked with people who have been homeless to create a new plan called the Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy
- We helped 67 people who were sleeping rough
- We supported 2,563 households who were homeless or at risk of becoming homeless

Priority 2

Helping people stay safe and independent at home for as long as possible

What the Housing and a Fairer Stockton-on-Tees team did:

- We made 234 changes to homes so people can live independently for longer
- We introduced a new service called Selective Licensing to make sure private rented homes in Stockton, Newtown and North Thornaby are managed well and kept in good condition

Priority 3

Continuing to support Bright Minds Bright Futures so young people can share their ideas and have their voices heard.

What the Housing and a Fairer Stockton-on-Tees team did:

- Young people decided to deliver services that are important to young people. This included the Second Chance to Dance Event , providing over 30 prom dresses and suits to allow young people who would otherwise have struggled, to attend their school prom.
- We worked with Bright Minds Bright Futures to give out 60 free goodie bags to families through the 'Kit Out the Borough' campaign.

Priority 4

Continuing to work with local communities so they can help themselves. This means supporting community-led activities and giving people the tools they need to make a difference.

Our Warm Welcomes are growing, with over 300 residents visiting one of our friendly community spaces every week.

Warm Spaces - What People said...

"Before coming here, I spent most days on my own. Now I feel like I belong somewhere."

"Everyone is so welcoming-it doesn't matter who you are, you feel included."

Those with lived experience of poverty came together as a Positive Living Forum and worked with the council to develop the Councils first Anti-Poverty Action Plan.

We are working with communities in Hardwick and Salters Lane, central Stockton and North Thornaby to identify what is important to them and agree a local action plan for how we can tackle priorities together.



Our Challenges in 2026

Affordable Homes and Rising Costs

- The Homes England programme is delayed which means fewer affordable homes are being built
- Rents are going up, and there aren't enough affordable homes for everyone who needs one

Cost of Living Pressures

- People are still struggling with rising living costs, and we need to support them

Preparing for Change

- We need to get ready for new laws, like the Renters Reform Bill and Supported Housing Act

Working with Communities

- We want to work more closely with local communities so they can help shape plans and services

Our Priorities for 2026

- Working with communities in Stockton Centre, Hardwick & Salters Lane, and Port Clarence (our Test, Learn and Grow areas) to help them create local Action Plans for their neighbourhoods
- We will also be working closely with communities in Central Stockton and Portrack (our Pride in Place area), listening to what matters most to them and working with them to shape a shared Regeneration Plan
- Prevent homelessness and rough sleeping and help people who need a home
- Help people live independently in homes that are warm, safe, and healthy
- Reduce poverty and unfairness so everyone has a fair chance in society

Public Health Update



We work to improve the health and wellbeing of people in our Borough. We do this by working with the Council, communities and other partners to make health fairer for everyone.

We help build strong communities by supporting things like getting into work, using green spaces and finding the right services.

We also provide public health services, including sexual health support, stop smoking services and help for people with drug or alcohol problems.

Sarah Bowman-Abouna - Director of Public Health

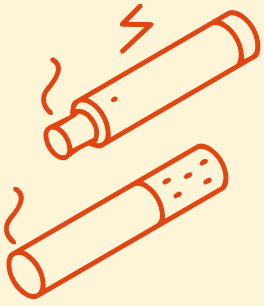
Our Year in Action

We delivered **709** NHS Health Checks for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council staff





47
people were supported by the Peer Advocacy service



1,132
people accessed the **Stop Smoking Service** in the last year
(1,489 last year)



1,785
people engaged with the **Domestic Abuse Service** in the last year
(1,700 last year)

4,732



People received an **NHS Health Check** in the last year
(4,174 last year)



1,747
People were supported by the **Drug and Alcohol Service** in the last year (1,750 last year)

Working with our Communities to improve health and wellbeing

In July, we ran a "Time to Listen" event with Tees Valley Sport and local people. This was to help us work better with communities and plan services together, so more people can be active and healthy.

People in the poorest parts of our Borough have worse health and wellbeing with a big gap in life expectancy compared to other areas. We worked with a local community group to deliver vaccine education sessions in secondary schools in these areas.



These sessions helped people understand vaccines better and gave them a chance to ask questions. As a result, vaccine uptake in the schools went up by 10-30%.

Feedback from Person supported by Recovery Connections

You're just normal people at Recovery connections we love the sober socials and events and grateful for you guys opening up on a Saturday as no where is open and always going above and beyond the team are great, not judgey… you make us feel safe and relaxed

Person supported by Recovery Connections

We know you care because you and the team come out regardless of the weather, you sit with us don't make us feel like we are separate from society and make us feel valued. You show us that it's possible to change, you care because you have been there and have lost loved ones to addiction, what you and the team do for the community is powerful and we respect that this is something different that's working.

Priorities identified by Making It Real Board last year

Priority 1

A new Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

What the Public Health team did:

We worked with local communities and organisations to create the Stockton-on-Tees Health and Wellbeing Strategy. This plan shows the main priorities and goals we all share. It also aims to make things fair for everyone in our Borough. We will work together to help people be healthier and happier. We worked with the Making It Real Board to make a summary of this plan and a video, available at **www.stockton.gov.uk/our-plans**

We also worked with our partners to update a shared plan to help improve health in our area. This is called the **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)**.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA): A shared report that shows what people in the area need to stay healthy and well, so services can plan the right support.

Priority 2

Reviewing our stop smoking services and offering more ways to help people quit.

What the Public Health team did:

We reviewed our Stop Smoking Services which showed us smoking is going down overall in Stockton-on-Tees, but some groups still smoke more. These include adults with severe mental illness, people on low incomes, and those who use drugs or alcohol. We are focusing on providing the right help and support for these groups so quitting feels possible.

Priority 3

Expanding drug and alcohol services so more people can get treatment and support with recovery and focusing on prevention and early help for people.

What the Public Health team did:

We received additional Government funding which has helped develop more substance misuse services. This includes the introduction of an outreach nursing team within homelessness hostels; a specialist team based in North Tees Hospital and a hospital-based alcohol detox service.

We introduced a new project (peer advocacy) to provide focused support to people experiencing a combination of homelessness, substance misuse, and poor mental health. The peer advocates spend time with people to develop a trusting relationship and help them to set goals and support them to work towards improving their lives e.g. opening a bank account; making health appointments.

Priority 4

Promoting sexual health and making sure people can access the right services.

What the Public Health team did:

We reviewed what people need now and in the future for sexual health services locally. This was to make sure everyone can get the right care when they need it. As a result, we are launching a new joined-up sexual health service for Teesside.

Our Challenges in 2026

- People in the poorest parts of our area have worse health. There is a big gap in health, with some people living about 15 years longer than others, depending on where they live in Stockton-on-Tees
- Too many children and adults in our Borough are living with obesity. Healthy food can be hard to find or too expensive, and there aren't enough safe places to exercise. We need to make our Borough a place where it's easier to eat well and stay active
- Smoking is going down overall in Stockton-on-Tees, but some groups are more likely to smoke than others. This includes people with severe mental illness, people on lower incomes, and people affected by drugs or alcohol

Our Priorities for 2026

- We will set up a new joined-up sexual health treatment and prevention service
- We will help build healthy communities by working more closely with local people to design services together, for example through our partnership with Sports England
- We will share the success and good practice from the peer advocacy project so others can learn from it
- Working with our partners to help make health and care easier to access in the Government's Neighbourhood Health Programme

Mike's Story, Groundworks - Grow Your Own Project



The Council funds a project called Grow Your Own which aims to connect communities through gardening and cooking. Mike found it hard to join in with groups after he was told he had Parkinson's disease. Groundworks first met Mike in Primrose. His wife encouraged him to try activities that would help him feel better. Mike started gardening because he enjoys it. Gardening helped him feel more confident and happier. He has now made good friends, like Graham and Michael. His wife feels relaxed leaving him at the gardens because she knows he will join in and enjoy spending time with the group. Mike said *"It does me good getting out and it's good for me to keep moving with my Parkinson's"*.

Community Safety and Regulated Services Update



Keeping people safe and dealing with problems like badly-run businesses, anti-social behaviour, rogue traders, and poorly managed licensed premises.

We work with local businesses, residents, community groups, Councillors and partners to help keep our Borough safe. We make sure businesses are well run, deal with anti social behaviour, check that taxis and licensed places are safe, and help keep our areas clean. We strive to ensure people feel safe and protected.

Marc Stephenson - Director of Community Safety and Regulated Services

Our Year in Action

- Helped a local resident get over £31,000 back after a rogue trader left building work unfinished in Ingleby Barwick
- Checked every food business and achieved the best food hygiene ratings in the North East
- Worked with the Making It Real Board to understand the experiences of wheelchair users and people with assistance animals when using taxis and private hire vehicles
- Started the Reducing the Strength Scheme to limit the sale of strong beer and cider (over 6.5% alcohol by volume) in Stockton town centre shops
- Secured more funding to keep people safe when they go out at night
- Delivered disability and dementia awareness training to 680 licensed taxi drivers in the Borough







Priorities identified by Making It Real Board last year

Priority 1

Protecting Our Environment and Keeping Communities Safe.

What Community Safety and Regulated Services did:

We have continued to work to keep our environment safe from problems like dirty air, smoke, loud noise, and pests. We now have a new plan to improve air quality across the whole borough. This plan was created after a year of listening to local people and working with partners. Over the next five years, this plan will help us make the air cleaner and healthier for everyone who lives, works, or visits Stockton-on-Tees.

Priority 2

Making our communities safer by working with the Police and other partners.

What Community Safety and Regulated Services did:

- We dealt with almost 19,000 requests for help, including 10,000 about anti-social behaviour
- We carried out 3,547 patrols in areas where anti-social behaviour happens most
- Our CCTV team spotted 8,086 incidents, which led to 948 arrests
- We started Operation Shield to make Stockton Town Centre safer and help people feel more confident. This project brings different teams together to reduce crime, support

Priority 3

Continuing to provide a free pest control service for residents.

What Community Safety and Regulated Services did:

We still provide free pest control for rats, mice and fleas in people's homes.

From September 2026, Community Safety and Regulated Services will move to the Neighbourhoods Directorate in the Council.

Closing Statement



As we celebrate another successful year and the publication of the second co-produced Local Account, I would like to thank and congratulate the Making It Real Board for everything they have achieved.

I feel incredibly proud of the Board and the difference they continue to make. Their passion, challenge and insight help Adults Health and Wellbeing to learn, improve and grow, so we can keep supporting people across the Borough in the ways that matter most to them.

It continues to be a real privilege to work alongside the Board. We know that getting Adult Social Care right is not something we can do on our own. The voice of lived experience must be at the heart of everything we do, and the Making It Real Board plays a vital role in making sure those voices are heard, valued and acted upon.

Thank you to our Board members for your commitment, support and partnership over the past year. Together, we are making a real difference for local people, and our continued journey together will help ensure Adult Social Care is shaped by the voices, experiences and aspirations of the people we serve.

Carolyn Nice
Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing



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Stockton-on-Tees BOROUGH COUNCIL

Making It Real in Stockton-on-Tees

Agenda Item 9

REPORT TO CABINET

DATE 16 November 2026

REPORT OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM

CABINET DECISION

Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources and Regeneration – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Paul Rowling

Pride in Place Central Stockton & Portrack - update & 10-year plan

Summary

This report updates Cabinet on the progress that has been made on the Pride in Place (PiP) Programme for Central Stockton and Portrack, including the establishment of our Neighbourhood Board, the results of our engagement programme, and the progress towards a 10-year plan for the neighbourhood.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)/Decision(s)

Pride in Place (PiP) is a 'hyper local', community-led, government funding programme. The ethos of PiP aligns with The Stockton-on-Tees Plan and Powering Our Future programme by placing residents at the heart of the work we do, by bringing people together to build stronger, more resilient communities and to create thriving places. Cabinet are asked to endorse the vision that has emerged from community engagement, delegate authority to approve the submission of the Neighbourhood Board's 10-year plan, and note the proposed next steps to enable the council to comply with the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) Programme timelines and programme governance.

Recommendations

Cabinet is asked to:

1. Approve the vision and the 4 key priority themes for the Central Stockton and Portrack neighbourhood which have been developed by the PiP Board based upon extensive residents engagement as the strategic framework for delivery of the Pride in Place Programme

2. Approve submission of the Central Stockton and Portrack Pride in Place 10-Year Plan to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Inclusive Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources and Regeneration, to finalise and submit the Plan, provided that the final version remains materially consistent with the Vision, Strategic Priorities and Programme Framework approved by Cabinet.

3. Note the progress that has been made by the PiP Board and the work that is planned for the next stages of the programme.

4. Note that expenditure associated with delivery of the Pride in Place Programme will be administered in accordance with the Council's Constitution, Financial Procedure Rules, Contract Procedure Rules, approved budgets and relevant Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government funding conditions.

Detail

1. In April 2026 Cabinet received a paper about PIP, describing the programme and the next steps for the programme. Cabinet is asked to note that significant progress has been made against this programme since then.

2. The programme mandated the establishment of a Neigbhourhood Board (Board) and the appointment of an independent chair, and for the details of the Board, the programme of community engagement and any proposals for amending the boundary of the pride in Place Neighbourhood to be submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) by late July 2026.

3. Details of the Central Stockton and Portrack Board members will be made available on the Council's website (Pride in Place - Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council). Following an application process Michael Poole was appointed as the independent chair.

4. The early stages of the resident and community engagement raised questions about the neighbourhood boundary that had been specified by MHCLG, noting that the original boundary passed through Tilery, did not include a local secondary school and the south of the neighbourhood did not have a clear and logical boundary line. The Board proposed an amendment to the neighbourhood within the submission in July 2026 and had this approved by MHCLG in August 2027. **Appendix A** shows the approved revised boundary map with the inclusion of the full Tilery estate, North Shore Academy and more logical boundary along Yarm Lane and including Trinity Gardens.

Consultation and Community Engagement

5. Throughout the spring and summer, the PiP Board and council officers, in partnership with a number of community organisations, carried out a programme of engagement with residents, community groups and businesses with an interest in the neighbourhood. This work included:

   - open access drop-in sessions,
   - attendance at community events,
   - an online and paper survey
   - group discussions
   - bespoke events
   - sessions to capture the views of communities of interest and those with protected characteristics.

6. Response to the engagement was good and positively received. The programme had almost 1,000 interactions. In addition to survey and spoken responses, the programme received a number of drawings, diagrams, photos and a mural in response to the questions that were asked.

7. The key findings of the engagement include:

- The most mentioned aspect of Central Stockton and Portrack, when asked “what is great about the neighbourhood?” was the “Parks and Gardens”, with “everything being close together and easy to access” and “affordability” also being regularly mentioned.
- 69% of respondents to the survey identified the fear of crime having an effect on them going out or going to activities in the area.
- Residents are ambitious for the neighbourhood and their community.
- Residents and partners gave a broad range of when asked what they believe the key challenges for the neighbourhood are, and how to address them.
- When asked what 3 words best describe the Central Stockton and Portrack that you want to see in 10 years’ time. These were the most commonly used words:



Central Stockton and Portrack’s 10 year plan

8. From the word cloud above the Board have developed the following vision to drive their work over the coming 10-years.

Vision for Central Stockton and Portrack

> *To create a thriving, safe and connected Stockton where young people can fulfil their potential, communities feel proud and secure, businesses and neighbourhoods prosper, and everyone can enjoy the cultural, recreational and green spaces that support a high quality of life.*

9. Our communities shared many ideas of what they believe the challenges for the area to be, and suggested projects, ideas or ways of working which they feel would contribute to addressing the challenges. Reviewing all this feedback, four clear priority areas have emerged:

    - *Supporting Young People to Thrive* – This included suggestions for youth clubs and facilities, community hubs, mentoring, apprenticeships, training and employment opportunities, while protecting young people from exploitation and substance-related harm.

    - *Creating Safer Communities* - through community, cohesion visible policing, CCTV, better lighting, enforcement, combined with practical support and rehabilitation for people affected by addiction and homelessness.

    - *Driving Economic Prosperity and Housing Growth* - Through supporting local businesses and start-ups, supporting business costs, developing an enhanced evening economy, bringing vacant properties back into use.

    - *Enhancing quality of life through Culture, Recreation and Green Space* - Through events, sport, wellbeing activities, community learning, cleaner neighbourhoods and greater use of parks and public spaces.

10. By 27 November 2026 the Board is required to submit:

    a) a summary of the engagement activities carried out and the findings of that work.

    b) a 10-year vision outlining the local community's ambitions for the future.

    c) a clear plan guided by community engagement for how the Board will deliver this change over the next decade.

11. The Board's work has progressed well on these documents, and they are due to be completed for sign off by the Board on 19th November 2026 before submission by the Council to MHCLG.

12. The vision and priorities are the key focus for the 10-year plan. The documents will reflect not only what our communities aim to tackle but also the way that this work will progress. It sets out how the programme will work with communities to develop projects and ideas and turn these into deliverable, sustainable projects with long term impacts, rather than specifying individual projects. This is consistent with the approach being taken by other PiP neighbourhoods and has been supported by MHCLG.

13. The plan will set out a number of next steps, including ongoing resident engagement, community workshops based around the key themes to better understand the way the PiP programme can have the biggest impact, and a proposal to launch a small grants programme late 2026/early 2027. Focussed on addressing the key priority areas, this will enable even greater community participation in the programme, it will deliver some of the ideas that residents have already put forward. Early projects may be used to generate more feedback to shape the longer term major funding decisions.

14. Following the completion of the plan and sign off by the Board, the documents will be submitted by the Council to MHCLG. The Council's role as the accountable body is to review these documents to ensure that the programme is compliant with the requirements set out in MHCLG guidance, responsive to the views of residents and consistent with the councils financial and legal procedures. It is proposed that the Director of Regeneration and Inclusive Growth in consultation with the Deputy Leader

be given delegated authority to agree and submit the plan, following its approval by the PiP Board.

Board Governance

15. MHCLG requires the Board to have a clear and publicly available Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct. These documents have recently been approved by the Board and will be made available to view on the Councils website. These documents set out how the Board and its' members will operate.

16. The Council and the Board have negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which sets out how the two parties will work together to deliver the programme. It sets out the Council's role as accountable body, the services that the Council will provide to the Board and the joint decision-making processes. These documents will be subject to regular review as the programme progresses, projects are delivered and, as the Board potentially evolves to gain greater independence as MHCLG's ambitions set out.

Next Steps

17. The extensive community engagement and conversations will be the driving theme of the programme. Following submission of the plan the Board will publicise its contents and ask the community to be part of delivering it. Workshops based around each of the themes will take place to further understand the context of the topic, where PiP funding and influence can add the most value and to start to shape projects to be delivered.

18. As will be set out in the 10- year plan, the Board will launch a community grants programme for the remainder of 2026/27 which will support initiatives in the four priority areas. The programme will follow similar processes to those of other community grant pots delivered by the Council.

Community Impact and Equality and Poverty Impact Assessment

19. Throughout the engagement programme, significant work has been put into ensuring that the voices of residents with protected characteristics are heard. The settings and style of engagement events were specifically designed to be accessible to a variety of needs. Full EPIAs will be completed for projects as they evolve to ensure that they are having the biggest possible positive impact on the communities the programme is designed to benefit.

Financial Implications

20. There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

21. As Accountable Body for the PiP programme, the Council will provide financial management, assurance, governance, monitoring and reporting functions required to fulfil its statutory and fiduciary responsibilities. These Accountable Body functions will be met from existing Council resources.

22. Separate programme management support will be provided by the Council in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding agreed with the Board. The costs of programme management support will be funded from the PiP Programme allocation.

23. Where the Board chooses to commission the Council to deliver specific projects or activities on its behalf, the associated project delivery costs will be met from the PiP Programme funding and will be subject to separate approval, governance and financial arrangements.

24. Any future expenditure commitments arising from the Programme will remain subject to compliance with the Council's Constitution, Financial Regulations, procurement requirements and any conditions attached to PiP funding.

Legal Implications

25. PiP Boards are required, under the funding arrangements and in accordance with the MHCLG Prospectus and Guidance, to co-create a 10-year plan with the local community, supported by the local MP and local authority.
26. The PiP funding is paid by MHCLG to the Council, as the Accountable Body, which then has ultimate responsibility for ensuring that public funds are distributed fairly and effectively, and that funds have been managed in line with the Nolan Principles, Equality Act 2010, public sector equality duty, data protection and Managing Public Money principles. The accountable body is also responsible for compliance with legal responsibilities in relation to subsidy control, state aid and procurement. If subsidy control or state aid laws are breached the accountable body will need to recover funding from the delivery bodies any grant has been paid to.
27. The Council, in its role as accountable body, must follow the relevant legislation for the management of public funds and the Chief Finance Officer will be required to submit an annual statement of grant usage to MHCLG. This will provide written confirmation that they have undertaken to actively apply all the necessary checks to ensure proper administration of its financial affairs regarding the funding programme, particularly in respect to financial administration and transparency of governance.
28. Whilst the ability to spend the PiP funding is flexible it must meet the criteria set by MHCLG and may have to be repaid if rules are not followed.

Wards Affected and Consultation with Ward/Councillors (refer to Concordat for Communication and Consultation with Members)

29. Central Stockton Ward – both ward councillors Cllr Pauline Beall and Cllr Paul Rowling are members of the PiP Board and have been involved in resident engagement and all Board decisions.

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Appendix A

Central Stockton and Portrack

Pride in Place **approved** boundary map

