



**GROWTH SCRUTINY & IMPROVEMENT
COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, 9 MARCH 2023 AT 10.00 AM

CIVIC CENTRE, RIDLEY STREET, REDCAR, YORKSHIRE, TS10 1TD

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Wednesday, 1 March 2023

CIRCULATION

Councillors V Smith (Chair), S Jeffrey (Vice-Chair), B Ayre, N Baldwin, R Clark, W Davies, M Head, C Jones, Y Lax-Keeler, L Pallister, P Thomson, A Turner and S Waterfield

Councillors Gallacher and Lanigan (Cabinet Members - for information)

All Members of the Council (for information)

Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise and Environment

The Press [except for Confidential item(s)]

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Would Members please refer to their copy of the Cabinet Workbook for the meeting (these papers will follow).	
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The Chair has requested that If Members of the Committee have any questions relating to this item, could these please be submitted in advance to allow the officers to provide a full response at the meeting.

10. Any items the Chair certifies as urgent.

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GROWTH SCRUTINY & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Growth Scrutiny & Improvement Committee was held on Thursday, 26 January 2023 at the Civic Centre, Ridley Street, Redcar, Yorkshire, TS10 1TD.

PRESENT Councillor V Smith (Chair)
Councillors S Jeffrey (Vice-Chair), N Baldwin,
R Clark, C Jones, L Pallister, P Thomson and
S Waterfield.

OFFICIALS L Anderson, B Archer, A Carter and D Boville.

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor C Gallacher, B Hunt and M Lanigan.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Ayre, M Head, Y Lax-Keeler and A Turner.

24 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2022**

The Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise & Environment advised that he would discuss the proposed working group to seek clarity on the South Tees Development Corporation decision making processes at his first meeting with the Chief Executive of the Tees Valley Combined Authority.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Growth Scrutiny and Improvement Committee held on 15 December 2022 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

25 **INTRODUCTION FROM BRIAN ARCHER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR GROWTH, ENTERPRISE & ENVIRONMENT.**

The Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise & Environment introduced himself to the committee and gave a brief overview of what was felt to be the main challenges to the Directorate over the short to medium-term:-
NOTED

26 **LOFTUS CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise & Environment presented a report which sought approval of the draft Loftus Conservation Area Management Plan for consultation, which was due to be considered by Cabinet on 31 January 2023.

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As part of the ensuing discussion, the following points were made:

- The officers involved in the creation of the conservation area management plan should be commended for their efforts.
- The Council did not have enough capacity within the enforcement team to adequately enforce conservation management plans and therefore it was difficult to justify the creation of such plans without the ability to support their implementation. Members were advised that there was only one Senior Enforcement Officer for the whole of the Borough, as priority had to be given to funding services the Council had a statutory duty to deliver. However, this service area was currently under review with a view to providing appropriate enforcement services across the Borough.
- The demolition of Arlington Chapel was being carried out under powers provided in the Buildings Act as the building was unsafe and a risk to human life, and therefore a conservation area management plan would not have been a consideration when making the decision to demolish.
- A Member requested a list of all of the Borough's conservation areas, including the dates of the last and next review:-**NOTED**

27 **LOCAL WILDLIFE SITE: SOUTH BANK STATION, BLACK PATH**

The Executive Director for Growth, Enterprise & Environment presented a report which sought to amend the Schedule of Local Sites and on-line Local Plan Policies Map to include the South Bank Station, Black Path Local Wildlife Site, which was due to be considered by Cabinet on 31 January 2023.

As part of the ensuing discussion, the following points were made:

- It was important to ensure that the Council had appropriate staffing to enforce any such local wildlife sites.
- Members requested a briefing on the location of the Borough's local wildlife sites and the work undertaken to monitor and refresh the sites:-**NOTED**

28 **SOUTH GARE ACCESS UPDATE**

The Assistant Director for Growth & Enterprise gave an overview of a land access issue that had arisen between the South Tees Development Corporation (STDC) and PD Ports.

As part of the ensuing discussion, the following points were made:

- The STDC was taking legal action against PD Ports. It was not felt that this was an appropriate use of public and that both sides

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- should aim to resolve any dispute amicably.
- Given the strategic importance of the Teesworks site, the Council should aim to assist with any mediation where possible to try and help resolve this issue as quickly as possible.
- It was not thought that this issue would have an impact on other current developments on the Teesworks site which could be delivered using existing site access.
- The Council had received assurances that this issue would not have an impact on public use of the South Gare for leisure activities, or access to the Site of Special Scientific Interest:-
NOTED

29 **PLACE INVESTMENT TEAM PROGRESS UPDATE.**

The Assistant Director for Growth & Enterprise presented an update on current place investment projects.

Members were advised that at present the plan for Redcar library was for it to remain in the ground floor of Redcar & Cleveland House, with a remodelled floor plan, until the new building on Redcar High Street was ready:-**NOTED**

30 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

Levelling Up Fund

The Assistant Director for Growth & Enterprise gave an update on the status of the Levelling up Fund bids. The bid for Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland had been successful, while the bid for the Greater Eston Area, including funding for the swimming baths and precinct had been unsuccessful.

As part of the ensuing discussion, the following points were made:

- There needed to be a clear plan for the funding of Eston Baths. The Council had originally budgeted for £7m in borrowing to fund the project, but with current inflation this funding would not be enough.
- The Leader of the Council advised that an application had been submitted to the Tees Valley Combined Authority for an additional £5m, in order to fully fund the swimming pool and create a sports village. The outcome of this would be shared with Members as soon as possible.
- Asbestos removal at the site was still ongoing which had led to a delay of the demolition of the existing pool.
- The failed levelling up bid meant that there was no money identified at all within Council budgets for the regeneration of Eston

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precinct.

Rise in utility costs

A Member requested an item at a future meeting on the impact of the rise in utility costs on the local business economy: **-NOTED**

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ATTENDANCE RECORD - 2022/23

Surname	First name	16.06.2 2	28.07.2 2	22.09.2 2	03.11.2 2	15.12.2 2	26.01.2 3	dd.mm. yy	dd.mm. yy	dd.mm. yy	Total Meetings Attended / total possible
Ayre	Billy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Apols				
Foley - McCormack	Chris	✓	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Jeffrey	Sue	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Head	Malcom	✓	✓	Apols1	✓	✓	Apols				
Jones	Chris	✓	✓	Apols	Apols	Apols	✓				
Lax-Keeler	Yvonne	RA	Apols	Apols	✓	X	Apols				
Moody	Shaun	✓	Apols	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Baldwin	Neil	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Berry	Peter	✓	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Wells	Billy	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Smith	Vince	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Clark	Rob	X	X	X	Apols	X	✓				
Waterfield	Stephen	RA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Davies	Wayne	n/a	X	Apols	X	X	X				
Thomson	Phillip	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Pallister	Lynn	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓				
Turner	Andrea	n/a	n/a	Apols	X	Apols	Apols				

Substitutes

Carole	Morgan	✓									
Andrew	Hixon	✓									

Key

✓	Attended
RA	Apologies Submitted (replacement attended)
Apols	Apologies Submitted (no replacement)
X	Did Not Attend (no apologies received)
C	Cancelled Meeting
n/a	Not a Member

Reason for Absence (NB Full details may not be provided for reasons of confidentiality)

1	Personal Commitment
2	Work Commitment
3	Illness/Medical
4	Conflicting Council Commitment
5	Other
6	Civic Duties



Briefing Note

Eston Sports Village

To: Growth Scrutiny & Improvement Committee

Date: 9th March 2023

From: Andrew Carter (Assistant Director Growth & Enterprise)

Ref:

1.0 Purpose

1.1 To update Elected Members on the Eston Sports Village project.

2.0 The Overall Scope of the Project

2.1 The Cabinet and Council made a decision on 23rd February 2023 which agreed the Budget Proposals for 2023/24. As part of these proposals the Capital Investment Programme was agreed which established a £13.1m funding envelope for the “Eston Sports Village” project.

2.2 In terms of funding, the £13.1m total budget is broken down via:

- £11.1m Prudential Borrowing
- £2m Capital Grant (Indigenous Growth Fund from TVCA)

2.3 In terms of project components the project the £13.1m funding is indicatively allocated as set out below:

- £11.4m for the provision of new Eston Pool and external works.
- £1.7m as match funding contribution towards the £5.5m Herlingshaw project in partnership with Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation (MFCF).

2.4 The £13.1m funding will deliver a strategic intervention in the Eston area enabling the provision of new sports and leisure facilities.

3.0 Eston Pool Component

3.1 Eston Swimming Pool is part of the Eston Leisure Centre Complex on Normanby Road in the South Bank Ward. The wider site includes the Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation Herlingshaw facility and the extensive Eston Recreation open space provision.

3.2 Eston swimming pool has remained closed as per government regulations, since the start of the Covid-19 Pandemic in March 2020. However, on the 12th June 2020 the Pool was severely impacted by a flooding event which caused major damage to the underground pool plant room, rendering the swimming pool unusable. The site has a history of flooding issues, in 2009, the pool was closed for 16 weeks for flood repairs works that cost in excess of £100,000 and in 2014, the pool was closed for a further 15 weeks with flood damage costing around £200,000 to repair.

3.3 Notwithstanding the specific flooding problem, the swimming pool buildings at Eston Leisure Centre are approximately 50 years old and are beginning to exhibit general failures related to their age. The widespread presence of asbestos in the building fabric also needs to be considered and proactively addressed going forward.

3.4 In determining a preferred solution, a number of options were considered, ranging from basic repair, demolition and new build, to the permanent closure of the pool.

3.5 The pool is the only one serving the Greater Eston part of the borough and provision of swimming facilities supports a number of our key Public Health outcomes, including reducing levels of obesity, increasing physical activity and improving mental wellbeing. The area served by the pool, suffers relatively poor health outcomes and so permanent closure was discounted as an option and the decision to deliver a new pool provision was made.

3.6 The Eston Pool project has the following indicative components;

- 25m length 6 x lane Sport England Competition Pool with variable (1m-1.8m) depth floor
- 150 spectator seats
- Fully accessible changing village, group changing facilities and toilets
- Pool suitable for competition and gala use
- Above ground plant room
- Accessible pool access

3.7 To deliver the overall Eston Pool project it will cost an estimated £11.4m. The various components which make up the overall project costs are set out below:

- £2.64m = Pre Construction Works (e.g. design, demolition, contamination removal etc.)
- £8.2m = Eston Pool construction costs
- £0.32m = Professional Fees
- £0.2m = Contingency

3.8 Project delivery is underway and will be undertaken in accordance with the indicative plan below;

- Feb 2023 = RIBA Stage 4 design commences
- Feb/Mar 2023 = Public consultation
- Mar 2023 = Full business case approval
- Mar 2023 = Planning application submitted
- Mar 2023 = Enabling work start on site
- Oct 2023 = Enabling work complete
- Oct 2023 = Construction start on site
- Feb 2025 = Construction completed

4.0 Herlingshaw Component

4.1 The Herlingshaw component is a project being delivered in partnership with MFCF, delivering the following:

- (a) Extension and refurbishment of the Herlingshaw building providing additional offices and classrooms for education/training purposes.
- (b) A new outdoor 3G pitch.
- (c) Playzone/MUGA adjacent to the Herlingshaw building.

- 4.2 The additions to the Herlingshaw base will provide much needed community sports and education facilities which will benefit the local area and compliment the Council's Eston Pool development.
- 4.3 The overall cost to deliver the Herlingshaw project is circa £5.5m; with the exact capital costs currently being investigated by MFCF bearing in mind the ongoing situation with regard to contract inflation. Once the robust costs are established, later in 2023, the project will form part of a bid to the Football Foundation.
- 4.4 The Football Foundation is the Premier League, The FA and Government's charitable organisation which makes capital funding available for grassroots football facilities. Projects will be funded, based on a competitive bidding process open throughout the year. Projects that involve partnership working and "match funding" are more likely to be successfully in securing capital grant funding.
- 4.5 The Council will provide £1.7m match funding towards the Herlingshaw project, with the balance of the +£5.5m costs (e.g. £3.8m) being funded by the Football Foundation through a successful bid outcome. Discussions are well advanced with the Football Foundation and they are welcoming a bid (from MFCF/RCBC) at some point in summer/autumn 2023 which they will support.
- 4.6 Alongside the Herlingshaw project, MFCF are developing a new £5m facility at Hummersea Lane in Loftus. To date MFCF are currently working up a planning application which will be submitted to the Council in due course. The project will be developed/delivered in the same MFCF/RCBC partnership way as Herlingshaw and will be subject to a future bid to the Football Foundation to secure overall funding. The only difference being that the Council is not providing any match funding to the £5m Hummersea Lane project; MFCF will provide all the match funding. For clarity, the £1.7m match funding identified above will not be used to fund Loftus project and will be solely ringfenced for the Herlingshaw component of the Eston Sports Village.
- 4.7 In terms of Herlingshaw project delivery, the following is relevant:
- MFCF have submitted a planning application (R/2022/0886/FFM) to the Council and this was approved on 25th January 2023.
 - The planning permission enables MFCF/RCBC to start work and deliver (a) set out in paragraph 4.1, subject to a successful bid (securing funding) to the Football Foundation.
 - Subject to a successful bid to the Football Foundation the Football Foundation will undertake the project management and actual works associated with (b) and (c) set out in paragraph 4.1.

5.0 Conclusion

- 5.1 Elected Members are asked to note the content of the report which sets out the scope of the Eston Sports Village project.



Briefing Note

Cost of Living Impact on Business

To: Growth Scrutiny & Improvement Committee

Date: 9th March 2023

From: Andrew Carter (Assistant Director Growth & Enterprise)

Ref:

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To update Elected Members on the current cost of living crisis and its impact on business, nationally, locally and the support available.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Unbeknown at the time of the pandemic was the cost-of-living crisis and resulting increase in inflation that would await consumers and businesses and impact on spending during the latter part of 2022.
- 2.2 It is likely that this will continue through 2023 and most likely beyond. Inevitably, the cost-of- living crisis has dramatically increased energy and fuel bills and this is having a great impact on businesses as they see their costs rise and customers more careful spending less on products and services.

3.0 National Evidence on Impact

- 3.1 The Federation of Small Business (FSB) reported to a Commons Committee that 400,000 SME were lost during covid and the perfect storm of covid followed by the cost-of-living crisis will see many others fall. The Office of National Statistics (ONS) figures show business cash reserves have decreased dramatically therefore reducing business resilience.
- 3.2 Much of the national comment focusses on issues within town/city centres where the downturn in the number of office workers is having a large negative impact on those businesses who would (pre-pandemic) have provided services to those office workers. Anecdotally, the reality is that this has not had the same levels of impact in Redcar and Cleveland because of the comparatively low levels of office workers in the borough.

- 3.3 However, the latest British Chamber of Commerce (BCC) survey asked general questions as opposed to 'cost of living' specific and the results were as follows:
- Two thirds of businesses (65%) plan to raise prices due to cost pressures
 - Almost half (47%) of businesses say paying energy bills will be difficult when the current energy support package ends at the end of March 2023
 - More than half (52%) of businesses are consistently experiencing difficulties recruiting staff
 - Concerns around regulation and taxation are regularly troubling a third of firms (30%)
- 3.4 The survey backs up findings from the BCC's most recent Quarterly Economic Survey of more than 5,000 companies which found business confidence remains at Covid-crisis levels. It found that only one in three (34%) businesses believed their profits will increase over the coming year, and more (36%) expected a decline. While a quarter of businesses reported a decrease in sales in the last quarter of 2022, with the hospitality sector the least likely to report improvements.
- 3.5 Looking at the retail sector, MRI Springboard Annual Review highlights key trends seen in the sector during 2022:
- Increasing maturity of hybrid working. Much of the ongoing trend for localism is driven by hybrid working. MRI Springboard's Retail Consumer survey identified that in 2022 an average of 55% of consumers worked at home for at least some days each week, with very little change in the extent of home working across the year. The impact of hybrid working on footfall has largely been evident in a lower rate of recovery back to the 2019 level in high streets during weekdays. This result is not unexpected as it is high streets - with its concentration of offices - that feel the impact of the drop in office-based workers to a greater degree than shopping centres or retail parks which are predominantly retail-based locations.
 - Reduction in online spending from pandemic peak. Whilst footfall in retail destinations strengthened over the 12 months in 2022, the importance of online spending diminished from a peak reached during the pandemic.
 - Resilience of retail parks. The resilience of retail parks in retaining footfall has been a feature of the physical retail landscape since the start of Covid. Not only do most retail parks host a food store so shoppers keep returning to these destinations on a regular basis, but they are easy to reach by car which was key during the pandemic when travelling on public transport was a concern to shoppers, and now can be problematic during rail strikes. In addition, the fact that these locations comprise large stores means shoppers felt more comfortable in retail parks when infection rates were high.
- 3.6 Over the last decade MRI Springboard has been publishing its data, footfall declined by an average of -1.3% per year each year from 2009, and so in even the absence of Covid, footfall across UK retail destinations would now be circa -4% lower than in 2009. Taking this into account, with all things being equal MRI Springboard do not believe that footfall will return to the pre-pandemic level, and in 2023 anticipate that the gap from 2019 will settle at between -5% and -10%

4.0 Local Evidence on Impact: Business Survey Snapshot

- 4.1 The Business Engagement Team launched an online sample business survey in October 2022 to understand the current health of businesses within Redcar and Cleveland and gauge their views on their economic outlook. To understand this, we asked a range of questions, both qualitative and quantitative. Comment from business owners indicate there are three key areas affecting their costs, increased cost in energy, raw materials and wages. A snapshot of the survey is set out in the subsequent paragraphs.
- 4.2 Economic Confidence Analysis. A clear correlation can be seen between Redcar and Cleveland business economic confidence and that of the current economic climate. For example, whilst turnover within the previous six months had been constant for most businesses, the majority had seen a reduction in profitability and have had to increase their sales prices, demonstrating a squeeze on margins and a knock-on effect to the consumer. However, despite these challenges, businesses seem more optimistic for the future as the majority anticipate their turnover and profitability to increase or remain constant over the next six months but also anticipate having to increase their prices again.
- 4.3 Despite the economic challenges currently faced by business, on a positive note the sample surveyed most state that they have in the last six months or plan to in the next 6 months invest in training or premises.
- 4.4 Recruitment Analysis. Based on the sample size collected, businesses within the borough appear to be in a somewhat healthy position regarding recruitment as most businesses are at least maintaining their current workforce and looking to recruit. However, further investigations will be needed in regard to businesses struggling to recruit 'qualified/experienced' staff, as the majority claim that the process of recruiting 'qualified/experienced' staff is at least 'rather difficult'.
- 4.5 Export Analysis. Despite the relatively small sample size, of those businesses that export outside of the UK, none have seen a decrease in their export levels whilst some have seen an increase.
- 4.6 Business Premises Analysis. Despite the current economic challenges, only 2% of businesses surveyed were seeking smaller premises. It's also important to note that those who are looking to expand or to relocate wish to do so within the borough of Redcar and Cleveland.

5.0 Local Evidence on Impact: Business Survey Specific Sector Overview

- 5.1 Focussing on two sectors in the Borough gives a greater insight into the impact on businesses. Paragraphs 5.2 to 5.5 below provide a snapshot.

Engineering and Manufacturing

- 5.2 From the face-to-face engagements with business owners, whilst there is obvious concern over rising costs, delivery times and staff retention there remains a great deal of positivity as we continue to meet with businesses seeking support to assist with growth projects. The Business Engagement team are making regular business referrals to Teesside University, The Welding Institute and Materials Processing Institute who can provide specialist support to the sector and to TVCA who are currently able to provide grant funding for growth projects.

5.3 From our survey sample we have not been made aware of any businesses having to make redundancies in this sector, in fact the greater concern we are hearing is of a shortage of labour to fill the new employment positions being created. The fear is that this will worsen as the larger investment projects take shape on Teesworks and Wilton and full-time positions become available, the fear is that large players will be in a position to offer higher wages creating an exodus from local small businesses to the larger players.

5.4 Comments direct from the sector:

- Engineering business seeing a six-fold increase in energy costs, assessing which form of renewable source of energy would be most appropriate for them and also looking at ways of improving operational efficiency.
- Have made two wage increases this year totalling over 11% to try to retain staff.
- Have paid a lump sum 'cost of living' bonus to staff as a thank you for a successful year.

Retail and Town Centres

5.5 Comments direct from the sector:

- Retailer saw its electric bill increase from £100 per month to £850 and are looking at installing movement sensors for lights and will not be turning the heating on to try and save on costs.
- A bakery/cafe has seen its cost of ingredients treble and its energy costs quadruple which has led to them increasing their prices twice in the last 6 months but are still seeing profit levels reduce. They had been open 7 days a week but are now forced to reducing this to 5 to save on costs.
- A local butcher is looking at installing renewable energy solutions to the property to help reduce his costs and is assessing how they can operate more efficiently.

6.0 National Support from Government

6.1 Central government have made it clear that there will not be 'cost of living crisis' grant funding in the style of the covid grants. Other than through offering advice/guidance, Government support has and will come through the energy support schemes that have been put in place and the UK Shared Prosperity (UKSPF) allocations.

7.0 Regional Support

7.1 The majority of local business support assistance is about to or has come to an end due to European funding. The replacement support via UKSPF is currently being developed and managed by Tees Valley Combined Authority from April 2023 to March 2025. The exact distribution of the UKSPF business support is currently under development and will likely be published by an "open call" in march 2023. Whilst the details are not yet known it will likely focus on support to start, scale up and grow small and medium sized businesses.

8.0 Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council Support

- 8.1 The council continues to provide advice and guidance to established businesses in the borough and provide advice, guidance and coaching to Redcar and Cleveland residents or clients looking to start up a new business in the borough.
- 8.2 The Business Engagement team is approaching the end of a second year supporting businesses with direct funding from Anglo American, as part of their Social Economic Plan. The support we have provided to date has complimented what was already available locally and plugged gaps where required. Project beneficiaries have been businesses operating within Redcar and Cleveland and individuals living in the area who were keen to test self-employment and the success of their products.
- 8.3 The Business Engagement team has undertaken the following interventions;
- A series of workshops aimed at improving business resilience following Covid.
 - A digital enhancement grant scheme to enable businesses to trade online if not already trading online.
 - A Dragon's Den style competition with a test trade experience for 2 cohorts of businesses at Kirkleatham Christmas Market.
 - Support to x pre-start/early-stage businesses to test trade free of charge at the Festival of Thrift to get an insight into self-employment - support included small cash grant for business insurance and raw materials, advice and coaching.
 - Start up grant for prestart and early-stage businesses
 - Cyber security event in partnership with Cleveland Police
- 8.4 Recent collaboration with the Council's Tourism Team offered support to our hospitality sector with a first ever food and drink campaign. 'A Taste of Redcar and Cleveland' was held between 25th January and 5th February 2023. The aim of the project was:
- To support our food and drink businesses, through the cost-of-living crisis and rising costs relating to energy through a period we know is a quieter time for this sector.
 - To encourage people to support our local hospitality business at a time consumers find themselves with less disposable income and spend on such activity is likely to shrink.
 - To showcase and promote the boroughs great food and drink offer.
 - To take part businesses were asked to provide an exclusive offering to the campaign in line with the price points £5, £10, £15 and £20 – this ensured the campaign was accessible to all and gave businesses flexibility to their offer.
- 8.5 Initial Business Feedback highlighted all businesses agreed A Taste of Redcar and Cleveland had:
- Encourage increased visits from both new and existing customers
 - 60% of businesses seen a positive upturn throughout the campaign especially to their Saturday and Monday trade.
 - Throughout the campaign 500+ vouchers were redeemed.
 - All businesses would like to see the campaign return later in the year and will participate again.
- 9.0 **Future Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council Support**

- 9.1 In the short term the Business Engagement team is planning the following events:
- March 2023. Coffee and Connect - alongside the Ambassador programme we will be providing bi-monthly coffee and connect sessions for businesses which will take place in local cafes/hospitality venues across the borough.
 - March 2023. Energy Event - to provide businesses with an insight into:
 - what Government energy support looks like now and how that will change from April 2023
 - Low-cost energy efficiency measures
 - Low carbon and renewable energy options
 - Employee energy behaviour
 - March 2023. Procurement Event - Guisborough Hall, will inform businesses on:
 - North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) and 'Open' the new E-tendering system, the event will highlight how to do business with RCBC and other North East Local Authorities
 - What RCBC future contract opportunities are in the pipeline.
 - April 2023. Support to Redcar Town Centre businesses will be available in line with Redcar Town Deal programme and this will include a Commercial Property Improvement grant for specific areas of Redcar Town Centre (funded by Redcar Town Deal).
 - Later 2023. A similar Commercial Property Improvement grant will be made available for specific properties in Guisborough which will be funded via Guisborough LUF.

9.2 Longer term the Business Engagement team is continually working with larger inward investors to secure funding to deliver business support. As an example the team is currently in discussions with Anglo American to continue a similar programme of business support activity for 2023-2025 focusing on new business start-up and supporting established Redcar and Cleveland businesses.

10.0 Conclusion

10.1 Elected Members are asked to note the content of the report.

PDI Area Growth Plan Scrutiny Update February 2023

	Redcar		
R1	Regent Cinema	Complete	No update.
R2	Coatham Hotel	In development (post tender)	The Inn Collection Group (ICG) are anticipating a start on site spring '23. Remaining site remediation works including car park closure and site hoarding due to commence imminently.
R3	Coatham Leisure Phase 1	In delivery (post tender)	Completion of the grass seeding and substation and electrical works at Coatham Bowl car park will be undertaken in the spring '23. Works to the seaward side (adventure golf, play and public realm) are programmed to complete in early Apr '23. A golf operator has been appointed.
R4	Coatham Leisure Phase 2	In development (pre-tender)	No update.
R5	Coatham Leisure Phase 3	Pre-development (pre-tender)	No update.
	Coatham Arena / Bowl Site	Pre-development (pre-tender)	No update.
R6	Redcar Central Station	In development (pre-tender)	Work continues regards early site surveys, Agreement to Lease negotiations and procuring a contractor.
R7	Redcar Town Deal – Attractive High Street	In development (pre-tender)	Planning permission was granted in early Feb '23 and detailed design work is progressing.

R8	Redcar Town Deal – Enhancing the Esplanade	In development (pre-tender)	Planning permission was granted in early Feb '23 and detailed design work is progressing.
R9	Redcar Town Deal - Town Centre Event Space	In development (pre-tender)	Planning permission was granted in early Feb '23 and detailed design work is progressing. Asbestos survey work progressing to the Goodwins building.
R10	Redcar Town Deal - Business Grants and Town Centre Management	In development (pre-tender)	The Town Centre Management Project Officer (RTD) post has been appointed.
R11	Redcar Town Deal – Station Road Improvements	In development (pre-tender)	Planning permission was granted in early Feb '23 and detailed design work is progressing.
R12	Redcar Town Deal - New Housing on Station Road	In development	The final task and finish group report and action plan for Station Road will be presented to the Town Deal Board in Mar '23.
R13	Redcar Town Deal - Centre for Energy and Skills Planning	In delivery (post-tender)	Completion continues to be delayed by 14 weeks due to construction issues on site. Opening now expected in Apr '23.
R14	Redcar Town Deal - Water Sports Hub at Coatham	In development (post-tender)	Procurement of an operator is progressing and funding approval from TVCA is imminent. Start on site anticipated end of Mar '23.
R15	Redcar Town Deal - Improving Seaside Properties	In development (pre-tender)	Legal agreements due to be sent to property owners and works tenders are in progress.
R16	Redcar Town Deal - Indoor Activity Centre and Library Plus	In development (pre-tender)	Planning permission was granted in early Feb '23 and detailed design work is progressing. Stage 1 tender process has been completed and contractor appointment is imminent.

R17	Kirkleatham Walled Garden and Estate	Complete	
R18	Kirkleatham Stable Block and Estate Improvements	Pre-development (pre-tender)	No update.
R19	Kirkleatham Business Park	Pre-development (pre-tender)	No funding allocated. No update.
R20	Redcar Employment Park	Pre-development (pre-tender)	No funding allocated. No update.
R21	Coatham Park	Pre-development (pre-tender)	Potential inclusion in Coatham Phase 2. This will deliver improvements to the village green, to be agreed as limited options. No funding allocated – to be sought in due course. No update.
R22	South Gare	Pre-development (pre-tender)	Ambition to make South Gare more accessible. Concentrating in RCBC owned land and access to Majuba/Coatham development. No update.
R23	Kirkleatham School	In delivery (post-tender)	Moved to Children and Families Scrutiny Committee.
R24	Marske Area school capacity		Moved to Children and Families Scrutiny committee
	Manor Farm Kirkleatham	Pre-development (pre-tender)	Large scale commercial greenhouse. No update.
East Cleveland			

EC1	Saltburn car parking	In development / delivery (post-tender)	<p>Town-wide Transport and parking study (Engineering led) complete. Ward Cllr briefings and community feedback underway.</p> <p>Cat Nab Overflow car park works is on site - this will deliver 25 additional car parking spaces.</p> <p>Highways are currently planning programme for Marine Parade parking improvements, which will commence later this year.</p>
EC2	Enhancing Saltburn's Victorian Heritage	Complete	
EC3	Saltburn Valleys' Improvements	In development / delivery (post tender)	<p>Restoration of Listed Albert Memorial ongoing and progressing well.</p> <p>Specification for bankside footpath improvement works being developed and trial sections to be installed following Albert Memorial Restoration.</p>
EC4	Saltburn Foreshore	Pre-development (pre-tender)	Masterplan currently in development to set out and prioritise a range of improvement works across the foreshore area. Those items identified as high priority to be delivered across 2023. One such example is the replacement and refurbishment of the low rails and the "lookout" area on Marine Parade.
EC5	Guisborough Town Hall and public realm	Complete / In development (post-tender)	Remobilising team to confirm design, costs, lead-times and alleyway adoption for the public realm scheme following successful LUF R2 for Guisborough.
EC6	Chapel Beck Corridor Guisborough	In development (pre-tender)	<p>£50k IGF match for successful LUF2 award. Scheme to be developed, following procurement of consultant in the months ahead.</p> <p>£106 remainder can be spent on priority repairs.</p>

EC7	Fountain Street Car Park and toilets	Complete	
EC8	Cleveland Gate Access Improvements	Complete	
EC9	Former Bus Depot Site & Royal Hotel, Loftus	Complete	
EC10	Arlington Chapel	In delivery (post-tender)	<p>Due to the serious risk to the public, the Council are proceeding with demolition without delay. Lane closure now removed. Sandstone from the structure is being stockpiled for reuse in other planned regeneration schemes in Loftus.</p> <p>High Court Hearing around the legal challenge to demolish in a conservation area has been held, but judgment reserved to be given at a later date.</p>
EC11	Market Square	In development (post -tender)	<p>Works scheduled to commence Mar '23. Businesses and residents to be regularly updated throughout the pre and post commencement.</p> <p>Interpretative paving feature in development with Loftus Town Council and Loftus Accord. No update</p>
EC12	Barclays Bank	Complete	
EC13	Highways improvements	In development (pre-tender)	<p>20mph zone along High Street/A174 now in place.</p> <p>Northern PowerGrid's burial of overhead powerline ongoing but with severe delays due to NPG sub-contractor resources. Currently works ongoing at West Rd and Station Rd until Mar '23. Next Phase to focus on West Road and Zetland Rd which will cause further disturbance and delay. No road diversions are required, however. Completion estimated Jun '23. RCBC Highways to then undertake streetscape improvements at Zetland Rd.</p>

EC14	Lighting Up Loftus	In development (post-tender)	<p>Scheme to include remote management system so LED lighting changes can be centrally managed to the three heritage building to be uplit, namely Town Hall, former United Reformed Church and Loftus Old Bank.</p> <p>Town Hall and Loftus Old Bank to be uplit in spring '23.</p> <p>Initial lighting designs being developed for the United Reform Church in the coming months also.</p>
EC15	Library Site car parking	In development (pre-tender)	Design options for a new car park are underway with an external engineering company now appointed. Planning Approval has been granted for the demolition of the existing library. No update.
EC16	Coronation Park	In development (post tender)	The contractor's construction tender competition has now ended, and an award is imminent with start on site expected within a few weeks. Some enabling works, including removal of 13 x trees complete in preparation for the main redevelopment (some diseased). 18 x new trees to be planted as part of the scheme.
EC17	New Library at Duncan Place	In development (post tender)	WB Construction continue to extend and renovate the building and in anticipation of completing as expected in the summer '23. The Loftus library service will relocate into this building when finished.
EC18	Former United Reformed Church	In development (pre-tender)	External and internal scaffolding has been taken down as all phase one works to make the building structurally safe and watertight complete. Out for tender for main construction phase – returns due in Mar '23.
EC19	Temperance Square	In development (pre-tender)	Planning permission was granted in early Feb '23. Out for tender for demolition and piling of retaining wall structures. Design development progressing with a view to procuring a Design and Build contractor.

EC20	Zetland Road Heritage scheme	In development (pre-tender)	Scheme developed and business engagement ongoing.
EC21	Handale Car Park	Complete	
EC22	Station Yard Workspace/Training facility	In development	No update.
EC23	Loftus CCTV Infrastructure	Complete	
EC24	Arlington Chapel Roundabout	Complete	Merged with EC13.
EC25	See EC13		
EC26	High Street Support for Loftus	Complete	
EC27	Welcome to Loftus	Complete	
EC28	Loftus and Skinningrove Art Trail	Pre- development (pre-tender)	This scheme would seek to creatively uplift building elevations, such as gables ends and incorporate art, living walls and other aesthetic improvements. No funding yet secured. Approach to be made to Arts Council and others. No update.
EC29	Skinningrove to Loftus Heritage Trail	In development (pre-tender)	To create a safer and more welcoming link between Skinningrove, the Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum and Loftus, along Deepdale Lane. Funding yet to be identified.
EC30	Skelton Business Park Improvements	Completed / In delivery	Officer review ongoing to considering best steps to sustainably support the business park moving forward, particularly regarding parking. No physical intervention required. Business Engagement team to continue discussions with local businesses regards parking. No update.
EC31	Skelton Car Park	Completed / In Delivery (pre-tender)	Car park completed. The planning application to do structural works and roof renewal on the

			community building has been submitted.
EC32	Skelton Townscape Heritage Project	Complete	
EC33	Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum investment	Complete	Practical Completion (from Tolent) achieved Aug '22. Museum re-opened to the public on 16 Jan '23. No update.
EC34	Skinningrove Visitor Infrastructure	Pre development (post tender)	Car park improvements complete. Public realm enhancements ongoing.
EC35	East Cleveland Connectivity	In development	No update.
	Greater Eston		
GE1	A Thriving Eston Town Centre	Suspended	Full scheme currently suspended. LUF Rd 2 funding unsuccessful, seeking alternative funds.
GE2	Skippers Lane Extension Phase 1	Pre-delivery (pre-tender)	Completion costs and programme (business case) under consideration for infrastructure and utility enabling works. (linked to GE3). Start on site anticipated summer '23.
GE3	Skippers Lane Industrial Estate Extension – Phase 2	Pre-development (pre-tender)	Phase 2 would develop the remaining 30 industrial units at the Allotments Site for B1 (Business), B2 (General industrial) and B8 (Storage or distribution) uses. Discussions ongoing with TVCA and to be consider alongside phase 1. No update.

GE4	Kingsley Field Fencing Project	In development (post-tender)	Site visit scheduled for 3 Mar '23 with Capital Projects Mgr from Sport England and You've Got This.
GE5	Greater Eston school capacity places		Moved to Children and Families Scrutiny committee
GE6	South Bank new housing	In development (pre-tender)	Thirteen to deliver a 28-bed bungalow scheme on Queen Street in South Bank, former Council owned land. Planning granted. Construction commenced on site. Strategic consideration being given to housing in the area. No update.
GE7	A66 Environmental Improvements	Pre-development (pre-tender)	Project to enhance the environment around the A66 to improve this important gateway into the borough and soften the industrial landscape. Project will commence in 2022. No funding allocated. No update.
GE8	A Special Free School for the Tees Valley in Grangetown	In development	Moved to Children and Families Scrutiny Committee.
GE9	Pathways site clearance		Moved to Children and Families Scrutiny Committee.
	Eston Pool	In development (pre-tender)	RIBA stage 3 has been completed with design now progressing into stage 4. Public Consultation taking place 17 Feb – 6 March. LUF Rd 2 funding unsuccessful. Report provided at Scrutiny.
	Boroughwide		
BW1	Coatham ward – public realm	Complete	
BW2	Newcomen ward– public realm	In development (pre-tender)	No update.

BW3	Dormanstown– public realm	In development (pre-tender)	Primary school competition has awarded a winner for a design to commemorate the steelworks and Dorman Long Tower. Sculpture to be designed, priced & ordered. Planning application to be submitted.
BW4	Longbeck– public realm	In delivery (post-tender)	Installation of new play equipment is scheduled commence at Pontac Road 30 Mar - 10 Apr '23 and Cat Flatt Lane on 20 Mar – 31 Mar '23 (weather and lead times permitting). No update.
BW5	St Germain's– public realm	Complete	
BW6	Zetland– public realm	Complete	
BW7	Kirkleatham– public realm	In delivery / development (post-tender)	Street furniture on order. Improvements to Green Gates play area to be programmed.
BW8	Eston– public realm	In development	As per BW12.
BW9, BW10, BW11	Normanby– public realm	In delivery (post-tender)	Improvement works to the steps to begin at cenotaph at Smith Dock Road in Mar '23.
BW12	Eston– public realm	In development / delivery (post -tender)	Lighting installed at Eston Community Garden. Improvements to Whale Hill Play area continuing.
BW13	Grangetown– public realm	Complete	

BW14	South Bank – public realm	Complete	
BW15	Ormesby– public realm	In delivery (post-tender)	Improvement works to the external communal areas of Ormesby library have been priced and work to commence on site early Mar '23. Orders to be raised for adult and children's seating in addition to this.
BW16	Saltburn – public realm	In delivery (post-tender)	Entrance improvements to Hazel Grove/Marine Parade in progress.
BW17	Brotton– public realm	In development (pre-tender)	Improvement works to the former Co-op site due to start on site early Mar '23.
BW18	Loftus– public realm	In development (post-tender)	Liverton Mines Play Area improvements carried out by Kompan. Work ongoing.
BW19	Lockwood– public realm	Complete	
BW20	Lockwood– public realm	Complete	
BW21	Lockwood – public realm	Complete	.
BW22	Skelton -public realm	Complete	As per update EC31
BW23	Skelton – public realm	In delivery (post-tender)	Work underway 27 Feb – 3 Mar '23 at Pit Lane Play Park, Boosbeck.
BW24	Teesville – public realm	In development (pre-tender)	Awaiting planning application outcome for Teesville gateway sculpture (2 Mar '23)

	Wheatlands – public realm	In delivery (post tender)	Awaiting planning application outcome for Teesville gateway sculpture (2 Mar '23)
BW25	High Street Support Schemes	Complete	
BW26	Welcome To Redcar and Cleveland Grant schemes	Complete	
BW27	Housing Delivery vehicle	On Hold	
BW28	New walking and cycling routes	Pre development	New routes and uplifts of existing linked to our visitor economy. Discussions taking place with TVCA on the nature of the projects that are to be progressed under the funding available. Consideration to be given, in some places, within Rd2 LUF pending scheme inclusion. Guisborough to Nunthorpe Active Travel Route (linking with Sustrans scheme) to go ahead as part of LUF funding package.
BW29	Schools Investment Programme		Moved to Children and Families Scrutiny Committee.
BW30	Schools – major rebuild programme		Moved to Children and Families Scrutiny Committee.
BW31	Skinningrove- Public realm	In development	As per BW17
BW32	Lingdale Public Realm	Complete	