

Alignment of Coalfield Neighbourhood Fund

As part of the Coalfield Area Committee commitment to supporting local organisations and groups to deliver activities, services and projects within the community, the priority 'Improving Community Assets' is included in the 2023-26 Area Plan. This will focus on buildings within each of the wards that could benefit from improvements, additional maintenance and decorating in order to provide a greater offer within the community, including Links for Life social prescribed activities.

It is proposed that a sum of £75,000 Neighbourhood Fund is aligned to this priority and a Call for Projects made via the VCS Network. Individual applications of up to £7,500 will be invited. The N&C Board will review applications and the relevant levels of funding at their meeting in February 2024. Recommendations will be presented to Area Committee in March 2024.

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of alignment of an initial amount of £75,000 Neighbourhood Fund. This delivers to the Coalfield Sunderland Area Plan Priority – Improving Community Assets.