

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Monday, 11th December, 2023 at 5.30pm

VENUE – Council Chamber, City Hall

Membership

Cllrs M. Herron (Chair), N. Hodson (Vice Chair), U. Ali, A. Curtis, M. Dixon, H. Fagan, P.W.L. Gibson, A. Graham-King, L. Leonard, M. Mordey, C. Morrissey, J. Potts, L. Reed, L. Scanlan and A. Wood

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* Denotes an item relating to an executive function

ELAINE WAUGH
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

1st December, 2023

At a meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL on TUESDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER, 2023 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Herron in the Chair

Councillors Ali, Curtis, Dixon, Fagan, Gibson, Hodson, Leonard, Mordey, Morrissey, Potts, Reed and A. Wood.

Also Present:-

- Steven Bewick - Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
- Stephen Gordon - Gentoo
- Matthew Jackson - Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
- Fiona Kelly - Partnership and Community Resilience Manager, Sunderland City Council
- Graham King - Director of Adult Services and Area Lead Executive, Sunderland City Council
- Allison Patterson - Area Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council
- Kelly Patton - Gentoo
- K. Ramanathan - VCS Representative

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Councillors Graham-King and Scanlan together with Lee Bell, Station Manager TWFRS, Julie Maven, East VCS Representative, and Jamie Southwell, Neighbourhood Inspector Northumbria Police.

Declarations of Interest

Item 4 – Area Budget Report

Councillor Dixon declared that he was a member of the management board of St Michael's Community Association and took no part in the determination of the application for funding in respect of this.

Councillor A. Wood declared that he was a member of the board of The Bunker CIC and took no part in the determination of the application for funding.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 26th June 2023

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th June 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

VCS Area Network Progress Report

The East Area VCS Network provided the Committee with a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the work of the East Area VCS Network.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Julie Maven having submitted her apologies for absence the Committee were advised that any questions would be forwarded to her for response. There being no questions from Members it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the update from the East Area VCS Network be noted.

Northumbria Police Update

Neighbourhood Inspector Jamie Southwell submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the crime statistics for the East area and of the work done by Northumbria Police.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Inspector Southwell not being in attendance the Chair advised that any questions would be forwarded to him for response.

Councillor Dixon advised that there had been issues around Park Lane relating to drug taking and drug use and that there had been discussions with the police on this matter.

Councillor Gibson stated that the report did not cover Doxford Ward and asked that the police areas and council area be standardised to ensure that complete information was provided.

Mr Stephen Gordon advised that Gentoo residents from City Green and Benedict Court had reported to him issues with drug dealing and use in the Park Lane area and work as being done with the SAIL team to tackle this issue.

Councillor Hodson advised that in the Burn Park and Thornhill area there was blatant drug dealing taking place and asked that the Police provide a thorough report on this issue at the next meeting.

Councillor Ali referred to the statement from the Police and Crime Commissioner that the city was still owed new police officers which had been promised by the government, he asked that Inspector Southwell provide an update on when these new officers would be in place.

3. RESOLVED that the update from Northumbria Police be noted.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

Lee Bell, Station Manager Sunderland Central Fire Station, submitted a written report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the work of the fire service for the period 1st April to 15th Jun 2023.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Steve Bewick, Station Manager, was in attendance on behalf of Mr Bell and delivered the update to the Committee; drawing attention to the fire statistics for the area and the ward breakdowns as well as the work being done to tackle antisocial behaviour fires alongside partner agencies.

Councillor Gibson thanked Mr Bewick for his report and expressed his congratulations for the work done to reduce instances of fires. He asked whether further detail could be provided on the ward breakdowns to show the types of fire in each ward. Mr Bewick agreed that he would speak to Mr Bell to ensure that this information was included in the report in future.

Councillor Fagan asked what work had been done to result in the reductions. Mr Bewick advised that there were a number of factors involved including partnership working with the police and other partners; proactive education work being done in schools; antisocial behaviour tours being undertaken in order to identify problems including fly tips which were then reported; and the wet weather.

Councillor Mordey stated that it was good to see such large reductions but noted that there were still a significant number of fires in Hendon; he asked what the Council and Ward Councillors could do to help reduce the number. Mr Bewick stated that informing people of Firestoppers was helpful as this allowed for more partnership working to be undertaken and also advised that crews wore cameras to help with identification of people responsible for the fires and antisocial behaviour when attending.

Councillor Reed commented that there had been a car burned out on Leechmere Road and that the same thing had happened in the same location at the same time last year; he asked whether any links were being considered. Mr Bewick advised that if there had been multiple incidents in a

short period of time then patterns would be looked at however with them being a year apart it could simply be a coincidence. He added that if the crews in attendance were suspicious that the fire was malicious then they would inform the police.

Mr Gordon advised that should perpetrators be identified as being Gentoo tenants then enforcement action could be taken against them by Gentoo. Mr Bewick advised that the fire service worked with all partners and asked that the Firestoppers number be included on Gentoo leaflets.

Councillor A. Wood commented that it was good to see that there was differentiation between the different types of fire on the maps.

Mr Bewick advised that he had noted that deliberate primary vehicle fires were not included in the report and he would speak with Mr Bell to ensure that these were included in future reports.

Councillor Ali questioned whether there was a link between general antisocial behaviour and fires and Mr Bewick confirmed that there was a correlation and that work was done with the police to tackle this.

The Chairman questioned whether the property fires were of empty or occupied properties. Mr Bewick advised that it was a mix of both and that empty properties could attract people to break in which could then result in further damage being caused and fires being set.

4. RESOLVED that the report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service be noted.

Gentoo Update

Stephen Gordon, Gentoo Group presented a report, (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Gordon presented the update and welcomed questions from Members.

Councillor Mordey expressed his thanks for the meeting that was held with Councillors and Hedworth Court residents; this meeting had left the residents feeling much more comfortable. He also queried the loft insulation upgrades. Mr Gordon advised that properties needed to meet a certain EPC rating and that those properties which did not meet the requirements would have additional loft insulation added if there was currently insufficient insulation. If residents wanted to have their level of insulation checked then they could contact Gentoo who would then inspect the property and add more insulation where required.

Councillor A. Wood questioned whether the tower blocks in the City Centre and the East End would receive estate walks. Mr Gordon agreed to organise these.

Councillor Dixon commented that it was good to see more structure being introduced for the estate walks including the setting of dates in advance. These were useful exercises which allowed issues to be identified and discussed. Mr Gordon advised that he would continue to provide the dates in advance.

Councillor Leonard asked where in Grangetown the estate walks would be taking place and Mr Gordon advised that it was up to partners, including Councillors, to inform Gentoo of the areas where they felt the estate walks would be most useful and this information would be used to ensure that the estate walks looked at the most appropriate locations.

The Chair questioned why Ryhope was not referred to in the report and Mr Gordon advised that Ryhope was within Gentoo's west area and he agreed to ensure that the west area report was also provided in future.

Councillor Gibson questioned whether all of the new windows being installed were double glazed and Mr Gordon confirmed that they were.

5. RESOLVED that the report from Gentoo be noted.

East Sunderland Area Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2023 - 2026

The Assistant Director of Housing and Communities submitted a report (copy circulated) which presented the East Sunderland Area Committee Area Plan for 2023/2026 for consideration and approval and provided an update on the Governance arrangements.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Hodson introduced the report as Chair of the Area Board, and drew Members attention to the priorities set out in the delivery plan.

Councillor Fagan asked for an update on the walk and talk budgets. The Chairman advised that there would be changes to this budget and an update would be provided shortly following the conclusion of ongoing discussions.

Councillor A. Wood commented that walk and talk was appreciated and well used by Councillors and it would be poor if control of this budget was taken away from Councillors. Councillor Mordey agreed and stated that the proactive nature of the budget was what made it unique as it allowed a quick response to issues. It would be a shame if the budget was lost or that it lost its unique, proactive abilities.

Councillor Reed questioned whether the changes would be a change to the budget or a change to the process involved. Ms Kelly advised that as discussions were ongoing she was unable to provide any information at the moment but would provide an update as soon as one was available. The Chairman added that he would feed back Members concerns.

Councillor Dixon stated that there had been no consultation of Members and residents on where the trials of glyphosate alternatives took place and that one of the streets chosen in his ward was a private road. He felt that there was a need for better consultation.

Councillor Mordey asked that an update on the outcome of the consultation on the trials be brought to the October meeting of the board. Councillor Hodson stated that there had been a lot of feedback from residents and that the complaints had been passed to Mark Morley.

Councillor Dixon referred to the Empty Properties priority and advised that he sat on the Homelessness group along with Councillor Curtis; this was an important issue and he asked whether homelessness could be looked at alongside empty properties. Councillor Hodson suggested that Graham Scanlon could be asked for information on this as part of his next update to the Board.

6. RESOLVED that:-
 - i) consideration be given to the progress and performance update with regard to the East Area Committee Area Plan 2023-2026
 - ii) consideration be given to the progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans – Area Priorities, which were provided for information purposes only.

East Area Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Housing and Communities submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided financial statements in respect of the Area Committee's delegated budgets and presented proposals for further funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Fiona Kelly, Partnership and Community Resilience Manager, presented the report highlighting the Committee's financial statement, the Neighbourhood Fund had a starting balance of £408,817 for the 2023/24 year and there were five applications for funding totalling £186,493 from the previously aligned funds totalling £187,500 towards developing youth offer across the 5 wards. If these applications were approved then there would be a remaining balance of £222,324 after the remaining £1,007 from the aligned funding was returned to the main budget. There were a further three applications for Youth Activities which were recommended for rejection. All of these applications were set out in annex 1 of the report.

Councillor Reed queried how the scores were calculated for the applications and whether this information was communicated to the applicants. Ms Kelly advised that all of the applications received for the Youth Activities were good applications and that there was feedback provided to unsuccessful applicants.

The Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020/23 funds of £500,000 had now been spend fully following the approval of £88,891 by delegated decision on 21st May and 28th June 2023 to fund 14 proposals for funding under the Community Assets Capital Improvements project. The approved proposals were set out in annex 2 to the report.

Each ward had been allocated a Community Chest budget of £10,000; the approvals were set out in annex 3 with the remaining balances shown in the table at paragraph 4.2.

Members gave consideration to the applications and it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-
 - i) the financial statements set out in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.2 of the report be noted;
 - ii) approval be given to NF funding of £37,500 to Doxford Activities for Young People, The Box Youth and Community Project;
 - iii) approval be given to NF funding of £37,500 to Youth Work in Every Place and Space, Back on the Map;
 - iv) approval be given to NF funding of £37,500 to Future in Mind, Blue Watch Youth Centre;
 - v) approval be given to NF funding of £36,993 to Millfield Youth Activities, Sunderland All Together Consortium;
 - vi) approval be given to NF funding of £37,500 to Next Steps St Michael's, St Michael's Community Centre
 - vii) the application for NF funding of £37,500 to Youth Provision Raich Carter, Everyone Active be rejected;
 - viii) the application for NF funding of £30,421 to Evolve Youth Inclusion, Evolve Youth Inclusion be rejected;
 - ix) the application for NF funding of £37,500 to The Bunker, The Bunker CIC be rejected;
 - x) the 14 approved Community Assets Capital Improvements Projects outlined in annex 2 be noted;
 - xi) the Community Chest approvals from the 2023/24 budget as detailed in annex 3 be noted.

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the East Sunderland Area for the period 1st July to 23rd August 2023 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

8. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the Meeting.

(Signed) M. HERRON,
Chairman.

11th DECEMBER 2023

REPORT OF EAST AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the East Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

2. Background

2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.

2.2 East Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

2.3 The East VCS Network is made up of over 100 local groups and strategic local/national/regional partners. The network meets on a regular basis to share good practice, support one another and receives regularly updates as part of an information share e bulletin distributed via the Sunderland VS Alliance.

3. East Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN) Progress Report

3.1 The East VCS Network met in September at St Michael's Community Centre, and in November at the Raich Carter Centre.

3.2 The meetings included the following agenda items:

- Welfare Support
- Makem Money – Community Foundation funding opportunity
- Free First Aid Courses from the British Red Cross
- Networking and Information Sharing Opportunities

3.3 Members of the Network agreed to return to meeting monthly commencing on Thursday 7th December. The Network representatives regularly consult with the Network members to ensure that the agenda items reflect their requirements.

3.4 Sunderland City Council (SCC), in partnership with All Together Better (ATB) secured funding from UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) for a grants scheme for Sunderland's Voluntary Community Sector (VCS) to grow the 'Links for Life' (Social Prescribing offer) across the City. The scheme was designed to build upon learning gathered through the warm and welcoming spaces to ensure a consistent offer of support and activities to bring residents together, enable active engagement, and improve health, wellbeing and financial resilience. Throughout September, members of the Network who signed up to the Links for Life pledge were invited to apply. Successful projects will deliver Links for Life activities from January 2024, this will be supported by a digital platform which will facilitate information sharing and referrals

3.5 Members of the Network received information on the Free membership scheme with Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance (SVSA) and were also invited to attend 'Lets Communicate' online event with SVSA in November 23.

3.6 The Network received an update on progress made on the staff recruitment for SVSA, they also received information on the support offered to the sector, including the support offered to the sector on funding applications. Information was also received on the Social Value opportunities and the volunteering support offered.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested to:

- note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the East VCSN.

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EAST AREA COMMITTEE

11 DECEMBER 2023

REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

The figures are based on the last 3 months.

Sunderland Central: City Centre, Millfield, Ashbrooke

Total Crime

This is showing a decrease of 27 incidents.

From research priority areas for the City Centre are the Bridges shopping centre and Park Lane. Millfield priority areas are Sunderland Royal Hospital and Aldi on St marks Road. The main crime reported in these areas is Shoplifting. The team have had some excellent recent results dealing with some prolific retail offenders that were responsible for several shoplifting offences.

ASB

Adult ASB – Street drinking. This is down 9%, a reduction of 9 incidents.

ASB in the City Centre is currently low with reports being spread across the City Centre. The SAIL and City Centre team continue to provide focus to Mowbray Park, Sunnyside, Park lane, High St West and Market Square.

We have been supported by the wider SAIL team including the neighbourhood wardens, ASB officer and the dedicated SAIL (VRU) staff focusing on youth serious violence.

Youth ASB – This is showing a 3% decrease. Some outreach work has been undertaken in the City Centre over the Summer period by the Youth consortium which has been beneficial. We have had a group of youths attending the City Centre that mainly reside in the Sunderland North area. They have been involved in criminality and ASB, leading to the ringleaders being identified and dealt with for a variety of offences which including one of them being convicted for an assault and a criminal damage at Court earlier this week.

Burglary

Burglary is down by 26% this period. This equates to a reduction of 24 Burglaries . Targets and areas are discussed in our 4 weekly Area Command meeting around all Burglaries with a dedicated team focussing on Burglaries.

There have been a number of key offenders arrested and sentenced to imprisonment throughout this year.

The main area is the City Centre where a few of the commercial premises have had entry forced overnight.

Although the numbers are currently low, we continue to provide focus to this crime type where we undertake several follow up visits to provide target hardening advice and reassurance.

Vehicle crime

Decrease of 13 % which is a decrease of 11 incidents. This includes vehicle interference and also theft of motor vehicles.

The incidents are spread across Millfield, Ashbrooke and the City Centre. A number of offences involve vehicles that have been left insecure and we continue to try and spread

crime prevention messages to the local community. We have recovered doorbell footage and CCTV footage that has alerted us to individuals throughout the night trying car doors in the hope that they find an insecure door. Northumbria Connected has been used to promote security and my teams have recently amended shift patterns to work nightshifts in an effort to catch offenders linked to vehicle crime and burglaries.

Violent Crime

Violent crime with injury is down by 1% which equates to 1 fewer offence. The key area is around the night time economy (NTE) in the City Centre where we have a dedicated night time operation with neighbourhood staff working closely with street pastors, taxi marshalls and the XL health team. We also have Operation Cloak which sees officers deployed in plain clothes within the NTE to support vulnerable people and identify predatory offenders.

Sunderland East: Hendon, Grangetown and Ryhope

Total Crime

This is showing an increase of 133 incidents.

From research, the rise is mainly down to a recent rise in reports of criminal damage which increased by 30 incidents with no obvious pattern to the offending. The key areas that have shown an increase is the Long Streets and Lewis Crescent. These locations feature within the Dark nights plan and the neighbourhood teams will be providing focus to these locations whilst working closely with the Local Authority and the housing providers which include Gentoo and thirteen housing group.

ASB

ASB is showing an increase of 24 incidents.

The locations that currently have the highest levels of reports are Middle Hendon and the Long Streets. The neighbourhood teams continue to target the key offenders whilst linking with local youth providers to try and divert offenders.

Youth ASB – This is showing a 27% decrease.

Burglary

Burglary is showing an increase of 7 offences.

Targets and areas are discussed in our 4 weekly Area Command meeting around all Burglaries with a dedicated team focussing on Burglaries.

There have been a number of key offenders arrested and sentenced to imprisonment throughout this year.

The offences have been spread across the East area and includes a small number of incidents involving commercial premises that have had entry forced overnight.

Although the numbers are currently low, we continue to provide focus to this crime type where we undertake several follow up visits to provide target hardening advice and reassurance.

Vehicle Crime

Decrease of 23 % which is a decrease of 9 incidents. This includes vehicle interference and also theft of motor vehicles.

The incidents are spread across Ryhope, Grangetown and Hendon. Similar to the Central area, a number of offences involve vehicles that have been left insecure and we continue to try and spread crime prevention messages to the local community. We have recovered

doorbell footage and CCTV footage that has alerted us to individuals throughout the night trying car doors in the hope that they find an insecure door. Northumbria Connected has been used to promote security and my teams have recently amended shift patterns to work nightshifts in an effort to catch offenders linked to vehicle crime and burglaries.

Violent Crime

Violent crime with injury is showing an increase of 32 offences. Some of the offences are linked to domestic abuse and we continue to provide focus to key offenders and victims through Operation Aegis. This sees dedicated officers exploring various avenues to support the victims and to try and prevent offending.

Drone

The local authority have now purchased a Drone and trained a member of staff as a pilot, two further pilots are now being trained so there will be a lot more coverage over varying times of day and night.

The Drone has been well utilised by ourselves in the Central/East area with recent usage focusing on tackling ASB, serious violence and motorbike ASB. The drone assisted in recovering a motorbike and prosecuting the rider .

The excellent work of the SAIL team has been recognised within the Force with them finishing runners up in the recent Force Pride in Policing awards.

Sunderland West – Encompassing Doxford Ward

Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-Social Behaviour across Doxford Ward has decreased by 13%.

Motorcycle Disorder

Motorcycle Disorder across Doxford Ward has decreased by 13%.

Crime

Overall crime has fallen by 7%, with notable reductions in the following crime types; Burglary (-32%), Vehicle Crime (-32%) and Criminal Damage (-14%).

Seasonal Planning

The Autumn Seasonal Plan focussed on Motorcycle Disorder and the area of Pennywell. The Sunderland West Neighbourhood Team have worked in collaboration with a range of partners including Sunderland City Council, Gentoo, Together For Children and BTP to deliver a variety of multi-agency operations.

The Winter Seasonal Plan will focus on Anti-Social Behaviour, Shoplifting and Drug Dealing within the community thus aligning the Seasonal Plan with our local neighbourhood priorities.

The Sunderland West Neighbourhood Team will adopt a proactive and intelligence-based approach, targeting high harm and/or high volume offenders which is in line with Northumbria Police's new Neighbourhood Policing Model.

Northumbria Connected

Northumbria Connected is our new tool to ensure that we are delivering on the issues that affect all our communities across the North East. We want to understand the issues that

most impact you so that we can shape our Neighbourhood Policing to tackle them where you live. On sign up you can decide on the updates you will receive in either text or email. We can then send you a short survey to better understand what is impacting you and your community. We believe no one knows their community better than the people who live and work there so we want to hear from you. Subscribe at www.northumbriaconnected.co.uk and start to help shape policing in your area.



Sunderland East LMAPS Report

Contents

The following data set contains general information relating to fire incidents/ASB fires in this reporting area. This is for public information and sharing for the purposes of reducing ASB and fire crime.

Primary fires include all fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures or any fire involving casualties, rescues, or fires attended by five or more appliances. Secondary fires include refuse, bin, derelict vehicle fires and grass fires. A secondary fire does not involve casualties or rescues.

Please note: The dashboards are interactive, and you need to select the date range from the "Date Range" slicer located in the top left of the dashboard. Once selected, this will sync through to the rest of the dashboard pages. The data shown in the visuals ONLY relate to the date range specified.

Please note that the attached dataset may contain personal data. This data should not be used for anything other than its intended purpose / audience, and should not be re-circulated without permission of TWFRS.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority are responsible for the gathering, storing and processing of data. In order to ensure that the data is accurate and represents a true reflection of our performance we consistently monitor and scrutinise the data through a process of validation.

The information provided in this summary has been obtained from the Incident Recording System (IRS) and is correct AS AT 09:00hrs of the day the following dashboards are viewed.

Please note:

Some incident data may be subject to change, also some incidents may not appear in the report at the time of production. If you have any queries regarding the data included in this document please do not hesitate to contact us. We would also be grateful for any suggestions, comments and feedback, please feel free to contact a member of the Data and Information Team:

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Date Range

8/24/2023

11/30/2023

LI 14- Number of deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
1	13	-92.31 %

Incident Reference	Date	Time	Station Name	District Name	Ward Name	Property Hierarchy
51025670	10/4/2023	18:11:54	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Ryhope	Building/Non Residential/Hospitals and medical care/Hospital

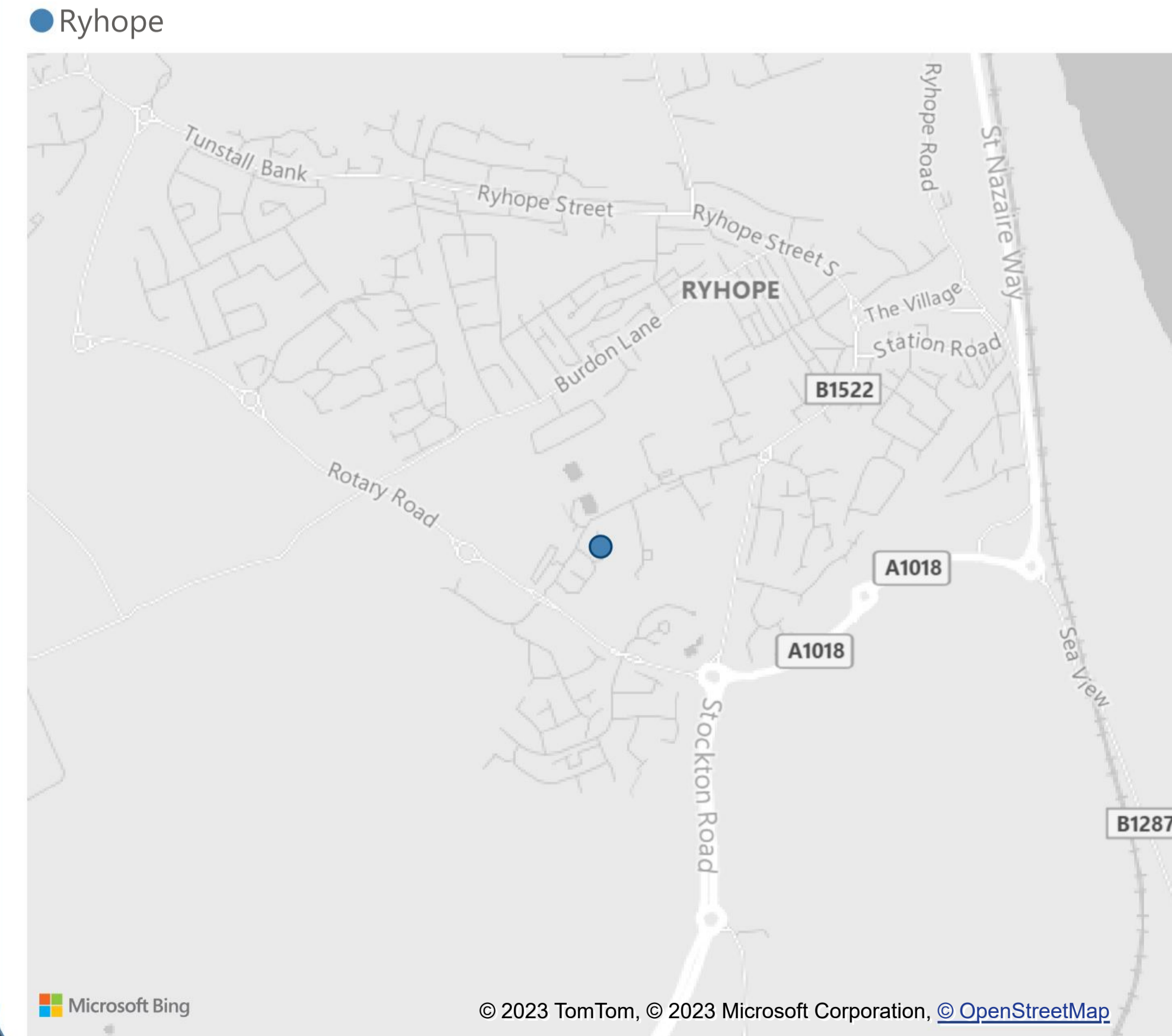
Ward Breakdown

Ward Name	Incident Count
Ryhope	1
Doxford	0
Hendon	0
Millfield	0
St Michael's	0
Total	1

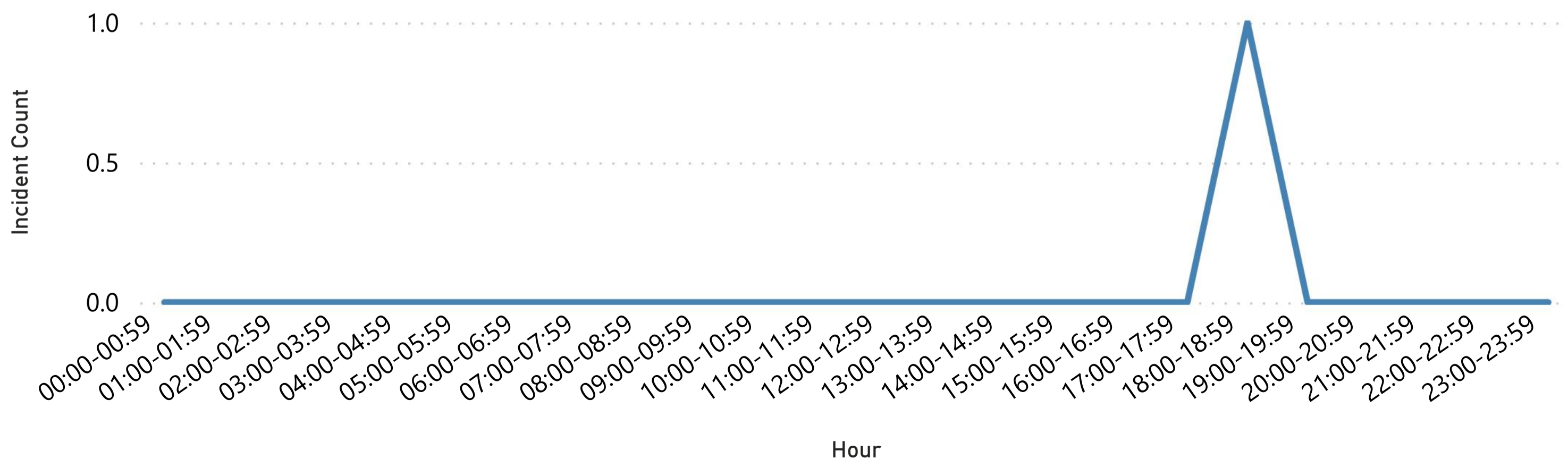
Property Type Breakdown

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Hospitals and medical care	1
Total	1

Incident Heatmap by Ward



Incident Count Time Of Day



Date Range

8/24/2023

11/30/2023

LI 15- Number of deliberate primary road vehicle fires

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
8	7	14.29 %

Incident Reference	Date	Time	Station Name	District Name	Ward Name	Property Hierarchy
51029774	11/13/2023	21:06:22	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Ryhope	Road Vehicle/Car
51028569	11/4/2023	00:04:20	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Millfield	Road Vehicle/Car
51026583	10/14/2023	00:58:52	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Millfield	Road Vehicle/Car
51026088	10/9/2023	03:15:02	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Hendon	Road Vehicle/Motorcycle
51023307	9/10/2023	04:32:32	Farringdon (Q)	Sunderland	St Michael's	Road Vehicle/Car

Ward Breakdown

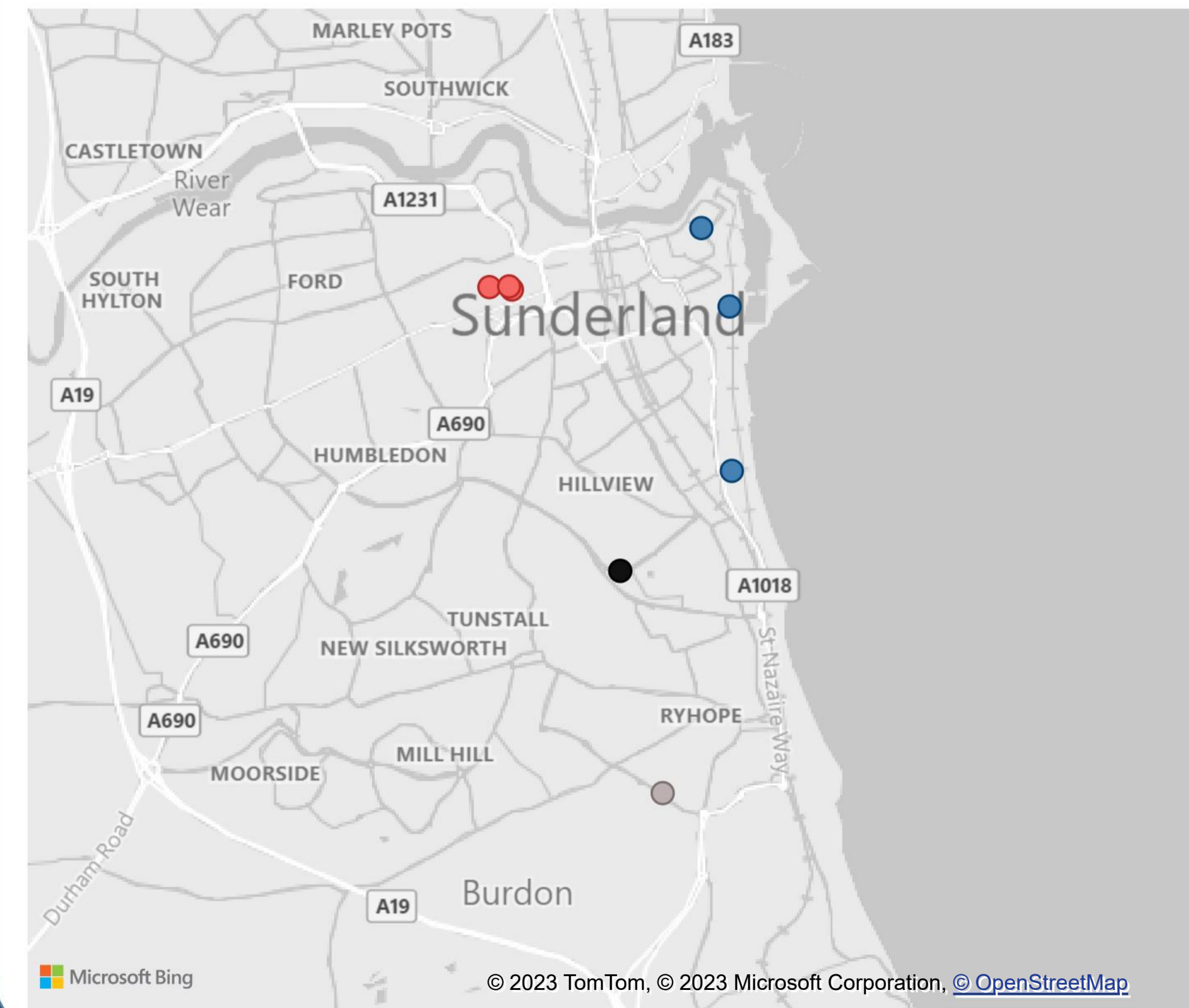
Ward Name	Incident Count
Hendon	3
Millfield	3
Ryhope	1
St Michael's	1
Doxford	0
Total	8

Property Type Breakdown

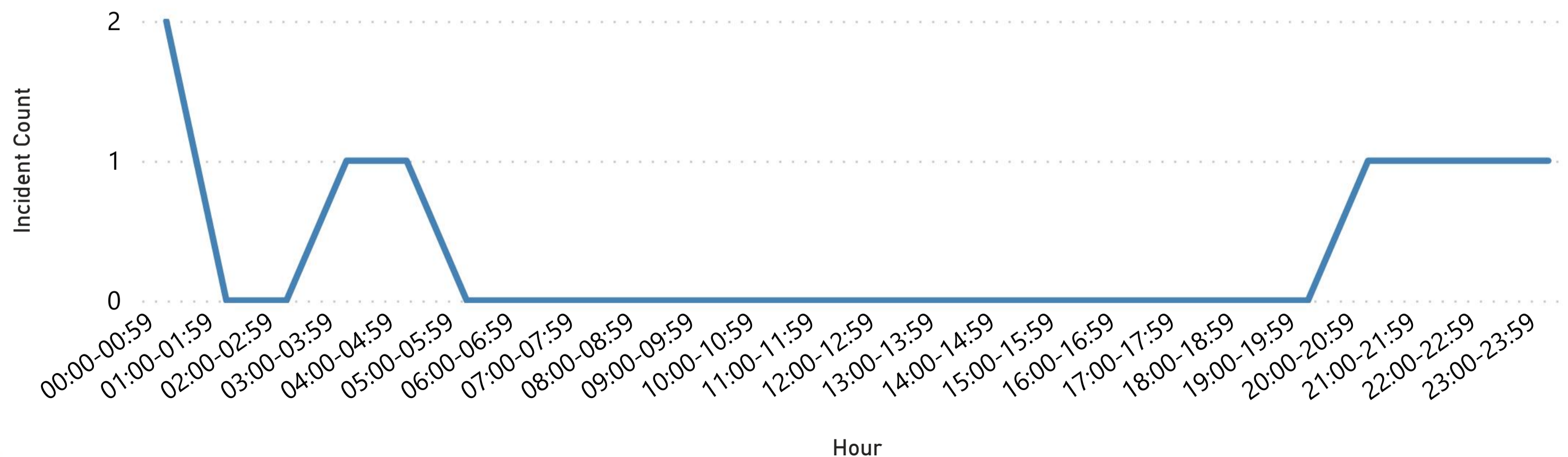
Property Level 3	Incident Count
Car	7
Motorcycle	1
Total	8

Incident Heatmap by Ward

● Hendon ● Millfield ● Ryhope ● St Michael's



Incident Count Time Of Day



Date Range

8/24/2023

11/30/2023

LI 16- Number of deliberate secondary fires

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
47	81	-41.98 %

Incident Reference	Date	Time	Station Name	District Name	Ward Name	Property Hierarchy
51030253	11/19/2023	19:29:27	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Hendon	Outdoor/Other outdoors (including land)/Loose refuse (incl in g
51030184	11/18/2023	17:38:27	Farringdon (Q)	Sunderland	Doxford	Outdoor/Outdoor structures/Refuse/rubbish tip
51029840	11/14/2023	17:53:40	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Hendon	Outdoor/Outdoor structures/Wheelie Bin
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Ward Breakdown

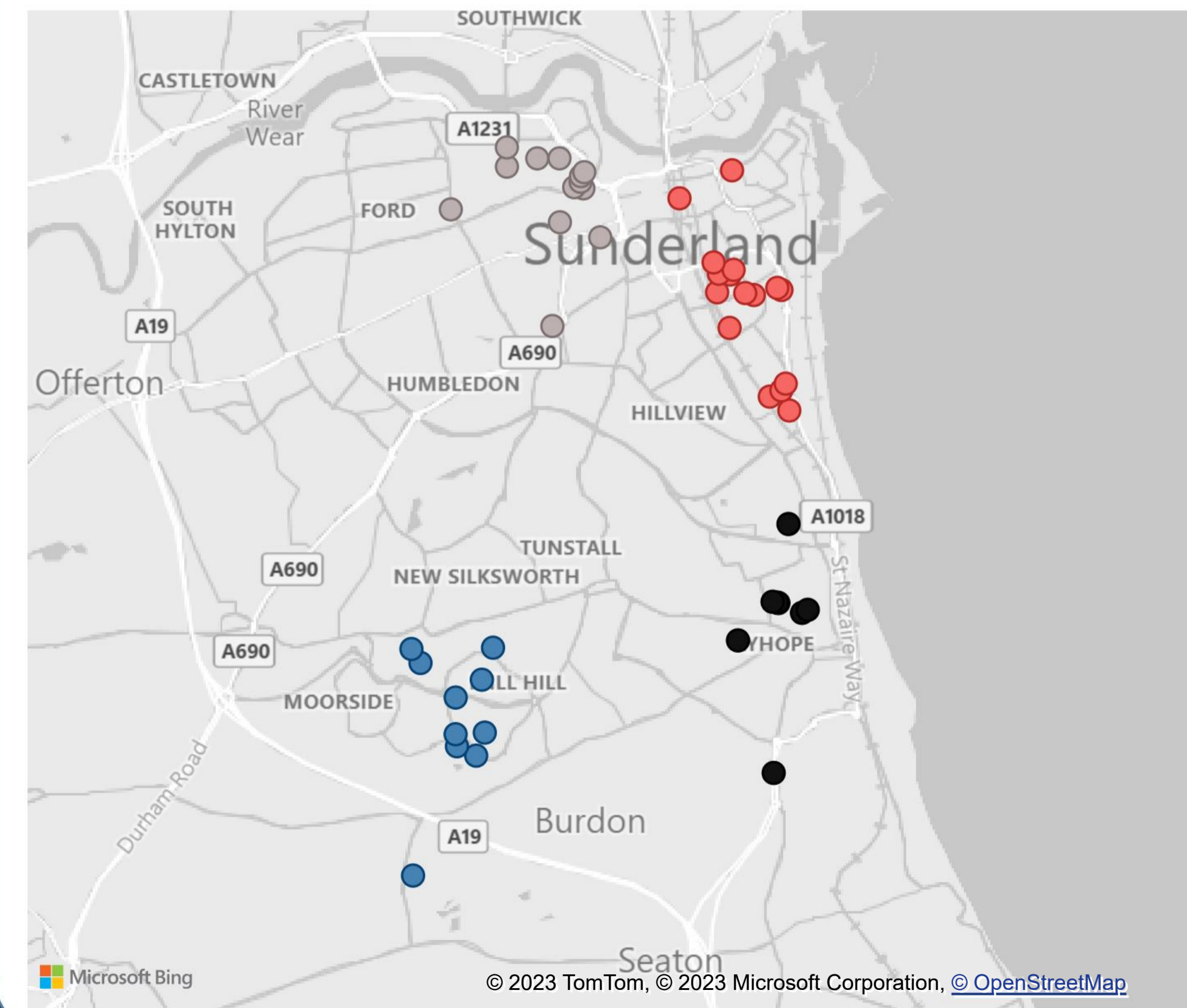
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Millfield	13
Doxford	10
Ryhope	8
St Michael's	0
Total	47

Property Type Breakdown

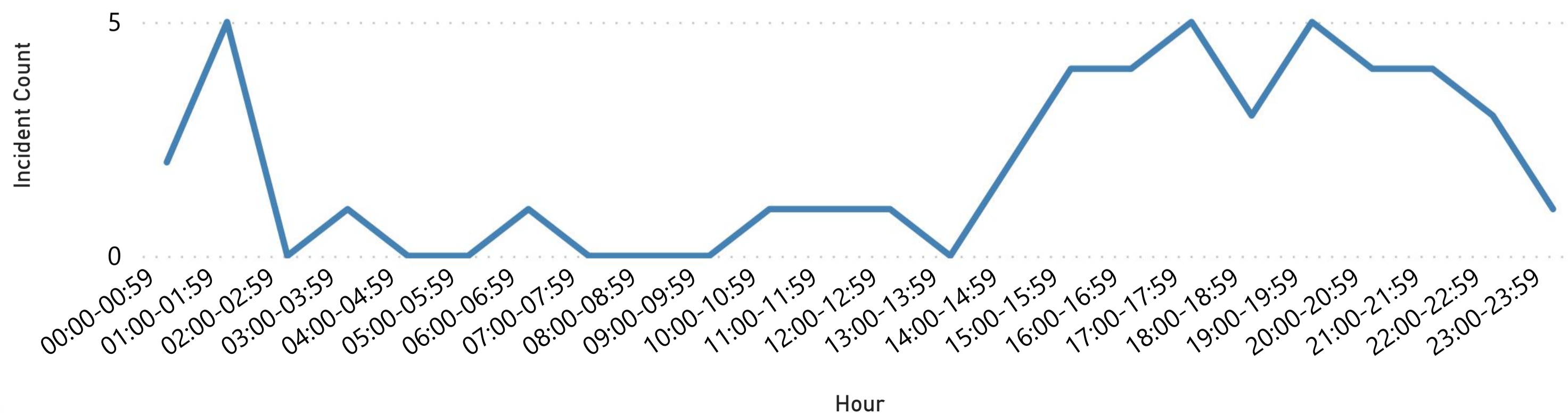
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Wheelie Bin	9
Refuse/rubbish tip	3
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Total	47

Incident Heatmap by Ward

● Doxford ● Hendon ● Millfield ● Ryhope



Incident Count Time Of Day



Date Range

8/24/2023

11/30/2023

LI 33- Number of Deliberate Fires

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
56	101	-44.55 %

Incident Reference	Date	Time	Station Name	District Name	Ward Name	Property Hierarchy
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51029762	11/13/2023	15:59:06	Farringdon (Q)	Sunderland	Doxford	Outdoor/Other outdoors (including land)/Loose refuse (incl in g
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Ward Breakdown

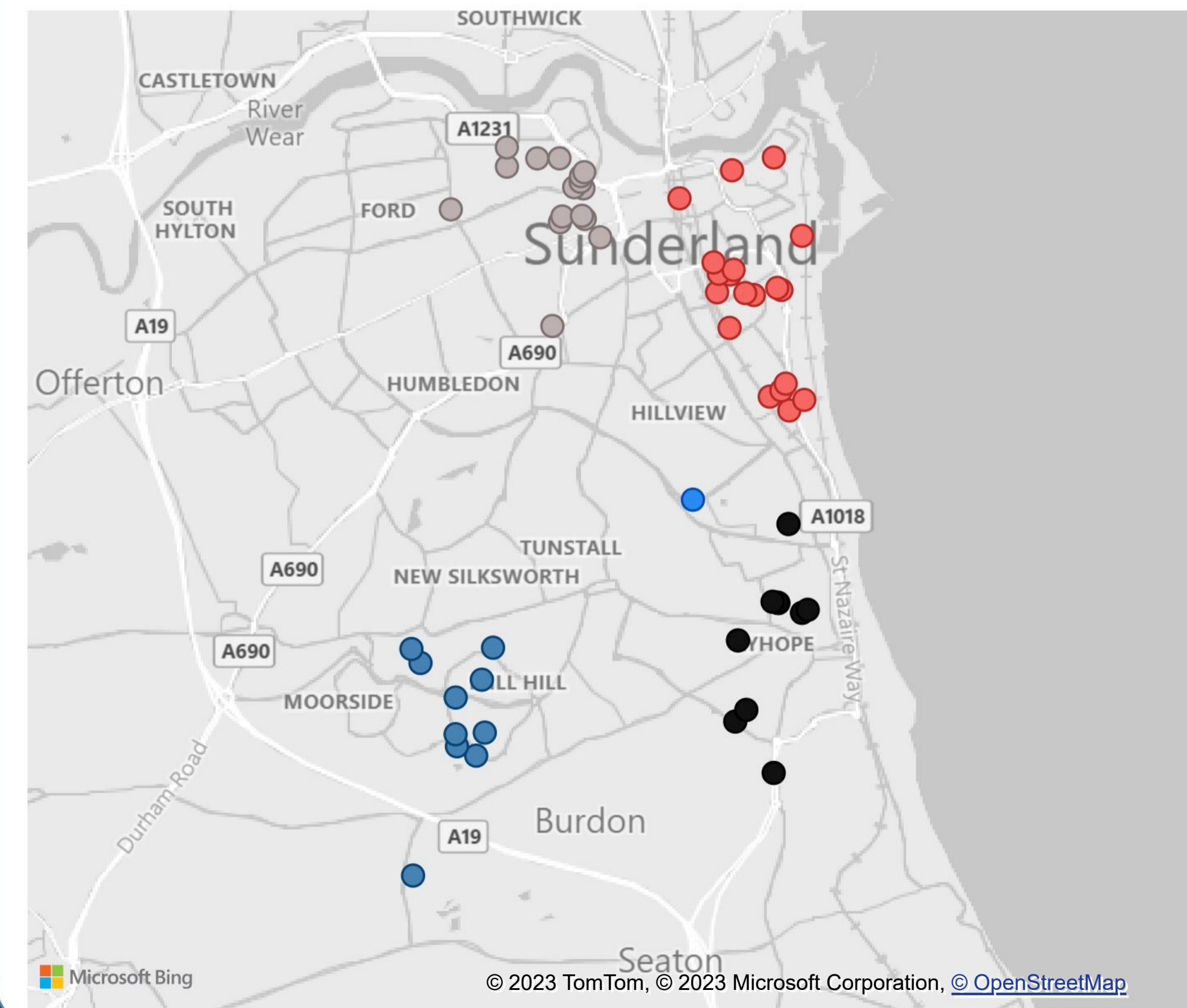
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Hendon	19
Millfield	16
Doxford	10
Ryhope	10
St Michael's	1
Total	56

Property Type Breakdown

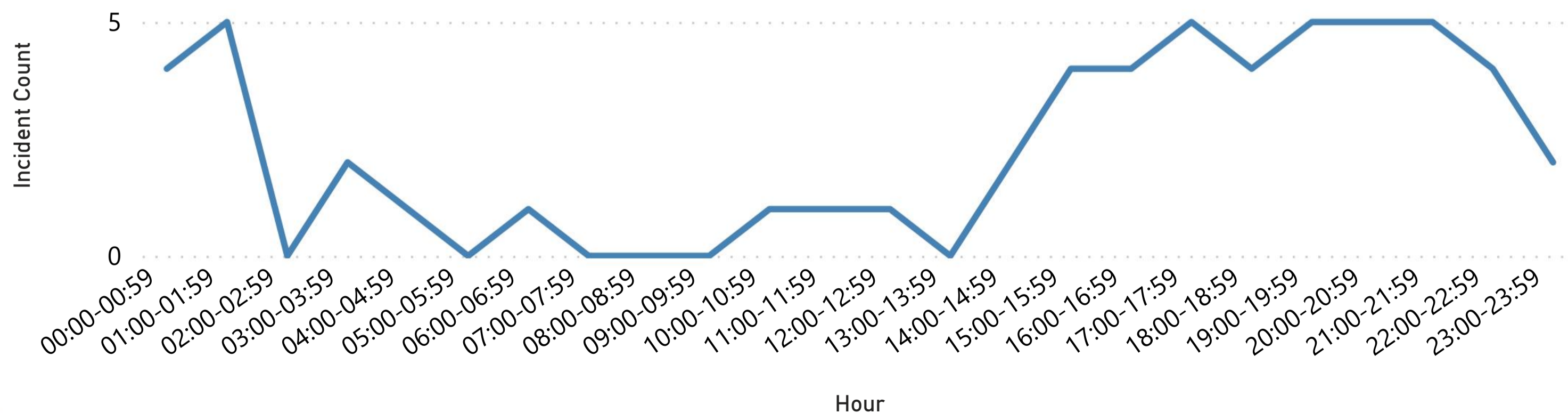
Property Level 4	Incident Count
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	26
Wheelie Bin	9
Refuse/rubbish tip	3
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	3
Total	48

Incident Heatmap by Ward

● Doxford ● Hendon ● Millfield ● Ryhope ● St Michael's



Incident Count Time Of Day



EAST AREA COMMITTEE

11 December 2023

REPORT OF GENTOO

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the East Area Committee for the period September to December 2023.

2 Background

2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be provided to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current Gentoo developments, projects, and priorities and to ensure members are fully aware of their opportunities to work collaboratively with Gentoo.

3 Update on Neighbourhood Services

3.1 **Allocations**, Gentoo is the largest social landlord within the City and responsible for the management of almost 30,000 properties. We work closely with Sunderland City Council, who have statutory (or legal) duties for housing in Sunderland, for example, the responsibility for the prevention of homelessness and assistance for those who are homeless. We recognise that the way homes are allocated is a matter of real importance to people. The demand for social housing in Sunderland far outstrips supply and therefore we seek to allocate homes in a way which primarily houses people with the greatest need.

Gentoo operates a banding system for letting their empty homes, Customers will be placed in a band, which is appropriate to their current circumstances.

Band 1+ Applicants living in renewal area

Band 1 Statutory or Urgent Social Housing Need - applicants who have an immediate need to move, some examples include homeless applicants, applicants with severe mobility issues, Gentoo customers who are experiencing severe harassment and assessed as being at risk if not rehoused (included victims of domestic abuse).

Band 2 High Housing need - applicants who have a priority housing need, some examples include applicants at risk of homelessness, applicants needing to move on from supported accommodation, Gentoo customers who are under or over occupying their current home, Gentoo customers who have children in flats, Gentoo customers who need to move for financial hardship, or applicants who have a mobility or disability and rehousing would support them.

Band 3 General Need - Open to all applicants

Our register on 31 October 2023 shows the current banding position of applicants:

There are 30,519 live applicants registered for housing on our allocations register. Of these 148 applicants are Band 1 (urgent housing need), 304 applicants are Band 2 (high housing need), and 30,067 applicants are in Band 3 (general needs).

We have allocated 1203 new homes since April 2023, 493 were applicants with a priority need.

- 3.2 **Estate walks**, invites will be sent during December for the quarterly estate walks that are due to take place in January 2024, these are a great opportunity to identify estate improvements, gather feedback from partners, and for the residents in the area to see collaborative working across the agencies.
- 3.3 **Bonfire Night**, over the weekend of 5 November 2023, our Grounds Maintenance Team worked in partnership with Sunderland City Council to help keep our communities safe by patrolling the city to identify any illegal bonfires. The team successfully removed **15 tonnes of rubbish** that was destined for a bonfire.
- 3.4 **Gentoo Christmas Campaign** 🎄🎁📺, to help support customers and families who may struggle over the festive period, we've launched our annual Christmas campaign with three themes that include, a Christmas dinner (delivered on 22 December), a Christmas gift from a secret Santa or a Theatre visit to see the pantomime (Saturday 9 December).
- 3.5 **Benedict Court** – an event was held with customers included entertainment and a buffet following the issues that customers had experienced following the issues with their lift.

4. **Investment & Renewal (yearly plan attached)**

Roof Repairs (Australia Tower)

Following observations from the contractor once the scaffold was erected, the original area of roof to be replaced has been extended. Work is underway to recover, install new purlins and roof cladding.

Unfortunately, due to the removal of the existing area of roof to be recovered and severe recent adverse weather, heavy rain, high winds, the tower including some of the top floor flats have suffered from water penetration. Customers have been kept informed and an agreement that any damaged areas will be redecorated once the roof is recovered. Hodgson & Sayers (Principal Contractor) tell us that the roof works will be completed by the Christmas shut down 22.12.23, and scaffold will to start to be dismantled from the 03.01.24. (Obviously this is subject to working within the H&S guidelines for any adverse weather we may have).

Hedworth Tower – Modernisation work to the internal and communal areas are continuing and at present are in line with the contract specification.

High Rise Residential Properties – Contined works on the structural surveys as part of the Building Safety Act.

5. **Recommendations**

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

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11th December 2023

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF EAST SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

East Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023-2026

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report is to provide an update of progress against the Area Committee's Area Plan priorities, which will be the focus for the East Area Committee during 2023-2024.

2. Background

2.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function. The purpose of the Area Committees is to:

- Lead on the development, implementation, and effective delivery of an Area Plan, working closely with residents to ensure the plans include all main priorities for the Area, which enables residents to be resilient, The Area Plans are linked to the City Plan and other significant strategies for the city.
- Actively encourage local residents to become involved in shaping the Area Plan, ensuring delivery of activities to support matters which affect them.

2.2 The Article 10 Area Committee Area Plans for 2023 - 2026 were agreed by Area Committees in June 2023 and approved at Cabinet in July 2023.

2.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Area Plan.

2.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board supports the work of the Area Committee and specifically the delivery of the Area Plan. The Boards are chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee and are practical and action-orientated groups. The role of the Board is to respond to all priorities in the Area Committee Area Plan, as agreed by the Area Committee. They develop and implement plans for the delivery of each priority and make recommendations to the Area Committee based on information and research and working closely with partner agencies, particularly the VCS, to ensure effective delivery of the plan.

2.6 The Board is not a decision-making body, the work of the board is presented to each Area Committee via this Report of the Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board. The purpose of the report is to update on progress in relation to the delivery of the Area Plan in addition to making any recommendations of the Board to the Area Committee for final approval. Funding decisions to support delivery of the plan can be found at **Item 4 Area Budget Report**

2.7 Additionally all Sunderland City Council Service leads, when producing Service Plans this year, provided a list of Area Priorities, where relevant, for each of the five geographical Areas of Sunderland and have agreed that regular updates for those priorities will be appended to this report, to the relevant Area Committee, to provide quarterly performance updates (Annex 2).

3. Area Committee Area Plan 2023-2026- Areas of Key Action and Progress

- 3.1 October Board received feedback from Marion Dixon, Assistant Director of Regulatory Services and Craig Mordue, Assistant Director of Transport and Infrastructure on their service areas.
- 3.2 November Board received a report to commence the process for the development of the 2024-2025 Highways Maintenance Programme and were updated on the 2023 – 2024 scheme progress.
- 3.3 Attached as **Annex 1** is the East Area Committee Delivery plan which highlights progress against the Area Committee plan. Good news stories and promotion of projects are shared at every opportunity.
- 3.4 Attached as **Annex 2** is an update on Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, specifically relevant to the area, including a quarterly update on progress for information purposes only.

4. Recommendations - Members are requested to:

- 4.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to East Area Committee Area Plan 2023- 2026.
- 4.2 Consider the progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, for information purposes only.

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Fiona Kelly, Partnership and Community Resilience Manager

East Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023 - 2026

Updated December 2023

The Area Plan commits the Area Committee to a number of priorities, which will be delivered within the East of Sunderland. This Delivery Plan provides an update on progress on the Area Committee's Area Plan and will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the East Neighbourhood and Community Board

Priority	Progress Update
Dynamic Smart City We will have	
An evaluation of the Go Get Online project and consider future delivery	Evaluation provided as part of Q2 update, November 2023 563 people accessed support across 7 centres – Back on the Map, Blue Watch Youth Centre, Sunderland International Bangladeshi Centre, St Mark's Community Association, The Box Youth and Community Project and Sunderland Women's Centre. Nearly 1000 hours of volunteering delivered by 34 volunteers associated with the project.
Low carbon initiatives in the community	Presentation on Low Carbon initiatives received June 2023. Options for fruit and tree planting submitted for consideration with locations suggested across the East. Consultation launched on proposals for EV Community Hubs shared with members November 2023
Healthy Smart City We will have	
Youth clubs in each of the 5 wards	Applications approved in September 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doxford Activities for Young People, The Box Youth and Community Project • Youth Work in Every Place and Space, Back on the Map • Future in Mind, Blue Watch Youth Centre • Millfield Youth Activities, Sunderland All Together Consortium

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps St Michael's, St Michael's Community Centre
Information on what support the Youth Consortium require to build capacity and attract external funds	To be considered in February 2024
An understanding of external funding opportunities for Youth Activities during school holidays and consider the gap in provision	To be considered in February 2024
Projects that increase physical and wellbeing activities for young people and support healthier lifestyles and lessen the impact of the cost of living crisis	To be considered in February 2024
Improved social prescribing	Information is included in the Service Plan update December 2023. A video has been produced all about Links for Life Sunderland – see here Links for Life Sunderland - https://youtu.be/h8EizBukS40
Improved green spaces including fruit orchards and wildflowers	Options for fruit and tree planting submitted for consideration with locations suggested across the East Area. In Bloom to be revisited in 2024
Received information on the Rangers projects and consider future delivery	Project update circulated to members November 2023 Over 900 hours of volunteering and 160 litter picks/community clean ups have taken place during quarter 2. Extension of the project for a further two quarters until September 2024 to be considered at December Area Committee.
Received information on the Enforcement project and consider future delivery	Presentation received at November Neighbourhood and Community Board containing information on performance to date and options to consider for future delivery, Board will reconsider at a future meeting. The Board are making a recommendation to December Area Committee to support an application for £15,000 to part-fund a dedicated ASB Officer who will form part of the new Motorcycle Disorder Taskforce.

<p>Delivered the WOW features project</p>	<p>Projects across the East at differing stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doxford – Bulb planting – timescales for delivery to be confirmed. • Hendon – funding to be considered at December Area Committee for reallocation as part of the proposed contribution to the High Street Revolution initiative in Villette Road area. • Ryhope – Planter scheme complete Summer 2023 • Millfield – Delivery of raised beds Summer 2024 • St Michaels – Discussion ongoing regarding location of planters
<p>Delivered improvements to community assets</p>	<p>The following organisations received capital funding to make improvements to their respective centres, Members will continue to receive more detailed updates via the quarterly monitoring updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back on the Map - Hendon Community Growing Garden • Blue Watch Youth Centre - Safe Outdoor Fun • CHANCE - Upgrade CCTV • Ryhope Community Association - Kitchen Upgrade • Sunderland Area Parent Support - Making SAPS Safe • Sunderland MIND - Accessible Entry • The Box youth and Community Project - Improvement/Repairs to Main Hall • St Michael's Community Centre - Internal refurbishment and alarm system • Media Savvy - Creation of kitchen and workspaces • Church of Nazarene - Roofing works and improvements to facilities • Samaritans - Refurbishment of training room and duty room • The Bunker - Accessibility upgrades • St Marks - Development of community garden and play area • Oasis Community Housing – Shower upgrades
<p>Delivered a Walk and Talk programme</p>	<p>Several ward-based initiatives have been delivered across the East, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doxford – capital works to community centre, footpath improvements, holiday activities • Hendon- environmental improvements, highway improvements, holiday activities • Millfield- highway improvements, public art

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryhope- highway improvements, community event • St Michael's – highways improvements, environmental improvements, blood kits. <p>Scheme now finished with £5,580 being returned to Neighbourhood Fund.</p>
Vibrant Smart City We will have	
Supported community assets to develop, grow and sustain	Capital improvements to community centres – please see above Dedicated capacity building projects for Ryhope Community Association and St Michael's Community Centre – please see below
Improved the Stephenson Trail	Presentation from steering group shared. Environmental works have continued with way markers and information panels being installed during Autumn 2023
Delivered and supported St Michael's and Ryhope Community Centre projects	Ryhope Community Association – Neighbourhood Funding used to provide additional staffing capacity to support the development of funding and volunteering strategies. Award of over £140,000 secured from The National Lottery to support the continuation of activities at the Ryhope Community Centre over the next three years. St Michael's Community Centre – Neighbourhood Funding used to support the appointment of a dedicated Community Development Worker who was successful in extending the programme of activities delivered at the Community Centre and securing additional funding to allow the project to continue.
Received updates on highways schemes and consider future options	Presentation from Transport and Infrastructure Service at the November Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting regarding the Highway Maintenance Plan for 2024/25, scheme Attendance of Assistant Director for Transport and Infrastructure at October Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting.

Sunderland City Council Service Plans – East Area Priorities, for information purposes only.

CITY DEVELOPMENT: Economic Regeneration (City Development)

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Redevelopment of Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens (development phase)	Development phase of National Lottery funded project to shape follow-on funding bid to support the redevelopment of Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens	4/23	12/24	Arts Council Museum Estate Development Funding secured to carry out urgent roof repairs due to commence February 2024. Progressing with Development Phase bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund to submit late 2024. Project Team procurement underway – including Design Architect Led Team, Exhibition Designer and Cost Consultant, with Business and Activity Planners appointed and early work progressing.
North East Community Forest 2023/24 planting	Tree and hedgerow planting at a series of individual sites as part of Low Carbon Framework. Options for sites in each area to be assessed and then discussed with	9/23	3/24	Individual planting schemes developed in further detail, with some requiring further consultation before the overall programme is finalised. Seven sites currently have in-principle funding approval: Holmeside Phase 2 (East); Hetton Primary School (Coalfield); Rickleton Primary School

	Neighbourhood & Community Boards			(Washington); Roker Park (North), Silksworth Ski Slope and Pit Wheel (West); Doxford Park (East); Ryhope Junior School (East). An additional 3-4 sites are also being considered and are currently at the feasibility stage.
Low Carbon Framework and Action Plan	Range of city-wide low carbon programmes and projects across the seven strategic priority areas to include implementation within individual Area Committee areas			<p>Additional green-infrastructure projects (over and above NE Community Forest activity) include 'Tiny Forests' schemes to be planted at Sandhill View Academy (West) and Hudson Road Primary (East) subject to feasibility and final approvals; Link Together Heritage Lottery bid for £915,000 has been submitted – if successful it will support greenspace uplift to 13 sites across the Coalfield.</p> <p>Sunderland City Council is working in partnership with energy suppliers Utilita and E.On on the current phase of Energy Company Obligation (ECO4), which requires energy suppliers to implement energy efficiency improvements in residents' homes. The scheme is aimed at lower income and/or vulnerable households and less</p>

				<p>energy efficient properties with the aims of tackling fuel poverty, reducing carbon emissions from the domestic sector and improving thermal comfort. The ECO4 scheme was launched in October and is available to residents in all areas of Sunderland (city-wide). Utilita will include a particular focus on engaging with residents in Southwick (North) and E.On with residents in Hendon (East) during Nov/Dec to raise awareness of the scheme and its benefits to residents. Eco-4 will run to 2026 across the city.</p>
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City Development: Regulatory Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Sail (currently VRU funded) Potential Enforcement Project	1 x Violence Reduction Lead 1 X legal support officer	12/22	12/25	Project continues to deliver agreed aims and outcomes via the SAIL strategic Bd. more in depth update can be given to forthcoming AC meetings if required. currently planning a one-year celebration event with partners and businesses. Proposals to be discussed at Board meeting on 20 November this will also include the motorcycle disorder work.
CCTV Project (currently AC funded)	5 x mini dome CCTV cameras To enhance the existing East cameras for tackling issues of ASB and environmental crime.	06/23	06/25	Cameras received August 23 Four locations have been agreed and one is under discussion/clarification with requesting Officer due to camera vulnerability. We await relocation which should be within the coming weeks.
SHIP	City Centre project to tackle hostels and homeless issues		04/25	Fixed term positions advertised – recruitment ongoing

ADULT SERVICES: Strategic Commissioning Team and Strategic Safeguarding Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
St Cuthberts	In partnership, with Strategic Housing, development of Supported Living Accommodation for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs	9/23	TBC	Demolition of the old church to commence early Jan/Feb 24. The Commissioning Team are working with Strategic Housing / SCAS (care provider) around the design and requirements of the properties. Expected work to start on site February 2024. SCC Housing are currently out to tender for a contractor.
Hylton Road	In partnership, with Strategic Housing redevelopment of Supported Living Accommodation for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs	1/23	5/24	Building work is well underway with completion anticipated May 24. SCAS (care provider) have been involved with the accommodation specification and scoping work is being taken forward re incoming tenants from existing services.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Bereavement Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Cemetery Improvements	Prioritisation of improvement measures within area cemeteries according to an assessment of risk, need and local demand	June 22	Ongoing	<p>As part of the ongoing cemetery improvement works led by the Cemetery Improvement Boards, work is advancing on the enforcement of cemetery regulations relating to unauthorised items and enclosures on lawn section graves. In the coming week, signage will be installed in relevant cemetery sections providing advanced notice of the removal of unauthorised items on lawn section graves, following written notice of the requirements to remove items sent to each grave owner concerned.</p> <p>Following the initial removal works, operations will temporarily cease for the Christmas period and resume in January, continuing until complete.</p> <p>As part of the memorial safety programme in all cemeteries, safety audits have now been conducted and we are awaiting the findings from our consultants. Further updates will follow as the findings are available.</p> <p>Cemetery Improvement Board meetings will continue to convene on a bi-monthly basis and have been instrumental in developing the process for the regulatory implementation. As regulatory enforcement becomes part of</p>

			<p>business as usual, and the memorial safety testing programme is underway, cemetery specific action plans will be introduced to identify and deliver on improvement works specific to each cemetery dependant on local requirements and need.</p> <p>In addition to the regulatory enforcement and MST programme, the board are currently reviewing options to improve cemetery maintenance including the sowing of low cover and slow growing clover seed in older sections as an alternative to grass, as well as increased signage relating to issues around the control of dogs in cemeteries.</p>
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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Local Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Glyphosate Trial	A trial project to help us understand the impact of alternative weed control options in different environments, with a view to the potential elimination of the use of herbicides in weed killing.	1 st April 2023	September 2023	<p>The further targeted trials which started in April have continued into November 2023. The detailed trial will provide clear evidence to review, enabling consideration of the available options, cost and resource implications for each method tested.</p> <p>The results of the trial will inform the appropriate next steps.</p>
Tree Surveying	A citywide tree inspection and mapping project.	May 2023	2027	<p>As of 9th of November 9,353 trees have been surveyed.</p> <p>East and West area street trees are now complete, with the current focus being on the Green Flag parks situated within these areas.</p>
E Technology Trials	Trialling alternative Electric equipment to replace petrol fuelled kit to reduce carbon emissions.	May 2023		Trials are continuing with appropriate tools being considered as part of our fleet replacement capital programme.
City Centre Gum Removal Project	Chewing gum removal project	April 2023	2024	Phase 2 Gum removal programme has started in line with grant guidelines with a completion date by the end of Nov we are currently on track to achieve this. Project closedown and supporting evidence will be submitted to KBT as per

				parameters submitted in the grant award which includes a review period into 2024.
Levelling Up	Barley Mow Park Improvements.	April 2023	March 2024	There are still some outstanding tasks to be completed. These are now mainly in the old office building or surrounding area.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Winter Maintenance

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Winter Smart Solutions	Trials of several infrared road surface sensors across the highway network.	Continue through the winter of 2023/2024	Testing of various options remains ongoing through the winter of 2023/2024	Following the recent trial of 10 smart sensors at a variety of key locations across the city, the detailed findings of the trial have enabled the Environmental Services Winter Maintenance Team, to further improve the planning for the essential replacement of the city's Vaisala weather station network and ensure that the positioning of the new equipment is optimised in response to the current and future development of new key routes and any road network changes across the city. With the new installations of modern Vaisala equipment occurring from May 2024, the road users of Sunderland can be assured the city will have some of the most advanced weather monitoring and forecasting equipment available, provided and supported by one of the market leaders in the industry.

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Area Arrangements

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Developing the community support offer, working closely with the voluntary sector to enable maximise positive outcomes from Social Prescribing	Supporting VCS to develop their capacity to deliver commissioned community support services within communities	April 2023	March 2025	UKSPF funds secured to support VCS in Sunderland to deliver 12 months of community support across the city. VCS providers will support the establishment of the Links for Life social prescribing programme in Sunderland, signing a delivery charter, ensuring a digital platform is developed and delivery is evaluated to inform future community support service delivery
VCS Alliance – growing capacity of voluntary and community sector	Continue to work in partnership with the voluntary sector Alliance to maximise resources into the sector via external funding and grow social value resources	April 2023	March 2025	The Council continue to support the VS Alliance in Sunderland, who are now an independent Charity as a member of their strategy board, alongside other VCS partners, Gentoo and the ICB,.
Delivery of Financial Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan	Supporting residents within areas to improve their resilience	April 2023	March 2025	<p>Continue to use household data and intelligence to identify issues and inform Support offer available within communities, working closely with partners including the voluntary sector. The UKSPF community support offer is supporting residents to become financially resilient and forms a core part of the wider Links for Life service offer.</p> <p>The team continues to talk to residents in communities about their experience and report on issues and themes from the conversations.</p>

				<p>The work is facilitated by excellent relationships already established with local VCS organisations. We are combining quantitative and qualitative data to provide context and a deeper understanding of the Lived experience of residents.</p> <p>We are currently refining a recording and reporting system to manage both statistical and anecdotal information so that if a service or partner organisation requires some contextual information we can find and provide it.</p>
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Area Committee Update: LINKS FOR LIFE SUNDERLAND

Links for Life is Sunderland’s approach to social prescribing; working with our partners to help people live the best life they can by linking them to community level services and support to make a lasting difference to their health and wellbeing.

Partners recognise that without growth of the service offer in the community we will not reduce health inequalities. Effort has gone into building support for voluntary and community groups who are delivering vital services within our communities.

WHAT IS SOCIAL PRESCRIBING?

Factors such as stress, unemployment, debt and loneliness can affect our health.¹ Also, one in five GP appointments are about issues wider than health, especially for people living in areas of high deprivation.²

Social Prescribing is about connecting people with activities and services that improve their physical and mental health, and wellbeing. It supports people to identify and discuss their own support needs, giving them time to focus on ‘what matters to them’ and taking a holistic approach to their health and wellbeing.

¹ [Social determinants of health \(who.int\)](http://www.who.int)

² NHS England » Social prescribing as a way of tackling health inequalities in all health settings

Supporting residents to improve their health and wellbeing through self-help and connections to community-based support services, often provided by our VCS services, is vital to support our residents with the range of social issues which drive up health inequalities in our city. Key benefits can include improved social connections, improvement in the management of health and health status, improvement in mental health and wellbeing and life enrichment.³

LINKS FOR LIFE SUNDERLAND

To build on all the positive work that already happens in Sunderland, partners are working on developing a model, called Links for Life Sunderland, which will be launched in **April 2024**.

Links for Life Sunderland will bring together people within communities, supporting everyone to have healthy, happy lives, with no one left behind.

A video has been produced all about Links for Life Sunderland – see here [Links for Life Sunderland - https://youtu.be/h8EizBukS40](https://youtu.be/h8EizBukS40)

What are the aims:

- Residents and partners will be able to easily find information, including community-based services, to make better informed choices to help their health and wellbeing.
- People will recognise Links for Life Sunderland and will associate it with quality, accessibility and connectiveness.
- Residents will be able to get support through more community-based partners, including VCS, through improved promotion, collaboration and demonstration of their impact.
- Links for Life Sunderland will be developed on evidence-based practice and evaluation.
- Investment will be targeted and driven by local data, intelligence and knowledge from the system.

What are we doing:

- Creating the Links for Life Sunderland brand, informed by the views of residents and making sure it is recognised and visible across the city.
- Developing a ‘digital community support platform’, to make sure people can find the information and help they need.
- Mapping our community buildings and services to understand and help address gaps, making sure we focus our efforts on people and places that can’t access services.

³ Bild, E and Pachana, N,A, Social prescribing: A narrative review on how community engagement can improve wellbeing in later life, Oct 2022.

- Supporting the voluntary sector to grow the Links for Life offer within community settings. Including the provision of Community grant schemes to support voluntary sector organisations in developing Links for Life delivery centres within communities and ensure the difference their work makes to the lives of residents, is recognised and supported by all partners.
- Creating a charter that makes sure we have shared behaviours and values and everyone receives a good quality service that meets expectations
- Working alongside the community wealth building strategy / social value initiatives in the city to financially support our voluntary sector as well as support much needed improvements within our community facilities.

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Strategy

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Housing Delivery and Investment Plan 2020-26 – approved to deliver 574 new Council owned homes for letting, broken down into three workstreams: Empty Homes - 210 Bungalows - 193 Supported - 171	Empty Homes - 61 Bungalows - 60 Supported - 38	February 2020	March 2026	Empty Homes - 16 Bungalows - 17 Supported – 2

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Welfare Reform Service and Business Development

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion by	Area Committee quarterly update
Foodbank Support	Council currently supporting range of foodbanks / food aid organisations in all areas of the city – majority in East / West via fresh food and FareShare – will be refining offer / support during the year	N/a	N/a	Service is currently collating foodbank usage in each local area to understand gaps in provision and issues within communities. Service also supporting foodbanks to receive donations ahead of the Christmas period Information continues to be made available for residents to access via website and also voluntary sector and partners such as housing, health, etc.

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Active Sunderland

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Parks Tennis Court Programme	Refurbish Tennis Courts in Ryhope Park and Barley Mow Park	5/23	7/23	Ryhope - complete and operational Barley Mow - - practical completion scheduled for 12/9 complete and operational
Parks Tennis Court Programme	Develop Tennis activation programme	6/23	10/23	Complete - taking place
Swim Bike Run programme	Develop new parkrun opportunities for young people in Mowbray Park	6/23	Ongoing	Complete - taking place
Regular Physical Activity Opportunities	Consultation and development of Bid for Playzone in East - location tbc	7/23	10/23	Engagement session in member diary 11 th Sept Additional detail to be supplied to Members

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Public Health and Integrated Commissioning – Living Well

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Development of Social prescribing physical hubs	To deliver a Social Prescribing 'hub' to allow for localised presence of the offer	4/23	3/25	Progressing model development
Targeted substance misuse related death prevention - Hendon	Development of targeted substance misuse related death prevention interventions	6/23	03/24	<p>Targeted Outreach and identification of additional space including, Caring Changes (Southwick), Swan Lodge Hendon, Betsy Jenny's Community Café, Poplar House (Hendon) and Back on the Map (Hendon) in target areas.</p> <p>CGL also offer online sessions, and support service users in the Southwick, Hendon and St Peters area with free data sim cards to improve digital assess. This is alongside the enhanced harm reduction services to at risk clients.</p> <p>Expanding needle exchange provision with 7 pharmacies offering needle exchange in the targeted area.</p> <p>Stimulant specific training within Wear Recovery</p>
Stop Smoking Clinics - Hendon - Millfield	To deliver stop smoking clinics in the wards with the highest smoking rates.	4/23	12/23	SSSS are actively investigating clinic/drop in sites within the high prevalence wards. The

				<p>following clinics are either established, planned to start or in discussion:</p> <p>Hendon: Riverview Health Centre (established) Back on the Map (in discussion)</p> <p>Millfield: The Salvation Army (planned to start mid- September)</p> <p>Central Sunderland: Betsy Jenny Wellbeing Café (established).</p>
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HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Public Health – Starting Well and Health Protection

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Healthy Settings (Schools) - St Aidan's Catholic Academy	School and key partners working together on identified priorities of mental health and RSHE	4/23	3/24	<p>St Aidan's has undertaken significant efforts to foster a healthy settings approach, with a primary focus on RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) and Mental Health.</p> <p>They have taken part in the Health Related Behaviour Survey 2023, completed with Y8 and Y10 pupils. The results have been shared with relevant staff to understand the results and to inform priorities.</p> <p>St Aidan's has implemented a range of initiatives upskilling the school workforce on mental health, healthy living and RSHE, also</p>

				<p>looking at emerging issues so early intervention can take place.</p> <p>They are currently working towards RSHE bronze charter mark and anticipating this soon. achieving</p>
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TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN: Early Help Systems and Family Hubs

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Family Hub	<p>The Family Hubs and Start for Life programme helps meet commitments in The best start for life: a vision for the 1,001 critical days, published as government policy in March 2021. This programme is jointly led by the Department for Education (DfE) and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).</p> <p>The aim of Family Hubs is to join up and enhance services, ensuring all parents and carers can access the support they need when they need it. To bring services together and make them more accessible, improve the connections between families, professionals, services, and providers,</p>	2022	2025	<p>Lombard Street</p> <p>Lombard is going to be our 5th Family Hub the building work was completed within the last few weeks and the aim for the opening of the hub to start delivery is January 2024 with an official launch date to follow in Spring.</p>

	<p>and put relationships at the heart of family support.</p> <p>Following a competitive bidding process, 14 trailblazers were selected and awarded additional funding to go further and faster in delivering some or all of the Start for Life services funded by the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme – peri-natal mental health and parent-infant relationships, infant feeding, and parenting support.</p> <p>Sunderland were one of the 14 local authority areas who were awarded trailblazer status.</p> <p>Sunderland will have 5 Family Hubs across the city offering services from conception up until the age of 18 or 25 for young people with special educational needs.</p> <p>Early Help targeted family support teams are co-located within the family hubs. These teams provide targeted support to families with children aged 0 to 19. The Early Help workers complete a robust assessment and plan , provide interventions and work alongside our partners to address the needs of children young people and their families.</p>			
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	https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/27857/Start-for-Life			
Digital Family Hub My Best Life	<p>The face to face offer Sunderland Family Hubs offer is mirrored as a virtual offer to our children, young people and families, with access to activities, services and resources.</p> <p>MBL is not the finished article. The platform is being co-produced with young people, parent/carers and professionals across the city.</p> <p>MBL will also provide families with information around childcare, SEND local offer, support for older children and young people in addition to interactive resources that families can access at home.</p>	2023		<p>Family Hub activities have been added to MBL.</p> <p>Co-production sessions have been carried out in November by the MBL team with;</p> <p>Young people Parent and Carer via Family Hub panels. Parent/Carer Forum Professionals from Family Hubs, Health, Early Help, SEND, council, public health etc.</p> <p>Communications around launch are currently in development with review of launching end of Nov 23.</p> <p>The platform will be updated and added to over the coming months.</p>
Early Help System Supporting Families	<p>The Supporting Families: early help system guide outlines a national vision and descriptors for a mature early help system that is shared by Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Department for Education.</p> <p>It has been widely consulted upon across other government departments and local areas and is based on what is working around the country.</p>	April 2022	March 2025	<p>Three priorities have been identified as part of our Early Help System Self-Assessment.</p> <p>Our Key Priorities have been identified for varied reasons:</p> <p>7.2 Community - Our relationship with community groups and voluntary organisations * This activity matured from 1 - 2 in the past 12 months. We feel concentrating on the actions within this priority will benefit the residents of Sunderland greatly.</p> <p>8.3 Partners have agreed a shared set of measures which collectively represent the effectiveness of the Early Help System *This</p>

				activity remained at a maturity score of 3 in the past 12 months. Although this activity is more mature than others, we expect to improve the maturity of a number of other activities by delivering the actions relating 8.3 (especially less mature activities such as 8.4 & 8.5) 9.3 Our case management system allows us to record all issues affecting the family and outcomes * As our least mature activity (scoring 1) we have devised a robust plan to improve this activity.
	<p>Together for Children and Health, Housing and Communities have worked together to continue to extend HAF provision to the additional two holiday periods on 2023/2024 (Oct 23 and Feb 24) and extend the current HAF offer (Winter 23) to children in households on universal credit and struggling with the cost of living but not eligible for means tested free school meals.</p> <p>To ensure no duplication of funding the following formula has been agreed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DfE pay for full session including food for Means tested FSM and 15% vulnerable (of our total number of sessions offered). • Public Health would pay for the session without food for vulnerable children over the 	Easter 2021	March 2025	HAF has been delivered over October half term funded fully by Public Health and will also fund Feb 2024.

	<p>DFE 15% allowance and those struggling with the cost of living of our total number of sessions offered, plus food for sessions where it is offered but they don't show (HSF can only pay for an actual meal taken).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HSF would pay for the meals taken at £5 per head for the total number that has attended a session for vulnerable children over the DFE 15% allowance and those struggling with the cost of living of our total number of sessions offered. This would be a reconciliation process. <p>In addition, HSF would offer vouchers for means tested families over Winter 2023.</p>			
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CORPORATE SERVICES: Smart City Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Digital Inclusion	Delivery of a range of DI initiatives subject to interest/approval	4/23	4/26	Significant work ongoing, a newsletter is available and can be circulated if of interest and further information can be found in the City Resources section of our website: www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com In addition, Digital Dashboards have been produced for every ward detailing the existing digital provision, challenges, and potential opportunities for consideration *appended below
Smart Cities	Opportunities for a range of digital and data solutions e.g. interactive play, smart bins etc	4/23	?	Significant work ongoing, further information can be found across our website and in the Innovation Challenges section: www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com

Population
10043

Child Poverty
212

Unemployed
2.0%

Older People in Poverty
20.3%

Older People Living Alone
32.1%

Can not Speak English
0.1%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)
22

IMD Score
20.10

Income Deprivation
13.1%

Ave. Download Speed
105.99

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s
3.8%

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

Doxford

Existing Digital Provision

The Box Youth and Community Project offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices.

USKPF bid approved to develop a Community Digital Health Hub at The Box Y&C Project, which will improve connectivity, provide access to digital devices, upskill the workforce and volunteers, and set up a community esports hubs for the East area.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Mill Hill and Benedict Biscop are members of the NCCE

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that limited digital connectivity and digital skills are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; older people, people with disabilities and people on low wages.

Doxford is registered in the top 10 wards on the Digital Exclusion Risk Index as having limited broadband.

Doxford has higher levels of older people living alone which may contribute towards loneliness.

No paid support in the ward to support digital confidence or skills.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks. i.e. Doxford Park CA or Doxford Park

Develop more spaces for people to access face to face digital support

Co-design and deliver a project tailored to an 'at risk' group of people or within a physical location.

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Portland School.

Population

11458

Child Poverty

807

Unemployed

5.3%

Older People in Poverty

42.3%

Older People Living Alone

42.8%

Can not Speak English

2.2%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

1

IMD Score

55.80

Income Deprivation

33.9%

Ave. Download Speed

68.94

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

5.1%

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

Hendon

Existing Digital Provision

Back on the Map, CHANCE, IMPACT NE, More Than Grandparents, NERAF, SBIC, City Hall, City Library, Sunderland MIND, YMCA Sunderland, YAV offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Some sites offer 1-2-1 support, timetabled sessions or drop in sessions. In addition, AMAC Media Ltd, FISCUS, ICOS and Media Savvy offer the above and are a registered Data Bank.

USKPF bid approved to develop a Community Digital Health Hub at CHANCE, which will improve connectivity, provide access to digital devices and upskill the workforce and volunteers.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind i.e. Grain Connect, Virgin Media and 02.

Hudson Road and Grangetown Primary Schools are members of the NCCE.

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that limited digital connectivity; low personal data allowances; a lack of money, digital devices and skills are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are people on low wages, ethnic minority groups, unemployed, single parents and people with long term sickness or disabilities.

Hendon is registered in the top 10 wards in the Digital Exclusion Risk Index as having limited broadband.

Hendon has higher levels of children and older people living in poverty, unemployment, income deprivation and older people living alone which may contribute towards loneliness.

Ranked as 1st in the Indices of deprivation index for the City.

2nd highest population in the East, in terms of ethnic minority groups living in this locality.

Listed in the top six wards in Sunderland in the Digital Exclusion Risk Index, when demographic, deprivation and connectivity statistics have been combined.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks. i.e. Villette Road Front Street

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households.

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Valley Road School.

Build upon and expand the Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme at BoTM across other community venues.

Develop more spaces for people to access face to face digital support. i.e. St Aidans Community Hall

Co-design and deliver a project tailored to an 'at risk' group of people or within a physical location.

Population

10616

Child Poverty

572

Unemployed

3.6%

Older People in Poverty

27.7%

Older People Living Alone

42.5%

Can not Speak English

2.5%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

10

IMD Score

30.90

Income Deprivation

18.6%

Ave. Download Speed

94.69

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

0.8%

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

Millfield

Existing Digital Provision

Betsy Jenny Café, Northern Rights, St Marks CA, Sunderland's Women Centre, Uplift Associates offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Citizen Advice provide all the support above, in addition to being a registered Data Bank.

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support

Diamond Hall Juniors are members of the NCCE.

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and a lack of digital skills and money are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are ethnic minority groups, single parents, children and young people; people without a job; people on low wages and Veterans.

Millfield has higher levels of children and older people living in poverty, unemployment, income deprivation and older people living alone which may contribute towards loneliness.

Highest population of ethnic minority groups living in the City.

Some paid provision offering support with digital skills.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households

Promote digital skills and training to residents, volunteers and partners

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at St Anthony's RC, Diamond Hall Infants and St Joseph's RC.

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks. i.e. Diamond Hall Pocket Park

Population

11415

Child Poverty

434

Unemployed

3.1%

Older People in Poverty

22.6%

Older People Living Alone

35.6%

Can not Speak English

0.3%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

15

IMD Score

26.40

Income Deprivation

17.2%

Ave. Download Speed

97.03

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

1.8%

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

Ryhope

Existing Digital Provision

USKPF bid approved to develop a Community Digital Health Hub at Ryhope Community Association to improve connectivity, access to devices and upskill the workforce / volunteers.

St Pauls and Ryhope Juniors are members of the NCCE.

Blue Watch Youth Centre and Ryhope CA offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills and money are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

Ryhope has higher levels of children and older people living in poverty, income deprivation and older people living alone which may contribute towards loneliness.

No paid provision in the ward offering support with digital skills.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Venerable Bede, Ryhope Infants, St Patricks and Young Mums Pupil referral unit.

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks. i.e. Cricket Club

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households

Promote digital skills and training to residents, volunteers and partners

Population

10323

Child Poverty

140

Unemployed

3.0%

Older People in Poverty

12.5%

Older People Living Alone

33.6%

Can not Speak English

1.0%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

21

IMD Score

20.20

Income Deprivation

11.7%

Ave. Download Speed

118.43

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

0.1%

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

St. Michael's

Existing Digital Provision

USKPF bid approved to develop one Community Digital Health Hub: St Michaels Community Centre, improving connectivity, access to devices and upskilling the workforce / volunteers.

Hill View Infants are members of the NCCE.

Age UK Sunderland, Hopespring, St John's Methodist Church, St Michaels community Centre, Stockton Road United Reformed Church offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Citizen Advice provide all the support above, in addition to being a registered Data Bank.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; people with disabilities; people on low wages, ethnic minority groups.

Highest level of older people living alone, which may contribute towards loneliness and social isolation.

4th highest population of ethnic minority groups living in the City.

No paid provision offering digital skills support in the Ward.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Enhance digital hubs so more people access face to face digital support i.e. St John's Methodist Church, Stockton Road united Reformed Church, Or develop new ones i.e. St Nicholas Church

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Southmoor, St Aidans, Thornhill, Hill View Juniors, St Mary's RC, Barbara Priestman and Returners Unit at Thornhill

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks. Backhouse Park

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE 11 December 2023 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: East Sunderland Area Budget Report	
Author(s): Assistant Director of Housing and Communities	
Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Plan, with the overall aim to respond to the needs of residents and ensure the delivery of activities and projects to support matters which affect residents and enable them to be resilient. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.	
Description of Decision: Committee are requested to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.2 (b) Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £15,000 to - Sunderland City Council – Motorcycle Disorder Taskforce – Item 4 Annex 1 (c) Approve the alignment of NF funding of £45,000 to Extension to East Rangers (d) Approve the alignment of NF funding of £10,000 to Contribution to High Street Revolution, Back on the Map (e) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 as set out in Item 4 Annex 2 	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?	Yes
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £408,817 for 2023/2024 from the Neighbourhood Fund to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Area Plan and to attract other funding into the area.	
Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.	
Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

11 December 2023

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING and COMMUNITIES

East Sunderland Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Plan, with the overall aim to respond to the needs of residents and ensure the delivery of activities and projects to support matters which affect residents and enable them to be resilient. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2. Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2023/ 2024:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2023 / 2024 (£393,534 and £15,283 c/f and any returns)					£408,817
Youth Activities	26/06/23		£187,500		£221,317
Youth Activities	26/06/23	£1,007			£222,324
Remember This? - Wellbeing Hub Outdoor Improvements	27/03/23	£883			£223,207
East Walk & Talk Programme		£5,580			£228,787
Wow Features - Hendon		£7,000			£235,787
					£235,787

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2023 / 2024

- 2.2 East Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £408,817 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects for 2023/2024

- 2.3 There is **1** application presented to Area Committee for consideration from the 2023 – 2024 Neighbourhood Fund set out below:

- I. Sunderland City Council – Contribution to ASB Officer Motorcycle Disorder - **£15,000**

2.4 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested is **£15,000** if projects approved as set out in the recommendations, the remaining balance for this operational year will be **£220,787**

2.5 There are **2** alignment proposals presented to Area Committee for consideration from the 2023 – 2024 Neighbourhood Fund subject to full applications being presented to a future Board and Area Committee as set out below:

- Extension to East Rangers - **£45,000**
- Contribution to Hendon High Street Revolution, Back on the Map - **£10,000**

2.6 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval/alignment is **£55,000**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£165,787**

3. Community Chest

3.1 Each ward has been allocated a ward budget of £10,000 e, to support projects which complement the Area Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest is now online. Ward Councillors will continue to lead on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it is difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.

3.2 The Table below details the Community Chest awards starting balance for 2023/2024. Annex 2 shows the approvals, supported to date 2023/2024

Ward	2023/2024 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Doxford	£10,000	-	£6,535	£3,465
Hendon	£10,000	-	£5,451	£4,549
Millfield	£10,000	-	£4,491	£5,509
Ryhope	£10,000	-	£6,827	£3,173
St Michaels	£10,000	-	£2,820	£7,180
Total	£50,000	-	£26,124	£23,876

Table Two: Community Chest Funding Statement 2023 / 2024

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.2

4.2 Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £15,000 to - Sunderland City Council – Motorcycle Disorder Taskforce – **Item 4 Annex 1**

4.3 Approve the alignment of NF funding of £45,000 to Extension to East Rangers

4.4 Approve the alignment of NF funding of £10,000 to Contribution to High Street Revolution, Back on the Map

4.5 Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 as set out in **Item 4 Annex 2**

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**Executive Summaries
Application No 1**

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Tackling Motorcycle Disorder
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
<i>Awaiting final costs</i>	<i>Awaiting final costs</i>	£15,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	December 2023	November 2024

Project Description:

The dedicated ASB Officer will be a pivotal role in the team. The officer will support Northumbria Police on enforcement tactics utilising all powers available but will also drive forward the education and prevention strand of the Partnership action plan.

ASB officer duties include:

- Target those young people that are disengaged who in the main are carrying out the motorcycle disorder by going out to areas where young people congregate and linking with youth projects.
- Develop a hard-hitting education package for delivery in schools/colleges and universities.
- Proactive visits to both primary and secondary schools to educate children on the importance of road safety and the consequences of riding off road vehicles illegally (work with families who have been impacted negatively by the illegal use of motorbikes and get permission to share their story)
- Devise, Manage and monitor relevant parts of Partnership Action Plan
- Liaise with fuel stations and put something in place for them to be able to report off road/suspicious vehicles being fuelled up to try get perpetrators identified off their CCTV footage alongside limiting where bikes can be fuelled.
- Train allotment teams and any other agencies on intelligence submissions and information on how to report re storage of bikes etc
- Become an admin on all the Sunderland City Councils Local area Facebook pages to be proactively posting about what the team is doing and how the public can help us tackle the issues.
- Speak with other local authorities to discuss what powers they use to help tackle motorcycle disorder.
- Victims follow up and feedback.
- Issue ABA's, CPW's CPN's where applicable.
- Prepare case files for Injunctions/CBO's where appropriate.
- Community Engagement days raising awareness of the laws around Motorcycles/Quads/Electric scooters to both adults and children.
- Attend resident meetings.
- Be actively involved in the "Back on Track" programme running in the primary schools in the coalfields and explore how this can be rolled out across the city.
- Identify hotspot areas by reports made to the council ASB team.

- Organise site visits to problematic locations and consider the installation of preventative measures for identified areas such as A frames, boulders, gates and CCTV.
- Manage area budgets and prepare reports to Councillors.
- Review customer journey for reports to the council and develop new mechanism dedicated to this issue.
- SPOC for links to all council departments such as highways, planning, environmental services
- Makes links and work closely with commissioned youth services and voluntary and community sector agencies in identified areas.
- Working closely with wardens and review BWC footage, download stills, engagement with schools for ID, social media etc
- Proactive patrols to hotspot areas to gather information and intelligence.
- Leaflet drops in hotspot areas to inform residents how to report vehicle ASB.
- Support/assist in applications by completion of appropriate statements or required paperwork in support of an application for a search Warrant requested by Police on evidence obtained.
- Engage with local Councillors to promote the team and encourage reporting. Obtain dates of appropriate resident meetings and encourage social media post sharing via Councillors.
- Collate all actions on a daily/weekly basis for required Area Committee reports.

Weekly reporting measures (list not exhaustive)

- Number of bikes seized
- No of drone deployments
- No of Section 59 notice issued
- No of arrests
- No of intel submissions
- No of proactive operations
- No of tenancy enforcement actions
- No of ASB tools and powers actions
- No of victims contacted
- No of victim referrals
- No of design out measures
- No of school inputs
- Offender referrals
- No of voluntary offenders
- Number of summons – there will be traffic matter (e.g. no insurance) which won't be arrestable offences
- No Media submissions and Social Media Posts
- No Premises searched.

The proposed initial resourcing for the taskforce is 1 x Sgt, 8 x PCs & 1 PCSO and 1 X ASB Officer from Sunderland and 1 x ASB from South Tyneside. The team will be co-located at Washington Police Station.

The team will work both proactively and reactively on a range of preventative, educational, disruption and enforcement tactics.

The current approach to motorcycle disorder is mainly led by Neighbourhood Police Teams and the Council's Neighbourhood Enforcement Team. The consistency and efficacy of this response has been inhibited by capacity issues, officers' remit being spread across all aspects of anti-social behaviour and the cross-sector nature of offending. The team will provide a dedicated and flexible response to any issues identified.

The current response to motorcycle disorder has been identified as a source of victim dissatisfaction. The taskforce will guarantee follow-up with clear communication around action taken. The impact of the taskforce on ASB satisfaction will be monitored throughout the pilot. There will be an opportunity to engender trust and confidence through a 'we asked, you said, we did' approach.

Output	Target
Number of safety measures installed/delivered to improve neighbourhoods	tbc
Number of Enforcement actions	tbc

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland priority to receive information on the Enforcement project and consider future delivery.

Item 4, Annex 2

East Sunderland Area Committee

11 December 2023

Community Chest Awards September to November 2023

Doxford Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Doxford Park toddler group	17.07.2023	-	£1,429
Benedict Biscop	17.07.2023	-	£2,077
SAPS	16.09.2023	-	£1,529
Friends of Doxford Park	17.11.2023	-	£1,500
Remaining balance			£3,465
Hendon Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
We Make Culture	26.06.2023	-	£2,900
Sunderland LGBT+ Network	15.09.2023	-	£891
Chance	17.11.2023	-	£1,000
Sing for the Soul	17.11.2023	-	£660
Remaining balance			£4,549
Millfield Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Kalanekehan Dance	17.04.2023	-	£441
Deptford and Millfield Community Centre	19.09.2023	-	£4,050
Remaining balance			£5,509
Ryhope Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
St Patricks School	26.05.2023	-	£577
Sunderland RCA	20.07.2023	-	£1,000
St Patricks School	17.11.2023	-	£250
I.M.P.A.C.T	17.11.2023	-	£5,000
Remaining balance			£3,173
St Michaels Ward Budget	£10,000		

Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Bethany Church	19.07.2023	-	£620
Hill View Infants	19.07.2023	-	£1,000
Sunderland Lions	17.11.2023	-	£200
Hill View Juniors Academy	17.11.2023	-	£1,000
Remaining balance			£7,180