

16 December 2020

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WEST SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:-

- a. Presents the West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan

2. Background

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the West Area Committee has worked together to finalise their Delivery Plans. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland. The Council also undertook further consultation with residents, during June 2020, to ensure the priorities were still relevant post COVID-19.

3. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.

- 3.2 Following the approval of the Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans at Cabinet in March 2020, the Neighbourhood Investment Plans replaced the former Article 10 Local Area Plans.

- 3.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Area Committee Delivery Plans have been developed to enable this to happen.

- 3.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Boards will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. All Committee members are invited to attend all board meetings.

- 3.5 Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in June 2020.

4. Areas of Key Action/Progress

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to September 2020.

Priority/Issue	Update
Receive an update on bins installations and new locations identified with members including smart bin technology in key locations	The Assistant Director of Environmental Services attended the November Neighbourhood and Community Board and discussed the progress made and the priority list of bins. The Board invited the service area to consider the needs in the West and if required to apply for Neighbourhood Capital Investment funding.
Removal or Painting of pedestrian barriers and other street furniture	The Assistant Director of Environmental Services discussed the current audit of street furniture and was asked to consider the needs in the West and return to a future board with an update on requirements.
Develop a plan for Green gyms – consider locations and equipment across the West	The Neighbourhood and Community board considered the recommendations from the Task and Finish group which was to install Green Gyms across each ward of the West, the equipment would be determined by the needs in the ward (age, health). Each site would have around 5-6 pieces of equipment in each location. The Area Committee are being asked to consider allocating £87,000 from the previously aligned funding (Neighbourhood fund-Public Health/CCG) of 'Healthy Weight' and £65,000 from the West Neighbourhood Capital Investment fund to meet this priority. The figures provided have been estimates and following a tender process may need to be amended to meet the needs of the brief.
Consider parking issues at St Luke's Terrace	The Asset and Network Manager attended the Neighbourhood and Community Board and discussed the issues faced around the area with regards to parking. The Board will discuss the opportunities at a future meeting once site visits have taken place.
Consider traffic calming measures on Silksworth Lane alongside parking restrictions	New traffic restrictions around the area have now been completed. Consideration to be made future traffic calming measures
West Area Committee approved 120k to improvements to play areas in the West.	Area Committee agreed a Play Improvement project. Following the approval, the project went out to tender, this is expected to be complete end of February. With work expected to start on site March 2021 and be complete by Summer 2021.
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity of grassroots	The VCS support Task and Finish group have met and are pulling together a call for projects for the Voluntary Community Sector for building improvements (Capital funding) and core costs (Neighbourhood fund). The brief will be shared with members and if agreed it will be circulated to the VCS network early 2021 with project proposals being considered at March Area Committee.
Improve access and knowledge of ICT to reduce social isolation	Task and Finish group met and discussed options to reduce social isolation and increase the usage of ICT. A Call for Projects was developed and the Neighbourhood Board are making a recommendation to Area Committee to approve the funding and the brief.

Receive update on Holiday hunger activities deliver 2019-2020 and consider deliver for 2020-2021.	The Neighbourhood and Community Board discussed extending the existing holiday hunger projects across the West and are asking Area Committee to consider the extension to cover Christmas and February holidays. Area Committee are being ask to fund 6 projects (existing projects) £1k each from the Neighbourhood Fund. Further delivery will be discussed at a future board meeting.
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5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to: -

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1.

Annex 1 West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

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