

West 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 West 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 West Neighbourhood and Community Board

Priority	Progress Update
Dynamic Smart City	
We will have	
Improved small neglected shopping and enterprise areas	
Young people with raised aspirations and increased training opportunities.	
More fruit orchards, trees and improved electric vehicles at home infrastructure	Presentation on Low Carbon initiatives received June 2023. Options for fruit and tree planting submitted for consideration with locations suggested across the West.
Updates on employment support projects	Project update circulated to members November 2023 The West REACT CLLD match funded project ended in March 2023 with the Neighbourhood Funded element continuing. Since April the project has supported 81 residents with information, advice and guidance. The support is offered from Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre 2 days per week.
Improved access to digital support	Project update circulated to members November 2023. The Media Savvy Digital Project continues to deliver sessions fortnightly across the 6 wards in the main hubs, a further 2 sub hubs are being planned with over 130 individuals attending sessions since April 2023. 8 digital champions have been recruited as well as 63 data sims distributed.
Healthy Smart City	
We will have	

Safer and improved green spaces	<p>Bishopwearmouth Cemetery - Designs and costs are being developed for improved parking. Designs have been considered by the Neighbourhood and Community Board and will be considered further at a future meeting.</p> <p>Silksworth Ski Slope - Complex Designs and costs are being developed for improved parking. First phase of line marking complete, additional bays added, site meeting to take place November/December to consider pedestrians especially when site full.</p> <p>A Task and Finish group met in September 2023 and discussed this further at the Neighbourhood and Community Board. The Board have agreed to recommend to Area Committee the following. Work with Officers to develop designs and feasibility for the Safer Spaces Projects which focus on making the local environment safer, ideas include, boulders, bollards, fences and lighting. £20,000 is being recommended as Phase 1 to develop these proposals, with costs and future decisions being considered in March.</p>
A scheme of environmental improvements	<p>A Task and Finish group met in September 2023 and the Neighbourhood and Community Board are making the following recommendations to Area Committee.</p> <p>Develop a Call for projects for Grow your own/In Bloom, £20,000 Neighbourhood Fund is recommended for alignment and applications (small applications) be invited to be considered at the February Board and decisions made at the March Area Committee.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Board are working with Environmental Services to improve the In Bloom in Sunderland West with a variety of bulb planting and in ground improvements, further discussions, and locations to be considered in 2024.</p>
A map of defibs across the West	<p>The Department of Health and Social care released a grant (Sept 23) for local community organisations to apply for defibrillators, this opportunity was shared with the Sunderland West VCS network.</p>
Additional Heritage walks	
Initiatives to reduce child poverty and child obesity	
Improved community assets	
Improved cultural and enrichment activities for young people	<p>Task and Finish group met in October 2023. The Group will meet again in 2024 to consider the gaps.</p>
An improved social prescribing offer across the West	<p>Information is included in the Service Plan update December 2023.</p>

	A video has been produced all about Links for Life Sunderland – see here <u>Links for Life Sunderland - https://youtu.be/h8EizBukS40</u>
A Walk and Talk project	<p>A number of ward-based initiatives have been delivered across the West, including.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Chad's - improvements to play facilities in Farringdon and school/community events. • Barnes - improved CCTV in Barnes Park as well as improved toilet facilities at Broadway Youth and Community Centre. • Pallion - improved banners at St Luke's Terrace and a replacement cycle stand • Sandhill - highway improvements in Sandhill as well as a defibrillator at Hastings Hill. • Silksworth – Memorial clean and improved festive lights. • St Anne's - Increased CCTV in King George Playing Fields and St Anne's in bloom. • St Anne's Christmas tree and Improved lighting of Wrapped Trees • Pallion Drop kerbs and highway improvements <p>Scheme now finished with £24,235 being returned to Neighbourhood Funding</p>
Regular updates on Clean and Green/Rangers projects and consider future options	<p>Project update circulated to members November 2023</p> <p>6 projects delivered in each ward continues to support environmental improvements. Over 80 litter picks/community cleans up have taken place which over 1089 volunteer hours delivered in the Areas. Litter picks and planting continue to be delivered regularly improving the Wards.</p>
Regular updates on Environmental Enforcement project and Tackle ASB	<p>Project update circulated to members November 2023</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Enforcement Warden continues to carry out proactive patrols across the West with over 1000 enforcement actions delivered since April 2023. Recruitment continues for the Neighbourhood Wardens.</p> <p>At the Neighbourhood and Community Board members received a presentation on performance to date and options to consider for future delivering.</p> <p>The Board are making a recommendation to December Area Committee to amend the existing project underspend and approve an additional £88,338 Neighbourhood Fund for a 24 Month Project including an Enforcement officer and an additional West ASB officer.</p> <p>Information was provided on a new Motorcycle disorder task group, members will be considering this approach in December 2024</p>
Regular updates on the Youth Activities Projects and consider future options	<p>Project update circulated to members November 2023.</p> <p>Youth activity sessions continue to be delivered in all wards, some centre based, some activities delivered in parks and open green spaces. Footfall since April 2023 is over 11,000 supported by over 800 volunteer hours.</p>

	The Sunderland All Together Consortium attended the November Board meeting to update on Youth activities across the West. The Board are making a recommendation to Area Committee to approve £181,860 Neighbourhood Funding to deliver Youth Activities across all 6 wards for 18 months, the sessions will be for 10–19-year-olds.
Regular updates on The Welfare Rights Project	Project update circulated to members November 2023 Project continues to offer additional support to residents in the West of Sunderland. Nearly 200 residents supported with better off calculations resulting in weekly gains of £16k and £200k back dated money. 79 residents were supported with specialist support with 21 being supported with appeal tribunals.
An evaluation on Mental Health and Wellbeing in Young People and consider future options	Project update circulated to members November 2023. Project continued to deliver in schools across April to August with over 600 young people accessing the support bringing the overall total to just less than 3000 pupils. Final evaluation submitted November 2023 and circulated to Members.
Vibrant Smart City We will have	
An increased knowledge of recycling	The Waste and Recycling Centre Visitors Education Centre (WRVEC) continues to engage with local schools and community groups offering an active education program focusing on the 3R's (reduce, reuse, recycle) including free sessions in the Centres rooms and garden as well as tours of the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC).
A young people access fund	
Support in place to help the VCS to grow their capacity including growing more community groups	
An evaluation of the West Area event and consider future delivery	A video of the West Area Event 2023 was shared at the September Area Committee. The group were invited to apply to deliver the 2024 Event in Barnes Park. The Neighbourhood and Community Board considered the application and are making a recommendation to Area Committee to approve £40,000 Neighbourhood Funding to Youth Almighty Project to deliver the West Area Barnes Park Event 2024.
Regular updates on the Stephenson Trail	Presentation from Steering group shared. The Stephenson Rocket has been refurbished and is not standing upright so many residents can see it. Environmental works have continued with waymarkers and information panels being installed.
A project to tackle school parking	School parking was discussed at the October 2023 Board meeting. Further information will be discussed at a future board meeting.