

East Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023 - 2026

Updated March 2024

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 discussed at February 2024 Board Meeting – recommendation to align funding to facilitate a further phase of the project was approved at the March Area Committee. The response to subsequent call for projects to be discussed at July N&C Board meeting.
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 • Next Steps St Michael's, St Michael's Community Centre

	Project updates circulated to members in May 2024, sessions established in all areas with over 500 children and young people participating in these projects to date.
Information on what support the Youth Consortium require to build capacity and attract external funds	The East Area Committee continues to support the Youth Consortium through the funding of the delivery of youth activities in the Millfield ward.
An understanding of external funding opportunities for Youth Activities during school holidays and consider the gap in provision	In response to feedback from East Area VCS delivery partners, at the March Area Committee, Members aligned funding to deliver a programme of holiday activities that will complement the existing provision during May and Summer holidays 2024. Furthermore, Members will consider a proposal to align funding to support delivery of activities during school holidays over another calendar year from October 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	In response to feedback from East Area VCS delivery partners, at the March Area Committee, Members aligned funding to deliver a programme of holiday activities that will complement the existing provision during May and Summer holidays 2024. Furthermore, Members will consider a proposal to align funding to support delivery of activities during school holidays over another calendar year from October 2024.
Improved social prescribing	<p>UKSPF Funded Links for Life Call for Projects circulated to East VCS Network members September 2023. The programme will build on the learning from the warm and welcoming spaces, ensuring we are able to offer services and support within our communities – support and activities which bring residents together, enable active engagement and improve health, wellbeing and financial resilience.</p> <p>Eight projects are delivering in the East area as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Michael’s Community Centre - Funding will be used to provide a warm, welcoming space for local people to reduce social isolation by bringing people together to participate in a range of activities every week. • The Bunker - The Bunker will deliver a variety of music and creative media-based activities alongside a wellbeing support and development programme aimed at local people with mental health issues. • The Box Youth and Community Project - Delivery of a range of preventative initiatives, aimed at improving personal resilience and making a positive impact upon health outcomes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryhope Community Association – working collaboratively with Blue Watch Youth Centre to deliver activities including after school clubs and mental health courses. • Back on the Map - This programme aims to create an inclusive approach to improve the overall well-being of the community, targeting diverse age groups and specific challenges they face. • NERAF (Northern Engagement into Recovery from Addictions Foundation) - The HARP (Health and Recovery Pathways) Project will increase the support available for individuals experiencing substance and alcohol issues. • ICOS The project will support BME individuals including refugees who have recently been granted refugee status, women fleeing domestic abuse, or recently arrived migrants. It will provide help with accessing mainstream services and benefits. • Friends of Drop in (FODI) – programme of activities aimed at improving the mental health and wellbeing among Asylum Seekers. <p>Information was 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</p>
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 May 2024 Over 900 hours of volunteering and 160 litter picks/community clean ups have taken place during quarter 3. Applications to extend the project for a further two quarters until September 2024 were approved at March Area Committee. Recommendation to align funding to facilitate a further year of delivery from September 2024 to be discussed at June 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 revisit at a future meeting. Funding of £15,000 awarded 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 – planting scheme recently reconfigured and will be delivered throughout 2024. • Hendon – funding aligned to support the High Street Revolution initiative in Villetta Road area. • Ryhope – Planter scheme complete Summer 2023 • Millfield – Delivery of raised beds Summer 2024 • St Michaels – Planter scheme complete Spring 2024
<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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Millfield- highway improvements, public art • 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	<p>Capital improvements to community centres – please see above</p> <p>Dedicated capacity building projects for Ryhope Community Association and St Michael's Community Centre – please see below</p> <p>Proposal for capacity building project from Doxford Park and District Community Association to be discussed at June Area Committee.</p>
Improved the Stephenson Trail	<p>Presentation from steering group shared. Environmental works have continued with way markers and information panels being installed during Autumn 2023.</p> <p>The steering group are seeking to extend current ward based maintenance arrangements (Groundwork Northeast and Cumbria for Millfield and The Box Youth and Community Project for Doxford) for another year commencing in Summer 2024. New signage detailing some interpretation information is to be installed in Summer 2024 and a section of the Trail that runs between Eden Vale Road and Chester Road will also be upgraded.</p>
Delivered and supported St Michael's and Ryhope Community Centre projects	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Received updates on highways schemes and consider future options	<p>Presentation from Transport and Infrastructure Service at the November Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting regarding the Highway Maintenance Programme for 2024/25 was approved at the March Area Committee.</p>

	Attendance of Assistant Director for Transport and Infrastructure at October 2023 Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting.
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