

CABINET MEETING –13 July 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Area Committee Area Plans 2023 – 2026

Author(s):

Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

Purpose of Report:

To seek approval of the five Area Committee Area Plans for Coalfield, East, North, Washington and West.

Description of Decision:

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) approve the five Area Committee Area Plans for Coalfield, East, North, West and Washington: and
- 2) authorise the Executive Director of Health Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Area Committee Chairs to finalise and implement the detailed delivery plans for each of the five Area Plans

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

Area Committee Area Plans identify key local priorities that form the basis of a structured delivery plan for each of the five areas across the city. The Area Plans will enable the structured delivery and effective implementation of activities by the Area Committees.

Area Plans have been developed through working collaboratively with Local Members, Council Services and Partners. Area Plans will deliver local projects and activities and influence delivery of services at a local level which will support the resilience of residents and communities.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

That the Council does not adopt five Area Committee Area Plans.

This was considered and rejected as by not having the Area Committee Area Plans in

place would not enable the Council to respond in a structured and coherent way to local priorities and influence delivery of services and activities at a local level which support the resilience of residents and communities.

Impacts analysed:

Equality **Privacy** **Sustainability** **Crime and Disorder**

Is the Decision consistent with the Council's co-operative values? **Yes**

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Is it included in the 28-day Notice of Decisions? **Yes**

Area Committee Area Plans 2023 - 2026

Report of the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

1.0 Purpose of the Report

To seek approval of the five Area Committee Area Plans for Coalfield, East, North, West and Washington.

2.0 Description of Decision (Recommendations)

2.1 Cabinet is recommended to:

1. approve the five Area Committee Area Plans for Coalfield, East, North, West and Washington: and
2. authorise the Executive Director of Health Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Area Committee Chairs to finalise and implement the detailed delivery plans for each of the five Area Plans

3.0 Background

3.1 The Council's Constitution (Article 10) states that Area Committees will lead the development, implementation, and effective delivery of an Area Committee Area Plan which includes all main priorities for the area, following approval by Cabinet.

3.2 The Council's Constitution states that the relevant Area Committee is to consult, engage and work collaboratively with local people and partners (including the voluntary and community sector, public and private sector) in the effective development, delivery, and implementation of those plans.

3.3 The Area Committee Area Plans are 3-year plans and are directly aligned to the themes of the City Plan and wider strategies for the city, with a focus on influencing the delivery of services and activities at a local level, which support and maximise the resilience of its residents and communities.

3.4 Through the delivery of the Area Committee Area Plans Sunderland has a real opportunity to transform and create more resilient communities and to influence and enable a positive community impact.

4.0 Area Plans - Development, Implementation and ensuring effective delivery

4.1 Area Committees have held several workshops to discuss and identify key local priorities. In doing so they have:

- I. reviewed previous priorities from their 2020-23 Neighbourhood Investment Plans (from 2023 to be known as Area Committee Area Plans as approved by Cabinet in July 2023) in terms of impact and whether there remains a need to continue to deliver against any of those priorities.
 - II. considered current priorities through working collaboratively with services and partners (including the voluntary community sector, public and private sector), and in the context of local data and intelligence and listening to resident feedback and their lived experience; and
 - III. ensured the priorities identified in Area Committee Area Plans help to influence delivery of services and activities at a local level which support the resilience of residents and communities.
- 4.2 Council services and partners (currently including Gentoo, Police, Fire, and the Voluntary Sector Alliance) are committed to working in collaboration with Area Committees.
- 4.3 Council Service leads within their Service Plans, have provided their area priorities and area-based programmes. These will form part of the Area Committee delivery schedule and align to the Area Plans. Service leads will provide quarterly updates to Area Committees on the performance and progress of area programmes and priorities. These service area plan schedules will be addendums to the Area Committee Area Plans.
- 4.4 Partners have also provided their plans for investment activity in all five areas for the coming months and years. Partners have agreed that those plans be appended to the Area Committee Area Plans and reported on a quarterly basis.
- 4.5 Area Committees will ensure the delivery of the priorities over the lifetime of the plan (2023 – 2026), this will include the monitoring of performance of projects funded via Area Committee resources and receiving update reports from council services and partners on a quarterly basis. Additionally, Area Committees will conduct an annual review of performance and priorities at the end of each financial year to ensure priorities remain in keeping with local need.
- 4.6 Area Plans will be monitored and reported to Area Committees on a quarterly basis to ensure that there are robust performance management arrangements in place.
- 4.7 The five Area Committee Area Plans are appended to this report at appendices 1-5 supported with an Integrated Impact Assessment at Appendix 6.
- 4.8 The following link will take you to the developing draft view of the draft reports - this link will be updated as the plans are finalised, and members will be informed of the final link for access and review.

<https://sunderland.viewer.foleon.com/area-plans-2023-26/area-plans-2023-26/>

5.0 Reasons for the Decision

- 5.1 Area Committee Area Plans identify key local priorities that form the basis of a structured delivery plan for each of the five areas across the city. The Area Plans will enable the structured delivery and effective implementation of activities by the Area Committees.
- 5.2 Area Plans have been developed through working collaboratively with Local Members, Council Services and Partners. Area Plans will deliver local projects and activities and influence delivery of services at a local level which will support the resilience of residents and communities.

6.0 Alternative Options

- 6.1 That the Council does not adopt five Area Committee Area Plans.
- 6.2 This was considered and rejected as by not having the Area Committee Area Plans in place would not enable the Council to respond in a structured and coherent way to local priorities and influence delivery of services and activities at a local level which support the resilience of residents and communities.

7.0 Impact Analysis

- (a) **Equalities - An Equality Impact Assessment is attached at Appendix 6.**
- (b) **Sustainability**

Sunderland City Plan Strategy Objectives cross checked with decisions outcomes:

Dynamic Smart City

- ✓ A stronger city centre with more businesses, housing and cultural opportunities
- ✓ More and better housing
- ✓ More and better jobs
- ✓ More local people with better qualifications and skills
- ✓ A lower carbon city with greater digital connectivity for all

Healthy Smart City

- ✓ Great transport links with low carbon and active travel opportunities for all
- ✓ Equitable opportunities and the best life chances for children
- ✓ High quality support and social care that enables those who need it to live the life they want to lead
- ✓ Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives
- ✓ A cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods

Vibrant Smart City

- ✓ Residents who are more resilient to ongoing challenges including the cost-of-living crisis

- ✓ Residents feeling proud of the city and the place where they live with more people active and participating in their communities
- ✓ More people visiting Sunderland with businesses thriving and more residents shaping and participating in cultural events and activities
- ✓ More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods and businesses benefitting from the city's safe and secure environment

(c) Reduction of Crime and Disorder – Community Cohesion / Social Inclusion

Through the delivery of the five Area Committee Area Plans the Council can develop, design and deliver programmes, services and new investments that will positively impact on crime and disorder, Anti-Social Behaviour and improve community cohesion as well as supporting wider vulnerable groups away from criminal behaviour.

8.0 Financial Implications

Financial provision to support the delivery of the five Area Committee Area Plans is included within the relevant service revenue budget (Neighbourhood Funding) approved as part of the Council's revenue budget for 2023/2024 and within the allocation for Neighbourhood Capital Investment Plan in the approved capital programme. The delivery of the Plans will be managed within this resource. Wider financial support will also be explored from partners or where partners can deliver directly.

9.0 Other Relevant Considerations / Consultations

Co-operative Values – By delivering the five Area Committee Area Plans, the Council demonstrates the values of a co-operative Council by providing better and more resilient neighbourhoods, providing support for those in greatest need and creating more mixed and sustainable communities.

Risk Analysis – The Area Committee Area Plans would sit within a financial and governance framework that would be fully monitored and assessed. All projects in terms of financial viability and risks would be scrutinised.

Legal Implications – The Assistant Director of Law and Governance has been consulted on this report and her comments have been incorporated throughout, where necessary.

Policy Implications – The Council is committed to the Area Committee Area Plans and delivery will align with existing council policy arrangements

Implications for Other Services – Council Services are required to identify Area Priorities as part of the Council's approach to developing Service Plans. Priorities relevant to each area will be appended to Area Committee Area Plans and quarterly updates on performance provided to Area Committees.

The Public / External Bodies – The Council worked extensively and closely

with partners across the city to develop the Area Committee Area Plans as well as to consult with residents. The Council will continue to collaborate closely with partners to ensure the delivery of the plans.

10.0. List of Appendices

Appendix 1 Coalfield Area Committee Area Plan
Appendix 2 East Area Committee Area Plan
Appendix 3 North Area Committee Area Plan
Appendix 4 Washington Area Committee Area Plan
Appendix 5 West Area Committee Area Plan
Appendix 6: Integrated Impact Assessment

