

***Area Arrangements
Annual Report 2023/24***

AREA ARRANGEMENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the combined Area Committee Annual Report which summarises the work and subsequent achievements of the five Area Committees during 2023/24.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 Every year the five Area Committee annual reports are united into one combined report and presented to Council.
- 2.2 The Annual Report provides an overview of the work undertaken by the five Area Committees throughout 2023/24. It provides details of where the elected Members, through Area Committees and the supporting Neighbourhood and Community Boards, have influenced local service delivery, and delivered a range of other activities and projects to meet the agreed priorities as set out within their Area Plans, for the benefit of residents and communities.
- 2.3 The report demonstrates how the Area Arrangements process is integral to supporting elected Members in their role as community leaders and how Area Committees continue to work collaboratively with partners to bring forward opportunities, maximising social value and co-production, to support local people and to develop more resilient, stronger communities.

3. Area Committees

- 3.1 The Area Committees are appointed by the Council to lead on the development and implementation of an Area Plan, which includes all main priorities for the Area, which enables its residents to be more resilient.
- 3.2 The Area Committee actively encourage local residents to become involved in shaping and delivering the Area Plan, co-producing to support matters which affect them.
- 3.2 To support the delivery of these objectives the Area Committee may:
- Consult, engage and involve local people and organisations in development and delivery of the Area Plan.
 - Consult, engage and work collaboratively with partners (including the Voluntary and Community Sector, public and private sector) in development and delivery of the Area Plan and maximising social value within communities
 - In developing Area Plans, identify priorities for allocation of budgets delegated to the Area Committee.

- Commission activity to improve local quality of life and public satisfaction in its area, and publicise initiatives supported by the Area Committee.
- Area Committees will report on the delivery of area priorities and working in partnership with communities through the production of an Annual Report to Council.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 During 2023/24 the Area Committees have been involved in shaping and delivering a wide range of activities to meet the needs of local communities. During 2024/25 Area Committees will continue to work hard to deliver the priorities within their Area Plans.
- 4.2 The Annual Report should be viewed as a collaborative achievement of work. All five Area Committees would like to thank everyone who has supported and contributed towards the outcomes achieved this year, particularly our voluntary and community sector partners.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider the achievements and impact of the work of the Area Committees and their supporting Neighbourhood and Community Board during 2023/24 as outlined in the Annual Report.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Area Committee Annual Report for 2023/24.

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