

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 25th June, 2024 at 5:30pm

This meeting will be held in Committee Room 1 of the City Hall,
Plater Way, Sunderland, SR1 3AA

Membership

Cllrs D. Wilson (Chairman), S. Foster (Vice Chairman), M. Bond, M. Butler,
K. Chequer, A. Chisnall, M. Hartnack, J. McKeith, D. Newey, A. Samuels,
A. Smith, P. Stewart, J. Usher, P. Walton and L. Vera

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17th June, 2024

At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in REEDHOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE, RUTHERGLEN ROAD, SUNDERLAND on 21 MARCH, 2024 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Bond, Butler, Chisnall, Foster, Hartnack, Samuels, A. Smith, Stewart, Usher, Vera and Walton

Also in Attendance:-

Lee Bell	-	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services (TWFRS)
Jill Colbert	-	Chief Executive – Sunderland Director of Children’s Services
Peter Curtis	-	NE Sports, Area Network Representative
Steven Gordon	-	Head of Neighbourhoods, Gentoo
Steve Lowther	-	Head of Property, Gentoo
Vivienne Metcalfe	-	Partnership and Community Resilience Manager, Sunderland City Council
Joanne Stewart	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Ruth Walker	-	SNYP, Area Network Representative

Chairman’s Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Chequer, Johnston and McKeith and on behalf of Inspector Stephen Prested and Richy Duggan

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 14 December, 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

North Area Committee Area Plan 2023-2026

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on progress against the North Sunderland Area Committee Area Plan priorities which would be the focus for the Committee during 2023-2024.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Foster presented the report which highlighted progress against the Committee's delivery plan, advising of areas of key action and progress. He also advised Members that the report attached the Committee's delivery plan which highlighted progress and shared good news stories and promotion of projects which were shared at every opportunity.

The report also gave an update on the Council's Service Plans, specifically relevant to the North Sunderland area, which included a quarterly update on progress and was for information purposes only.

In relation to the Highway Maintenance Programme at Annex 3, Ms. Metcalfe advised that there were two options available to the Fulwell Ward of either 1) carriage resurfacing at Lowry Road and Rydal Mount at a combined cost of £13,500 or option 2) concrete slab repairs between Marshall and Dent Street, at Browne Road, at a cost of £20,000.

The information in the report having been fully considered, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-

- The progress and performance updates with regard to the North Area Committee Plan 2023-2026 be received and noted; and
- The progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans – Area Priorities be received and noted for information.
- Option 2 for the Fulwell Ward Capital Maintenance Programme for 2024-2025 be agreed; and
- The recommendations of the Neighbourhood and Community Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance Programme for the North Sunderland area for 2024-2025 be agreed.

Partner Agency Reports - Northumbria Police Update

Northumbria Police submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with a community update and key performance information in relation to the North Sunderland Area.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

There being no representative in attendance, Ms. Metcalfe advised that any queries could be forwarded to herself via email and she would pass them on to Northumbria Police for a direct response.

Members having fully considered the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the update report from Northumbria Police be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

The Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which gave performance monitoring details in relation to local indicators for the Committee from 13 September to 30 November, 2023.

(for copy report – see original minute)

Mr. Lee Bell, Station Manager, TWFRS, took Members through the report advising of the numbers of deliberate primary and secondary fires, giving a ward breakdown and providing an incident heatmap by ward.

He also provided an update on the changes at Marley Park, whereby North East Ambulance Services (NEAS) now co-located with an ambulance situated at the site on a 7:00am-7:00pm day shift staffing. There was the possibility a second appliance may use the site and also that it may extend to 24 hour coverage. For TWFRS it was an income generator, which also saved NEAS money as they did not need to build their own satellite station to respond from. Mr. Bell explained he could not advise on the impact to the local area but since the agreement had began the vehicle was rarely on site and was out answering calls.

In response to a query from Councillor Vera, Mr. Bell advised that there had been no increase in fires to date from electric car charging points that had been installed around the city.

With regards to water rescue, Mr. Bell advised that TWFRS attended nearly as many rescues from threats of suicide from structures and bridges over water as the London area and that the crew in Byker were the second busiest in the country. Therefore, the decision was made to increase water capacity and training so that there would be more equipment and staff and they could then split the team and cover the River Wear. TWFRS supported the RNLI and the Coastguard from the Spire bridge to the mouth of the Wear and if there was an incident they would attend and have a discussion as to who would take the lead on the rescue. Once up and running it would be a better response for all the residents of Tyne and Wear.

In response to comments from Councillor Usher, Mr. Bell advised that the Fire Cadet Programme ran out of Marley Park, with other stations, and had a range of children taking part; some high achievers who could help influence children who may be going down the wrong path. The programme was very disciplined and it was not a given that everyone would get on and stay on the programme as there were certain standards, conduct and achievements that had to be met throughout the course. He was not fully

invested in the programme but if Members wish to know more he could bring a colleague to a future meeting.

Councillor Butler referred to an incident on a bridge that he had attended and asked why Northumbria Police, and any other first responders, were not trained in using the same equipment that the TWFRS used to secure potential suicide victims. Mr. Bell informed the Committee that he was aware that most response cars would have a throw line and life jacket to provide some kind of initial action but that this would not be to the level that TWFRS did. Rope / Line rescue was a tough skill and the qualification that had to be gained and maintained was probably too much for other responders.

Councillor Wilson referred to discussions that had been held at previous LMAPs meetings regarding bonfire night and the request from TWFRS and Northumbria Police to have a public bonfire. Permission had been granted to allow Hylton Castle as a venue but it was unfair to put the responsibility on the volunteers who ran the site. A meeting would be held with Events Staff from the Council to discuss potential venues and he asked colleagues to let him know of any other venues than the Castle or Roker/Seaburn beaches that they had. Ms. Colbert advised that getting the Events Team together and considering a proposal was the best approach and then an environmental impact and health and safety assessments could be undertaken as part of their process.

There being no further comment or questions for Mr. Bell, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the item be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports - Report of the North Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

The Voluntary and Community Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update with regard to the North Sunderland Area Voluntary and Community Sector network.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Ruth Walker, Area Network Representative, took Members through the report advising that the network had met five times; June, September, October and December, 2023 and in February 2024, and shared the agenda items that had been covered. She also provided an update in relation to the Links for Like projects which had commenced delivery in January 2024.

When asked how important she felt that mobile phones and free internet/wi-fi were to children today, Ms. Walker advised that nowadays technology was an extension for children and young people who lived a large part of their social life online. They were now past the days where phones were removed from young people as they realised how essential they were to their lives and wellbeing. If children and young people could not be disconnected then they had to be encouraged to be safe and accessed in the proper manner.

Members having no further comments or questions, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports - Gentoo Update

Gentoo submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update with regard to the work undertaken by Gentoo between December 2023 to March 2024.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr. Steven Gordon, Head of Neighbourhoods, Gentoo, took Members through the report advising of the current situation in relation to the visit from the Police and Crime Commissioner, their Corporate Charity, the Tenancy Sustainment Fund, Estate Walks and Site Garages. An update on the investment and renewal plan was also given, along with a presentation on damp and mould from Mr. Steve Lowther, Head of Property.

Councillor Samuels thanked Officers for their report and commented that it was encouraging to hear Gentoo were looking at practical ways of supporting people. She also referred to the housing regulators finding failings in dealing with anti-social behaviour and asked for some examples and if Officers were confident that Gentoo were not in the same position. Members were informed that the Ombudsman had found that a provider in London had not supported an individual in terms of his needs of being rehoused and how his issues had been tackled. It was explained that in essence it was two customers who had noise complaints against each other; and at Gentoo they had a support team who would put recommendations forward so they felt that issues similar to this were covered. When they had looked at that particular case Gentoo felt that they had processes in place which would have met each of the thirty-six recommendations in the Ombudsman findings report.

Councillor Butler commented that he felt that Gentoo had turned a corner in every area and there had been a couple of incidents in his ward where they had gone above and beyond to rectify them. He referred to a question he had asked some years ago regarding housing veterans and he had been advised by a support group that it had never taken more than fifteen minutes to rehouse a veteran with Gentoo which needed commending. Mr. Gordon advised that they had made a commitment some years ago that they would do what they could to support veterans.

In response to comments from Councillor Butler regarding the lack of means testing for families, Mr. Gordon referred to the hidden sector who were missing that they had a big focus on, families who were working but still struggling, and the sustainability team were supporting families and sharing life skills.

Councillor Walton asked how tenants who may require furniture accessed those facilities and was advised that the neighbourhood coordinator would visit them and make an assessment, providing those details to the Community Sustainable Services so they could select what items were needed. There was some criteria to be met so it was generally for new tenants who had some vulnerability and were either struggling financially or being rehoused.

Councillor Usher referred to complaints regarding contractor parking around the development at Wellspring Park on Hylton Lane and Mr. Gordon advised he would take that issue back and have it dealt with accordingly.

Councillor Chisnall referred to the estate walks they had undertaken, and the issue that had been raised along Ferryboat Lane regarding the provision of laybys, and was informed that he would get further details on why it was not possible to install them and provide feedback directly. Councillor Wilson asked if they could arrange a meeting inviting Highways Services, that was not an estate walk, to discuss if there was the opportunity to develop land that was owned by Gentoo but could not be developed by them, and Mr. Gordon confirmed that this could be arranged.

In response to the current waiting list, Mr. Gordon advised that they had approximately 30,000 people who had applied for housing with Gentoo; with about 7,000-8,000 people who were actively bidding on properties. A proportion of the 30,000 people would be waiting for a particular property in a particular area. He explained that they had less houses becoming vacant; with a turnover of about 3,000 properties per year reducing to 2,400, and demand was continuing to increase, with people not able to purchase houses or afford the private rent increases. Each area of the city had a different level of demand and they were always trying to place those in a priority band first.

Ms. Colbert advised that she had undertaken some assurance work with Mr. Scanlon, Assistant Director of Housing Services, regarding the national review of the number of babies who had died in temporary accommodation as they had not been provided with a cot. She went on to say they were confident that cots were provided in Sunderland and Mr. Gordon asked if the information could be forwarded to him so that he could ensure it was picked up and supported by Gentoo.

Councillor Wilson referred to the presentation the Committee had been given on digital deprivation in the area and wanted to have conversations why particular children were living in poverty and whether this was due to a generational trap. He asked what Gentoo were doing to work with these families and how a cause and solution could be found. Ms. Colbert commented that the Local Trust, a national organisation, had a set of criteria by which they determined 'left behind' areas, which in North Sunderland area were Castle, Redhill and Southwick wards.

Ms. Colbert went on to advise that there were a number of things they could bring into the Area Committee next municipal year which would help paint more of a picture for Members. They could also bring in the Youth Offending Service, who ran some of the prevention work, to give an input into some of the work they were undertaking. There was also a new, dedicated Area Commander which would help bring more of a Sunderland focus.

The family hub in Bunny Hill was now up and running, who could do outreach work into communities and their role was to target those vulnerable families in the area. There was no shortage of willingness to try and do things differently, but services needed to be coordinated effectively. It would be good for the Area Committee to have a sense of all of the interventions that were in place and understand what the lived experience of children in the area was.

Councillor Samuels referred to using the words 'raising aspirations' and that the work that the VCS did in those wards was key to show children the life chances and opportunities that were available to them and that this was really important in changing young people's goals and ambitions.

Councillor Smith referred to digital poverty and how it was not just children and young people that this affected, and how it was important to address this issue in those wards to help raise aspirations for all.

Councillor Wilson referred to previous investigations into food intolerances and the diets of children and young people, and how it could be a quite simple process to investigate if children were triggered by certain foods and asked if this was something that could be looked into further for children in the city. Ms. Colbert commented that there was a GP clinical lead for children who worked with the Integrated Care Board in Sunderland, and they had seen a big increase in the number of young children referred for ADHD or ASD assessments. There was a lot of evidence that poor diet, sleep habits and access to open spaces could be linked to this and they had Community Dieticians and Community Therapists who would be really interested to share information on the subject.

Having no further comments or questions, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the report and presentation be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance (SVSA)

Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update for the period of October 2023-February 2024.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe advised that the report was for information only. She advised that it had been agreed last year that they would provide an update from the SVSA. This first report was generic but going forward, the report would refer to more specific projects which they were supporting in the North Sunderland Area.

7. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted for information.

North Sunderland Area Committee Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Housing and Communities submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds and Community Chest and presented proposals for further funding requests.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe, Area Community Development Lead, presented the report drawing attention to the recommendations detailed therein.

There being no questions or comments, it was:-

8. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the financial statements as set out in tables 1 and 2 be received and noted;
- (ii) the alignment of £20,000 from the Neighbourhood Fund for Youth Activities be approved;
- (iii) the approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2023/2024 budget as set out in the report be noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) D. WILSON,
Chairman.

25th June 2024

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF NORTH SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023-2026

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report is to provide an update of progress against the Area Committee's Area Plan priorities, which will be the focus for the North Area Committee during 2024-2025.

2. Background

2.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function. The purpose of the Area Committees is to:

- Lead on the development, implementation, and effective delivery of an Area Plan, working closely with residents to ensure the plans include all main priorities for the Area, which enables residents to be resilient, The Area Plans are linked to the City Plan and other significant strategies for the city.
- Actively encourage local residents to become involved in shaping the Area Plan, ensuring delivery of activities to support matters which affect them.

2.2 The Article 10 Area Committee Area Plans for 2023 - 2026 were agreed by Area Committees in June 2023 and approved at Cabinet in July 2023.

2.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Area Plan.

2.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board supports the work of the Area Committee and specifically the delivery of the Area Plan. The Boards are chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee and are practical and action-orientated groups. The role of the Board is to respond to all priorities in the Area Committee Area Plan, as agreed by the Area Committee. They develop and implement plans for the delivery of each priority and make recommendations to the Area Committee based on information and research and working closely with partner agencies, particularly the VCS, to ensure effective delivery of the plan.

2.6 The Board is not a decision-making body, the work of the board is presented to each Area Committee via this Report of the Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board. The purpose of the report is to update on progress in relation to the delivery of the Area Plan in addition to making any recommendations of the Board to the Area Committee for final approval. Funding decisions to support delivery of the plan can be found at **Item 4 Area Budget Report**

2.7 Additionally all Sunderland City Council Service leads, when producing Service Plans this year, provided a list of Area Priorities, where relevant, for each of the five geographical Areas of Sunderland and have agreed that regular updates for those priorities will be appended to this report, to the relevant Area Committee, to provide quarterly performance updates (**Annex 2**)

3. Area Committee Area Plan 2023-2026- Areas of Key Action and Progress

- 3.1 March 2024 Area Committee agreed the Highways Maintenance Programme for 2024 – 2025.
- 3.2 The Neighbourhood and Community Board are recommending to Area Committee the approval of **£75,000 (£15,000 per ward)** for the Ward improvement Budget. The budget will be used for priorities to help improve the ward and for activity that is both in keeping with council policy and contribute to the Area Committee's Area Plan. A Maximum of 3 projects will be funded from the **£15k** budget.
- 3.3 In April 2024 the Board agreed a Call for Projects for release to the Voluntary and Community Sector network for activities for young people. June Area Committee are to consider the applications received with full details included in **Item 4 Section 2.4, Annex 1**.
- 3.4 Attached as **Annex 1** is the North Area Committee Delivery plan which highlights progress against the Area Committee plan. Good news stories and promotion of projects are shared at every opportunity.
- 3.5 Attached as **Annex 2** is an update on Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, specifically relevant to the area, including a quarterly update on progress for information purposes only.

4. Recommendations - Members are requested to:

- 4.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to North Area Committee Area Plan 2023 - 2026. **Annex 1**
- 4.2 Consider the progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, for information purposes only. **Annex 2**

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Item 2 Annex 1

North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023 - 2026

Updated June 2024

The Area Plan commits the Area Committee to a number of priorities, which will be delivered within the North 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 North Neighbourhood and Community Board

Priority	Progress Update
Dynamic Smart City We Will Have	
North Ward Based Raising Aspiration Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Based Raising Aspiration Projects which ended December 2023 have been successful with funding applications via the Links for Life Programme until 31st December 2024 • Southwick, St. Peters and Fulwell Ward Based Raising Aspiration Projects are now fully delivered and complete with full updates on the projects provided to Members In February 2024. • Castle Raising Aspirations Project expected delivery up to March 2025 • Redhill Raising Aspirations expected completion Quarter 1 2024 - 2025
North Communication Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Newsletter Circulated May 2023 • Currently developing content for Newsletter to pick up celebrating projects awarded funding June Area Committee and delivery of funded projects
Benefit Advice/Guidance for Residents Focusing on Digital Inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Inclusion linked to UKSPF Digital Hubs in the North (funding in place) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go Online Sunderland 1st Edition Digital Inclusion Newsletter shared with Area Committee 1st September 2023 • UKSPF (UK Shared Prosperity Fund) Digital Health Hubs Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites across the North are currently undergoing surveys to identify upgrades required which will include enhancing wifi capabilities, upgrade of digital devices/furniture, upskilling of staff/volunteers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locations shown in Amber are on a waiting list for future investment, subject to future funding being secured. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwick Community Project: The Salvation Army, Southwick • Roker Life Church, Roker • Thompson Park Community Centre, Southwick • Friends of Fulwell / NE Sports, Monkwearmouth Academy, Fulwell • Downhill Community Hub, Downhill • Castle Ward Hub, Castle • February 2024 Board received a presentation on Digital Dashboards for the Wards and members agreed the development of a Task and Finish Group to explore the support available for residents and the potential of adding value. • Priority for action 2024 – 2025.
<p>Regular Updates on the Delivery of Low Carbon Initiatives in the Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Low Carbon initiatives received June 2023 • Ward Tree Planting Suggestions across the North submitted for consideration • Ward Tree Planting scheme expected Winter 2023 is at Roker Park with plans to plant 50 heavy standards subject to further checks and discussions with Natural England • Further tree planting schemes to be reported on for 2024 - 2025
<p>Healthy Smart City We Will Have</p>	
<p>Provision of a Wide Range of Youth Activities Particularly in Areas Suffering from Anti-Social Behaviour</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £20,000 ring fenced for Youth • Feb Board received evaluations and an update on the 2022 – 2023 delivery of youth activities funded by Area Committee, members agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-invigorate the Task and Finish Group • Develop an updated Call for Projects • Recommend an alignment of £4,000 per ward to add to the remaining ward balances to March 2024 Area Committee • March 2024 Area Committee agreed the alignment • April 2024 Board to consider Call for Projects and release to the VCS Network. • April Board agreed the Call which was subsequently released to the VCS Network • June 2024 Area Committee to consider applications. Full details included within Item 4 Annex 1

A North Quarry Run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park run is due to commence the end of September 2023 • Set up fees have been now paid to parkrun • Volunteers have been engaged and have begun to undertake core training • The project has received support from the parkrun ambassador in establishing the route and other areas of the required / necessary for the set up. • The volunteer project team have undertaken the required training • Equipment is purchased and routes finalised with run planned to be operational March 2024 • Project complete and park runs have commenced with 150 runners taking part in the first run and subsequent runs now have over 300 runners
Supported the Delivery of a Play Zone Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work has progressed and the design has been informed by a community engagement exercise. Residents want to see the new facility as a safe space with the opportunity play sports such as football, basketball and netball. Football Foundation have approved application in principle and £50,000 secured from Health City Fund as match. Construction is hoped to start before the end of 2023 – currently in the planning process. • Planning application successful
Health Related Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £10,000 ring fenced for future health related projects- potentially air quality monitoring therefore on hold for now to be discussed at future Board
Wildlife, Walking, Cycling and Running Destinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hylton Dene 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward members currently meeting with Environmental Services and feedback has been provided
Wide Range of Social Prescribing Services and Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UKSP Funded Links for Life Call for Projects circulated to North VCS Network members 4th 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. • Successful projects within the North: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roker Life - Establish a portfolio of activities at the community hub - including specialist exercise, cookery, gardening, food growing, creative crafts, community fridge project, family activities, volunteer training, digital support (digital hub), to promote wellbeing and reduce the impact of the cost of living

crisis, whilst bringing the community together and offering the opportunity to make new social connections. Activities will be open to local adults and families and will be free to all. Quarterly blocks of delivery approx. 20 hours per week

- Sunderland Community Action Group - By working with local young people from all backgrounds we will engage and support them to make better informed choices, enabling them to take advantage of a range of positive opportunities made available to them. We want young people to become happier, healthier, safer and more linked for life. 4 x Youth Sessions per week 1 x Sports & Cycle Session per week
- Redby Community Centre - Links for Life will support the regeneration of Redby Community Centre as a fully inclusive community venue that will actively meet/target the needs of the most vulnerable within the community. Providing a cohesive approach via a range of programmes that will proactively improve holistically the health and wellbeing of local residents. 4 Sessions per week Jan - Dec. Exercise, Arts & Crafts, Walking, Talking, Sport, Family targeted activities and exercises, offer of transport of those that may find it difficult to get to the Centre
- Community Opportunities for Castle and Redhill Wards - A range of activities will be available including coffee afternoon, finance/benefit advice, household support, keep warm packs, employability, arts & crafts, walking, trips, parent and toddler groups, bingo etc from warm and safe spaces in Downhill Hub (Digital Hub), The Castle, Redhouse CA and Castletown Church. We will help residents to improve their health and well being and will signpost and work with external partners to access additional support as required. Weekly session (2hrs) alternating from 4 venues within Castle and Redhill Wards
- Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project - Using three themes we aim to improve the lives of the residents of Southwick; to do this we will address issues around the cost of living crisis; provide a community support hub and deliver a youth work programme. 12.5 hours per week. In partnership with Thompson Park CC (Digital Hub) Foodbank and Community Fridge Project, Cooking/Recipes, Benefits Advice, Support, Careers, Health & Wellbeing Activities - Exercise, Dance etc, Youth Work Projects
- North East Sport Fulwell Links for Life - Providing a Family/Community Wellness Hub offering a wide range of services and activities to the local

	<p>community - youth support, digital inclusion/literacy, health and wellbeing, cultural & community events, family support & community outreach, healthy lifestyle initiatives, volunteer engagement. 12 hours per week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects have commenced January 2024 and regular updates and promotion provided via project lead social media pages and North Sunderland social media page
<p>Vibrant Smart City We Will Have</p>	
<p>Delivery of a Wide Range of Heritage and Culture Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hylton Castle – Current NF Project Crossley Project Southwick Illumination Project – Current NF Project up to 2024 Fulwell Christmas Lights Redhill Community Christmas Cenotaph Area in Redhill Castle Mural Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area Committee June 2023 funding awarded for Crossley Project Area Committee June 2023 funding awarded Fulwell Christmas Lights Project Culture House – Leanne attended July 2023 Board Redhill Community Christmas – Ward members currently developing proposals via the Ward Improvement Budget. Decision on funding made via responsive decision with a Santa is Coming to Redhill event to be held on 30th November 2023 and lighting to be installed early December 2023. Successful Redhill event delivered and lighting installed on living tree December 2023. 2024 project currently being developed. Successful Southwick Switch on Event held on Friday 24th November 2023 Castle Mural Project – Ward Improvement Project - November Board agreed for full application to be presented to December 2023 Area Committee. Area Committee December 2023 awarded funding for the Castle Mural Project. Mural and commemorative panel unveiled at event June 2024.
<p>North Events programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battle Re-enactment Thompson Park Event Future Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful Battle Re-enactment Event delivered 29th and 30th July 2023 with over 10,000 visitors Thompson Park Event unfortunately cancelled twice due to the weather –to be rescheduled June 15th 2024.
<p>Regeneration of Thompson Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thompson Park Refurbishment – Current NF Project Accessible Kit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All new play areas and refurbishment complete July 2023

<p>Support to VCS & Community Hubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downhill Hub – Current NF Project • Hylton Castle Community Hub • Redhouse Community Association • Community Warden Project to support community hubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redhouse Community Association Expression of Interest for Neighbourhood Fund to be presented to November Board • November Board agreed for Redhouse Community Association full application to be presented to December 2023 Area Committee • December 2023 Area Committee awarded funding for Redhouse Community Association Refurbishment Project. • April 2024 Board agreed to recommend full application to be presented to June Area Committee to support Veterans in Crisis with their Access for All Project from the St. Peters Ward Improvement Project NF - Full application to be considered in budget report Item 4 Annex 1
<p>Redevelopment of Downhill Wheeled Sports Park Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of site into a Great North Forest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Committee June 2023 funding aligned for the development of a project which regenerates the site. Meeting held 7th August to commence discussions and planning • Property Services are currently securing a cost for demolition of the Skate Park and an update will be provided to Ward Members
<p>Delivery of Roker & Seaburn Washing Facilities Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Committee June 2023 funding awarded for the delivery of the project. • Shower installation complete.
<p>Delivery of a Project which Addresses Motorcycle Disorder</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2023 Board received a report on a Motor Cycle Disorder Taskforce Pilot and considered proposals to support Sunderland City Council with an additional ASB Officer, preventative measures and electric bikes for Northumbria Police – Board agreed full application to be presented to December 2023 Area Committee –December 2023 Area Committee awarded funding for the Motor Cycle Disorder Taskforce Pilot project • To date the project has delivered the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ASB Officer has focused on educating younger people ages 12+ on the dangers of riding off road bikes and attended Castle View Enterprise Academy along with Northumbria Police to deliver the Operation Capio presentation to over 150 students throughout 5 sessions. • 71 proactive patrols of the area have been carried out consisting of 2 leaflet drops to areas where intelligence received that offroad vehicle disorder was causing an issue. • 2 nights of action in the North in which ASB Officer worked with Northumbria police to conduct out of hours foot and vehicle patrols to show a visible presence within the community. As part of the nights of action in the North,

	<p>enforcement action was taken against 2 individuals who had both been identified after reports from the public as causing Anti-Social Behaviour on a motor-propelled vehicle, this was in the form of 1 Acceptable Behaviour Agreement and 1 Community Protection Warning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been 3 vehicles seized by the motorcycle disorder taskforce in the North and 2 arrests/summons made. • The ASB Officer has also been working to identify hotspot areas in the North by liaising with partner agencies to share intelligence and a meeting has taken place with the crime prevention officer and Environmental Services team to develop a plan for what measures can be put in place at these locations using the allocated AC funds to prevent access by those committing anti-social behaviour, these visits will be planned in for the next quarter with an update to follow. • 24 people who made reports to the council and police have received call backs from the op capio team to discuss the issues they are experiencing.
North CCTV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 2024 Board discussed a project to extend air time for existing CCTV purchased via North Area Committee. Full application to be considered in budget report Item 4 Annex 1

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Sunderland City Council Service Plans – North Area Priorities for information purposes only

ADULT SERVICES: Strategic Commissioning Team and Strategic Safeguarding Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Bodmin Assessment Service	Development of an assessment service for adults with mental health needs, in partnership with the Registered Social Landlord	TBC	10/23	The consultations with current residents and families have been completed. New accommodation / service provision has been identified for the residents and work with SCAS/ASC Social Work teams to progress these moves is ongoing.
Rotherham Road	Development of Supported Living Accommodation for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs, in partnership with the Registered Social Landlord	2/23	10/23	All building works are complete. Residents have been identified and work with SCAS/ASC Social Work teams to progress these moves is ongoing. Property will be handed over to SCAS from Bernicia early September. New residents will start a phased move into the service from September 2023. All 3 tenants have moved in. Service fully operational
Fulwell Community Resource Centre	Redevelopment of building-based day care services	4/23	TBC	Building surveys have been undertaken by Property Services and improvement works have been identified. Discussions are ongoing in relation to the implementation of the improvement works. Due to the implications around Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and the immediate need for SCC to prioritise surveys/inspections across the Councils building assets in the short term, Property Services are unable to take forward the required works in the day

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				centres. Commissioning are continuing the discussions within the council in relation to options that can support Adult Services Directorate to take development work forward.
Brunswick Rd Assessment Service	Development of an assessment service for adults with mental health needs, in partnership with the Registered Social Landlord	TBC	4/24	<p>Internal refurbishment has been identified and work is ongoing with Gentoo Housing to take forward actions which are classed as standard landlord responsibilities following a viewing by Gentoo Repairs and asset Teams.</p> <p>Once agreed planned work will follow a phased approach covering repairs and development work with an estimated start date of June 2024; The estimated completion date is set for September 2024. At this point no start date has been confirmed for the development work.</p>

City Development: Economic Regeneration

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
North East Community Forest 2023/24 planting	Tree and hedgerow planting at a series of individual sites as part of Low Carbon Framework. Options for sites in each area to be assessed and then discussed with Neighbourhood & Community Boards	9/23	3/24	Individual planting schemes developed in further detail, with some requiring further consultation before the overall programme is finalised. Seven sites currently have in principle funding approval: Holmeside Phase 2 (East); Hetton Primary School (Coalfield); Rickleton Primary School (Washington); Roker Park (North), Silksworth Ski Slope and Pit Wheel (West); Doxford Park (East); Ryhope Junior School (East).

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				<p>An additional 3-4 sites are also being considered and are currently at the feasibility stage.</p> <p>Ten tree planting sites will be delivered by the end of April 2024, by an external contractor. This will deliver around 17 hectares of planting and be funded by c.£300,000 of external funding from the Government's Trees for Climate Fund. The 10 sites are at: A182 Shiney Row; Houghton Kepier Academy; Hetton Primary School (Coalfield); Rickleton Primary School (Washington); Roker Park (North); Silksworth Recreation Centre and Ski Slope (West); Holmeside; Doxford Park (park); Diamond Hall Junior Academy; Ryhope Junior School (East).</p>
Low Carbon Framework and Action Plan	Range of city-wide low carbon programmes and projects across the seven strategic priority areas to include implementation within individual Area Committee areas			<p>Additional green-infrastructure projects (over and above NE Community Forest activity) include 'Tiny Forests' schemes to be planted at Sandhill View Academy (West) and Hudson Road Primary (East) subject to feasibility and final approvals; Link Together Heritage Lottery bid for £915,000 has been submitted – if successful it will support greenspace uplift to 13 sites across the Coalfield.</p> <p>Sunderland City Council continue to work in partnership with energy suppliers Utilita and E.On on the current phase of Energy Company Obligation (ECO4), which requires energy suppliers to implement energy efficiency improvements in residents' homes. The scheme is aimed at lower income and/or vulnerable households and less energy efficient properties with the aims of tackling fuel poverty, reducing carbon emissions from the domestic sector and improving thermal comfort. The</p>

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				<p>ECO4 scheme was launched in October 23 and is available to residents in all areas of Sunderland (city-wide). Utilita included a particular focus on engaging with residents in Sunderland North and E. On with residents in Sunderland East until the end of June 2024 to raise awareness of the scheme and its benefits to residents. Eco-4 will run to 2026 across the city.</p> <p>In addition to the 10 NE Community Forest projects, there will be 1 Tiny Forest project planted (at Hudson Road Primary School) in 2023-24. The Sandhill View scheme is under review- funding is in place to deliver the 2nd Tiny Forest in the 2024-25 period. The Link Together Heritage Lottery bid for £915,000 will be determined in March 2024- if successful, the project will commence from April and run until end of March 2026.</p>

City Development: Regulatory Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Sara (currently national lottery funded) (09/20 – 08/21 funded by VRU)	1 x Community Engagement Worker and office costs, volunteering expenses and training, provision for events.	09/20	08/25	<p>Project continues to deliver agreed aims and outcomes via the SARA Strategic Board. External Evaluation is in year 2 of a 3-year evaluation. more in depth update can be given to forthcoming AC meetings if required.</p> <p>Feb 24 - Currently reviewing SARA Action Plan and priorities.</p>

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				<p>Moving forward; we will also be looking towards sustainability options and future planning for the project.</p> <p>Year 2 of SARA Evaluation Report to be taken forward to SARA Board for discussion / agreement.</p> <p>Since Sept 2020; SARA has directly secured and / or supported to secure nearly £1.2 million additional investment into the Southwick Ward area via actual funding or donations.</p> <p>A paper will go to November Board meeting outlining the new Motorcycle Disorder team and the ask of AC</p> <p>MD taskforce went live Dec 23. snapshot of results so far: Patrols: 52 Leaflet drops:52 Multi-agency meetings:0 Nights of action:2 Drone deployment:0 Social media posts:1 Call backs:15 Home Visit:2 ABA:1 CPW:1 Vehicle Seizures:1 Arrests/summons:2</p> <p>Regular updates are being provided through area funding processes, neighbourhood and community boards</p>

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Thompson Park Event	Community Event		8/24	Postponed twice due to inclement weather therefore expected delivery Spring 2024 Event planned for 15 June 11-3pm 24
Hylton Castle Battle Re-enactment	Hylton Castle event		8/23	Event successfully held – supported by events funding

CORPORATE SERVICES: Smart City Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Digital Inclusion	Delivery of a range of DI initiatives subject to interest/approval	4/23	4/26	Significant work ongoing, a newsletter is available and can be circulated if of interest and further information can be found in the City Resources section of our website: www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com In addition, Digital Dashboards have been produced for every ward detailing the existing digital provision, challenges, and potential opportunities for consideration. A follow-up meeting has been held with North Board outlining specific opportunities and further meetings can be arranged as appropriate. Stats for the year are included below.
Smart Cities	Opportunities for a range of digital and data solutions e.g. interactive play, smart bins etc	4/23	?	Significant work ongoing, further information can be found across our website and in the Innovation Challenges section: www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com In addition, any specific briefings can be arranged as required.

Stats delivered during 2023–24




16
Databanks operating and distributing free data SIM cards



5,900+
People accessing free Wi-Fi in the first quarter of opening 22 Digital Health Hubs



385
People with improved basic digital skills and confidence



96
Digital events supported or delivered



1,900+
People attended digital events



70+
Tech Mate volunteers supporting people to go online



320+
Digital Inclusion Network members



£600,000
funding secured, matched with an extra £60,000 on in-kind contribution



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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Bereavement Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Cemetery Improvements	Prioritisation of improvement measures within area cemeteries according to an assessment of risk, need and local demand	June 22	Ongoing	<p>Meetings: The Cemetery Improvement Boards are now established and convene bi-monthly bringing together representatives from local Ward Members and managers from relevant Council departments. These meeting serve as a platform to identify pressing issues and local concerns in each cemetery and to reach agreement on the priority attached to each.</p> <p>As part of the ongoing cemetery improvement works led by the Cemetery Improvement Boards, work is advancing on the enforcement of cemetery regulations relating to unauthorised items and enclosures on lawn section graves. Signage has been erected in relevant cemetery sections providing advanced notice of the removal of unauthorised items, and work to remove relevant items will begin as soon as ground conditions allow.</p> <p>As consultation with Board Members continues on all actions, the CIB continue to receive updates on any developments in this respect.</p> <p>As part of the memorial safety programme in all cemeteries, safety audits have now been conducted and initial findings from our consultants have been received. Further review is required and agreement on the work required work schedule, costs and processes. Further updates will follow.</p> <p>Cemetery Improvement Board (CIB) meetings continue on a bi-monthly basis. As regulatory</p>

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				<p>enforcement becomes part of business as usual, and the memorial safety testing programme is underway, cemetery specific action plans will deliver on improvement works specific to each cemetery dependant on local requirements and need.</p> <p>In addition to the regulatory enforcement and MST programme, the board have also reviewed options to improve cemetery maintenance and increased signage relating to issues around the control of dogs in cemeteries.</p> <p>Memorial product development and management of historic memorial sponsorship terms now also receives focus by the CIB Members, with many new processes agreed and implemented following discussion and agreement within the group.</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Local Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Glyphosate Trial	A trial project to help us understand the impact of alternative weed control options in different environments, with a view to the potential elimination of the use of herbicides in weed killing.	1 st April 2023	September 2023	The 2023 trial which commenced on the 1st of April which is due to conclude on the 30th of September 2023 is enabling Local Services to ensure we capture a full weed season. The process is allowing us to monitor the impact of using alternative methods to Glyphosate, understand how effective other weed control methods can be, the impact these treatments have on the effectiveness of maintenance, resource, costs, equipment/training requirements,

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				<p>environmental and visual impact, and importantly the views of our residents.</p> <p>To date detailed records on all aspects of the trial are being gathered and analysed. Aspects such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application process • Environmental Impact • Cost • Effectiveness • Resident Feedback <p>We are continuing to engage with residents, our wider council colleagues, key city stakeholders and neighbouring authorities.</p> <p>We are also engaging with several other Authorities and organisations such as Cardiff Council, South Lanarkshire Council, Brighton Council the Amenity Forum and APSE.</p> <p>A final report will be produced and published following the conclusion of the trial. The further targeted trials which started in April have continued into November 2023. The detailed trial will provide clear evidence to review, enabling consideration of the available options, cost and resource implications for each method tested.</p> <p>The results of the trial will inform the appropriate next steps.</p> <p>The trial has now concluded, findings are currently being compiled into a detailed report.</p>

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				<p>A market feasibility study via procurement is also now underway to establish costs and availability of alternative weed control equipment.</p> <p>A report will be going to cabinet on 20 June to provide updates on progress with biodiversity promotion and effective sustainable weed management</p>
Tree Surveying	A citywide tree inspection and mapping project.	May 2023	2027	<p>Tree inspections and mapping commenced in May 2023. Starting in the East area to date we have surveyed and digitally mapped over 5000 trees. The survey will move into the West area over the coming weeks. The survey will enable SCC to fully understand our tree stock, which will in turn increase our ability to manage the risk more effectively. The survey will also facilitate a much more proactive approach to tree planting and replacement, establish how much carbon as a city our trees can sequester, it will also inform us of the overall impact of Ash Dieback disease. The data base as it grows will provide a deeper case by case record of each tree and its inspection record which will improve member and customer journeys as the information held will provide more detailed information when responding to customer requests and complaints.</p> <p>As of 9th of November 9,353 trees have been surveyed.</p> <p>As of the 20th of February 12,757 trees have been surveyed.</p>

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				<p>Following completion of the East and West areas, Mowbray, Barnes and Roker Green Flag parks have now all been surveyed. The Inspection programme is now focusing on the North Area.</p> <p>As of the 29th May 19,699 trees have been surveyed.</p> <p>Moving on from the Feb update the North Area is now complete and Survey work is now underway in the Coalfields.</p> <p>All work identified as part of the survey is prioritised in line with the Council's tree Policy and scheduled/ carried out accordingly.</p>
Plantation Programme	Plantation Maintenance Scheme	March 2023	April 2026	<p>Sunderland City Council are responsible for the management of approximately 185 hectares of plantation across the city. Over several years plantation management has been limited meaning they have become dense and unmaintained leading to the overall health and diversity of the plantation being negatively affected. The location of many of the city's plantations mean they grow relatively close to property boundaries and in some cases encroach gardens and fence lines. As a result, the Council receive high volumes of requests and complaints related to plantations. The Council are aware that in order to manage the potential adverse impact upon the health and lifespan of the plantations that a programme of works is required in some locations. The locations in which work is planned have been prioritised by considering condition, the risk posed whilst taking into account member and resident feedback.</p>

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				<p>The work will comprise of thinning operations, which refers to the practice of selectively removing some trees from a woodland or plantation to promote the growth and health of the remaining trees.</p> <p>The plantation programme is progressing well with over 50,000 sqm of woodland maintained.</p> <p>Resident feedback has been very positive and of the initial 37 priority sites 19 are now complete.</p> <p>The plantation programme is progressing well with over 60,000 sqm of woodland maintained.</p> <p>Activity has decreased during the nesting season in order that we remain compliant with legislation, we can continue to deliver works but the pace of works is vastly reduced as we have to continually survey to woodland for nesting activity, leaving exclusion zones where nests are found. When the nesting period subsides later in the year our plantation programme will pick up pace once again</p>
E Technology Trials	Trialling alternative Electric equipment to replace petrol fuelled kit to reduce carbon emissions.	May 2023		<p>We continue to trial alternative kit not only to reduce carbon emissions but to reduce the hand arm vibration some kit exposes our workforce to. To date we have tested Electric hedge trimmers, chainsaws, strimmers and grass cutters. We are hoping in the coming weeks to explore hybrid chipper technology. We are also working with our fleet team to future proof our kit replacement programme factoring in the feedback we capture as part trials and are confident that over a period of time to further reduce our reliance upon petrol tools and equipment.</p>

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				<p>Trials are continuing with appropriate tools being considered as part of our fleet replacement capital programme.</p> <p>Following E Tech trials, various kit has been introduced into our operational teams. The kit not only reduces the hand arm vibration levels our operatives are exposed to, it also supports the Council's low carbon agenda.</p> <p>The kit includes, E Blowers, E Gum removal packs, E Chainsaws, E Hedge Trimmers and a Hybrid Chipper.</p> <p>We are continuing to explore other E solutions and are currently trialling a E Mechanical Sweeper.</p> <p>We are continuing to explore other E solutions.</p>
Bunny Hill Fencing	Fencing project to prevent ASB motor bike and quad access.	April 2023	July 2023	Fencing has been installed and positive feedback received
Blue Flag Information Boards	Information Map Boards to meet Blue Flag eligibility.	April 2023	June 2023	New Display Cases and Map Boards are erected and look really good. Positive feedback received.
Park Signage	New Park Signage at Roker Park & Hylton Dene	April 2023	March 2024	New boards are erected and look really good. Positive feedback received.
War Memorials	Improvement of GM offering at Fulwell War Memorial	October 2023	November 2023	Reduction of hedges and opened up the memorial with the thinning out of the surrounding bushes, to improve appearance and help reduce ASB.
Waste Bins	New Free Standing Waste Bins Dovedale Road Shops & Southwick Green	June 2023	October 2023	<p>New bins requested at Dovedale Road Shops by residents and local members.</p> <p>New bins at Southwick Green arranged to replace existing units that were old and beyond economical use. New bins will enhance The Green visually and</p>

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				help the presentation of future Britain in Bloom entries led by the SARA Project with support from Local Services
Waste Bins	Replacement of damaged, rusted, and unfit for purpose post mounted bins. Coastal / Riverside gateway route including Dame Dorothy Crescent from Harbour View to the Wearmouth Bridge	November 2023	March 2024	Multiple post mounted bins are damaged, corroded, or are faulty beyond repair, or missing doors for example. Program of replacement to occur ahead of Spring 2024. Program of assessment and replacement to be completed by April 30 st 2024 Now complete
Wildflower Introductions	Craigavon Road – outside the Castle Blackwood Road – Community Centre. Keir Hardie Way – Halfway House. Redhill – St Cuthbert’s Church. Fishermen’s Cottages – Whitburn Bents. Dovedale Rd – Fulwell Methodist Church. Torver Crescent – Mere Knolls Cemetery Entrance. Roker Park. St Peter’s - Churchyard.	March 2024	May 2024	Repeat introductions of Annual Native Species & Euroflower Wildflower planting at Key High Profile Locations in all 5 wards of Sunderland North. Rotavating and re-seeding to be completed by May 2024 Seed purchased to facilitate further scheme rollouts. Rotavation re-seeding / overseeding all completed.
Seaburn & Roker Beach Promenades, Blue Mixed-Recycling Shroud Bins	Seaburn Beach Blue Flag & Seaside Award Promenade Roker Beach Blue Flag & Seaside Award Promenade	Jan 2024	March 2024	Introduction of 6 new 240 litre blue coloured shroud bins, marked for Mixed-Recycling use, with 3 to fit on the Blue Flag stretch of promenade at Seaburn and a further 3 for Roker Blue Flag promenade at Roker

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				<p>As part of feedback for suggested enhancements received from Keep Britain Tidy Blue Flag & Seaside Award judging in 2023, Sunderland have invested in the provision of recycling bins at key access and exit points on to Seaburn and Roker beaches. The chosen colour for the clearly marked bins matching the colour of the city's household recycling bins that are easily recognisable.</p> <p>Bins will be installed ahead of the upcoming summer season.</p> <p>6 x Blue 240 litre shroud recycle Bins fitted at Roker and Seaburn promenades.</p>
Seaburn & Roker Beach Promenades, Display Boards	Beach Code of Conduct Signage	Jan 2024	April 2024	<p>Introduction of new Code of Conduct notices to compliment the recently installed Blue Flag display maps and cases at Seaburn and Roker.</p> <p>As part of feedback for suggested enhancements received from Keep Britain Tidy Blue Flag & Seaside Award judging in 2023, Sunderland continues to work hard to meet and exceed the suggested enhancements identified by visiting judges.</p> <p>Signage is currently in production and will be introduced ahead of the 2024 Bathing Season.</p> <p>Completed May 2024</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Winter Maintenance

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Winter Smart Solutions	Trials of several infrared road surface sensors across the highway network.	Continue through the winter of 2023/2024	Testing, development, and evaluation of technology and installation options remains ongoing through the winter of 2023/2024	<p>Following the trial of 10 smart sensors at a variety of key locations across the city through the winter of 2022/23, the detailed findings of the trial have enabled the Environmental Services Winter Maintenance Team, to further improve the planning for the essential replacement of the city’s Vaisala weather station network and ensure that the positioning of the new equipment is optimised in response to the current and future development of new key routes and any road network changes across the city. With the new installations of modern Vaisala equipment occurring from Summer 2024, the road users of Sunderland can be assured the city will have some of the most advanced weather monitoring and forecasting equipment available, provided and supported by one of the main market leaders in the industry.</p> <p>Installation of the new Vaisala weather monitoring & forecasting equipment at 5 key sites around the City, will commence as planned from May 26th 2024, with completion expected in late June 2024</p>
Winter Service Review	Comprehensive review of the Winter Maintenance Service	Spring 2024	Autumn 2024	<p>Following on from the review undertaken 2023, the 2024 review will commence following the completion of this year’s winter maintenance period. The review takes in all aspects of the Winter Service. A key focus of the review is the priority network coverage. The review process is be based upon the requirement to deliver an efficient resilient service for the residents of Sunderland and the commuting public, whilst also meeting any legal requirements, adhering to best practice and meeting deliverable</p>

				expectations with a finite resource. Where there are legislative changes, the policy will be reviewed immediately, and further approval sought from the Council. All recommendations produced by The Department for Transport and the UK Road Liaison Group along with identifiable best practice are considered during the annual review.
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HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Area Arrangements

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Developing the community support offer, working closely with the voluntary sector to enable maximise positive outcomes from Social Prescribing	Supporting VCS to develop their capacity to deliver commissioned services within communities	April 2023	March 2025	<p>UKSPF funds secured to support VCS in Sunderland to deliver 12 months of community support across the city. VCS providers will support the establishment of the Links for Life social prescribing programme in Sunderland, signing a delivery charter, ensuring a digital platform is developed and delivery is evaluated to inform future community support service delivery.</p> <p>The platform is now live here: www.linksforlifesunderland.co.uk</p> <p>Useful information includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Meet the Links for Life team</i> • <i>Discover the digital hub</i> • <i>Become a member or use the hub for referrals</i> • <i>See the difference Links for Life activities are already making in communities</i> • <i>Get involved – help us promote Links for Life within your network and let us know about opportunities that the team could link in with.</i>
VCS Alliance – growing capacity of voluntary and community sector	Continue to work in partnership with the voluntary sector Alliance to maximise resources into the sector via external	April 2023	March 2025	The Council continue to support the VS Alliance in Sunderland, who are now an independent Charity as a member of their strategy board, alongside other VCS partners, Gentoo and the ICB.

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	funding and grow social value resources			
Delivery of Financial Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan	Supporting residents within areas to improve their resilience	April 2023	March 2025	<p>Continue to use household data and intelligence to identify issues and inform Support offer available within communities, working closely with partners including the voluntary sector. The UKSPF community support offer is supporting residents to become financially resilient and forms a core part of the wider Links for Life service offer.</p> <p>The delivery of Financial Wellbeing support activities across services is nearing completion. From Jan 22 to date 170 of 175 actions in the delivery plan have been completed or mainstreamed as BAU – outstanding actions are expected to complete by June 24.</p> <p>Arrangements to close the project are in place, including revised governance arrangements. Also the relocation of the project into Strategic Advice Services to further embed Financial Wellbeing as BAU – post project.</p> <p>The project end date is 30/06/24.</p>

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Strategy

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
<p>The service is generally responsive based on requests for service and the severity of empty property conditions. However, the Empty Homes Strategy identified the areas of the City where empty properties were most prevalent. Work to tackle empty properties is targeted in these areas.</p>	<p>This is not a specific project</p>	<p>Progressing</p>	<p>Initial presentation complete</p> <p>Future reports presented for Area Committee Information quarterly</p>	<p>A presentation on Empty Properties has been delivered to all Area Committees. This showed the data relating to area, Ward and across the City.</p> <p>An Empty Homes Report is being developed following the views and questions provided as part of the Area Committee discussions.</p> <p>This report will be presented to Area Committees quarterly</p> <p>Work to further analyse council tax data has been undertaken following a small increase in empty homes was shown in the data received. It is acknowledged that the increase be attributed to more homes tipping from 0-3 months empty into 6 months + showing a need for more early intervention and preventative work. A revised loans and grants scheme has been launched which will assist in some way with this prevention work. Monthly analysis on empty homes officer caseloads has been undertaken and priority properties are under senior management scrutiny with clear plans of action regarding enforcement.</p>

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Development

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Housing Delivery and Investment Plan 2020-26 – approved to deliver 574 new Council owned homes for letting, broken down into three workstreams: Empty Homes - 210 Bungalows - 193 Supported - 171	Empty Homes - 38 Bungalows - 40 Supported – 34	February 2020	March 2026	Empty Homes - 12 Bungalows - 23 Supported – 19

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Welfare Reform Service and Business Development

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion by	Area Committee quarterly update
Foodbank Support	Council currently supporting range of foodbanks / food aid organisations in all area of the city – majority in East / West via fresh food and FareShare – will be refining offer / support during the year	N/A	N/A	Service continues to collate and analyse monthly foodbank usage and will be providing up to date area-based breakdowns for the support provided by Sunderland Foodbank Distribution Centres and 5 Independent foodbanks . These are the organisations that have provided figures to the council since at least the start of the pandemic . Separately the service is collating information from other foodbanks , and food aid providers to better understand gaps in provision and potential issues within communities including wider food insecurity. This links to range of actions in the Good Food Charter Action Plan

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				Information continues to be made available for residents to access via website and also voluntary sector and partners such as housing, health, etc.

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Active Sunderland

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Parks Tennis Court Programme	Refurbish Tennis Courts in Thompson Park and Roker Park	5/23	7/23	Roker park - complete and operational from 25/8/23 Thompson park - practical completion scheduled for 12/9 – complete and operational Both complete and operational
Parks Tennis Court Programme	Develop Tennis activation programme	6/23	10/23	Complete - taking place
Swim Bike Run programme	Develop new adult parkrun in Fulwell Quarry	9/23	Ongoing	Operational – over 200 runners taking part weekly
Swim Bike Run programme	Create new opportunities to participate in SBR and Go Tri – Seafront	4/23	Ongoing	Ongoing – new opportunities in place - will develop further
Swim Bike Run programme	Develop SBR Hubs from Adventure Sunderland	7/23	Ongoing	Opportunities not progressed at Adventure Sunderland - North offer is linked to Bike hub in place already adjacent to NGC
Regular Physical Activity Opportunities	Development of 1st Playzone in Southwick	2/24	4/24	Planning approved - awaiting start date for works to commence – expected to be June

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Public Health and Integrated Commissioning – Living Well

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update														
Cycle scheme	Walking and Cycling activities for families in Southwick and Redhill	5/23	3/25	<p>July – Sept delivery started positively with good numbers of engagement.</p> <p>Sept to December focussing on more targeted work. Information has been shared with Links workers, TfC family hubs etc working in the north for referral routes.</p> <p>Engagement with residents carried out to identify barriers to engagement that will be used to inform the programme moving forward.</p>														
Development of Social prescribing physical hubs	To deliver a Social Prescribing 'hub' to allow for localised presence of the offer	4/23	3/25	<p>Progressing model development</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Area</th> <th>Organisation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>City Wide</td> <td>Northern Engagement into Recovery from Addictions Foundation (NERAF)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City Wide</td> <td>International Community Organisation of Sunderland (ICOS)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City Wide</td> <td>Friends of Drop in (FODI)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City Wide</td> <td>Veterans In Crisis</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City Wide</td> <td>Grace House</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City Wide</td> <td>Active Families @ Broadway Youth & Community Centre</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Area	Organisation	City Wide	Northern Engagement into Recovery from Addictions Foundation (NERAF)	City Wide	International Community Organisation of Sunderland (ICOS)	City Wide	Friends of Drop in (FODI)	City Wide	Veterans In Crisis	City Wide	Grace House	City Wide	Active Families @ Broadway Youth & Community Centre
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				City Wide	Sunderland and County Durham Royal Society for the Blind	
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				Coalfield	Hetton New Dawn	
				Coalfield	Philadelphia Cricket Club	
				Coalfield	Community Opportunities	
				Coalfield	Easington Lane Community Action Point (ELCAP)	
				Coalfield	ShARP	
				Coalfield	Space4	
				East	St Michaels Community Centre	
				East	The Bunker	
				East	The Box Youth & Community Project	
				East	Ryhope Community Association	

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update	
				East	Back On The Map
				North	Roker Life
				North	Southwick Community Action Group
				North	Redby Community Association
				North	Community Opportunities
				North	Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project (SNYP)
				North	North East Sports
				Washington	Crafting Connection
				Washington	The Little Onion Club
				Washington	Active Families
				Washington	Building Blocks Day Centre CIC
				Washington	Community Opportunities
				West	Community Opportunities
				West	Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update	
				West	Pallion Action Group
				West	Youth Almighty Project
Targeted substance misuse related death prevention	Development of targeted substance misuse related death prevention interventions	6/23	03/24	<p>Targeted Outreach and identification of additional space including, Caring Changes (Southwick), Swan Lodge Hendon, Betsy Jenny's Community Café, Poplar House (Hendon) and Back on the Map (Hendon) in target areas.</p> <p>CGL also offer online sessions, and support service users in the Southwick/Hendon and St Peters area with free data sim cards to improve digital assess. This is alongside the enhanced harm reduction services to at risk clients.</p> <p>CGL are also expanding needle exchange provision with 7 pharmacies offering needle exchange in the targeted area.</p> <p>SSMTRG funding to be used to uplift clinical nursing provision alongside buvidal prescribing and naloxone expansion</p> <p>Oct 23 SSMTRG underspend to be used to deliver stimulant specific training within Wear Recovery</p> <p>Jan 23 – Year 3 SSMTR grant submission includes continuation of buvidal, increased naloxone provision across the city and dedicated</p>	

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
				outreach posts for targeted interventions based on DRD/Near Miss trend analysis.
Stop Smoking Clinics	To deliver stop smoking clinics in the wards with the highest smoking rates.	4/23	12/23	<p>SSSS are actively investigating clinic/drop in sites within the high prevalence wards. The following clinics are either established, planned to start or in discussion:</p> <p>Hendon: Riverview Health Centre (established) Back on the Map (in discussion)</p> <p>Millfield: The Salvation Army (established)</p> <p>Pallion: Lambton Street Youth Centre (established)</p> <p>Redhill: Bunnyhill Centre (established)</p> <p>Castle: Bunnyhill Centre (established)</p> <p>Southwick: SNYP (established)</p> <p>Sandhill: Grindon Primary Care Centre (established)</p> <p>St Anne's: Grindon Primary Care Centre (established)</p> <p>Washington North: Galleries Health Centre (established) The Millenium Centre (established)</p>

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
				Central Sunderland: Betsy Jenny Wellbeing Café (established).

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Public Health – Starting Well and Health Protection

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Healthy Settings (Schools) - Castleview Enterprise Academy	School and key partners working together on identified priorities of mental health and RSHE	4/23	3/24	<p>Castleview has undertaken significant efforts to foster a healthy settings approach, with a primary focus on RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) and Mental Health.</p> <p>They have taken part in the Health Related Behaviour Survey 2023, completed with Y8 and Y10 pupils. The results have been shared with relevant staff to understand the results and to inform priorities.</p> <p>They have a dedicated governor and staff member have been appointed and five staff members have undergone training to serve as health advocates. Regular surveys are conducted with staff to understanding and addressing staff needs.</p> <p>25 staff members have completed Mental Health Champion Training, while three staff members have undergone Mental Health First Aid training. They also have additional training plans including Youth Mental Health First Aid and scheduled</p>

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
				<p>MIND training for staff in December 2023.</p> <p>The school has organised various wellbeing activities, such as Wear Yellow Day, and has integrated mental health topics into the curriculum for PSHE education, ensuring a comprehensive focus on mental health across different age groups.</p> <p>A nutrition action group has been established to work on promoting healthy meals, and the school proudly achieved the Food and Nutrition Charter Mark in May 2023.</p> <p>Additionally Castleview has achieved RSHE bronze charter mark. They are focusing on three key themes including Healthy relationships, Body image, and Contraception identified from the student voice survey.</p>

TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN: Early Help Systems and Family Hubs

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Family Hub	The Family Hubs and Start for Life programme helps meet commitments in The best start for life: a vision for the 1,001 critical days, published as government policy in March 2021. This programme is jointly led by the Department for Education (DfE) and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).	2022	2025	<p>Bunnyhill Family Hub</p> <p>Bunnyhill was launched in June 2023 offering a play space and several groups for early years such as baby massage, baby weaning. Bunnyhill runs a pregnancy yoga</p>

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
	<p>The aim of Family Hubs is to join up and enhance services, ensuring all parents and carers can access the support they need when they need it. To bring services together and make them more accessible, improve the connections between families, professionals, services, and providers, and put relationships at the heart of family support.</p> <p>Following a competitive bidding process, 14 trailblazers were selected and awarded additional funding to go further and faster in delivering some or all of the Start for Life services funded by the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme – peri-natal mental health and parent-infant relationships, infant feeding, and parenting support. Sunderland were one of the 14 local authority areas who were awarded trailblazer status.</p> <p>https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/27857/Start-for-Life</p> <p>Sunderland will have 5 Family Hubs across the city offering services from conception up until the age of 18 or 25 for young people with special educational needs. The face to face offer Sunderland Family Hubs offer is mirrored as a virtual offer to our children, young people and families, with access to activities, services and resources on a new digital platform called My Best Life. MBL will also provide families with information around childcare, SEND local offer, support for older children and young people in addition to interactive resources that families can access at home.</p>			<p>group. Co-Delivery with ante-natal services is well underway. Early years CAMH's worker sits within the hubs. A SALT worker will be working from the hubs in the new year. Pregnancies can be booked in at the hub. All of the hubs also deliver at least one session a week within other community organisations across the city.</p> <p>There are 5 peer support health workers across the hubs, aligned to support the delivery of services around peri-natal mental health and infant feeding.</p> <p>Young people's groups for primary and secondary age RISE are delivered weekly from all of the Family Hubs. The groups are based on a social prescribing model focused on improving mental health and well-being, improving the life chances of children and young people.</p> <p>There are 12 Family Champions trained so far across the hubs and two parent carer panels made up of 9 and 10 members.</p>

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	<p>Our Family hubs sits in line with the national vision of building an Early Help System offering support to children and families across universal services, community support and targeted services which will all be available in our family hubs.</p> <p>Early Help targeted family support teams are co-located within the family hubs. These teams provide targeted support to families with children aged 0 to 19. The Early Help workers complete a robust assessment and plan, provide interventions and work alongside our partners to address the needs of children young people and their families.</p> <p>HAF continues to be available across all localities of the city now over all school holidays (not just Easter, Summer and Winter) due to enhanced funding from Public Health.</p>			<p>The Parenting Team have co-produced a new parenting Course with Sunderland University and delivery has started of these courses within the hubs and there are new digital parenting seminars being launched.</p> <p>There are benefit and employment advice officers seconded to Early Help from DWP as part of the Supporting family's agenda and based in the Family Hubs. These workers offer benefit and employment advice to all families open to an Early Help or Social Care plan. Plans are currently being developed to offer "drop in" advice sessions, provided by the workers, to all families accessing the Family Hubs.</p> <p>Early Help Strategy 2024/28 – final draft is under consultation. To be launched by Easter 2024.</p> <p>My Best Life website was launched in December 2023. The site's main features include advertising and booking of Family Hub events and a library of resources that is maintained by the Family Hubs. The main benefit from this is families</p>

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
				<p>being able to access immediate support and book sessions online.</p> <p>Family Hubs have recruited two peer support workers to work alongside and support fathers.</p> <p>There are now 20 Parent Carer Panel members with a panel attached to each of the Family Hubs.</p> <p>Phase two of My Best Life website was launched at the beginning of May it now hosts SEND local offer and Family Information Service information. The site's main features include advertising and booking of Family Hub events and a library of resources that is maintained by the Family Hubs. The main benefit from this is families being able to access immediate support and book sessions online.</p> <p>As part of the Family Hub Community Grants, Sunderland Family Hubs have commissioned three providers from the Voluntary and Community Sector to further expand the wellbeing support for new mams through specific baby massage, baby yoga, 'mam and me' sessions.</p>

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				<p>Launch of Ha'way the dads' Monthly activities session informed by consultation of dads. In addition to weekly dads' session being run through the hubs by Northeast Young dads& lads.</p> <p>MMR vaccinations are now being offered within the family hubs.</p> <p>Summer HAF offer will be supported by extension of funding via Household Support Fund Grant Funding.</p>

25th June 2024

REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The report provides an update from Northumbria Police

2. Total Crime

2.1 Reduction of 9.1%, less 108 crimes. From research a key area that has decreased is the area of A5p6 which is the area of Witherwack and also Southwick. Shoplifting remains the highest crime category and each Neighbourhood teams have identified targets who are persistent offenders. One Sunderland North target is Anthony Parkin who has received a 14 week custodial sentence on 17th May.

3. ASB

3.1 Decrease of 19.9% which equates to 59 incidents. ASB in Sunderland North is low in comparison to the other parts of Sunderland, once again the area of concern is focussed around Roker retail park and also the Metro station for Stadium of Light A5O8 however the incidents in this area has reduced by 21. Also the area of Witherwack has seen a reduction of 10 incidents. The area that has increased by 8 incidents is Carly Hill.

4. Burglary Dwelling

4.1 Residential Burglary has increased by 31.6% year to date, this equates to an increase of 14 Burglaries. Targets and areas are discussed in our 4 weekly meeting around all Burglaries with a dedicated team focussing on Burglaries. William Warwick and Kenneth Musgrove have been charged and remanded with 7 offences of Burglary. Jason Brown arrested and charged with Burglary and given a Community Order by the Courts. John Ferguson also charged with Burglary and remanded into custody.

5. Commercial Burglaries

5.1 Down by 29% year to date, this equates to a decrease of 9 crimes. The offences are very wide spread with noticeable reductions of 3 offences in area of Southwick and Red House. At the time of report 3 Offenders are in custody (police station) after a Burglary was reported at the Tin Of Sardines .

6. Vehicle Crime

6.1 Decrease of 16.4% with a decrease of 12 incidents, this includes vehicle interference and also theft of motor vehicles. The areas are wide spread, the Premier Inn has previously been a target location but ANPR installation and Crime Prevention work has been completed. A number of Offenders have been arrested and a lot of possibilities could develop in next few weeks as a result, this relates to organised theft of motor vehicles

7. Violent Crime

- 7.1 Increase of 13 incidents increase of 2.8%. Slight increases in Downhill and Southwick. This relates to main area of Violence without injury which includes crime so Harassment included. Key incident that all Councillors were made aware of relates to a stabbing of a juvenile in June, 6 Offenders all juveniles have been arrested on suspicion of attempt Murder, 3 have been remanded in custody and 3 are on bail conditions.

8. Motorcycle Disorder

- 8.1 Sgt Chris McClennan and a team of 8 Officers now make up a motorcycle disorder team, their shift pattern is a Neighbourhood pattern working days and lates, the team have been in place for a week now and made some good in roads into the location/seizure of bikes. The team is being utilised across all of Southern and dedicated to Motorcycle disorder both petrol and electric. Inspector is overseeing the Motorcycle team which is proving very effective and any information to assist the targeting of the offenders is very welcome. Drones utilised, have access to stingers and recovered numerous motorbikes - 15 in one week. The teams performance will be reviewed an update on progress will be provided when complete

9. Recommendations

- 9.1 Members are requested
- To note the contents of the report

25th June 2024

REPORT OF THE TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

1 Purpose of Report

The following report gives performance-monitoring details in relation to Local Indicators for the Sunderland North Committee area from 5th March 2024 to 7th June 2024, compared with the same period in 2023/2024

2 Background

2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each committee meeting.

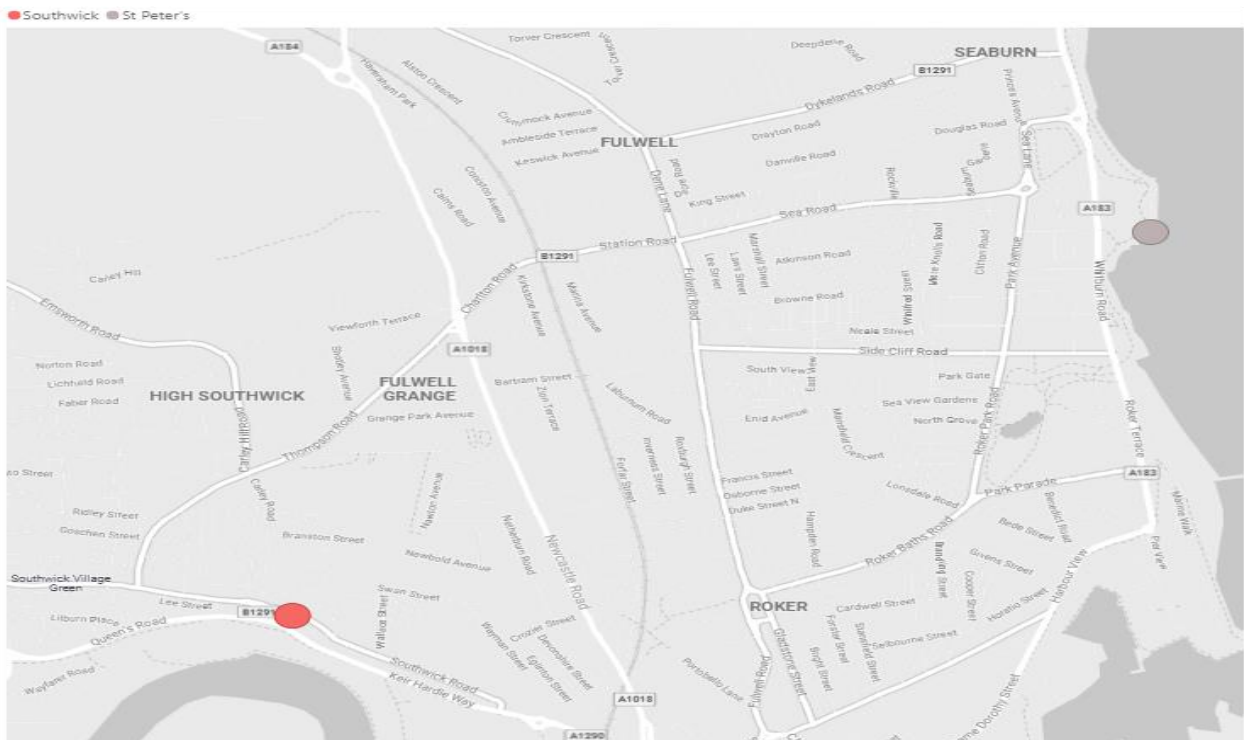
3 Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

3.1 L.I 14 - Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

2 Incidents occurred within this reporting period; this compares to 5 reported incidents in the same period last year, which is a reduction of 60%.

Ward Name	Incident Count
Southwick	1
St Peter's	1
Castle	0
Fulwell	0
Redhill	0
Total	2

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Other buildings/use not known	1
Public toilets	1
Total	2



3.2 LI 15 - Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fires

10 Incidents occurred within this reporting period; this compares to 8 reported incidents in the same period last year, which is an increase of **25%**.

Ward Name	Incident Count
Redhill	4
Southwick	3
St Peter's	2
Castle	1
Fulwell	0
Total	10

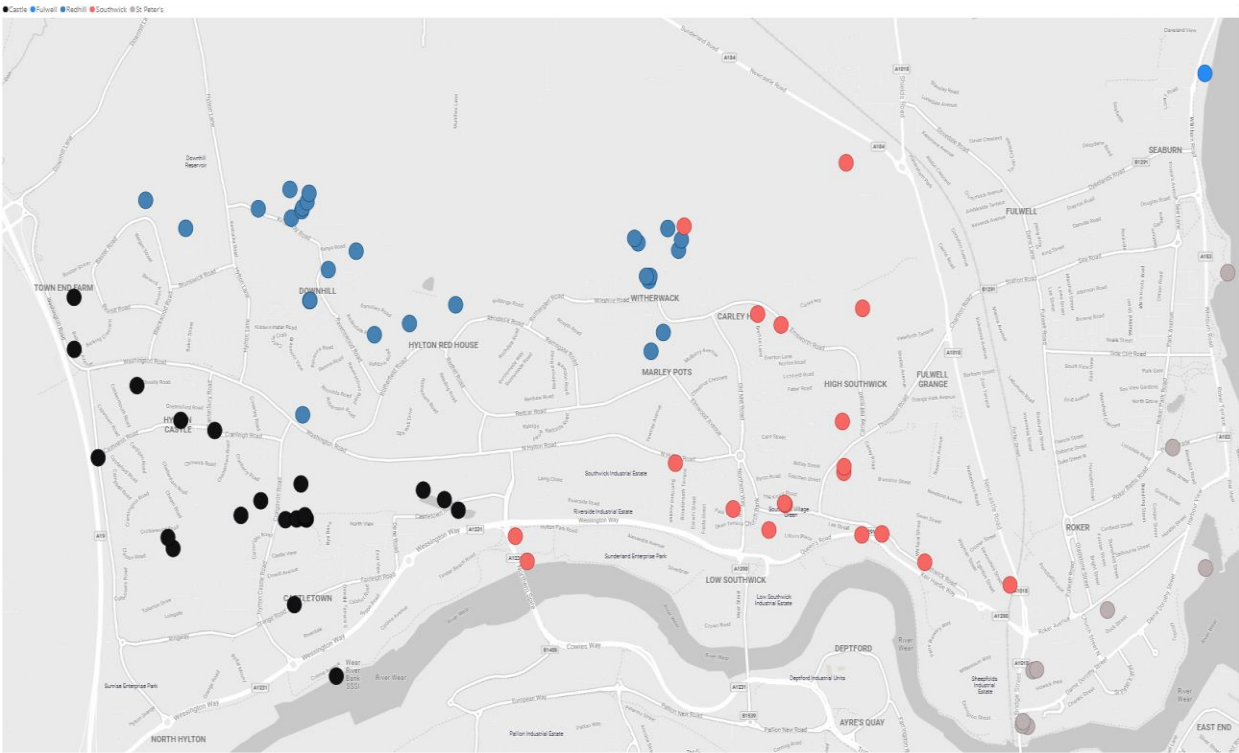
Property Level 3	Incident Count
Car	6
Van	2
Motorcycle	1
Towing caravan elsewhere (not on tow)	1
Total	10

3.3 LI 33 - Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)

There have been 78 deliberate fires over this period compared to 84 in the same period last year, which equates to a reduction of **13.33%**. Improvements have been made in Castle, Fulwell, Southwick and St. Peter's wards showing a decrease in fires and work continues in the Hendon ward which, although there has been no increase in incidents recorded.

The rise in Redhill of 27 incidents continues to be a concern and TWFRS will proactively concentrate reduction strategies in these areas.

Ward Name	Incident Count
Redhill	27
Castle	22
Southwick	19
St Peter's	9
Fulwell	1
Total	78



Ward Breakdown LI 33 – Deliberate Fires

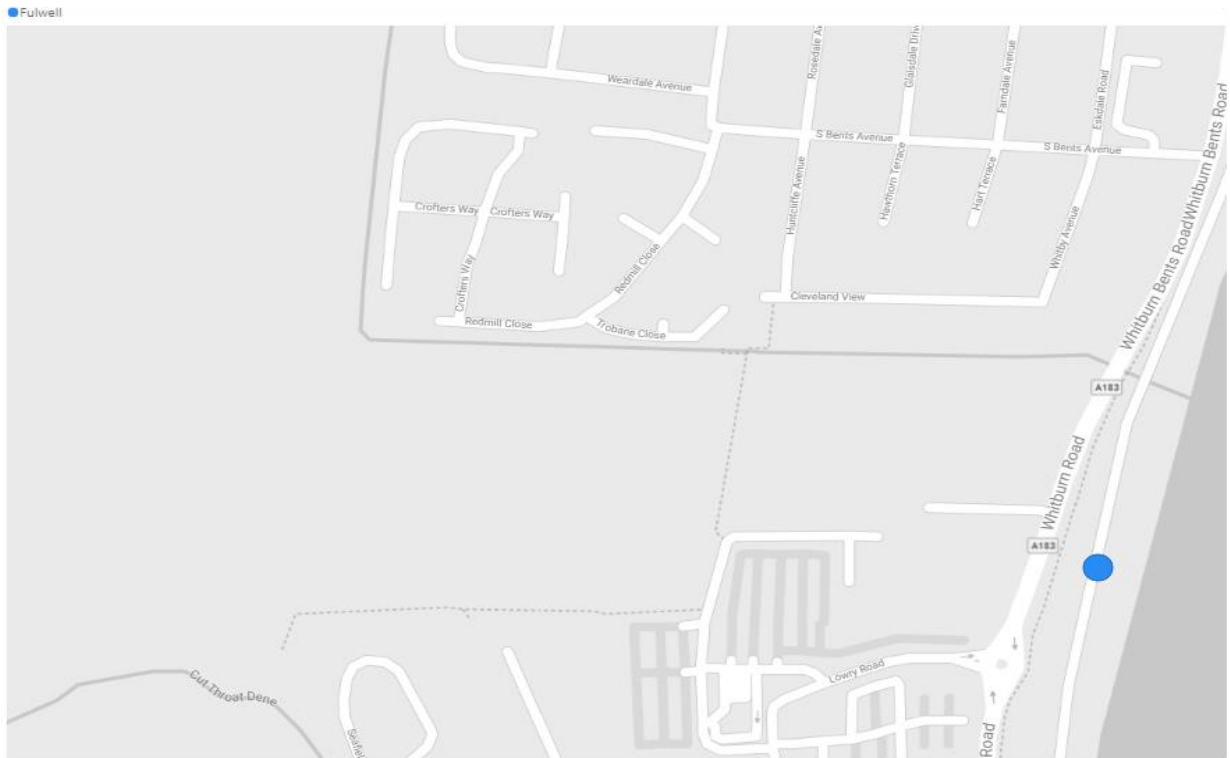
Castle	22 down from 23 = 4.35% reduction
Fulwell	1 down from 2 = 50% reduction
Redhill	27 up from 17 = 58.8% Increase
Southwick	19 down from 34 = 44.12% reduction
St Peter's	9 down from 13 = 30.77% reduction

Castle Ward has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 23 the previous year to 22 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following area;



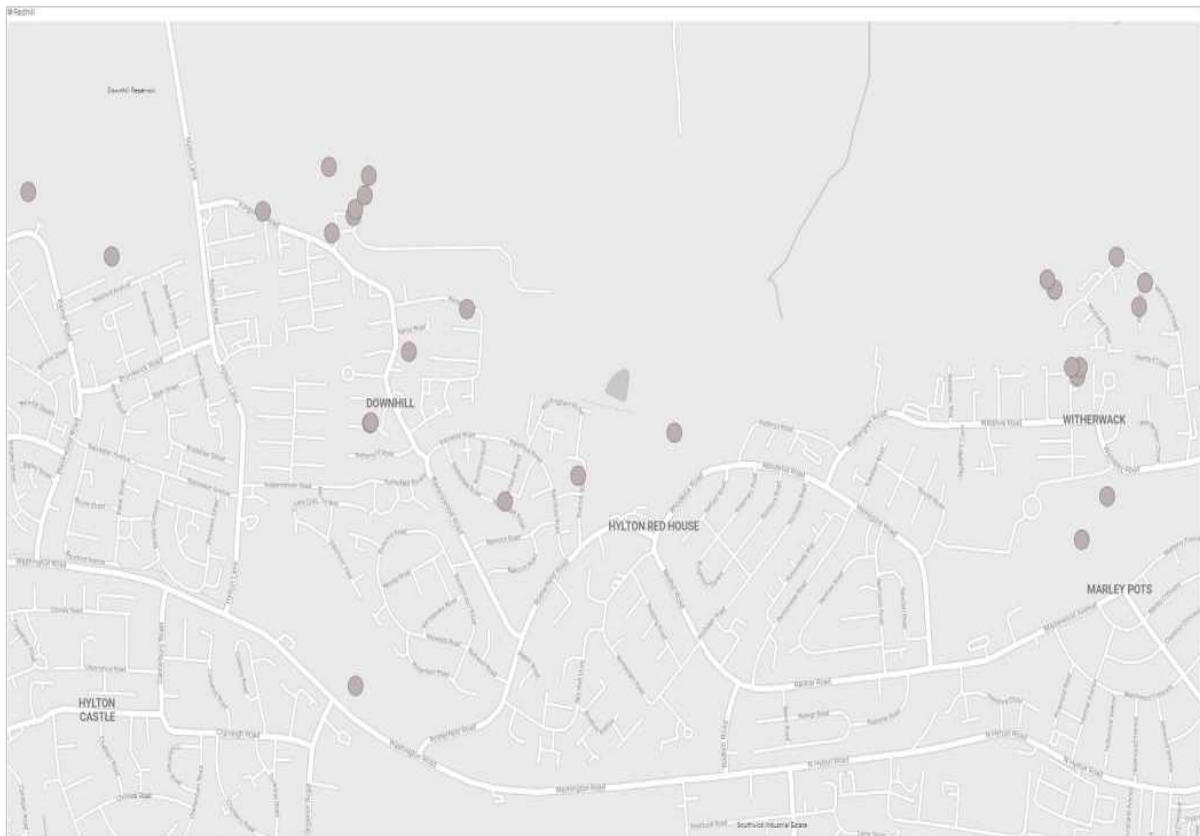
A small number of incidents have been concentrated around Hylton Dene Burn to the rear of the Briars. This area will be targeted by operational fire crews to undertake ASB reduction campaigns

Fulwell Ward has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 2 the previous year to only a single incident in this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following area;



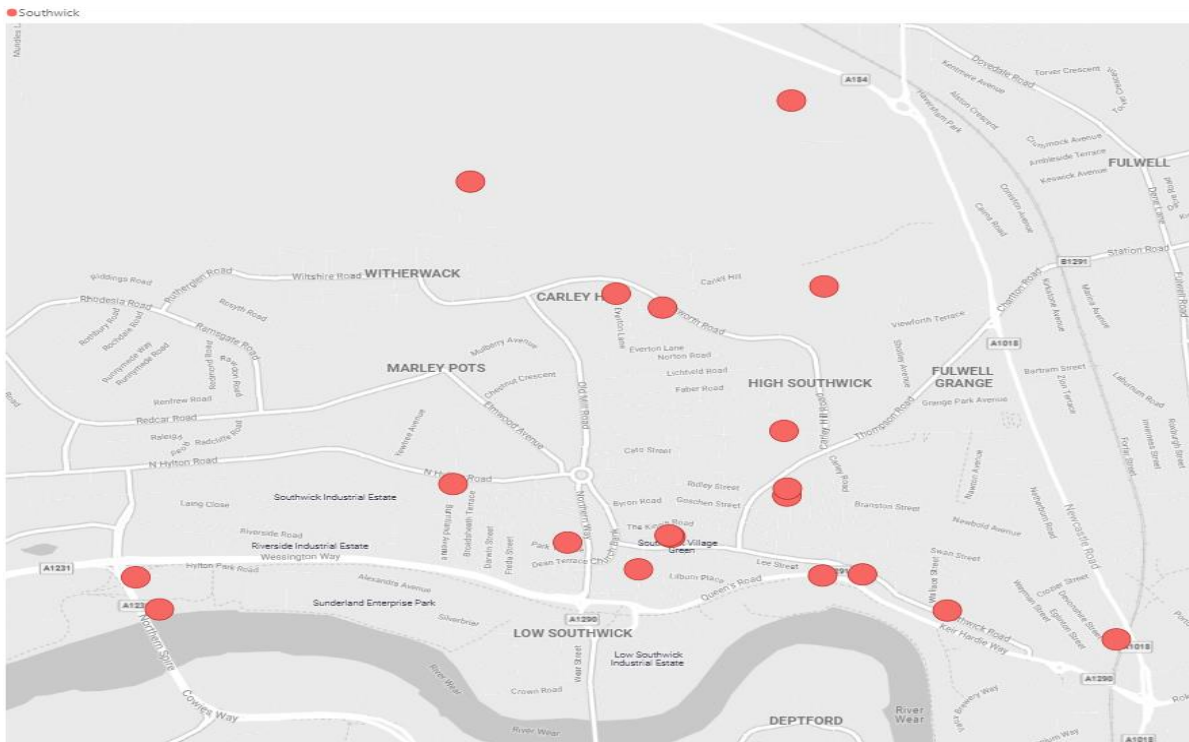
Due to this being a single incident in the reporting period, no specific areas or trends could be identified, ASB reduction strategies continue in the area and TWFRS will continue to monitor.

Redhill Ward has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 17 the previous year to 27 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;



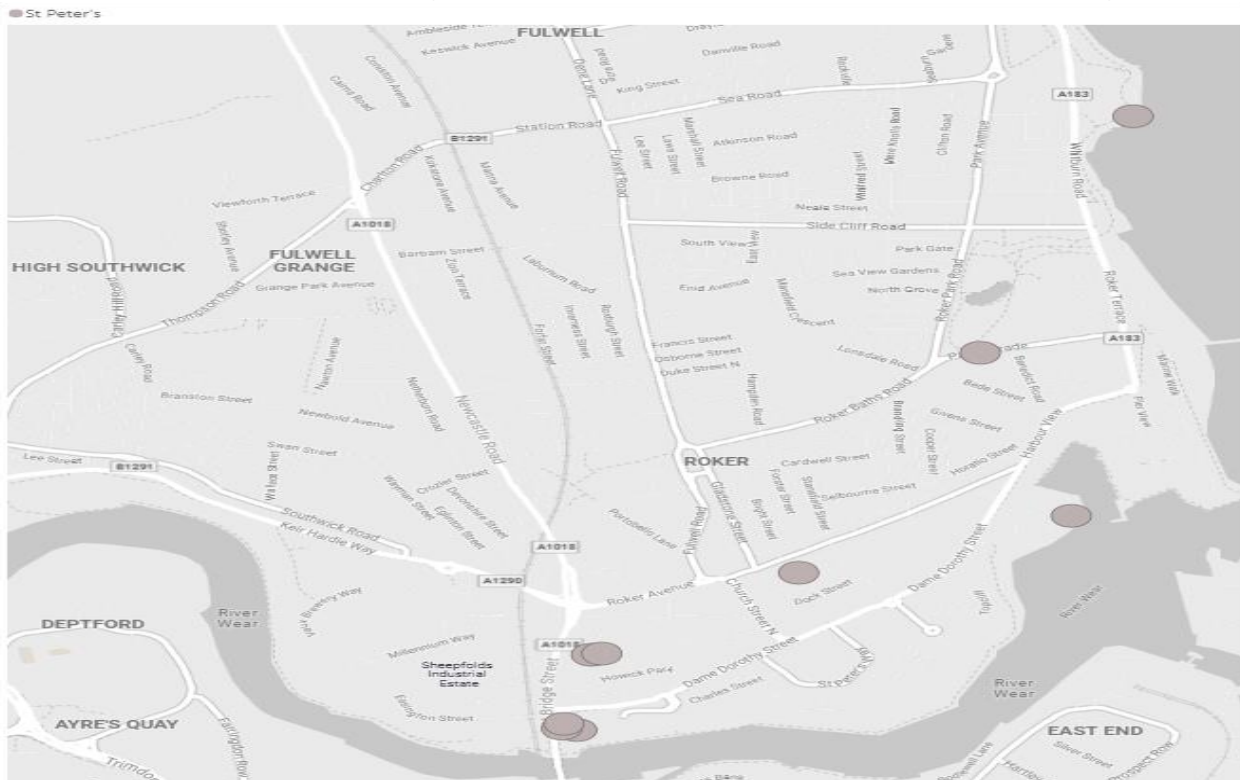
A concentration of incidents have been identified around Winslow and Wessex Close and an area north of Kingsway Road. This area will be targeted by operational fire crews to undertake ASB reduction campaigns.

Southwick Ward has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 34 the previous year to 19 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;



No specific area or trends could be identified, ASB reduction strategies continue in the area and we will continue to monitor.

St Peter's Ward has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 13 the previous year to 9 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;



A small number of incidents have been identified around Dundas Street and Bonner's Field. This area will be targeted by operational fire crews to undertake ASB reduction campaigns

4 **Fire Stoppers Hotline**

It is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558. Crews from Marley Park Community Fire Station are encouraged to foster strong working relationships with community groups and partner agencies. Our aim is to positively impact deliberate fire reduction and deter anti-social behaviour, as these activities have a direct and detrimental impact on life risk, property, the environment and the entire Sunderland community.

Any questions: please feel free to contact the below TWFRS Station Manager.

5 **Summary**

5.1 TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority Representatives to investigate and identify trends, create action plans and evaluate activities. Crews at Sunderland Central Community Fire Station utilise intelligence led data to target areas of increased activity, allowing resources to be utilised efficiently and effectively. SARA partnership working is having very positive results for TWFRS

6 **Recommendations**

6.1 The Sunderland North Area Committee are requested to note the content of the report.

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25th June 2024

REPORT OF NORTH AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the North Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

2. Background

2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.

2.2 North Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

2.3 The North VCS Network is made up of over 100 local groups and strategic local/national/regional partners. The network meets on a regular basis to share good practice, support one another and receive regular updates and information sharing.

3. North Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN) Progress Report

3.1 The North VCS Network met in May 2024 at Marley Park Community Fire Station

3.2 The meeting included the following agenda items:

- Stronger Shores
- Round Table Information Share opportunity

3.3 The Network received the North Area Committee Call for Projects for Youth Activities and applications have been submitted and are currently being assessed with decisions to be made at the June Area Committee

3.4 The Network representatives regularly consult with the Network to ensure that the agenda items reflect their requirements.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested

- To note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the North VCSN.

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25th June 2024**REPORT OF GENTOO****1 Purpose of Report**

1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the North Area Committee for the period March 2024 to June 2024.

2 Background

2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be provided to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current Gentoo developments, projects, and priorities and to ensure members are fully aware of their opportunities to work collaboratively with Gentoo.

3 Update on Neighbourhood Services

3.1 **2024 Year End Performance:** Key headlines on Appendix 1 and Appendix 2

3.2 **Housing Turnover within the North Wards:** I have detailed for your information the turnover of homes in the North area during 2023/24:

Estate	Number of Properties	Number of Re-lets	Percentage of Turnover
Bond Close/Fulwell	440	31	7.0%
Carley Hill	208	22	10.6%
Castle Rise	51	1	2.0%
Castletown	341	19	5.6%
Crosstree Park	31	0	0%
Downhill	269	15	5.6%
Hylton Castle	968	57	5.9%
Keelman Rise	56	1	1.8%
Leafields	146	3	2.1%
Marley Potts	388	17	4.4%
Redhouse	1226	102	8.3%
Roker	248	15	6.0%
Southwick	386	35	9.1%
Town End Farm	790	39	4.9%
Witherwack	195	10	5.1%

3.3 **Update on Tenancy Sustainment Fund:** As you will recall from our previous reports, we shared with members that in July 2023 Gentoo Board approved several measures to support tenancy sustainability. At the close of the financial year over two hundred customers benefited from support through the fund, one hundred and forty of these

customers who were housed with us on a priority basis, received carpets in their new homes. The Group has made a commitment to continue this support in 2024/25.

3.4 Complaints Drop In: Following the Housing Ombudsman Event which Gentoo hosted, our customers told us it would be beneficial for different service areas to be out in the community, making ourselves as accessible as possible for customers to report concerns. The first 'Complaint Drop In' event took place on 22nd May 2024 (two sessions) in Washington as the first trial area. The sessions were well received, nineteen customers attended, and we are in the process of arranging follow up actions to ensure we act on customer feedback. Due to its success, we will now arrange further sessions throughout the other areas of the city to ensure we hear from a wider customer base.

3.5 Apprentice Recruitment: We are delighted to have twenty-seven apprenticeships available on this year's intake, the most we have offered in over 10 years. We are also pleased to be able to support our customers by guaranteeing interviews for Gentoo customers who meet the relevant criteria. The apprenticeships are in varied parts of the business and include:
Bricklaying • Engineering Technician (Building Services) • Business Administration • Electrical • Fire Alarm Engineer • Gas • Housing and Property Management • Joinery • Paralegal • multi-maintenance • Plastering • Plumbing • Roofing • Construction Support Technician (Surveying - Damp Inspection).

3.6 The Big Lunch – Farringdon: The Big Lunch is the UK's annual get-together for neighbours and communities, with millions of people coming together for a few hours of friendship, food, and fun. It connects people and encourages friendlier, safer communities where people start to share more – conversations, ideas, skills, resources, and friendship.

In May 2024, the Gentoo Neighbourhood Team arranged a 'Big Lunch' with support from the St Chads Ward Councillors, teams from Sunderland City Council, Love Amelia (the Groups Charitable Partner), Police, Fire Service, BAM – Building Local School, MP Bridget Phillipson, and Youth Almighty Project. Over forty-two families from the Farringdon area attended the event, where they enjoyed hog roast sandwiches and ice creams as well as speaking to the organisations in attendance, while the children had Glitter Tattoo's, took part in a Sunflower Competition and 'Create your own Grow Bags.'

We are currently reviewing the feedback and benefits of this event with the aim of potentially carrying out similar events in other parts of the city.

4. Property, Investment and Renewal

4.1 Asset Plan 2024/2025: see appendix 3.

4.2 Property Update: see appendix 4. Other headline information:

Average days for a routine repair appointment - 20 days,
Emergency repairs completed on time – 99%,
Non-emergency repairs completed on time – 66%,
Repairs completed right first time – 97%.
Satisfaction with the Repairs Service – 79%

5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of this report.

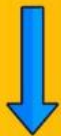
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Supporting our customers

Housing Teams

gentoo



Arrears **£269k**
under target



100.56%
rent collection

£500k

Tenancy
Sustainment
Fund

Void loss
100k
under target



105 Ready to Let
44 less than 22-23



302 voids
107 less than 22-23

£1.9m
additional income
for customers



£1.7m
water discount
for customers



802 Crisis Fund referrals
totalling **£41.8k**

Building on
HENNE
partnership



FTA collected
112.32%
of the target



More than **100,000**
calls answered by
Housing Teams

Supporting our customers

Safety and Support Teams

gentoo

1214 involvement events and activities across 8 schemes



1379 equipment and adaptation referrals

545 assisted viewings

1364 Victim Support referrals received

of which **216** customers were supported

of those **70%** supported were due to domestic abuse

377 category 1 ASB cases closed

465 Positive Engagement referrals received



of which **155** customers were supported

81% of those supported were due to mental health

294 safeguarding alerts received from colleagues













902 SNQRs received from trades



young people supported in Holmewood

253 Outreach referrals completed

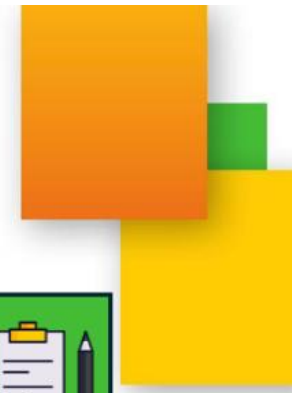
Property Investment Programme 2024/25 - North Area

<u>Programme Type</u>	<u>Principal Contractor</u>	<u>Estate</u>	<u>Properties</u>	<u>Low Rise Blocks/ Pairs of Flats</u>	<u>Medium Rise Blocks</u>	<u>High Rise Blocks</u>	<u>Sheltered Blocks / Supported Living</u>	<u>Customers Benefiting From Works</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Internals (Kitchen/Bathroom/Full Rewire - as required)		Red House	370					370	
		Town End Farm	293					293	
		Totals	663					663	
Internals (Kitchen/Bathroom/Full Rewire - as required) - Carried over from 23/24		Downhill	1					1	
		Town End Farm					1	7	2-14 Blackwood Road
		Totals	1				1	8	
Mop Up Roofing Programme		Fulwell	1					1	
		Southwick		5				10	
		Totals	1	5				11	
External Decoration - Properties		Monkwearmouth	110	6				132	
		Roker		8				16	
		Totals	110	14				148	
Communal Decoration		Castletown		1				4	
		Downhill		6				26	
		St Catherines		2				12	
		Totals		9				42	
Gas/Electric Fire Removals (Feb 24-July 24)		Carley Hill	2					2	
		Castletown	3					3	
		Downhill	15					15	
		Fulwell	1					1	
		Hylton Castle	5					5	
		Marley Potts	16					16	
		Monkwearmouth	2					2	
		Red House	8					8	
		Roker	3					3	
		Southwick	20					20	
		Town End Farm	4					4	
		Witherwack	1					1	
		Totals	80					80	
Loft Insulation Top Ups		Carley Hill	1					1	
		Castletown	5					5	
		Downhill	4					4	
		Fulwell	1					1	
		Hylton Castle	18					18	
		Leafields	1					1	
		Marley Potts	17					17	
		Monkwearmouth	3					3	
		Red House	24					24	
		Roker	1					1	
		Southwick	9					9	
		Town End Farm	19					19	
		Witherwack	4					4	
Totals	107					107			
Environmentals - Gable Repairs		Castletown	2					2	
		Hylton Castle	2					2	
		Red House	8					8	
		Town End Farm	2					2	
		Witherwack	1					1	
Totals	15					15			
Boiler Room Refurb		Southwick					1	23	Turnbull House
		Totals					1	23	
ECO 4 (Energy Upgrades)		Castletown	2					2	
		Fulwell	1					1	

Property Investment Programme 2024/25 - North Area

		Hylton Castle	1				1
		Marley Potts	2				2
		Red House	2				2
		Roker	2				2
		Southwick	1				1
		Town End Farm	1				1
		Totals	12				12
Wave 2.2 (Energy Upgrades)	MEARS	Carley Hill	1				1
		Castletown	12				12
		Downhill	2				2
		Fulwell	1				1
		Hylton Castle	34				34
		Marley Potts	21				21
		Monkwearmouth	5				5
		Red House	54				54
		Roker	7				7
		Southwick	34				34
		Town End Farm	31				31
		Witherwack	5				5
		Totals	207				207
Boiler Replacement Scheme Lot 1 (Inefficient Boilers)	BEING PROCURED	Carley Hill	10				10
		Castletown	9				9
		Downhill	1				1
		Hylton Castle	20				20
		Marley Potts	1				1
		Monkwearmouth	2				2
		Red House	2				2
		Roker	19				19
		Southwick	51				51
		Witherwack	9				9
		Totals	124				124
Boiler Replacement Scheme Lot 2 (Inefficient Boilers + Fires)	BEING PROCURED	Carley Hill	5				5
		Castletown	6				6
		Downhill	4				4
		Hylton Castle	18				18
		Marley Potts	26				26
		Red House	7				7
		Roker	10				10
		Southwick	49				49
		Town End Farm	3				3
		Witherwack	1				1
		Totals	129				129

Property Maintenance Headlines 2023/24



25,000
emergency repairs carried out



15,000
planned repairs carried out



16000
Fire Door safety inspections completed




6,000
electrical safety inspections carried out




57,000
urgent and routine repairs carried out




3,000
damp and mould inspections carried out




29,000
gas safety inspections carried out



11,000
damp and mould remedial repair works carried out



1,900
properties returned to ready to let by the Empty Homes Team



*Numbers rounded for presentation

25th June 2024**REPORT OF SUNDERLAND VOLUNTARY SECTOR ALLIANCE****1 Purpose of the report**

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from SVSA for the North Area Committee for the period of March 2024 – May 2024

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee requested regular updates from SVSA at each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current SVSA developments, projects, and priorities and to encourage collaborative working and 2 way communication.

3 General Update

- 3.1 Since March 2024 we have grown our membership figures to 140 unique VCSE organisations based or delivering in Sunderland.
- 3.2 We held our 2nd Volunteer Co-ordinator Network in the Coalfield locality (27 attendees) an Ageing well Network in the East locality (33 attendees)
- 3.3 All remaining employees completed their TUPE transfer, therefore as of 1st April all employees are officially employed by SVSA.
- 3.4 We have reached out to members sharing a Volunteer Needs Survey to identify what community and corporate volunteering needs are in the city.

4 Funding and Investment

- 4.1 We linked up with Karbon Homes (Surgeries held in the East locality) and Community Foundation (event held in Coalfield locality) and Breez programme (surgeries held in East locality) to facilitate conversations between these funders and the sector.
- 4.2 We were nominated for and attended the Sunderland City Council Stars 2024 awards, for Partnership of the year. This was recognition for the partnership we have developed with SCC procurement team and celebrating the great work we have achieved working and delivering our Social Value Programme.
- 4.3 Launched our Community Transport Grant to the sector, receiving 30 EOI and 19 applications.
- 4.4 We have supported Funding applications collectively worth a total value of £347K.
- 4.5 A total of 4 social value opportunities have been successfully completed, with a total value of £4182.

5 Sector Support

- 5.1 **56** VCSE organisations have been supported (of which 18 were new organisations March-May 2024)
4 Social Value opportunities have been delivered.
3 Training Events have been hosted with a total of **59 attendees**.

6 Communications and Engagement

- 6.1 We have presented at East, West and Coalfield Locality Area arrangements networks.
- 6.2 We have launched our Sunderland **Volunteering** online enquiry form for individuals wanting to volunteer in Sunderland.
- 6.3 We featured in the Voluntary Organisation's Network North East (VONNE) funders Network E Bulletin.
- 6.4 We produced and circulated our April 2024 E Bulletin with the sector.

7 Trustee update

- 7.1 In April we held a Development Day with our Board of Trustees to re visit our strategic vision for 2024/2025. We used this as a celebration event and invited our Operational Board and Staff to mark our 1 year anniversary as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

8 Future developments

- 8.1 Following our first 2 Volunteer Networks and in partnership with Sunderland VCSE sector we are developing the format for further networks and a Volunteer Passport scheme.
- 8.2 Over the summer we are facilitating a 'Bridging the Gap' Network Event, focusing on VCSE organisations that are delivering to individuals furthest from the job market and impacted by the cost of living crisis.
- 8.3 We have sourced a CRM System for our organisation and will be developing this over the coming months.
- 8.4 Community Transport Grants will be awarded.
- 8.5 Holding further training, surgeries and events including funding drop-ins and outreach sessions in each locality.
- 8.6 Developing a Volunteering E Bulletin to be distributed during Volunteer week.

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NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE
25th June 2024
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

North Sunderland Area Budget Report

Author(s):

Assistant Director of Housing and Communities

Purpose of Report:

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Plan, with the overall aim to respond to the needs of residents and ensure the delivery of activities and projects to support matters which affect residents and enable them to be resilient. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

Description of Decision:

Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statements set out in **Tables 1 and 2**.
- (b) Approve the Ward Improvement Budget **£75,000** as set out in Section 2.3
- (c) Approve Neighbourhood Fund of **£30,000** to Veterans in Crisis for the Access for All project as set out in **Section 2.4** and **Item 4 Annex 1**
- (d) Approve Neighbourhood Fund of **£40,560** to Sunderland City Council for the CCTV project as set out in **Section 2.4** and **Item 4 Annex 1**
- (e) Consider the approval of Neighbourhood Fund applications from the following as set out in **Section 2.4** and **Item 4 Annex 1**
 - Active Families North East – Castletown Active Holiday Camp - **£4,070**
 - Castletown Scouts – Sunderland Climbing Wall - **£1,604**
 - Durham Wildlife Trust – Seaburn Beach Rangers (14-18 year olds) - **£3,434**
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Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?	Yes
<p>Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £404,516 (inc Youth allocation) for 2024/2025 from the Neighbourhood Fund to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Area Plan and to attract other funding into the area.</p>	
<p>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.</p>	
Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

25th June 2024

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING and COMMUNITIES

North Sunderland Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

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2. Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2024/ 2025:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2024 / 2025 (£404,516 inc Youth Allocation and £107,298 c/f)					£511,814
					£511,814

- 2.2 North Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated **£511,814** Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects for 2024/2025
- 2.3 The Neighbourhood Funding awarded for 2024/25 includes an award of **£15k** per ward for a Ward Improvement Budget. The budget will be used for priorities to help improve the ward and for activity that is both in keeping with council policy and contribute to the Area Committee's Area Plan. A Maximum of 3 projects will be funded from the £15k budget. For project proposals that will involve council delivery an agreement will be sought initially from the relevant service lead, to be assured that the activity can be accommodated, and agree timescales and cost. The decision making process will follow the same approach as community chest. A list of WIB approvals will be appended to the Area Committee's budget report and performance updates provided as part of the current performance update process.

2.4 There are **21** application(s) to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration for approval detailed at **Item 4 Annex 1**

- Veterans in Crisis – Access for All Project (St. Peter’s WIP) - **£30,000**
- Sunderland City Council – North CCTV Airtime - **£40,560**
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2.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£229,689**. **(£114,129 previously aligned)** If approved, the remaining balance will be **£396,254**

3. Community Chest

3.1 Each ward has been allocated a ward budget of **£10,000** to support projects which complement the Area Plan. Ward Councillors lead on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it is difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level, the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.

3.2 A list of Community Chest approvals from the 2023 – 2024 budget is shown in **Annex 2**

3.3 The Table below details the Community Chest awards starting balance for 2024 - 2025. **Annex 3** shows the approvals, supported to date 2024 - 2025

Ward	2024/2025 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Castle	£10,000	-	£3,593	£6,407
Fulwell	£10,000	-	£2,109	£7,891
Redhill	£10,000	-	£0.00	£10,000
Southwick	£10,000	-	£2,000	£8,000
St Peters	£10,000	-	£1,667	£8,333
Total	£50,000	-	£9,369	£40,631

Table Two: Community Chest Funding Statement 2024 / 2025

4. Recommendations

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4.6 Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 and 2024 – 2025 as set out in **Item 4 Annex 2 and Annex 3**

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Application 1

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Veterans in Crisis
Address Line 1	ERV
Address Line 2	1 Roker Avenue
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR6 0BY
Project Details	
Project Title	Access for All
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Veterans in Crisis own the property at 1 Roker Avenue, Sunderland. We want to take the next step in development of the premises by making the property accessible for disabled visitors. Currently access is difficult for users of wheelchairs or scooters.
Total Project Cost	£80,000
Match Funding	£50,000
Total NF Requested	£30,000
Project Start Date	15 th July 2024
Project End Date	15 th October 2024
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	As organisation address
Project Description	
<p>Veterans in Crisis Sunderland (VICS) is a Community Interest Company serving veterans and their families across Sunderland City Council. The primary purposes and aims of VICS can be summarised as follows:</p> <p>VICS is dedicated to providing support and services to veterans and their families, recognising the unique challenges they may face. Our organisation is led by veterans, and everything they do is co-designed by veterans. Our strategy and mission is simple: veterans help veterans.</p> <p>We have a strong focus on addressing mental health issues among veterans, with programs designed to create mentally healthy communities. Results we produce have created positive outcomes, including improvements in disabled and mental health and the diversion of individuals from suicide.</p> <p>Our outcome-focused programs are designed and aim to achieve specific results, as evidenced by the reported statistics on reduced substance abuse, improvements in mental health, accessibility for disabled veterans and reduction in isolation and loneliness.</p>	

Collaboration and Evaluation:

The organisation collaborates with external entities, such as Sunderland University and Northumbria's Northern Hub for Veterans and Military Families Research, to evaluate its work. The use of evaluation tools helps inform program design and allows for real-time adjustments and improvements.

VICS is positioned as a front-line provider of services, particularly during crises such as the Covid-19 pandemic and the Warm Spaces programme. We respond to issues such as homelessness, disability, social isolation, family tension, and mental distress within the veteran community in Sunderland.

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic we had approximately 300 members. Now we have over 700 members and the numbers keep rising. A member to VICS is someone registered on our books that we have helped. No membership fees are charged

Partnerships with Local Agencies:

Our organisation collaborates with various partners, including the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group, Sunderland City Council, Housing Associations, Police, Probation Services, and JobCentre Plus. These partnerships recognise VICS as the primary third-sector provider of services for veterans in the metropolitan borough of Sunderland. We are also the only third sector provider on the Armed Forces Partnership a unique group initiated by Sunderland City Council. VICS provides rapid and non-means-tested support, responding quickly to the needs of veterans. All the stock, including white goods and furniture, is donated, and we aim to supply necessary items to veterans on the same day they are notified.

VICS takes a holistic approach to recovery, addressing not only housing issues but also providing wrap-around services such as mentoring, buddying, social and physical activities, and support to access other services such as education and employment opportunities.

In summary, Veterans in Crisis (VICS) focuses on the well-being of veterans and their families, particularly in addressing mental health, disabled access and homelessness, through a veteran-led, outcome-focused, and collaborative approach.

As owners of our head office property at 1 Roker Avenue in Sunderland we now want to make this location accessible to all especially disabled veterans and their families. Entry to our office which also serves as a social hub/meeting room with catering and laundry facilities is difficult for disabled visitors. We also have, based on the first floor, a fully furnished apartment that sleeps up to four people for use by veterans and their families in times of need. Access to the apartment is via the stairway making it almost impossible for disabled people to use the property.

Homelessness is a problem we are faced with on average 3 times per week. The quickest we have found a house to view is fifteen minutes and if a veteran comes to us before a Friday in the week we will find somewhere for them to go. Our apartment is generally used in the instance that we cannot find a place late in the week.

But as mentioned previously access for disabled veterans is the issue. To get around the issue we want to build an extension to the property but in arriving at this point several hurdles have had to be crossed.

A small strip of land at the side of our property belonged to the council. Having access to this land would give us the space to build an access ramp to the property. The council agreed that we could have the land and a nominal fee had to be paid for the land.

Planning permission was sought from the council and granted with certain exceptions which we had to address:

- The property may have been built on ground that could contain dangerous gases beneath the surface. Engineers were appointed to carry out the investigation. This involved drilling deep into the ground in two locations and inserting a device to detect gas. Each hole was done two months apart and results delivered approximately six months after first breaking ground, this set the process back by several months. Gas was not detected.
- A survey of the foundation works that the extension was to be built on had to be investigated. This then took several months before the report came back and indicated that much deeper foundations would have to be dug further increasing costs.
- Making an application to carry out these investigations came at a cost, plus the cost of the actual investigative works and then submitting them to the council was also chargeable meaning that our costs had escalated considerably.
- When work actually starts disruption to our operations due to preparation of deeper foundations will mean that we have to relocate within the building on upper floors or to our location on St Lukes Terrace, Pallion.
- Inflation costs of materials has risen due in part to the cost of living, the war in Ukraine, delivery costs and availability of materials required.

Delays to the build start caused by unexpected but necessary investigations have impacted upon the cost of materials. Our original quote was delivered in 2021, now three years hence with the impact of rising inflation and the investigative procedures funds we had set aside to cover the cost of the extension fall considerably short.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
212	Number of existing/derelict assets improved	1

Recommendation:

April Board recommended approval of full application to be presented to June Area Committee to deliver the following priority from the St. Peters Ward Improvement Project NF:

- Support to VCS & Community Hubs

Application 2

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Sunderland City Council
Address Line 1	City Hall
Address Line 2	
City	Sunderland
Postcode	
Project Details	
Project Title	North CCTV Airtime
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Continue airtime and warranty of additional CCTV cameras funded via North Area Committee across Sunderland North
Total Project Cost	£48,060
Match Funding	£7,500
Total NF Requested	£40,560
Project Start Date	1st July 2024
Project End Date	31 st March 2029
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	As organisation address
Project Description	
<p>In 2019 the North Area Committee requested additional CCTV cameras and as such funded the purchase of 8 4G HD mini dome cameras. Included within the project was airtime and warranty covering five years. This is now coming to an end and in order to continue to utilise the cameras across Sunderland North additional funding will be required.</p> <p>This funding will continue to provide airtime and warranty ensuring effective support and availability of these assets to the Police, Sunderland City Council ASB Team and Environmental Enforcement supporting their work within the community. The lifespan of this type of camera is between eight and ten years so with maintenance their effectiveness could be ensured until end of equipment life at which point a significant trade in replacement value could be considered.</p> <p>There are four options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Year being £1000 per camera £8,000• 2 Years at £1750 per camera £14,000• 3 Years at £2650 per camera £21,200• 5 years at £3750 per camera £30,000	

Over the last five years of the cameras being active they have been involved in 115 requests to view CCTV images, resulting in 71 cases of evidence produced, and a total of 795 log entries.

There should also be consideration to retain the four iDefigo cameras, currently located adjacent to the North Hylton footing of the A19 Bridge. This camera type utilises an annual airtime package similar to that of the above, but though iDefigo the cost is slightly different due to the way the cameras are managed by them. The options are:-

- 1 Year for all four cameras £2,640
- 2 Years for all four cameras £5,280
- 4 years for all four cameras £10,560

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
303	number of safety measures installed/delivered to improve neighbourhoods	12

Recommendation:

April Board recommended approval of full application to be presented to June Area Committee to deliver the following priority:

- North CCTV

Application 3

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Active Families North East
Address Line 1	Pennywell Community Centre
Address Line 2	Portsmouth Road
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR4
Project Details	
Project Title	Castletown Active Holiday Camp
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Working in partnership with Castletown Community Centre, Castletown Active Camp will be scheduled to take place in school holidays for children aged 6-11years. Sessions will include a hot meal/packed lunch and will include visiting Castletown Dene and Hylton Castle play park area.
Total Project Cost	£4520
Match Funding	£450
Total NF Requested	£4070
Project Start Date	1 st July 2024
Project End Date	30 th June 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Castletown Community Centre, Castleview, Castletown

Project Description

Active Families North East working in partnership with Castletown Community Association propose to play activities for children of primary school age 6-11years or 5-11 years if older siblings are in attendance in the Castletown area, Castle ward, Sunderland, reducing instances of inactivity, hunger and isolation. We will offer play sessions during school holidays as follows: 1 session each week in the 6 weeks summer holiday 2024, 1 session in October half term 2024, 1 session in the Christmas holiday 2024, 1 session in February half term 2025, 2 sessions in the Easter holidays 2025 and 1 sessions in May half term 2025. All sessions will be 3 hours for staff (2 hours face to face delivery) - 12 sessions will be delivered in total. Sessions will be delivered from Castletown Community Association and weather permitting we will also utilise outdoor space at Castletown Dene and will visit Hylton Castle play park. We will arrange two out of centre visits and will visit Seaburn beach (summer term) and will also consult with the children to provide a trip in the Easter 2025 provision. We will consult with Elected Members, children, schools and families to plan activities which will coincide with either a midday or evening mealtime and a healthy hot meal or packed lunch will be provided as part of the session. Where possible we will encourage children to develop their independent living skills by making healthy meals as part of the activities. We will provide a minimum of 30 hours face-to-face activity with 15 children attending each session, planning and preparation time has been allocated for staff, who will evaluate each session and take this learning into the development of future sessions.

We will link with the Castle Raising Aspirations Project being delivered by Community Opportunities to ensure that environmental projects are linked into the delivery of sessions to encourage children to look after their local area, make a difference and being responsible citizens and will sessions will include visit Castletown Dene to undertake a community clean up.

Sessions will be delivered by qualified Play or Sports Coaches. One member of staff in the activities will be a trained Tier One Mental Health Practitioner having undertaken ICAMHS training. This will ensure that sessions are inclusive and that we have capacity to support children with emotional and mental health issues. Activities will include arts and crafts, board games, cooking activity, outdoor play, physical activities (group and team games using sports equipment/parachute) etc. To address inactivity, we offer activities that encourage physical exercise through participation in treasure hunts, litter picks and gardening, as examples. Sessions will provide positive activities to meet each individual child's social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs whilst promoting positive behaviour, building confidence, self-esteem and developing their skills, knowledge and abilities. Children's input to planning, delivery and evaluation will be recorded to ensure we meet each child's individual needs. Photographs will be taken as evidence and evaluation and feedback will be provided at the end of the project.

Active Families North East plan to engage with 35 individual children from the Castle ward area throughout this proposed project. We aim to reduce the number of children who experience feelings of isolation during holiday periods. This will be done by providing the children and young people with a safe, welcoming place to meet, participating in activities utilising outdoor space as much as the British weather allows while socialising with peers and Active Families North East staff, offering the children the chance to engage in positive experiences that help develop life skills. This will include activities such as following the nature trail and walk, carrying out activities in the community and general arts/crafts activities.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	39
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	150

Application 4

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Castletown Scouts
Address Line 1	12 Joyce Terrace
Address Line 2	
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR5 3BT
Project Details	
Project Title	Castletown Scout Group Sunderland Climbing Wall experience
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	To enable young people who are members of Castletown Scout Group (from various Wards around the North area) the opportunity to experience Sunderland's Climbing Wall. This excellent Facility is only 5mins drive from where the young people are based in Castletown
Total Project Cost	£1604
Match Funding	£0
Total NF Requested	£1604
Project Start Date	1st August 2024
Project End Date	1st March 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Sunderland Climbing Wall

Project Description

Castletown Scout Group have been established for over 50 years and provide a wide range of services and activities for young people aged from 6 to 16 through sessions for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday on a weekly basis at our centre in Castletown. These sessions are attended and accessed by young people who live in all wards of Sunderland North.

In addition we also aim to offer a range of out of centre activities and residentials in order to give the young people who access our services support and the opportunities to access activities that they may well not have the opportunity to due to financial constraints.

In order to offer additional activities to a wide range of young people we are working with qualified Instructors at Sunderland Climbing Wall, to give 40 unique young people over 8 of sessions the opportunity to use an excellent on the doorstep facility that would normally be unaffordable, giving an overall footfall of 120 over the life time of the project.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	40
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	120

Application 5

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Durham Wildlife Trust
Address Line 1	Rainton Meadows
Address Line 2	Houghton Le Spring
City	Sunderland
Postcode	DH4 6PU
Project Details	
Project Title	Seaburn Beach Rangers (14-18 year olds)
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Beach Rangers is a program for young people aged 14-18 who want to discover the wonders of our local wildlife and seascapes. They will gain practical experience of coastal environmental protection through education sessions led by our experts at the Durham Wildlife Trust based at Seaburn Beach.
Total Project Cost	£3434
Match Funding	£0
Total NF Requested	£3434
Project Start Date	1st July 2024
Project End Date	31st March 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Seaburn

Project Description

The Beach Rangers Program at Seaburn Beach is an eco-focused initiative designed to provide enriching experiences for young people in Sunderland North. Focusing on increasing youth participation in activities and reaching underserved populations, we will deliver a fully realised program of 10-12 sessions by March 31st, 2025. Drawing from our expertise and past experiences, the Beach Rangers program will empower young people to become environmental stewards while acquiring valuable skills and experiences that enhance their personal development.

To ensure broad participation, we will utilise our established relationships with 10 schools in the local area to recruit participants. Through collaboration with school administrations and educators, we will promote the program and encourage student involvement in the Beach Rangers activities. Additionally, we will leverage North Sunderland's social media presence, including platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, to raise awareness and engage potential participants in the program. By utilising these channels, we aim to reach a wide audience of young people and their families, fostering enthusiasm and interest in environmental stewardship.

Some potential activities include:

- Rocky Shore Surveys: Participants will explore the rocky shore ecosystem, conducting surveys to collect data on marine biodiversity and habitat health.
- Beach Cleans: Engaging in hands-on beach cleans to remove litter and debris, fostering a sense of environmental responsibility and community pride.
- Seabird Walks: Guided walks along the coast to observe and learn about seabird species, their behaviours, and the importance of coastal habitats for wildlife conservation.
- Practical Conservation Tasks: Participants will take part in practical conservation tasks such as dune restoration, native planting, and habitat creation to enhance coastal ecosystems.
- Wildlife Photography: Learning photography techniques while capturing the beauty of coastal landscapes and wildlife, fostering creativity and appreciation for nature.
- Marine Mammal Surveys: Conducting surveys to observe and record sightings of marine mammals, contributing valuable data to ongoing research and conservation efforts.

Through participation in the Beach Rangers program, young people will not only gain practical knowledge and skills but also receive tangible benefits for their personal development. They will have the opportunity to receive recognition for their participation, which could contribute towards their Duke of Edinburgh's Award volunteer hours or provide valuable additions to their CVs and higher education applications.

Our program operates under the guiding principles of #TeamWilder, emphasising community-driven actions to protect and enhance our coastal ecosystems. We are proud to highlight our successful track-record with Beach Rangers such as their participation in Marine Conservation Society's (MCS) national Great British Beach Clean, where our team of Beach Rangers made significant contributions to coastal conservation efforts.

In summary, the Beach Rangers program at Seaburn Beach offers an enticing opportunity for Sunderland North's youth to engage in meaningful environmental stewardship activities while gaining valuable skills and experiences for their future endeavours. By instilling a sense of environmental responsibility and personal growth, we aim to empower young individuals as proactive agents of positive change in their communities.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	15
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	15
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	15

Application 6

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	MICC Chapel of light
Address Line 1	Cornhill Road
Address Line 2	Monkwearmouth
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR5 1RU
Project Details	
Project Title	Maximum Impact Youth
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	We aim to create a safe space where young people can grow, relax , engage and connect with their peers. We are devoted to ensuring that our programs are inclusive and accessible to all, irrespective of class, race and socio-economic background.
Total Project Cost	£10,595
Match Funding	£5,600
Total NF Requested	£4,995
Project Start Date	1 st July 2024
Project End Date	1 st July 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	MICC Chapel of Light

Project Description

A hub for secondary school, College and A level aged youth (11-18 year olds), where they can gather, have help with school assignments, monthly themed discussions, socialise and have fun. This will run fortnightly on Fridays at 16:30 - 18:30. Every session will start with 1 hour homework help and discussions. The other half of each session will vary as such fortnightly: video games, cookery, music lessons, drama, educational/TED talks, digital engagement. These 6 sessions will then repeat each quarter in the same order.

These different activities ran fortnightly will aim to develop lifeskills and creativity such as cooking lessons and music lessons. They will also be given the opportunity to play games to relax and socialise with each other. Some aspects of the digital engagement will cover photography, digital storytelling and coding. Furthermore, the children will be given the opportunity to showcase their talents and develop new talents including in the skill of creative writing and acting during the drama sessions.

As part of the monthly themed discussions and the TED talks, we will cover discussions on the importance of education, finding your passion, managing finances, health and wellbeing, inclusivity. We will tie in the health and wellbeing with the cooking sessions on healthy eating and having a balanced diet. The young persons will be given the opportunity to join in the community gardening also.

The project meets the project brief in that it provides a variety of activities for the young children to access and also provides a safe space for them to spend time with their friends and meet new people. The programme will be advertised to include all young persons aged 11-18, so those of a disadvantaged background or with disabilities are also welcome.

By offering a range of activities, it means that young persons of different backgrounds and hobbies may be able to find activities that interest them and not feel left out.

We also plan to take them out to bowling and ice skating during the course of the project. This should be a fun and enjoyable time for them as well as introducing them to what is available to do in Sunderland. It allows those that may be less fortunate to be able to enjoy these activities as well.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Dynamic Smart City Outputs	
101	number of digital hubs created	3
102	number of people accessing digital support- footfall	83
103	number of NEW people accessing digital support	27
105	number of individual Young people moved into Education, Employment or Training	90
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	15
204	number of items purchased	30
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	30
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	90
207	number of individuals signposted into Public/VCS services e.g. information, advice and guidance	90
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	

301	Number of activities or services delivered that support residents to become more resilient (financially)	15
302	number of individual people more resilient (financially)	110
305	number of NEW volunteers recruited	11
306	number of volunteers participating	11
307	number of volunteer hours delivered	36

Application 7

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Minerva Arts & Wellbeing
Address Line 1	31 Norfolk Street
Address Line 2	
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR1 1EE
Project Details	
Project Title	Activities for Young People
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	We propose to deliver 11 sessions from 1st July 2024 to 31st March 2025, providing a variety of engaging, practical arts and creative activities designed to support children's learning and develop wider functional skills while providing a healthy snack each session.
Total Project Cost	£5,000
Match Funding	£0
Total NF Requested	£5,000
Project Start Date	1st July 2024
Project End Date	31st March 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project

Project Description

Our project aims to provide enriching and educational activities for children living in the Southwick area. These activities are designed to promote outdoor exploration, develop practical math, English, arts and digital skills (such as weighing, measuring, writing, and using our iPads/tablets), and enhance confidence, social skills, and inclusivity. We have delivered similar projects in other areas of Sunderland over recent years to great impact, and have been successful through these projects in applying for and securing match funding to provide even more activity to complement the funded provision. If successful in our application we would apply the same approach to this project, hopefully securing additional funding to enable us to deliver even more sessions as part of this programme, increasing the scale of the project with support from match funding if we are able to secure it.

We will provide 11 sessions running until 31st March 2025

1. Visits to Local Shops: Participants will visit local retailers to learn about supporting small businesses, healthy eating habits, and the concept of food miles. We will purchase seasonal fruits and use them to create fun and imaginative fruit monsters, encouraging creativity and healthy snack choices.
2. Exploring Local Green Spaces: Through guided nature walks to Southwick Green/Thompson Park, participants will explore nearby green spaces to observe and identify local plant and animal species. As part of this experience, they will have the opportunity to craft a ceramic wind chime inspired by natural materials found during their exploration, promoting environmental awareness and artistic expression.
3. Using "The Colour Monster" for Emotional Discussion: We will use characters from "The Colour Monster" book by Anna Llenas to facilitate discussions about back-to-school feelings and emotional well-being. Participants will then create clay "feelings monsters," leveraging the therapeutic benefits of working with clay to address anxieties and promote mindfulness.
4. Making Handmade Pots with Cress Seeds: Participants will craft their own handmade pots and plant cress seeds. This activity not only teaches basic pottery skills but also provides a hands-on gardening experience. Participants will be encouraged to care for their growing cress at home, fostering a sense of responsibility and connection to nature. Helpful notes will be provided for home care.
5. Crafting 3D Pumpkin Herb Pots: Participants will engage in a fun and festive activity by crafting 3D pumpkin-shaped herb pots using clay. After creating these unique pots, they will plant them with a variety of herbs including chives, cress, garlic, and spring onions. Instructions on how to care for and grow these herbs at home will be provided, empowering participants to continue their gardening journey beyond the session.
6. Exploring Autumn Wildlife: Participants will delve into the wonders of autumn wildlife through sensory exploration. They will learn about the sights, sounds, and smells of the season, identifying local wildlife and observing their behaviours. As part of this experience, participants will have the opportunity to create bug hotels using natural materials, providing a cosy habitat for insects. These bug hotels will serve as both a learning tool and a takeaway item for participants to continue fostering an appreciation for nature at home.
7. Creating homemade bird feeders: To actively contribute to bird welfare, we will craft homemade bird feeders using lard balls and seeds. This hands-on activity allows participants to create nourishing treats for the birds, which they can later place in their gardens or local green spaces to provide vital sustenance.
8. Making lolly birdhouses: In addition to bird feeders, we will engage in a creative project by making lolly birdhouses. These miniature bird shelters, crafted from simple materials like lollipop sticks and glue, offer a fun and artistic way to contribute to bird conservation while learning about the needs of our feathered friends.
9. Ceramic Fruit Bowls: we will make nature-inspired art by enabling children to create ceramic fruit bowls using leaves collected from Southwick Green. This activity will not only foster artistic expression but also provide an opportunity for hands-on engagement with the natural environment.

10. Money Boxes: Participants will make money boxes. This activity will serve as a platform to inspire discussions around basic budgeting and saving pocket money. It introduces important financial literacy concepts in a fun and accessible manner.

11. Tie-Dye T-Shirt Workshop: Children will take part in a tie-dye t-shirt workshop, learning creative dyeing techniques to customise t-shirts. This activity promotes artistic expression, boosts confidence through hands-on creativity, and encourages an appreciation for unique fashion and design. Participants will develop fine motor skills and explore colour theory while engaging in a fun and memorable art project.

In terms of overall outcomes, the children will develop self-confidence, inter-personal, social and functional skills, they will make friends, develop their knowledge of nutrition and environmental decision-making, be more active, have an improved knowledge of community green space and be more encouraged to get out into the fresh air, supporting active healthy lifestyles and helping to combat childhood obesity.

We will work with Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project and engage the local community to ascertain the best times and days to run this project. Tailoring the schedule to best fits the needs of the community. We will also work with the Northumbria Police and the Youth Offending Service to help combat ASB. By working with and engaging these young children we can help prevent antisocial behaviour by fostering positive social skills and emotional development early on, promoting empathy and respect for others. Furthermore, we will also work with Southwick Community Primary School to promote the project to children who will benefit from taking part.

We run an established volunteering programme and will signpost the relevant opportunities for this project, to encourage more people in the community to engage in volunteering.

We will include a healthy snack each session, and we will engage with 80 individual children in total through this project, split into two groups - 4-7 year olds (reception / KS1) and 8-11 year olds (KS2). We will work with 10 children each session, please note some children may attend more than one session. We will provide 2 fully DBS-checked tutors each week and 1 will be a trained first aider.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	11
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	80
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	80
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	number of NEW volunteers recruited	2
306	number of volunteers participating	3
307	Number of volunteer hours delivered	25

Application 8

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	North East Sport CIC
Address Line 1	Monkwearmouth Academy
Address Line 2	Torver Crescent
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR6 8LG
Project Details	
Project Title	Summer Beach Camps
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Action-packed beach camps for young people 4 to 11 years. Build sandcastles, explore rockpools, play games, and learn about our amazing coast. Summer 2024!
Total Project Cost	£10,590
Match Funding	£5,775
Total NF Requested	£4,815
Project Start Date	5th August 2024
Project End Date	30th August 2024
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Monkwearmouth Academy and Roker Pods

Project Description

Beach Adventures: Summer Camps for Kids (Age 4-11) Including a Breakfast Club each day there would be nominal charge of £7 per day for North Sunderland residents to attend, with the funding requested making the remainder of the budget, we have found through experience that charging is more likely to stop non attendees. The charge will also help maximise our outputs by providing a comprehensive delivery over 19 days over the summer six week holidays , delivering 95 hours of positive activities for young people including breakfast clubs and transport from Monkwearmouth Academy to the seafront, where we will be based at Roker park pods. Each day will provide 5 hours of provision for young people. We plan to run our programme Monday to Friday 9:30-14:30 everyday from Monday 5th August until Friday 30th August (Excluding bank holiday Monday) 19 days in total. Promotion of the program will be through the North Sunderland Community Facebook page.

Each day would consist of a Breakfast club including toast, cereal, fruit juice and game activities, we would then take young people down to the beach and do a variety of activities including rock pooling, sandcastle building, pond fishing, plodging, sports, games and arts and crafts. We have young volunteers from Monkwearmouth Academy who are interested in getting involved to help run and promote the programme.

Advertisements and places will be offered exclusively to North Sunderland residents ensuring that we target the right audience and beneficiaries

Beach camps have proven enormously successful in the past and people have said

"Affordable and different from other activities, it gets my kids outside and active!"

"My child made new friends and played outside, free from screens!"

"It promotes social skills, life skills, exercise, and pure FUN!"

"They learned new skills and made lasting friendships!"

"Keeps them entertained during the holidays!"

"Fresh air, exercise, and seaside adventures! My grandchild loved it!"

"Local activities that keep kids active outdoors!"

"Unique from other camps, with fresh air and group activities!"

"Outdoor play, adventure, and fresh air!"

"Well-run, affordable, and gets kids outdoors! Perfect for working parents!"

"They explore the local area and coastline with friends, having fun and adventures while learning life skills!"

"Peace of mind knowing my child is safe, having fun, getting fresh air, and making friends!"

"A mix of fun activities outside!"

"Affordable childcare that's safe and fun!"

"Builds confidence, independence, and self-esteem!"

"A great alternative for kids who don't like traditional sports!"

"Health, friendship, fun, and education!"

"Familiar and new activities, outdoor play, and learning opportunities!"

"Helps them develop confidence while being outside!"

A qualified team of camp leaders and instructors, including beach school practitioners, will supervise children throughout the programme, ensuring their safety and well-being. Risk assessments will be conducted for all activities, and safety procedures will be clearly communicated to participants and guardians. The minibus transport will adhere to all safety regulations and ensure a comfortable journey to and from the beach location. First-aid certified staff will be present throughout the day to address any minor injuries.

Clear communication with parents or guardians will be maintained, with updates provided on daily activities and pick-up procedures.

By participating in these beach camps, young people can expect to:

Develop a love for the seaside and a deeper appreciation for the coastal environment.

Gain knowledge about the marine ecosystem and coastal conservation practices through expert-led activities.

Improve teamwork and communication skills through collaborative activities.

Increase physical activity levels and develop a love for healthy movement.

Build new friendships and enjoy a fun and enriching summer experience.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	114
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	570
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	Number of NEW volunteers recruited	2
306	Number of volunteers participating	2
307	Number of volunteer hours delivered	114

Application 9

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	North East Sport CIC
Address Line 1	Monkwearmouth Academy
Address Line 2	
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR6 8LG
Project Details	
Project Title	Active Esports: Get Moving in the Game!
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	North East Sport (NES) is excited to introduce a pilot program, Active Esports, designed to promote healthy gaming habits among youth in the north ward of Sunderland. This innovative program combines the thrill of esports with engaging physical activities, fostering a well-rounded approach to digital entertainment.
Total Project Cost	£13,180
Match Funding	£8,800
Total NF Requested	£4,380
Project Start Date	5 th August 2024
Project End Date	31 st March 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Monkwearmouth Academy

Project Description

North East Sport is excited to submit a proposal for a pilot programme called Active Esports: Get Moving in the Game!. This innovative programme targets young people aged 11-16 in the North ward of Sunderland with a passion for esports. Leveraging our brand new esports centre funded by the UKSPF, Active Esports aims to create a healthy and engaging environment that promotes responsible esports participation alongside mandatory physical activity and education. The funding awarded will allow us to provide FREE activities for young people from the North wards of Sunderland, specifically targeting these young people. Promotion of the program will be through the North Sunderland Community Facebook page.

Addressing the Need and Project Objectives:

Need: Esports participation has surged in popularity, but concerns exist regarding sedentary lifestyles. Active Esports addresses this by dedicating 1 hr for every 2 hrs egaming by engaging physical activity, ensuring a balanced approach.

Objectives:

Promote responsible and healthy esports participation through a structured format.

Increase physical activity levels by dedicating a mandatory hour to exercise within each session.

Educate participants about the importance of health

Foster social interaction and teamwork through collaborative activities.

Create a fun and engaging environment that appeals to young esports enthusiasts.

Creating a safe space for young people who maybe at risk of antisocial behaviour

Engaging new people who may not have been engaged in any youth provision

For every 2 hours of participation in the Active Esports programme, participants will be required to commit to 1 hour of dedicated health activities:

Esports Session:

Participants dive into their chosen esports titles under the guidance of experienced facilitators.

NES provides high-quality equipment within the new esports centre for a safe and competitive environment.

Mandatory Healthy Sports Activity:

Combat sedentary gaming with engaging physical activities led by qualified staff utilising the sports hall. This includes team-based sports tournaments like football, netball, or basketball, as well as collaborative games like badminton.

Educational Workshops:

Interactive workshops equip participants with essential knowledge for healthy gaming:

Maintaining good posture and ergonomics while gaming.

Fueling their bodies with healthy foods and hydration for peak performance.

Recognising and managing signs of gaming addiction.

The importance of sleep for focus and recovery.

Programme Schedule:

The Active Esports programme will run for a pilot period of 30 weeks starting from August 5th. To cater to school schedules, sessions will be delivered as follows:

School Holidays: Sessions will run during the day to maximise accessibility for participants.

School Term: Sessions will be held in the evenings to avoid disruption to schoolwork.

Total Programme Hours: 9 hours per week

Face-to-Face Delivery: 6 hours per week

Participants will engage in the structured programme activities as outlined previously (esports session, mandatory health sports activity, workshops).

Project Management: 3 hours per week

This dedicated time will be used for:

Planning and scheduling sessions.

Advertising and promoting the programme to the target audience.

Evaluating participant progress through surveys and data collection.

Monitoring programme effectiveness to ensure smooth operation.

Staffing

To deliver the Active Esports programme effectively, NES will employ a dedicated worker. This individual will possess or be working towards the following qualifications and responsibilities:

Experience: Familiarity with esports and a passion for youth development.

Qualifications: Relevant qualifications in sports coaching, youth work, or a related field

Responsibilities:

Implement all programme activities, including esports facilitation, leading physical activities, and delivering optional workshops.

Manage project logistics, including scheduling, advertising, participant communication, and data collection.

Ensure the safety and well-being of participants during all sessions.

Budget Considerations

By offering a structured programme that balances esports engagement with mandatory physical activity and educational workshops, Active Esports provides a unique and impactful approach to promoting healthy youth esports participation. The flexible delivery schedule caters to both school holidays and term times, ensuring maximum accessibility for young people in North Sunderland.

We believe this revised proposal effectively addresses the feedback provided and remains within the requested character limit. We look forward to partnering with you to bring Active Esports: Get Moving in the Game! to life.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	70
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	190
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	Number of NEW volunteers recruited	4
306	Number of volunteers participating	4
307	number of volunteer hours delivered	78

Application 10

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Redby Community Association
Address Line 1	Fulwell Road
Address Line 2	
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR6 9QU
Project Details	
Project Title	Kidz Klub 5-7 year olds Play Provision
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Providing holiday activities for young people between the ages of 5-11years old, who reside in the North of the City, specifically St.Peter's ward. The program will include a wide and varied range of physical and creative activities that will promote social inclusion, personals and social development and support cognitive and physical development.
Total Project Cost	£5,388
Match Funding	£388
Total NF Requested	£5,000
Project Start Date	9th September 2024
Project End Date	31st March 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Redby Community Centre

Project Description

The program of delivery will begin in September 2024 to coincide with the new school term. Ending on the 31st March 2025, taking place during term time only. The activities will take place in Redby Community centre. Providing a safe and nurturing space for young people where they are able to access a wide range of provision that meets their ever changing needs. This provision is FREE to access.

Activities will include physical, creative and S.T.E.M tasks that will enable individuals to experience new exciting opportunities to experience something new and offer young people the opportunity to develop and strengthen personal, social skills and resilience in addition to supporting community cohesion. In addition to the wide range of activities on offer, young people will have the opportunity to access a range of healthy hot and cold snacks/ light meals, guided by Sunderland City council school meal policy. We aim to ensure young people get access to a balanced healthy diet while accessing our provision; is crucial in maintaining the foundations for positive physical and educational growth. If a child is hungry we will ensure that they receive enough sustenance to meet their needs. Many families that we support from the North of the City struggle to provide a diverse range of food experiences for their child/ren due to the cost of living rise, we aim to build on the individuals current experience and expand their knowledge and experience of trying different food combinations and explore new taste experiences. Our program of delivery aims to ensure that all young people gain a positive outcome from participating in our program of delivery. Enabling them to strengthen transferable skills and support and reinforce formal educational skills and informal educational and life skills. We aim to support the individual to become that little bit more confident, self-assured and more resilient. We will work in collaboration with local schools including Dame Dorothy Primary School, St.Benets R.C, Redby Primary School and Sunderland together for children to identify young people who may benefit from attending the sessions, those who are most in need/ vulnerable and may need that additional nurturing to support their participation in the range of activities that will be on offer.

As part of our overall strategy of 'growing our own' Play, Youth and Community workers who have local knowledge of local need, we support our young people and older members of the community the opportunity to volunteer within our organisation. This offers members the chance to gain an insight into Play, Youth and Community work, allowing individuals to gain valuable work experience and also enables the individual the opportunity if they wish to gain access to training and learning to build a portfolio of experiences that can be transferable to other job / educations opportunities.

The 2 hours of provision not only enables the young person independent time to explore and learn in a safe and nurturing environment but allows respite for parents and carers. Providing a positive outcome for all members of the family unit.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	25
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	30
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	60
207	number of individuals signposted into Public/VCS services e.g. information, advice and guidance	10
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	Number of NEW volunteers recruited	2
306	Number of volunteers participating	2
307	Number of volunteer hours delivered	50

Application 11

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Redby Community Association
Address Line 1	Fulwell Road
Address Line 2	
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR6 9QU
Project Details	
Project Title	Kidz Klub 7-9 year olds Play Provision
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Providing holiday activities for young people between the ages of 7-9 years old, who reside in the North of the City, specifically St.Peter's ward. The program will include a wide and varied range of physical and creative activities that will promote social inclusion, personals and social development and support cognitive and physical development.
Total Project Cost	£5,388
Match Funding	£388
Total NF Requested	£5,000
Project Start Date	9th September 2024
Project End Date	31st March 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Redby Community Centre

Project Description

The program of delivery will begin in September 2024 to coincide with the new school term. Ending on the 31st March 2025, taking place during term time only. The activities will take place in Redby Community centre. Providing a safe and nurturing space for young people where they are able to access a wide range of provision that meets their ever changing needs. This provision is FREE to access.

Activities will include physical, creative and S.T.E.M tasks that will enable individuals to experience new exciting opportunities to experience something new and offer young people the opportunity to develop and strengthen personal, social skills and resilience in addition to supporting community cohesion. In addition to the wide range of activities on offer, young people will have the opportunity to access a range of healthy hot and cold snacks/ light meals, guided by Sunderland City council school meal policy. We aim to ensure young people get access to a balanced healthy diet while accessing our provision; is crucial in maintaining the foundations for positive physical and educational growth. If a child is hungry we will ensure that they receive enough sustenance to meet their needs. Many families that we support from the North of the City struggle to provide a diverse range of food experiences for their child/ren due to the cost of living rise, we aim to build on the individuals current experience and expand their knowledge and experience of trying different food combinations and explore new taste experiences. Our program of delivery aims to ensure that all young people gain a positive outcome from participating in our program of delivery. Enabling them to strengthen transferable skills and support and reinforce formal educational skills and informal educational and life skills. We aim to support the individual to become that little bit more confident, self-assured and more resilient. Ready to begin the transition from primary to juniors. We will support transferable life skills that will enable participants to have greater understanding of their opportunities and how they are able to make positive life choices. We will work in collaboration with local schools including Dame Dorothy Primary School, St.Benets R.C, Redby Primary School and Sunderland together for children to identify young people who may benefit from attending the sessions, those who are most in need/ vulnerable and may need that additional nurturing to support their participation in the range of activities that will be on offer. As part of our overall strategy of 'growing our own' Play, Youth and Community workers who have local knowledge of local need, we support our young people and older members of the community the opportunity to volunteer within our organisation. This offers members the chance to gain an insight into Play, Youth and Community work, allowing individuals to gain valuable work experience and also enables the individual the opportunity if they wish to gain access to training and learning to build a portfolio of experiences that can be transferable to other job / educations opportunities. The 2 hours of provision not only enables the young person independent time to explore and learn in a safe and nurturing environment but allows respite for parents and carers. Providing a positive outcome for all members of the family unit.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	25
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	30
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	60
207	number of individuals signposted into Public/VCS services e.g. information, advice and guidance	10
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	Number of NEW volunteers recruited	2
306	Number of volunteers participating	2
307	Number of volunteer hours delivered	50

Application 12

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Redby Community Association
Address Line 1	Fulwell Road
Address Line 2	
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR6 9QU
Project Details	
Project Title	Kidz Klub 9- 11 year olds Play Provision
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Providing holiday activities for young people between the ages of 9-11 years old, who reside in the North of the City, specifically St.Peter's ward. The program will include a wide and varied range of physical and creative activities that will promote social inclusion, personals and social development and support cognitive and physical development.
Total Project Cost	£5,388
Match Funding	£388
Total NF Requested	£5,000
Project Start Date	9th September 2024
Project End Date	31st March 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Redby Community Centre

Project Description

The program of delivery will begin in September 2024 to coincide with the new school term. Ending on the 31st March 2025, taking place during term time only. The activities will take place in Redby Community centre. Providing a safe and nurturing space for young people where they are able to access a wide range of provision that meets their ever changing needs. This provision is FREE to access.

Activities will include physical, creative and S.T.E.M tasks that will enable individuals to experience new exciting opportunities to experience something new and offer young people the opportunity to develop and strengthen personal, social skills and resilience in addition to supporting community cohesion. In addition to the wide range of activities on offer, young people will have the opportunity to access a range of healthy hot and cold snacks/ light meals, guided by Sunderland City council school meal policy. We aim to ensure young people get access to a balanced healthy diet while accessing our provision; is crucial in maintaining the foundations for positive physical and educational growth. If a child is hungry we will ensure that they receive enough sustenance to meet their needs. Many families that we support from the North of the City struggle to provide a diverse range of food experiences for their child/ren due to the cost of living rise, we aim to build on the individuals current experience and expand their knowledge and experience of trying different food combinations and explore new taste experiences. Our program of delivery aims to ensure that all young people gain a positive outcome from participating in our program of delivery. Enabling them to strengthen transferable skills and support and reinforce formal educational skills and informal educational and life skills. We aim to support the individual to become that little bit more confident, self-assured and more resilient. Ready to begin the transition from junior to senior schools. We will support transferable life skills that will enable participants to have greater understanding of their opportunities and how they are able to make positive life choices and strengthen their resilience ready for the transition to secondary school. We will work in collaboration with local schools including Dame Dorothy Primary School, St.Benets R.C, Redby Primary School and Sunderland together for children to identify young people who may benefit from attending the sessions, those who are most in need/ vulnerable and may need that additional nurturing to support their participation in the range of activities that will be on offer.

As part of our overall strategy of 'growing our own' Play, Youth and Community workers who have local knowledge of local need, we support our young people and older members of the community the opportunity to volunteer within our organisation. This offers members the chance to gain an insight into Play, Youth and Community work, allowing individuals to gain valuable work experience and also enables the individual the opportunity if they wish to gain access to training and learning to build a portfolio of experiences that can be transferable to other job / educations opportunities.The 2 hours of provision not only enables the young person independent time to explore and learn in a safe and nurturing environment but allows respite for parents and carers. Providing a positive outcome for all members of the family unit.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	25
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	30
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	60
207	number of individuals signposted into Public/VCS services e.g. information, advice and guidance	10
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	Number of NEW volunteers recruited	2
306	Number of volunteers participating	2
307	Number of volunteer hours delivered	50

Application 13

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Salvation Army
Address Line 1	Austin House
Address Line 2	Shakespeare Street
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR5 2JX
Project Details	
Project Title	Salvation Army After School Club Additional Activities
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Provision of activities for two after school clubs for primary school age children and one after school club for secondary school age children.
Total Project Cost	£5,975
Match Funding	£980
Total NF Requested	£4,995
Project Start Date	1 st July 2024
Project End Date	31 st March 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Austin House

Project Description

The Salvation Army after school club is on every Tuesday and Thursday (3.15pm to 5pm) during term time. The club is free and the children receive a healthy hot meal and activities during the session. There are 45 children aged 5 to 11 currently attending each session, with a further 20 on the waiting list. The sessions and a waiting list are not advertised due to high demand and limited capacity, word of mouth is the only method of advertising to date. The after school club is ran by volunteers, youth/ children workers and assistance from Southwick Altogether Raising Aspirations (SARA). The majority of children who attend the club are from Southwick Primary School, with several children also coming from Grange Park Primary School and Northern Saints Primary School. The objective of the after school club is to provide a safe place for children, provide activities that they may not be able to access at home, keep children active and keep them away from anti-social behaviour. The club is also an important space to have a hot healthy meal as the majority of the children receive free school meals and are from low income households who are struggling with the cost of living. We have had many families speak with us about how this club helps them feed their children and keep costs down.

There is also a small Starfish Group on a Thursday evening for 11 to 16 years who are looked after children and young people with SEND. The objective of the Starfish Group is to provide a safe, caring space for young people who are socially isolated to improve their social skills and to make friends. There is capacity in this group to expand if funding is provided for activities.

The project will meet with project brief and specifications by:

The project has engaged with Northumbria Police regarding a targeted approach to provide activities for children in the Southwick area, particularly in Ridley Street which has witnessed anti-social behaviour by primary school aged children recently.

We work closely with local schools to ensure that children are able to attend the sessions. For example, the school/ our volunteers pick up children who are looked after from school and bring them to the after school club as their foster carers live too far away to pick up, drop off then return at 5pm. This has given 4 children the chance to take part in activities.

The older children have expressed an interest in swimming and attending the gym. We have scheduled both activities into the proposal. The younger children have expressed an interest to do science and sport so we have chosen two providers who can offer a variety of activities for example tag rugby, curling, archery, assault courses etc. This will allow us to amend the activity on a regular basis if the children want to try something else. We are outsourcing the activities to providers and will not be paying any of our workers using the funding. All money will be spent on activities for the children.

The proposed programme of activity will include:

Tuesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm football, 4.30-5pm food provided. 5pm pick up.

Thursday 3.30 to 5pm chosen activities voted for by the children. The duration is likely to be 3 x 30 minute sessions or 2 x 45 minute sessions depending on the structure of the activity and the number of children it can cater for at any one time. We will have our arts and crafts, lego and computing sessions on offer to the children as we understand that not all children like all activities.

We understand the existing provision at Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project and encourage our older children to attend their sessions to make new friends, experience a different environment etc. Our older children leave the primary after school club at 11 years old, which makes room for new starters. The children are encouraged to attend SNYP if they do not have any additional needs, as our Starfish group only focuses on children with additional needs, social isolation etc. Our parents/ children seem to prefer the provision we have at Austin House as it is close to Southwick Primary School and offers a free hot meal. We appreciate that the two provisions cater for different families (Salvation Army/ SNYP).

The project supports and encourages volunteers by providing volunteering opportunities in youth work. We train volunteers, apply for a DBS and help them train towards qualifications including health and safety, first aid, children's sport activities etc. We aim to upskill all volunteers to enable them to develop life skills, increase their employability or take part in other volunteering opportunities.

There won't be able bookable activities as all the children will be part of the after school club due to capacity issues and the amount of SEND children we have at the club which we need correct adult/ child ratios for.

The funding will allow for the 11-16 year old Starfish group to grow and provide the young people with activities to keep them away from anti-social behaviour, make friends and develop much needed social/ life skills. We aim to work with the most socially isolated teens who prefer small group settings.

Without funding, the children from the after school club would not be able to put on activities due to cost. We do not charge families for the after school club due to families being on low incomes and many children receive free school meals. The activities will provide children with opportunities to take part in activities which they would unlikely be able to take part in due to family incomes. It will also help them develop social/ life skills and raise their aspirations.

The project will have taster sessions from 1st July to 19th July to allow children to vote for their favourite activities. We have held activities in the past such as karate and dancing which very few children enjoyed so we would like the children to try out activities to see if they would be interested in taking part September 24 to March 25 (6 week blocks of each activity).

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	25
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	150
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	Number of NEW volunteers recruited	2
306	Number of volunteers participating	19
307	Number of volunteer hours delivered	1240

Application 14

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Sunderland Community Action Group
Address Line 1	St. Peter's Gate
Address Line 2	Charles Street
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR6 0AN
Project Details	
Project Title	Kidz Club
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Providing holiday activities for young people between the ages of 5-11years old, who reside in the North of the City, specifically St. Peter's ward. The program will include a wide and varied range of physical and creative activities that will promote social inclusion, personals and social development and support cognitive development.
Total Project Cost	£6,250
Match Funding	£1,250
Total NF Requested	£5,000
Project Start Date	28th October 2024
Project End Date	28th February 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Dame Dorothy Youth and Community Hub

Project Description

The program of delivery will span over the October 2024 and February 2025 half terms. Taking place in community spaces within the St. Peters ward. Providing a safe and nurturing space for young people where they are able to access a wide range of provision that meets their ever changing needs. This provision is FREE to access.

Activities will include physical, creative and S.T.E.M tasks that will enable individuals to experience new exciting opportunities to experience something new and offer young people the opportunity to develop and strengthen personal, social skills and resilience in addition to supporting community cohesion. In addition to the wide range of activities on offer, young people will have the opportunity to access a range of healthy hot and cold meals, guided by Sunderland City council school meal policy. We aim to ensure young people get access to a balanced healthy diet while accessing our provision including snacks and fresh fruit. If a child is hungry we will ensure that they receive enough sustenance to meet their needs. Many families that we support from the North of the City struggle during these holiday periods to support their children as they are largely linked to lower socio economic groups that are unable due to the cost of living rise, to provide alternative activities for their children to attend and in doing so prevent new opportunities for their children to take part in new experiences and learn new skills. Our program of delivery aims to ensure that all young people gain a positive outcome from participating in our program of delivery. Enabling them to return back to school at the end of the half term and become that little bit more confident, self-assured and more resilient. We will work in collaboration with local schools including Dame Dorothy Primary School, St.Benets R.C, Redby Primary School and Sunderland together for children to identify young people who may benefit from attending the sessions, those who are most in need/ vulnerable and may need that additional nurturing to support their participation in the range of activities that will be on offer.

As part of our overall strategy of 'growing our own' youth and community workers who have local knowledge of local need, we support our young people and older members of the community the opportunity to volunteer within our organisation. This offers members the chance to gain an insight into youth and community work, allows the individuals to gain valuable work experience and also enables the individual the opportunity if they wish to gain access to training and learning opportunities to build a portfolio of experiences that can be transferable to other job / educations opportunities.

The 4 hours of provision not only enables the young person independent time to explore and learn in a safe and nurturing environment but allows respite for parents and carers. Providing a positive outcome for all members of the family unit.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	5
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	65
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	150
207	number of individuals signposted into Public/VCS services e.g. information, advice and guidance	10
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	Number of NEW volunteers recruited	5
306	Number of volunteers participating	5
307	Number of volunteer hours delivered	65

Application 15

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Sunderland Community Action Group
Address Line 1	St. Peters Gate
Address Line 2	Charles Street
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR6 0AN
Project Details	
Project Title	SNAP – Sunderland North Adventure Project
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	SCAG will offer a wide range of interactive adventurous outdoor activities for young people 11-18yrs old. This project will focus on activities that will be diverse, exciting, and stimulating. Enabling young people to access this opportunity without the stigma of not being able to attend due to lack of family finances.
Total Project Cost	£7,982
Match Funding	£2,982
Total NF Requested	£5,000
Project Start Date	1st July 2024
Project End Date	1st September 2024
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	St. Peters Cycle and Sports Hub

Project Description

This Project will enable more young people to be given the opportunity to break down barriers to wider participation, enabling them to have the same opportunities as their peers with the same positive outcomes and memories. A range of Outward bounds adventurous activities will be offered to groups of young people across The St Peters ward. This will enable us to offer young people a clear straight forward route to activities enabling them to quickly access and participate in a range of bespoke organised events, delivered by a qualified team of friendly Youth workers. We would like to take young people on an outward-bound journey where they can safely participate in a fully inclusive experience.

Our Project will...

- Promote independence, improve health, and encourage an active lifestyle.
- Improve positive lifestyle changes, promoting vigour & wellbeing within their community.
- Promote positive mental health.
- Reduce social isolation and help build confidence and self-esteem.
- Signpost people to other organisations for information to other primary services.
- Reduce Anti-social behaviour across communities Young people will be able to choose from a range of out of centre activities delivered within 12-month period, activities include:

Overnight Camping – Young people will be transported to an organised campsite at Stonehaugh Northumberland where they will learn how to set up a bespoke group campsite. Young people will be given the opportunity to learn new skills like, erecting and dismantling various small to large tents/shelters. Safely assemble and use an outdoor cooking & washing station, while not forgetting to safely store sleeping bags, food and a range of camping equipment from the elements. Young people will be encouraged to participate in a range of FUN based games centre around enjoying the great outdoors free from the pressure of social media and technology.

Bush craft - Bushcraft increases your awareness of the natural world and how we are all connected to it. It allows young people to establish their understanding of the outdoors while also inviting them to experience a wholesome activity within the natural environment. Bushcraft has been proven to increase personal and social skills while also strengthening existing relationships, other benefits include: - Building self Confidence and independence, Team building, Understanding nature and your role within the wider community. Outdoor activities, such as bushcraft, enables young people to tackle the outside world in a way that is unavailable within their urban environments. When embarking on this journey, young people will be met with exciting new challenges that require creative problem solving, determination and understanding.

Group Cycling & Campfire – a summer cycle trip into the country then Sitting around the Campfire can make for the perfect day/evening activity, especially when your sitting under the stars toasting marshmallows as the group share stories and enjoy some delicious hot chocolate. Building a campfire can be incredibly satisfying, as they provide a comforting and exciting environment that allows for a natural learning and calming environment. The science and method behind creating a campfire is not only fun but is also incredibly informative. This is a controlled activity and young people will also get to understand the dangers of lighting fires, so it's important to highlight this and make sure everyone understands the importance of keeping a safe distance while still enjoying this activity. Weardale adventure centre – Based at Bishop Auckland, Co Durham. We will link up with this outdoor activity centre in Weardale and offer young people the opportunity to be transported via minibus to the centre where they will be able to access a full day of outward-bound activities. The centre is in an area of natural beauty and offers those participating the opportunity to choose a range of fantastic activities including Canoeing, Rock Climbing, Kayaking, High Ropes, Raft building, Archery and Gorge Walking. Off road cycling – Young people will be transported via minibus to an off-road cycle route within the Durham countryside where they will have the opportunity to access a range of mountain bike courses. The courses are designed for a range of riders from the beginner course to the more adventurous cyclist. Off road mountain bikes are

a great way to exercise and connect with the countryside compared to road biking. The bike has fatter tires with rugged tread for stability and durability and gives the cyclist a more upright cycling position that lets you enjoy the view while you're riding. While we are in the country what better way to have a rest and a picnic with your friends. All food will be transported and supplied on the day of the event.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	80
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	80
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	Number of new volunteers recruited	3
306	Number of volunteers participating	3
307	Number of volunteer hours delivered	180

Application 16

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project
Address Line 1	271 Southwick Road
Address Line 2	
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR5 2AB
Project Details	
Project Title	SNYP Come And Try sessions (SNYP CAT's)
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	We will offer young people the chance to 'Come And Try' a range of sports sessions utilising the new Playzone and local facilities.
Total Project Cost	£2,673
Match Funding	£0
Total NF Requested	£2,673
Project Start Date	1st June 2024
Project End Date	31st March 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Southwick Playzone & Thompson Park

Project Description

We want to provide informal sporting activities for young people in Southwick utilising the new Playzone and new facilities at Thompson Park. The young people will be able to play a range of sports including (but not limited to) basketball, netball, football, dodgeball, quick cricket, badminton, tennis. Giving young people access to sports has many benefits including health improvement, confidence building, development of new relationships, learning new skills. It will also make young people more likely to continue playing sports after the project has ended and through their adolescence. Having access to sports activities in local services addresses issues around inclusivity and accessibility too, it means young people from different socio-economic backgrounds can have equal access to sports and the benefits it brings. Our youth workers will also create these spaces and foster a sense of belonging, providing spaces where relationships and connections can be built.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	25
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	85
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- football	100

Application 17

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Active Families North East
Address Line 1	Pennywell Community Centre
Address Line 2	Portsmouth Road
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR4
Project Details	
Project Title	St Cuthberts Active Holiday Camp
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Working in partnership with The Friends Of Bunnyhill, St Cuthberts Active Camp will be scheduled to take place in school holidays for children aged 6-11years. Sessions will include a hot meal/packed lunch and will include using the outdoor area, at Rotherfield Road Playing Field/Park.
Total Project Cost	£4,520
Match Funding	£450
Total NF Requested	£4,070
Project Start Date	1st July 2024
Project End Date	30th June 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	St. Cuthberts Church, Rotherham Road, Sunderland

Project Description

Active Families North East working in partnership with the Friends of Bunnyhill propose to play activities for children of primary school age 6-11years or 5-11 years if older siblings are in attendance in the Redhouse area, Redhill ward, Sunderland, reducing instances of inactiivty, hunger and isolation. We will offer play sessions during school holidays as follows: 1 session each week in the 6 weeks summer holiday 2024, 1 session in October half term 2024, 1 session in the Christmas holiday 2024, 1 session in February half term 2025, 2 sessions in the Easter holidays 2025 and 1 sessions in May half term 2025. All sessions will be 3 hours for staff (2 hours face to face delivery) - 12 sessions will be delivered in total. Sessions will be delivered from St Cuthbert's Church Redhouse and weather permitting we will also utilise outdoor space at Rotherfield Park playing field/park, Bunny Hill and around Downhill Community Pond and Garden and complex area. We will arrange two out of centre visits and will visit Seaburn beach (summer term) and will also consult with the children to provide a trip in the Easter 2025 provision. We will consult with Elected Members, children, schools and families to plan activities which will coincide with either a midday or evening mealtime and a healthy hot meal or packed lunch will be provided as part of the session which will be provided by the Friends of Bunnyhill. Where possible we will encourage children to develop their independent living skills by making healthy meals as part of the activities. We will provide a minimum of 30 hours face-to-face activity with 15 children attending each session, planning and preparation time has been allocated for staff, who will evaluate each session and take this learning into the development of future sessions.

We will link with the Redhill Raising Aspirations Project being delivered by Community Opportunities and The Friends of Bunnyhill to ensure that environmental projects are linked into the delivery of sessions to encourage children to look after their local area, make a difference and being responsible citizens and will sessions will include visits to the Downhill Community Pond and Bunnyhill to undertake community clean up's.

Sessions will be delivered by qualified Play or Sports Coaches. One member of staff in the activities will be a trained Tier One Mental Health Practitioner having undertaken ICAMHS training. This will ensure that sessions are inclusive and that we have capacity to support children with emotional and mental health issues. Activities will include arts and crafts, board games, cooking activity, outdoor play, physical activities (group and team games using sports equipment/parachute) etc. To address inactivity, we offer activities that encourage physical exercise through participation in treasure hunts, litter picks and gardening, as examples. Sessions will provide positive activities to meet each individual child's social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs whilst promoting positive behaviour, building confidence, self-esteem and developing their skills, knowledge and abilities. Children's input to planning, delivery and evaluation will be recorded to ensure we meet each child's individual needs. Photographs will be taken as evidence and evaluation and feedback will be provided at the end of the project. Active Families North East plan to engage with 35 individual children from the Redhill ward area throughout this proposed project. We aim to reduce the number of children who experience feelings of isolation during holiday periods. This will be done by providing the children and young people with a safe, welcoming place to meet, participating in activities utilising outdoor space as much as the British weather allows while socialising with peers and Active Families North East staff, offering the children the chance to engage in positive experiences that help develop life skills. This will include activities such as following the nature trail and walk, carrying out activities in the community and general arts/crafts activities.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	39
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	150
209	Number of litter picks/community clean ups carried out	5
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	Number of NEW volunteers recruited	8
306	Number of volunteers participating	13
307	Number of volunteer hours delivered	66

Application 18

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Sunderland Young Peoples Bike Project
Address Line 1	179 Newcastle Road
Address Line 2	
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR5 1JN
Project Details	
Project Title	Cycle Led Bike Rides
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	To provide 10 cycling events to 10 Primary schools within Sunderland wards (Castle, Fulwell, Redhill, St Peters, and Southwick). To provide opportunities for young people to learn new skills, gain confidence, to promote knowledge of local green spaces and to demonstrate how to use local cycling infrastructure safely.
Total Project Cost	£5,600
Match Funding	£600
Total NF Requested	£5,000
Project Start Date	1st July 2024
Project End Date	31st March 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Multiple green spaces/ cycle infrastructure/river routes across all 5 North Sunderland wards (Castle, Fulwell, Redhill, St Peters, and Southwick).

Project Description

At Sunderland Young People's Bike Project, we believe that cycling is not only a great way to stay physically and mentally healthy. It also provides a fun, economical and sustainable way to travel, while giving people the opportunity to learn new skills, gain confidence and help reduce the carbon footprint.

We have been delivering cycling projects throughout the North East for over 15 years. As a registered training provider since 2009, we have also provided Bikeability training (the modern-day cycling proficiency) to Academies, Youth projects, Primary and Secondary schools across Sunderland and Washington Wards. Cycling safely with confidence is key to enjoyment and developing lifelong physical activity habits.

Unfortunately, having delivered many cycling programmes for funders and schools, we have become acutely aware of barriers that prevent children from cycling. We have found that many children either don't have the opportunities to ride, don't know where to ride in their local area or don't have the confidence to use local infrastructure safely.

Covid-19 had a significant effect on children's social development resulting in many children missing out on opportunities to enjoy cycling recreationally where their natural confidence in cycling would have grown. Particularly in areas of deprivation and because of the cost-of-living crisis, sadly, many children do not have access to bikes. Therefore, they have not had regular access to become confident riders or to explore their local area.

Having delivered various cycling initiatives to schools within each of these wards, we have discussed the benefits of a cycling activity like this with head teachers. Many schools have stated they would love to enable their pupils to experience something like this but don't always have the money within their school budget to do so. We know there is a demand for this type of activity and that schools will happily engage with us.

To overcome some of these barriers we want to provide 10 cycling events for young people across all 5 North Sunderland Wards to promote cycling and to showcase the local green spaces and cycling infrastructure available to them.

We will do this by approaching 10 different primary schools across each of the 5 wards of Castle, Fulwell, Redhill, St Peters, and Southwick, and will provide their pupils and teachers with bespoke cycle led rides utilising each schools local cycling infrastructure. Not only will these rides promote being active, but they will provide knowledge of their local cycling infrastructure and how to use it safely. Each ride will be designed in a way to ensure all the participants enjoy and achieve, improve their cycling skills and become more confident and road aware, with a view of encouraging them to incorporate cycling into their everyday lives and showing them how they could cycle to school in the future.

By engaging with schools, we will have access to large numbers of young people directly living in areas/estates within the North Wards that may not have access to youth venues. Every school will be offered up to 30 spaces, with 2 - 3 group rides per day. Each bespoke ride will be approximately 1.5 - 2 hours and the length of the rides will be between 3-5 miles, depending on the group's ability. Therefore, if all spaces are used across the x10 cycle events we propose, 300 children could benefit from this project. Depending on schools' availability, we aim to deliver x2 cycle events in the last two weeks of the Summer term (July 2024), x4 in the Autumn Term (Sep – Dec 2024), and x4 in the Spring term (Jan – before 31st March).

We have market researched this idea by emailing local schools in Sunderland to see if there would be an interest for this project, explaining its concept, aims and objectives. Schools within the North Wards; Castle Town Primary, Bexhill Primary, and Dame Dorothy Primary School, Southwick Primary, Willow Wood, St. Benets, English Martyrs, Fulwell Juniors have already expressed a significant interest. . This clearly demonstrates there is a demand and a desire for this type of activity.

To ensure everyone can take part, we have our own fleet of bikes suitable for all ages, as well as a range of specialised bikes to accommodate everyone, we provide all the PPE (helmets and Hi-Visibility jackets) and have transport vehicles which allows us to travel to the schools with all the equipment.

All rides will be led by instructors who have national qualifications in; cycle led bike rides (on and off road), Bikeability road safety levels 1, 2 & 3, Balance bike and learn to ride plus modules, SEND and adult learning. We also have 4 qualified mechanics. All staff hold valid DBS's and are trained in child and SEND safeguarding, as well as first aid.

Prior to any, and all delivery, our instructors will visit each school and carry out detailed route plan and risk assessments of each venue including off and on road routes. The risk assessment would include a map of the area and the routes to be taken from each school. Our instructors will also carry out dynamic risk assessments throughout the delivery and will implement changes where necessary. On the day of the activity, incident, accident, and emergency reporting procedures & forms will be carried as well as first aid kits should it be required.

We will provide information letters for parents and guardians that outline the benefits of participation will be provided along with consent and medical forms. We will produce and collect pre and post ride surveys to monitor knowledge, ability, and confidence growth. Instructors will evidence any significant outcomes, case studies, and photographs of events (consent dependent). Participants and Schools will also be asked to complete evaluation and feedback forms. In line with data protection policies, all participation data, evaluation, and feedback will be collated, and a final report will be produced at the end of the programme.

Our overall aim is to get as many young people as possible active through cycling and to help those who have been missing out to recognise its benefits. We want to promote and provide knowledge of local green spaces available to them and to show how they can use their local cycling infrastructure safely. We want to embrace all participants of all abilities and will adapt sessions to be as inclusive as possible.

As part of this programme, we will look to signpost individuals into public/ VCS services for information, advice, and guidance to support their cycling journeys. We will provide Schools, parents, and children with information regarding their local cycling infrastructure and local cycling facilities to sustain their cycling journeys and embed behavioural change. We will promote the benefits of cycling and make people aware of cycling activities available in Sunderland. Where possible we will assist children and their families who do not own bikes by identifying the need and re-purposing any donated bike we have within our project (subject to availability). All information will be given to the schools to promote through school message boards and dojo messaging systems to reach as many children and families as possible.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Dynamic Smart City Outputs	
104	Number of low carbon initiatives supported	10
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	10
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	300
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	300
207	number of individuals signposted into Public/VCS services e.g. information, advice and guidance	300

Application 19

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Veterans in Crisis
Address Line 1	1 Roker Avenue
Address Line 2	
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR6 0BY
Project Details	
Project Title	Healthy Champions
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Veterans in Crisis Sunderland (VICS) aims to launch a series of thrilling and captivating outdoor activities. These activities will not only enhance the physical prowess of the youth in Sunderland's North area but also foster teamwork, collaboration, and, without question, forge new friendships.
Total Project Cost	£4,093
Match Funding	£0
Total NF Requested	£4,093
Project Start Date	1st July2024
Project End Date	31st October 2024
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Veterans in Crisis, Roker Ave – Green Spaces across Sunderland North

Project Description

Veterans in Crisis Sunderland (VICS) actively delivers a range of exciting and challenging activities, designed to draw participation in a fun and enjoyable manner. These services cater to both youths and adults, but this initiative specifically targets the younger generation, addressing their frequent concerns about the lack of engaging activities.

Our offerings are inclusive, catering to all youth age groups, and skilfully blend physical exertion with mental stimulation. Prior to each activity, we ensure participants understand the rules, grasp the challenges, and witness a demonstration of the session's objectives. Crucially, we celebrate every attempt, learning from every outcome, and always emphasise the positive aspects of participation. This programme will target all areas in the North including: Castle, Redhill, Southwick, St Peters and Roker.

We at Veterans in Crisis Sunderland (VICS) are excited to roll out our activities across a vibrant mix of green spaces, the tennis courts of Thompson or Roker Park, and the scenic beaches of Roker or Seaburn. Here's what we're bringing to life:

- Mini Military Olympics: Navigate an assault course, aim for success in bean bag target throwing, and test your stamina with a bleep test.
- Beach Football: Score goals with jumpers as posts in an exhilarating game on the sand.
- Touch Rugby: A dynamic game for both girls and boys.
- Tennis: Serve and volley in the beautiful settings of Roker or Thompson Park.
- Fitness to Music: Get fit with rhythm and energy.

To boost participation, we're crafting leaflets to pin up on community notice boards, including those in parks. We're reaching out to all schools in the North area, urging them to display our activity details on their information boards. In collaboration with our Armed Forces Champions stationed in each Sunderland GP surgery, the Police, NE Ambulance, SAFC, and Gentoo, we'll ensure our activities are advertised within their premises. Plus, we're harnessing the power of social media to inform not just the youth but also their parents about our diverse services, complete with details on locations, start and end times, and essential items to bring along, like a bottle of water and a towel.

Veterans in Crisis Sunderland (VICS) boasts a dynamic health and fitness coordinator, armed with credentials as a gym instructor, personal trainer, and fitness to music expert. She energises veterans with early morning gym sessions and spearheads the invigorating cold water swimming every Saturday at Roker Beach. With comprehensive Safeguarding training and a DBS check, she adeptly leads both groups and individuals.

Transitioning from the Royal Navy to the Sunderland Police, she has built a strong connection with the city's local police force. Her responsibilities extend to triaging veterans referred to VICS, including those from the Police, showcasing her adeptness in handling complex situations when necessary.

VICS is committed to delivering socially engaging activities for veterans, often extending these experiences to their children when feasible. We have previously co-created diverse activities such as Pottery, Fishing, and Dinghy Sailing for both children and adults. Our dedicated volunteers, all DBS checked and regularly trained in Safeguarding, are integral to these efforts. This particular initiative is designed exclusively for the youth of the area, aiming to enrich their lives through targeted engagement. In delivering this programme for the younger generation we will also ask that parents or guardians of those taking part give their written consent before taking part in an activity.

It is important that we monitor the performance of this project to ensure that what we want to deliver is done so within budget, to the desired quality and engages with children taking part. To do this we will have clear objectives and key performance indicators to establish what success looks like and how it will be measured. A clear indicator that we will seek are smiles, millions of them.

The Health and Safety of VICS its clients, visitors and that of those taking part in the programme, the youths, is very important and we will continually assess the activities being carried out ensuring clear separation between the general public carried out and anyone on an activity.

To keep abreast of the budget we will keep an eye on the financial aspects of the project especially cost variations or unforeseen expenses. Should it be necessary we will advise the council if this is the case although from experience we do not expect any major issues. Updates will be reported at our monthly board meetings with actions minutes taken and actional dates agreed.

If necessary make adjustment to the programme should an activity need to change or be adapted for those taking part. We will include feedback from those we are providing the service for taking into account their views and opinions.

By implementing these strategies, we can maintain control over our project and steer it towards a successful completion. The project monitoring is an ongoing process we will give attention to and adapt as the project evolves.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	60
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	120
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	Number of NEW volunteers recruited	8
306	Number of volunteers participating	14
307	Number of volunteer hours delivered	300

Application 20

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Weights and Cakes
Address Line 1	Upper Floor
Address Line 2	The Kings Road, Southwick
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR5 2JD
Project Details	
Project Title	Raising the Bar
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Working with Youth Justice service, Prevent Safeguarding, Sara Project to work with young people who are at Risk from ASB, school refusal, dis-engagement in services to offer Weight training as an outlet and potential way of managing anger, increase engagement with services, schools, projects.
Total Project Cost	£5,000
Match Funding	£0
Total NF Requested	£5,000
Project Start Date	1st July 2024
Project End Date	30th March 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Weights & Cakes Southwick

Project Description

This project aims to empower disengaged young individuals in the North by fostering aspirations and bolstering engagement in services through fitness initiatives. Collaborating with local schools such as Grange Park, Southwick, The Link, Beacon of Light (YOLO) Redhouse, and Monkwearmouth Schools, alongside key stakeholders like the Youth Justice team, police, and the SARA project, we will identify 15 number of youths at risk of anti-social behaviour (ASB). Similar pilot projects we have delivered have not only successfully engaged young people but also involved their families and caregivers, directing them to additional services through TFC. The scholarship element of this project is a targeted approach and involves intensive support to the individual young people identified through our collaborations.

Recognizing the transformative potential of sports-based interventions in breaking the cycle of ASB, we draw insights from the Chiles Webster Batson Commission report, emphasizing the role of sports in cultivating positive, pro-social identities among youth. Our overarching objective is to engage and support vulnerable young individuals at risk of crime, ASB, and serious violence, fostering stronger connections between the sports sector and criminal justice partners to guide them towards positive life choices.

Monitoring outcomes is integral to our approach, allowing us to share insights with other projects on effectively utilizing sports, physical activity, and mentoring to meet the needs of vulnerable youth in their communities. For those showing interest in Olympic weightlifting, we will offer scholarships enabling up to 5 hours of coached training sessions weekly, covering competition, travel, and entry fees if pursued. Understanding that not all youths opt for weightlifting, we provide alternatives such as strength training, cardio, and one-on-one personal training sessions aimed at promoting safe weight usage and gym access.

Upon completion, participants will be encouraged to join our club or will be referred to other services like SNYP, boxing clubs, or alternative sport providers we already have excellent partnerships in place with these providers to ensure that the young people are not left behind and have as much information and support as possible to access the services and activities available on their doorstep. To support any transition into other providers we invite the providers into our venue to meet the young people and we also take them to new activities to introduce them.

As part of this project we will also deliver Thompson Park pop-up events which will promote the services we offer and provide opportunities for additional young people from across Sunderland North to have a hands-on experience in lifting. We will adhere to permissions from SCC, conducting risk assessments, and devising an event plan. Promotion will primarily occur through social media, North Sunderland Social Media page and project channels.

Operated by volunteers, our weightlifting club plans to recruit additional volunteers to support scholarship recipients. These volunteers will play vital roles during pop-up events.

Our project also supports young people by offering a safe space for them to chill even when they are not accessing a class and we have found by offering this they come in and help in the gym which gives them additional skills and volunteering experience.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	45
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	90
207	Number of individuals signposted into Public/VCS services eg information, advice and guidance	51

CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	Number of NEW volunteers recruited	3
306	Number of volunteers participating	9
307	Number of volunteer hours delivered	72

Application 21

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Young Asian Voices
Address Line 1	Sans Street Centre
Address Line 2	
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR1 1HG
Project Details	
Project Title	#FortheNorth with YAV
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	To provide youth and multisports drop-in session at Wearmouth Colliery Welfare Ground for ages 5-18 years.
Total Project Cost	£5,960
Match Funding	£960
Total NF Requested	£5,000
Project Start Date	6th July 2024
Project End Date	29th March 2025
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Wearmouth Colliery Welfare Ground, Thompson Rd, Southwick, Sunderland, SR5 2SD

Project Description

The project will facilitate YAV to provide weekly drop-in provisions for youth from all communities targeted in the North Area especially from ethnically diverse communities, LSEG, vulnerable and isolated members from summer in July 2024 until March 2025 at Wearmouth Colliery Welfare ground working collaboratively with local and city-wide provisions as well as Northern Sanits and Southwick School for youth engagement along with family engagement and signposting.

Thirty-nine 39 Weeks of 156 hours of Youth engagement and multisports sessions will be conducted weekly as follows:

Every Saturday (from 06 July 2024 until 29 March 2025), 13:00-17:00, for 05-18 year olds.

Sessions will include the below activities:

- multisports at the greens,
- board games, pool and refreshments indoor in the community room
- Arts & Crafts, digital art taster, music & bento cake decorations indoor in the community room
- cricket at the square as well as cricket nets
- walk to Thompson Park for Tennis
- trip to Roker Beach for sun, sea and sand and ice cream with stop over at Roker Park Tennis Courts
- Opportunity to watch DNECL League Cricket Matches during the season with opportunity to take up roles as players, scorers as well as volunteer.
- 2 days of Youth Multisport Festival with sports, music and arts showcase.

2 Sessional staff and 7 volunteers will also be recruited for regular facilitation of sessions.

The sessions will also ensure children and families are able participate in and celebrate festivities like Christmas, Diwali, Pongal, Holi and International Mother Language Day. The funding will facilitate in working together with partners to develop integrated art packs and Christmas hampers.

Outputs

		Overall Target Total
CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
205	number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	90
206	number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- football	360
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	Number of NEW volunteers recruited	9
306	Number of volunteers participating	21
307	Number of volunteer hours delivered	3276

Item 4 Annex 2

North Area Committee

25th June 2024

Community Chest Awards April 2023 – March 2024

Castle Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Castletown Scout Group (2 nd payment)	16.02.23		£1,667
Castletown Community Association	05.04.23		£500
Castletown Methodist Church	17.07.23		£1,215
Golden Gloves Boxing	22.08.23		£473
Castletown Scout Group	29.11.23		£2,650
Castletown Primary	29.11.23		£2,500
Hylton Colliery Cricket Club	22.04.24		£995
Remaining balance - £0.00			£10,000
Fulwell Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
St Andrews Snooker Club (joint with St Peters)	09.06.23		£1,512
Seaburn Dene Primary	17.07.23		£2,375
Friends of Fulwell	25.01.24		£1,506
St Andrew's Operatic Society (joint with St Peters)	18.03.24		£687
Seaburn Dene New Church	18.03.24		£2,789
Monkwearmouth Academy	25.04.24		£651
Sunderland City Council (Sea Road bin)	18.03.24		£480
Remaining balance - £0.00			£10,000
Redhill Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Redhouse & District CA	24.05.23		£3,160
Redhouse Community Tea Dance	18.07.23		£450
Gentoo	18.07.23		£1,884
Community Opportunities	14.11.23		£1,395
Downhill Community Garden	28.11.23		£510
Redhouse CA	25.01.24		£359
Sunderland City Council(Downhill Street Signs)	25.01.24		£296
Sunderland City Council(Bunnyhill Steps)	25.01.24		£1000
Friends of Bunnyhill	18.03.24		£290
Remaining balance - £656			£9,344
Southwick Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals

Southwick & Witherwack Community Development Trust	06.04.23		£987
SARA Policing Team	06.04.23		£889
Grace House	06.04.23		£993
Grange Park Primary School	06.04.23		£985
Weights & Cakes	12.05.23		£1,000
JLYSG	12.05.23		£960
High Southwick Homing Society	12.05.23		£1,000
Guildacre Social Club	18.07.23		£1,000
Southwick Village Green Preservation Society	07.09.23		£737
Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project	16.10.23		£470
Holy Trinity Church	29.11.23		£979
Remaining balance - £0.00			£10,000
St. Peter's Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Changing Lives (2 nd Payment)	16.03.23		£2478.01
St Andrews Snooker Club (joint with Fulwell)	09.06.23		£1,008
Sunderland Community Action Group	13.06.23		£1,848
Sunderland Samaritans	01.11.23		£963
Keep Active NE	04.12.23		£1,300
Enon Baptist Church	04.12.23		£300
Redby CA	29.01.24		£1,572
St Andrews Operatic Society (Joint with Fulwell)	18.03.24		£530.99
Remaining balance - £0.00			£10,000

Item 4 Annex 3

North Area Committee

25th June 2024

Community Chest Awards April 2024 – June 2024

Castle Ward Budget		£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Purpose of Grant	Returned	Approvals
Hylton Colliery Cricket Club	22.04.2024	Grant towards equipment		£380
Vedra Hylton CA	22.04.2024	Grant towards equipment		£444
Castletown Methodist Church	31.05.2024	Grant towards equipment		£540
Sunderland City Council	10.06.2024	Grant towards improvements		£2,229
Remaining balance - £6,407				£3,593
Fulwell Ward Budget		£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Purpose of Grant	Returned	Approvals
Monkwearmouth Academy	25.04.2024	Grant towards equipment		£2,109
Remaining balance - £7,891				£2,109
Redhill Ward Budget		£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Purpose of Grant	Returned	Approvals
Remaining balance - £10,000				£0.00
Southwick Ward Budget		£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Purpose of Grant	Returned	Approvals
North Star Boxing Club	07.06.204	Grant towards equipment		£1,000
Grace House	07.06.2024	Grant towards an event		£1,000
Remaining balance - £8,000				£2,000
St. Peter's Ward Budget		£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Purpose of Grant	Returned	Approvals
Friends of Roker Park	25.04.2024	Grant towards improvements		£768
St Benet's RC Primary School	31.05.2024	Grant towards equipment		£899
Remaining balance - £8,333				£1,667