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## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF EAST SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

### East 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 East Area Committee during 2023-2024.

#### 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 The Neighbourhood and Community Board considered several opportunities and proposals linked to the priorities outlined in the East Area Plan. It was agreed to make recommendations to Area Committee to:

- approve all requests made to extend the existing East Rangers projects for the next two quarters.
- align funding to facilitate a further phase of Go Online – a project to provide face to face support in community venues for individuals seeking assistance with ICT and accessing the internet.
- revisit the ‘Fancy a Day Out’ holiday activity programme and align funding accordingly.
- align funding to allow the East area to initiate a ‘Can Do’ small grants scheme to encourage applications from groups of young people wishing to deliver a project in their community.

The Board also agreed to hold a task group meeting to discuss the priority identified in the Area Plan which sets out to develop/deliver projects that increase physical and wellbeing activities for young people and help to support healthier lifestyles and lessen the impact of the cost-of-living crisis.

3.2 Colleagues from SCC’s Infrastructure, Planning and Transportation service attended the November 2023 Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting to consult with members regarding the development of the East area highways maintenance programme for 2024/25. Further updates were received, and Members put forward areas for consideration in the 2024/2025 programme. The suggested locations have been assessed and following discussions at the February 2024 Board meeting, recommendations are contained in **Annex 3** to this report.

3.3 Attached as **Annex 1** is the East Area Committee Delivery plan which highlights progress against the Area Committee plan. Good news stories and promotion of projects are shared at every opportunity.

3.4 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 East Area Committee Area Plan 2023- 2026.

4.2 Consider the progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, for information purposes only.

4.3 Approve the locations contained in **Annex 3** to be included in the Highways Maintenance Programme for 2024/25.

Annex 1 – East Area Delivery Plan

Annex 2 – Sunderland City Council Service Plans – East Area Priorities

Annex 3 – Highways Maintenance Programme 2024/25

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