

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday 6 December 2023 at 5:30pm

Council Chamber, City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland SR1 3AA

Membership

Cllrs Laverick (Chair), Haswell, (Vice Chair), Ayre, Burnicle, Crosby, Dunn, Edgeworth, Haque, Hunter, Mc Donough, Mullen, Nicholson, O'Brien, Peacock, G. Smith, P. Smith, Tye and Watson.

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ELAINE WAUGH
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

27 November 2023

At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, on WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2023 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Laverick in the Chair

Councillors, Ayre, Crosby, Dunn, Edgeworth, Haque, Haswell, Hunter, Mullen, Nicholson, O'Brien, Peacock, G. Smith, P. Smith, Tye and Watson.

Also Present:-

John Anderson	Diversions Activities Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Vicky Gamblin	Head of Operations, Gentoo
David Noon	Principal Democratic Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Steven Passey	Neighbourhood Inspector, Northumbria Police
Gilly Stanley	Partnership & and Community Resilience Manager, Sunderland City Council
Paul Wilson	Director of Finance, Sunderland City Council
Scott Wilson	Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Burnicle and McDonough.

Declarations of Interest

Item 2b Report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service.

Councillor Tye made an open declaration in the item as Chair of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 28th June, 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Report of Northumbria Police

Inspector Passey presented a report of Northumbria Police (copy circulated) which updated members on key performance information in relation to the Sunderland West area.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chairman thanked Inspector Passey for his report and invited questions and comments from Members.

Councillor P. Smith referred to the issue of motorcycle disorder stating that it showed no sign of going away and people would not report it. Inspector Passey replied that it was important that people reported issues as intelligence was a valuable part of Police planning.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Crosby regarding potential plans from the Government to ban dangerous dogs, Inspector Passey replied that he was not aware of any issues in West Area with regard to dog attacks. Councillor Peacock added that whilst there had been no harm to people, he was aware that there had been incidents of dog on dog attacks in King George's Playing Fields. Inspector Passey replied that such incidents should be reported to the Police who would investigate for any potential offence, taking action if appropriate or signposting to the most appropriate Partner agency.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chair thanked Inspector Passey for his report and it was:-

2. RESOLVED the report be received and noted.

Report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Station Manager Scott Wilson, together with John Anderson, Diversionary Activities Manager, presented a report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS), (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on the Service's performance indicators for the period 4th June to 22nd August 2023 and the TWFRS's community involvement activities including the Safe and Well Targeting System, the Prince's Trust, the Darker Nights Campaign and the possibility of a funding bid to support the Phoenix Project.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chair thanked Mr Wilson and Mr Anderson for their report and invited questions and comments from Members.

Councillor Tye reiterated his previous concerns regarding the growing trend of people who believed it was acceptable to attack 'Blue Light' Officers attending the scene of a fire. He condemned such behaviour and made a direct plea to parents and carers to ensure they always knew the whereabouts of the young people in their care and to take responsibility for their actions (questions should be asked if a child returned home smelling of smoke for example). Firefighters were there to help and protect communities and to be faced with the prospect of assault whilst carrying out their duties was completely unacceptable.

Councillor P. Smith stated that it was not acceptable that the Committee was still having to discuss issues regarding the former Farringdon Hall Police Station site. She believed that problems would continue until the building was demolished and the site developed. Councillor Peacock advised that the Council's Planning and Highways Committee had recently approved proposals to develop the site but acknowledged that it would not in itself guarantee a speedy resolution to the current issues.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Hunter, Mr Wilson advised that a hotspot was defined as 5 or more fires occurring in a cluster within the specified area. Councillor Hunter additionally raised concerns over reports that increasing numbers of vapes were being dumped by pupils into school sanitary bins however providers were refusing to empty the bins because of the fire risks involved.

Councillor Haswell noted the increase in the number of fires in Pallion. He referred to the extra work being undertaken by the Council's enforcement team in respect of waste and asked whether the Fire Service had noticed if this was starting to make a difference. Mr Wilson advised that he had just return from leave but would run a report on the matter following the meeting. The Service did not feedback to the Enforcement Team as a matter of course but it was something that he would be happy to do.

Councillor Peacock offered his congratulations to Mr Wilson on speed of the Service's response times which were to be applauded. He asked if Mr Wilson could offer any reasons why the overall North East figures for fires were so high compared to the national figure. Mr Wilson having replied that he would investigate and report back, Councillor Tye suggested that it would probably show a link to those areas with the highest rates of multiple deprivation.

With regard to Mr Anderson's presentation on the Service's Community engagement activities, Councillor P. Smith stated that the Phoenix Project was one of the best schemes to have ever operated in Sunderland and regretted its lost through a lack of funding.

There being no further questions or comments for Mr Wilson and Mr Anderson, it was:-

3. RESOLVED the report be received and noted

Report of Gentoo

Vicky Gamblin, Head of Operations, Gentoo Group presented a report, (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities for the period June 2023 to September 2023 together with a schedule of the planned investment and renewal programme for 2023/24

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chairman thanked Ms Gamblin for her report and invited questions and comments from the Committee.

In response to enquiries from Councillors Peacock and Mullen regarding issues concerning concrete fencing slabs and a rat infestation respectively, Ms Gamblin asked the Councillors to send the details to her via email and confirmed that she would investigate.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Crosby, Ms Gamblin briefed the Committee on action taken following the development of a sinkhole between properties in Thorney Close. Councillor Edgeworth thanked Ms Gamblin for the provision of the emergency accommodation.

Councillor Mullen reiterated his previously raised concerns regarding the attitude of the Home Housing Group towards its properties in the West Area which he believed displayed a sheer lack of interest. Councillor Edgeworth and Councillor Tye supported Councillor Mullen in voicing these concerns.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman thanked Ms Gamblin for her attendance and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Report of the West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

The Network submitted a progress report (copy circulated) which briefed members on issues pertinent to the Committee and the Voluntary and Community Sector.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chair advised that in the absence of a member of the network to present the report, the Committee were asked to note the information it contained and that if they had any questions, they should be directed to Ms Stanley, in the first instance, who would seek an answer from the Network and report back.

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023-2026

Councillor Haswell, Chair of the West Area Neighbourhood and Community Board presented a report (copy circulated) which provided an update of progress against the Area Committee's Area Plan priorities for 2023-2024.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Edgeworth asked if it was true that the operation of the Walk and Talk Budget was being reviewed, asking who was involved and how could Members feed in? The Chair advised that discussions were being held with the Area Chairs about the matter and that she would feed Members comments into the meetings.

Councillor Mullen asked if it was being suggested that the Walk and Talk Budgets were to be removed? Mr Wilson and Ms Stanley confirmed that the position was under

review with Senior Officers of the Council. Councillor Mullen stated that he was astounded by the prospect that the Committee was to lose the budget and asked Mr Wilson to bring his concerns to the attention of the Chief Officers Group.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Haque, Ms Stanley confirmed that she would email him the current balance in respect of the Barnes Ward Walk and Talk Budget.

Councillor Crosby referred to the Warm Spaces programme for winter 23/24 and asked if an evaluation of the previous year's venues had been undertaken. Ms Stanley advised that the Integrated Care Board (ICB) had undertaken a review and were looking to address any gaps in provision across the city.

There being no further questions, the Committee enjoyed a short video presentation detailing the 2023 Area Committee Event held in Barnes Park.

The Chairman having thanked Councillor Haswell for his report, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the progress and performance update with regard to the West Area Committee Area Plan 2023- 2026 be received and noted, and
- ii) the progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, be received and noted

West Area Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Housing and Communities submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Gilly Stanley, Partnership & and Community Resilience Manager, presented the report highlighting the Committee's financial statement, together with details of projects approved under delegated powers for support from the 2023/24 Community Chest budget.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement as detailed in paragraphs 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be received and noted; and
- (ii) the approval of the Community Chest applications from the 2023/24 budget as detailed in Annex 1 of the report be noted.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

(Signed) J. LAVERICK,
Chairman.



Area Committee Report – December 2023

1. Anti-Social Behaviour

1.1. Anti-Social Behaviour across Sunderland West has decreased by 17% and is down by 17% when compared to the same period in 2022. The current hotspot areas for ASB are Pennywell and Ford Estate.

2. Motorcycle Disorder

2.1. Motorcycle Disorder across Sunderland West has decreased by 68% and is down by 48% when compared to the same period in 2022. The current hotspot for Motorcycle Disorder is Thorney Close.

3. Crime

3.1. Overall crime has fallen by 5%, which is also a 10% decrease when compared to the same period in 2022. There have been notable reductions in the following crime types; Burglary (-16%), Theft (-13%) and Vehicle Crime (-4%).

4. Seasonal Planning

4.1. The Sunderland West Autumn Seasonal Plan focussed on Motorcycle Disorder and the area of Pennywell. The Sunderland West Neighbourhood Team have worked in collaboration with a range of partners including Sunderland City Council, Gentoo, Together For Children and BTP to deliver a variety of multi-agency operations.

4.2. The Sunderland West Winter Seasonal Plan will focus on Anti-Social Behaviour, Shoplifting and Drug Dealing within the community thus aligning the Seasonal Plan with our local neighbourhood priorities.

4.3. The Sunderland West Neighbourhood Team will adopt a proactive and intelligence-based approach, targeting high harm and/or high volume offenders which is in line with Northumbria Police's new Neighbourhood Policing Model.

5. Northumbria Connected

5.1. Northumbria Connected is our new tool to ensure that we are delivering on the issues that affect all our communities across the North East. We want to understand the issues that most impact you so that we can shape our Neighbourhood Policing to tackle them where you live. On sign up you can decide on the updates you will receive in either text or email. We can then send you a short survey to better understand what is impacting you and your community. We believe no one knows their community better than the people who live and work there so we want to hear from you. Subscribe at www.northumbriacconnected.co.uk and start to help shape policing in your area.

6th December 2023

REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for Sunderland West Committee area from 22th August – 19th November 2023.

2 Background

2.1 At its November 2011 meeting, Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

3.1 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires

0 deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles

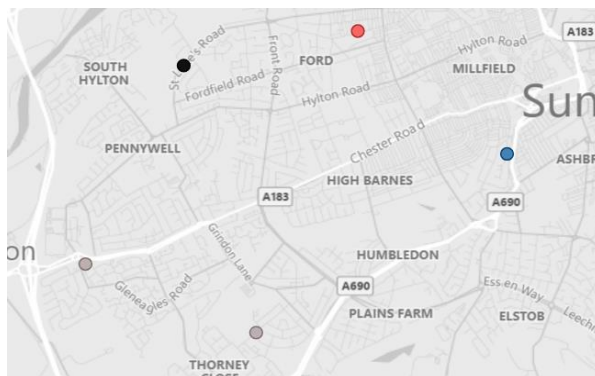
Ward Name	Incident Count
Barnes	0
Pallion	1
Sandhill	1
Silksworth	1
St Anne's	3
St Chad's	0
Total	6

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Sports pavilion/shower block/changing facility	4
Converted Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy	1
Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy	1
Total	6

6 deliberate property fires, compared to 2 in the same period last year (200% increase). Hot strikes from operational crews and Safe and Well targeting have been conducted by the TWFRS Prevention and Education department using an improved targeting strategy. This new strategy has increased the risk rating on a large number of properties, so more identified high risk dwellings will now be visited. Partnership work with the Police, Gentoo and Sunderland city council continues where appropriate to reduce repeat incidents using a joint approach.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

Ward Name	Incident Count
Barnes	1
Pallion	1
Sandhill	2
Silksworth	0
St Anne's	1
St Chad's	0
Total	5



5 vehicle fires reported during this period compared to 18 last year. A decrease of 72%. No patterns. TWFRS continue to work with Northumbria Police and report all suspected malicious vehicle fires and shall continue to monitor any patterns identified.

3.4 LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately

Ward Name	Incident Count
Barnes	9
Pallion	23
Sandhill	12
Silksworth	36
St Anne's	26
St Chad's	5
Total	111

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	46
Wheelie Bin	18
Public admin, security and safety	9
Refuse/rubbish tip	8
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	8
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	6
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	5
Hedge	4
Scrub land	4
Canal/riverbank vegetation	1
Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area	1
Roadside vegetation	1
Total	111

There have been 111 deliberate secondary fires over this period compared to 84 in the same period last year, an increase of 32%. Barnes ward is the only ward to see an improvement (40%) against the same reporting period in 2022. All other wards have seen a rise in secondary fires. Pallion 44%, Sandhill 20%, Silksworth 50%, St Annes 62% and St Chads 67%.

3.5 LI33 All deliberate Fires (combination of LI14, LI15 and LI16)

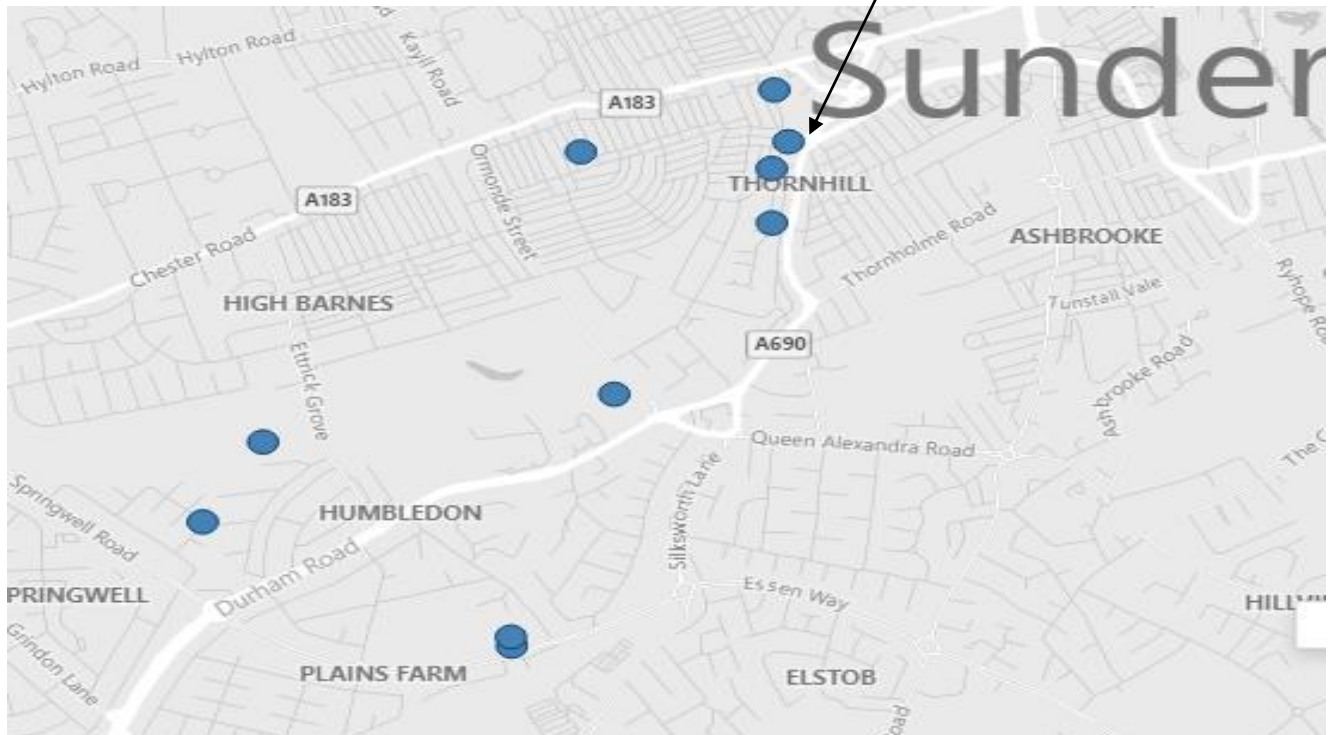
Ward Name	Incident Count
St Chad's	5
St Anne's	30
Silksworth	37
Sandhill	15
Pallion	25
Barnes	10
Total	122

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	46
Wheelie Bin	18
Public admin, security and safety	9
Refuse/rubbish tip	8
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	8
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	6
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	5
Hedge	4
Scrub land	4
Sports pavilion/shower block/changing facility	4
Canal/riverbank vegetation	1
Converted Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy	1
Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area	1
Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy	1
Roadside vegetation	1
Total	117

There were a total of **122** deliberate fires in this reporting period, up from **104** last year, an increase of **17%**. 46 fires involved loose refuse and 18 were wheelie bin fires.

Barnes ward 33% decrease

Slight increase in ASB fires



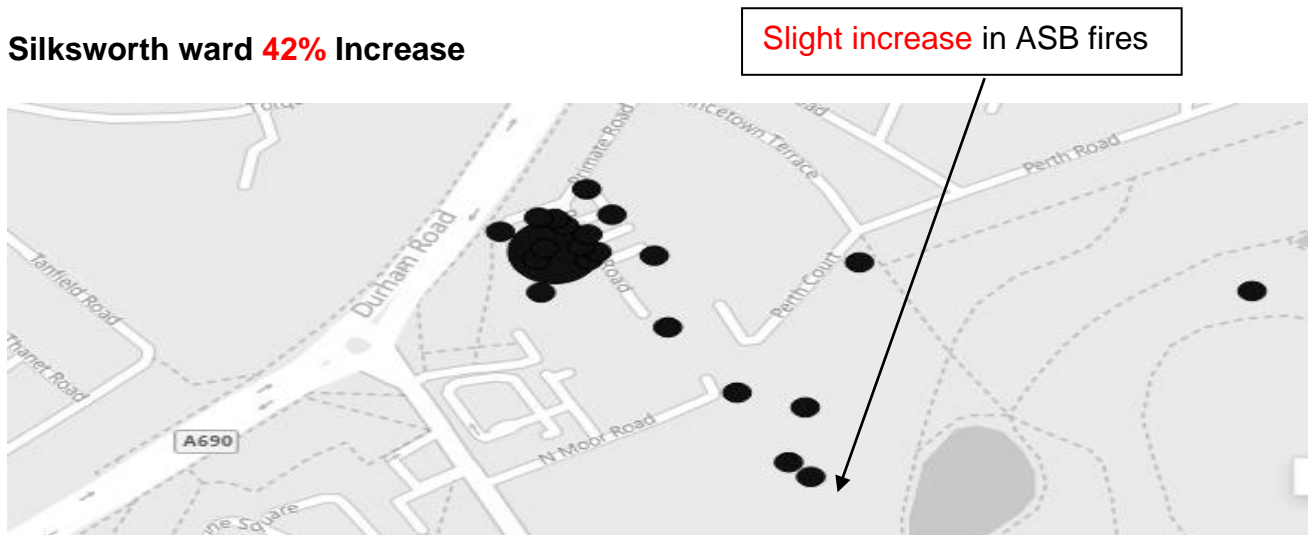
The main area of activity in Barnes ward is around the footpath east of Thelma St.

Pallion ward 19% increase



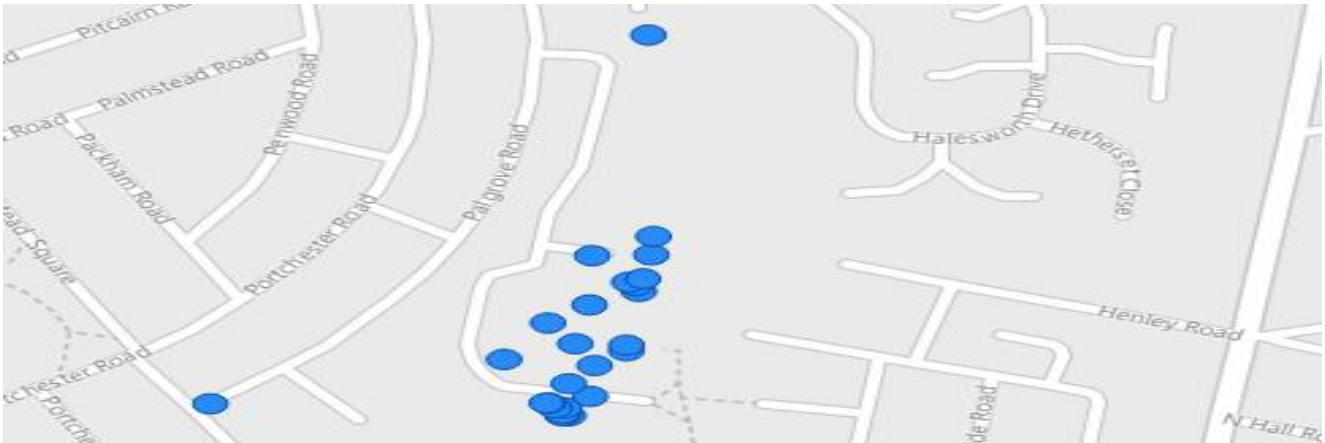
We have seen a large decrease in ASB fires in the area of Palermo Street. A new hotspot area for this year is around St Luke's Rd and Phoenix Rd, 12 of the 23 incidents occurred in this area, this was predominately loose refuse. FRS crews are targeting this area with Fire stoppers leaflets, S&W's and youth engagement. ASB patrols have also been increased in this area

Silksworth ward 42% Increase



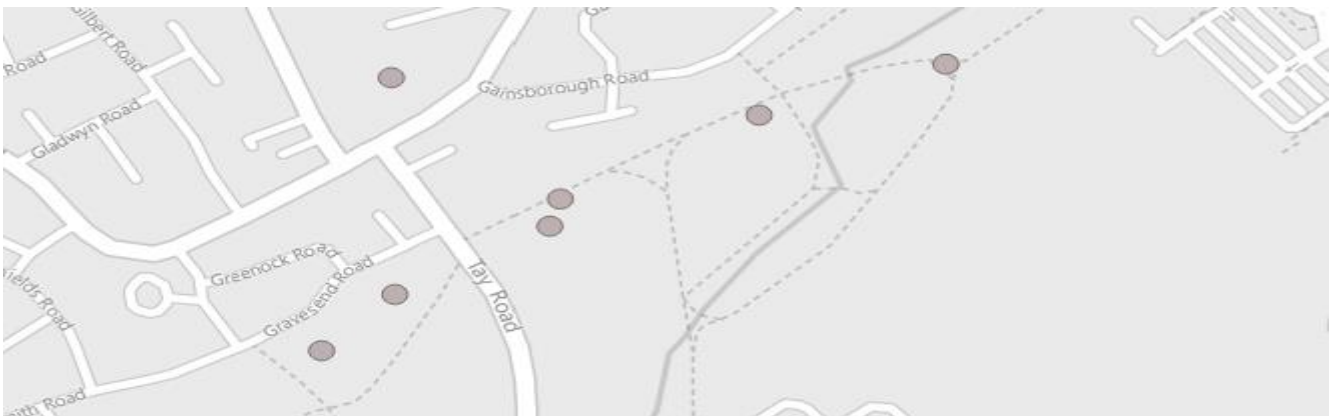
This report captures the protracted ASB issues that occurred at the former Farringdon Police Station. Since the arrest that was made on the 16/09/2023, there have only been 2 reported incidents at this site. Incidents are still occurring on the wasteland surrounding the site. We have also seen a rise in incidents on the grassed area west of North Moor Rd.

St Annes ward 42% increase



There has been a large increase in wheelie bin and loose refuse fires around the King George Playing fields. This area has seen multiple initiatives (S&Ws, Fire stoppers, youth engagement) already to target the ongoing issues in this area.

Sandhill ward 6% reduction



The wasteland around Tay Rd /Barnes burn continues to be the only hotspot area Sandhill ward.

St Chads ward 0% no change

No identified hotspot areas to report. No concerns. 5 incidents spread across the ward area.

3.6 Community Involvement

Our improved Safe and Well targeting system is now being used by operational crews and our P&E department, ensuring we target our most vulnerable members of the community. Operational crews from Farringdon have completed 323 in this reporting period continue and will aim to deliver 1200 Safe and Wells visits across all wards before April 2024. Hot strikes continue following all primary fires to maximize the delivery of domestic Fire Safety information to the community.

As part of the darker nights campaign, our P&E department targeted schools based on incident local indicator information. Sandhill View Academy and Farringdon Community Academy students received the darker nights education package prior to the bonfire weekend.

The extensive partner bonfire planning from October through to November was a success and led to a bonfire weekend without any reported major issues in the West and the wider Sunderland area. 1 violence at work did occur on the 06/11/2023 at Fordfield Rd, one individual was arrested by the police. The other attack occurred at the former Farringdon Police station on the 16/09/2023, 1 arrest was made and no further attacks have occurred at this location.

Street	Locality	District Name	Postcode	Ward Name	Property Type	Incident Category Type	Attack On Crew?	Type Of Attack
FORDFIELD ROAD		Sunderland		St Anne's	Loose refuse (incl in garden)	False Alarm	Yes	Objects thrown at firefighters/appliances
PRIMATE ROAD		Sunderland	SR3 1TQ	Silkworth	Public admin, security and safety	Fire	Yes	Objects thrown at firefighters/appliances

The Prince's Trust based at Farringdon Community Fire station currently has a cohort of 7 students, they have participated in a community project in the local area involving gardening and property maintenance, and this was in collaboration with Youth Almighty. The next course is due to start on the 15th January 2024. Anyone who wants to nominate forward a candidate aged between 19 -25, please refer through the Princes Trust section of the TWFRS website.

TWFRS Recruitment is also currently open and positive action events have been running throughout the summer at the TWFRS headquarters to recruit underrepresented groups from the community.

3.7 On-going Issues

Collaboration with Northumbria police and local authority partner's will continue to target problematic sites such as the King George playing fields as well as new areas of concern as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Scott Wilson, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action/address with my crews. My watches continue to work close within their respective Ward areas to create links through community engagements. The watches continue to deliver ASB initiatives – uplifts, premises security, and educational interaction.

Any questions please feel free to contact on the details below.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of this report.

St Chads and Sandhill Ward - Watch Manager Ian Davison – ian.davison@twfire.gov.uk
Silksworth Ward - Watch Manager Jade Makarski jade.makarski@twfire.gov.uk
St Annes Ward - Watch Manager Jon Gradwell jon.gradwell@twfire.gov.uk
Barnes and Pallion Ward - Watch Manager Steve Errington steven.errington@twfire.gov.uk

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Information:

Some incident data may be subject to change, some incidents may not appear in this report at the time of production due to incidents that may have been closed down late or still remain open.

6 December 2023

REPORT OF GENTOO

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the West Area Committee for the period September to December 2023.

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 **Allocations**, Gentoo is the largest social landlord within the City and responsible for the management of almost 30,000 properties. We work closely with Sunderland City Council, who have statutory (or legal) duties for housing in Sunderland, for example, the responsibility for the prevention of homelessness and assistance for those who are homeless. We recognise that the way homes are allocated is a matter of real importance to people. The demand for social housing in Sunderland far outstrips supply and therefore we seek to allocate homes in a way which primarily houses people with the greatest need.

Gentoo operates a banding system for letting their empty homes, Customers will be placed in a band, which is appropriate to their current circumstances.

Band 1+ Applicants living in renewal area

Band 1 Statutory or Urgent Social Housing Need - applicants who have an immediate need to move, some examples include homeless applicants, applicants with severe mobility issues, Gentoo customers who are experiencing severe harassment and assessed as being at risk if not rehoused (included victims of domestic abuse).

Band 2 High Housing need - applicants who have a priority housing need, some examples include applicants at risk of homelessness, applicants needing to move on from supported accommodation, Gentoo customers who are under or over occupying their current home, Gentoo customers who have children in flats, Gentoo customers who need to move for financial hardship, or applicants who have a mobility or disability and rehousing would support them.

Band 3 General Need - Open to all applicants

Our register on 31 October 2023 shows the current banding position of applicants:

There are 30,519 live applicants registered for housing on our allocations register. Of these 148 applicants are Band 1 (urgent housing need), 304 applicants are Band 2 (high housing need), and 30,067 applicants are in Band 3 (general needs).

We have allocated 1203 new homes since April 2023, 493 were applicants with a priority need.

- 3.2 **Estate walks**, invites will be sent during December for the quarterly estate walks that are due to take place in January 2024, these are a great opportunity to identify estate improvements, gather feedback from partners, and for the residents in the area to see collaborative working across the agencies.
- 3.3 **Bonfire Night**, over the weekend of 5 November 2023, our Grounds Maintenance Team worked in partnership with Sunderland City Council to help keep our communities safe by patrolling the city to identify any illegal bonfires. The team successfully removed **15 tonnes of rubbish** that was destined for a bonfire.
- 3.4 **Gentoo Christmas Campaign** 🎄🎁📺, to help support customers and families who may struggle over the festive period, we've launched our annual Christmas campaign with three themes that include, a Christmas dinner (delivered on 22 December), a Christmas gift from a secret Santa or a Theatre visit to see the pantomime (Saturday 9 December).
- 3.5 **Springwell Secret Garden** – consultation continues with the residents surrounding this plot of land who have extended their gardens. As yet they have not appointed a legal representative to act on their collective behalf. We will review this in January 2024.

4. **Investment & Renewal (yearly plan attached)**

Roof Repairs (Australia Tower)

Following observations from the contractor once the scaffold was erected, the original area of roof to be replaced has been extended. Work is underway to recover, install new purlins and roof cladding.

Unfortunately, due to the removal of the existing area of roof to be recovered and severe recent adverse weather, heavy rain, high winds, the tower including some of the top floor flats have suffered from water penetration. Customers have been kept informed and an agreement that any damaged areas will be redecorated once the roof is recovered. Hodgson & Sayers (Principal Contractor) tell us that the roof works will be completed by the Christmas shut down 22.12.23, and scaffold will to start to be dismantled from the 03.01.24. (Obviously this is subject to working within the H&S guidelines for any adverse weather we may have).

Pennywell Regen

REGEN (Principal Contractor) are ahead of programme for both main dwellings and boundary work. There are areas within the estate that are in the main, fully complete. The finished product really is making a difference to the appearance of the estate and we intend to carry out a customer satisfaction piece to ensure the scheme met customer expectations.

5. **Recommendations**

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.






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Property Investment Programme 2023/24 - South 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 Benefitting From Works</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Windows		Grindon	7					7	
		Pennywell	10					10	
		East Herrington	1					1	
		Farringdon		6				36	
		Hall Farm	2					2	
		Hollycarrside	1					1	
		Mill Hill	1					1	
		Ryhope	3					3	
		Silksworth	5					5	
		Springwell	5					5	
		Totals	35	6			71		
Regeneration Programme - Works as required Inc Roofs, Canopies, Windows, Brickwork Repairs, External Decoration and Boundaries		Pennywell	1049	13				1121	Programme Oct 22 - Sep 24
		Hartley Wood	1					1	
		Totals	1050	13				1122	
Environmentals - Garage Demolitions		Farringdon	64					64	
		Totals	64					64	
Australia Tower Roof Repairs		Lakeside				1		96	
		Totals				1		96	
Fire Alarm Removal Scheme		Grindon		2				8	
		Pennywell		1				6	
		Hall Farm		2				16	
		Totals		5				30	

6th December 2023

REPORT OF WEST AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the West 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 West 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 West VCS Network is made up of over 70 local groups and strategic local/national/regional partners. The network meets on a regular basis to share good practice, support one another and receives regularly updates as part of an information share e bulletin distributed via the Sunderland VS Alliance.

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

3.1 The West VCS Network met in person in September 2023 and November 2023

3.2 The September meeting included the following agenda items:

- ICOS
- West VCS Rep Nominations
- Area Plan 2023-2026
- Network and Information Share Opportunities

The November meeting included the following agenda items:

- Mackem Money
- Go Online Sunderland
- Kooth
- Household Support Fund
- Network and Information Share Opportunities

- 3.3 At the September meeting the network considered the nominees and the 2 vacant roles of West VCS Network Rep were filled.
- 3.4 Members of the network who signed the pledge for Links for Life were invited to apply for the new call for projects in September. The programme is 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 will deliver Links for Life from January 2024
- 3.5 Member of the Network received information on the free membership scheme with Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance(SVSA) and were also invited to attend ‘Let’s Communicate’ online event with SVSA in November 2023.
- 3.6 The Network received an update on progress made on the staff recruitment for SVSA, they also received information on the support offered to the sector, including the support offered to the sector on funding applications. Information was also received on the Social Value and volunteering opportunities support offered.
- 3.7 The Network representatives regularly consult with the Network to ensure that the agenda items reflect their requirements.

4. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested
- To note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the West VCSN.

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REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WEST SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

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

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West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023 - 2026

Updated December 2023

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

Priority	Progress Update
Dynamic Smart City	
We will have	
Improved small neglected shopping and enterprise areas	
Young people with raised aspirations and increased training opportunities.	
More fruit orchards, trees and improved electric vehicles at home infrastructure	Presentation on Low Carbon initiatives received June 2023. Options for fruit and tree planting submitted for consideration with locations suggested across the West.
Updates on employment support projects	Project update circulated to members November 2023 The West REACT CLLD match funded project ended in March 2023 with the Neighbourhood Funded element continuing. Since April the project has supported 81 residents with information, advice and guidance. The support is offered from Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre 2 days per week.
Improved access to digital support	Project update circulated to members November 2023. The Media Savvy Digital Project continues to deliver sessions fortnightly across the 6 wards in the main hubs, a further 2 sub hubs are being planned with over 130 individuals attending sessions since April 2023. 8 digital champions have been recruited as well as 63 data sims distributed.
Healthy Smart City	
We will have	

Safer and improved green spaces	<p>Bishopwearmouth Cemetery - Designs and costs are being developed for improved parking. Designs have been considered by the Neighbourhood and Community Board and will be considered further at a future meeting.</p> <p>Silksworth Ski Slope - Complex Designs and costs are being developed for improved parking. First phase of line marking complete, additional bays added, site meeting to take place November/December to consider pedestrians especially when site full.</p> <p>A Task and Finish group met in September 2023 and discussed this further at the Neighbourhood and Community Board. The Board have agreed to recommend to Area Committee the following. Work with Officers to develop designs and feasibility for the Safer Spaces Projects which focus on making the local environment safer, ideas include, boulders, bollards, fences and lighting. £20,000 is being recommended as Phase 1 to develop these proposals, with costs and future decisions being considered in March.</p>
A scheme of environmental improvements	<p>A Task and Finish group met in September 2023 and the Neighbourhood and Community Board are making the following recommendations to Area Committee.</p> <p>Develop a Call for projects for Grow your own/In Bloom, £20,000 Neighbourhood Fund is recommended for alignment and applications (small applications) be invited to be considered at the February Board and decisions made at the March Area Committee.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Board are working with Environmental Services to improve the In Bloom in Sunderland West with a variety of bulb planting and in ground improvements, further discussions, and locations to be considered in 2024.</p>
A map of defibs across the West	<p>The Department of Health and Social care released a grant (Sept 23) for local community organisations to apply for defibrillators, this opportunity was shared with the Sunderland West VCS network.</p>
Additional Heritage walks	
Initiatives to reduce child poverty and child obesity	
Improved community assets	
Improved cultural and enrichment activities for young people	<p>Task and Finish group met in October 2023. The Group will meet again in 2024 to consider the gaps.</p>
An improved social prescribing offer across the West	<p>Information is included in the Service Plan update December 2023.</p>

	A video has been produced all about Links for Life Sunderland – see here <u>Links for Life Sunderland - https://youtu.be/h8EizBukS40</u>
A Walk and Talk project	A number of ward-based initiatives have been delivered across the West, including. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Chad's - improvements to play facilities in Farrington and school/community events. • Barnes - improved CCTV in Barnes Park as well as improved toilet facilities at Broadway Youth and Community Centre. • Pallion - improved banners at St Luke's Terrace and a replacement cycle stand • Sandhill - highway improvements in Sandhill as well as a defibrillator at Hastings Hill. • Silksworth – Memorial clean and improved festive lights. • St Anne's - Increased CCTV in King George Playing Fields and St Anne's in bloom. • St Anne's Christmas tree and Improved lighting of Wrapped Trees • Pallion Drop kerbs and highway improvements Scheme now finished with £24,235 being returned to Neighbourhood Funding
Regular updates on Clean and Green/Rangers projects and consider future options	Project update circulated to members November 2023 6 projects delivered in each ward continues to support environmental improvements. Over 80 litter picks/community cleans up have taken place which over 1089 volunteer hours delivered in the Areas. Litter picks and planting continue to be delivered regularly improving the Wards.
Regular updates on Environmental Enforcement project and Tackle ASB	Project update circulated to members November 2023 The Neighbourhood Enforcement Warden continues to carry out proactive patrols across the West with over 1000 enforcement actions delivered since April 2023. Recruitment continues for the Neighbourhood Wardens. At the Neighbourhood and Community Board members received a presentation on performance to date and options to consider for future delivering. The Board are making a recommendation to December Area Committee to amend the existing project underspend and approve an additional £88,338 Neighbourhood Fund for a 24 Month Project including an Enforcement officer and an additional West ASB officer. Information was provided on a new Motorcycle disorder task group, members will be considering this approach in December 2024
Regular updates on the Youth Activities Projects and consider future options	Project update circulated to members November 2023. Youth activity sessions continue to be delivered in all wards, some centre based, some activities delivered in parks and open green spaces. Footfall since April 2023 is over 11,000 supported by over 800 volunteer hours.

	The Sunderland All Together Consortium attended the November Board meeting to update on Youth activities across the West. The Board are making a recommendation to Area Committee to approve £181,860 Neighbourhood Funding to deliver Youth Activities across all 6 wards for 18 months, the sessions will be for 10–19-year-olds.
Regular updates on The Welfare Rights Project	Project update circulated to members November 2023 Project continues to offer additional support to residents in the West of Sunderland. Nearly 200 residents supported with better off calculations resulting in weekly gains of £16k and £200k back dated money. 79 residents were supported with specialist support with 21 being supported with appeal tribunals.
An evaluation on Mental Health and Wellbeing in Young People and consider future options	Project update circulated to members November 2023. Project continued to deliver in schools across April to August with over 600 young people accessing the support bringing the overall total to just less than 3000 pupils. Final evaluation submitted November 2023 and circulated to Members.
Vibrant Smart City We will have	
An increased knowledge of recycling	The Waste and Recycling Centre Visitors Education Centre (WRVEC continues to engage with local schools and community groups offering an active education program focusing on the 3R's (reduce, reuse, recycle) including free sessions in the Centres rooms and garden as well as tours of the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC).
A young people access fund	
Support in place to help the VCS to grow their capacity including growing more community groups	
An evaluation of the West Area event and consider future delivery	A video of the West Area Event 2023 was shared at the September Area Committee. The group were invited to apply to deliver the 2024 Event in Barnes Park. The Neighbourhood and Community Board considered the application and are making a recommendation to Area Committee to approve £40,000 Neighbourhood Funding to Youth Almighty Project to deliver the West Area Barnes Park Event 2024.
Regular updates on the Stephenson Trail	Presentation from Steering group shared. The Stephenson Rocket has been refurbished and is not standing upright so many residents can see it. Environmental works have continued with waymarkers and information panels being installed.
A project to tackle school parking	School parking was discussed at the October 2023 Board meeting. Further information will be discussed at a future board meeting.

Sunderland City Council Service Plans – West 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
Waverley Terrace	In partnership, with Strategic Housing redevelopment of Supported Living Accommodation for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs	12/22	8/23	Building work completed. handover to be finalised on 14.11.2023. SCAS (care provider) are working with incoming tenants.

City Development: Regulatory Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Enforcement Project (currently AC funded)	1 x Enforcement officer 2 x Neighbourhood Wardens Enforcement signage 7 x Streetwatch cameras Proactive approach to tackle environmental issues and increase function of prevention and enforcement across all 6 wards.	09/21	09/23	AC update submitted October 2023 via agreed reporting. MC attended board on 8 th November, and they are recommending expansion of the project but to also include an ASB Officer. The board was also updated on the new motorcycle disorder dedicated team and the ask for AC.

<p>North East Community Forest 2023/24 planting</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>9/23</p>	<p>3/24</p>	<p>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 (COAL); Rickleton Primary School (WASH); Roker Park (NORTH), Silksworth Ski Slope and Pit Wheel (WEST); Doxford Park (EAST); Ryhope Junior School (EAST). An additional 3-4 sites are being considered and are currently at the feasibility stage.</p>
<p>Low Carbon Framework and Action Plan</p>	<p>Range of city-wide low carbon programmes and projects across the seven strategic priority areas to include implementation within individual Area Committee areas</p>			<p>Additional green-infrastructure projects include 'Tiny Forests' schemes to be planted at Sandhill View Academy (WEST) subject to feasibility and final approvals.</p> <p>Ongoing works to tree plantation management (CITY-WIDE overall, supporting Allotment Officers investigating new potential Allotment site options (CITY-WIDE).</p> <p>Sunderland City Council are working in partnership with energy suppliers Utilita and E.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</p>

				comfort. The ECO4 scheme was launched in October and is available to residents in all areas of Sunderland (CITY-WIDE). This area-based approach will be implemented city-wide throughout Sunderland throughout the duration of the project to 2026.
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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>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. In the coming week, signage will be installed in relevant cemetery sections providing advanced notice of the removal of unauthorised items on lawn section graves, following written notice of the requirements to remove items sent to each grave owner concerned.</p> <p>Following the initial removal works, operations will temporarily cease for the Christmas period and resume in January, continuing until complete.</p>

			<p>As part of the memorial safety programme in all cemeteries, safety audits have now been conducted and we are awaiting the findings from our consultants. Further updates will follow as the findings are available.</p> <p>Cemetery Improvement Board meetings will continue to convene on a bi-monthly basis and have been instrumental in developing the process for the regulatory implementation. As regulatory enforcement becomes part of business as usual, and the memorial safety testing programme is underway, cemetery specific action plans will be introduced to identify and 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 are currently reviewing options to improve cemetery maintenance including the sowing of low cover and slow growing clover seed in older sections as an alternative to grass, as well as increased signage relating to issues around the control of dogs in cemeteries.</p>
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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	<p>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>
Tree Surveying	A citywide tree inspection and mapping project.	May 2023	2027	<p>As of 9th of November 9,353 trees have been surveyed.</p> <p>East and West area street trees are now complete, with the current focus being on the Green Flag parks situated within these areas.</p>
E Technology Trials	Trialling alternative Electric equipment to replace petrol fuelled kit to reduce carbon emissions.	May 2023		Trials are continuing with appropriate tools being considered as part of our fleet replacement capital programme.
Bin Replacement	Barnes Park replacement bins.	April 2023	March 2024	Presently awaiting quote to be returned from contractor.

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	Following the recent trial of 10 smart sensors at a variety of key locations across the city, 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 May 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 market leaders in the industry

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Area Arrangements

Project/Program me	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	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
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 funding and grow social value resources	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
Delivery of Financial Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan	Supporting residents within areas to improve their resilience	April 2023	March 2025	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.

Project/Program me	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
				<p>The team continues to talk to residents in communities about their experience and report on issues and themes from the conversations.</p> <p>The work is facilitated by excellent relationships already established with local VCS organisations. We are combining quantitative and qualitative data to provide context and a deeper understanding of the Lived experience of residents.</p> <p>We are currently refining a recording and reporting system to manage both statistical and anecdotal information so that if a service or partner organisation requires some contextual information we can find and provide it.</p>



Area Committee Update: LINKS FOR LIFE SUNDERLAND

Links for Life is Sunderland’s approach to social prescribing; working with our partners to help people live the best life they can by linking them to community level services and support to make a lasting difference to their health and wellbeing.

Partners recognise that without growth of the service offer in the community we will not reduce health inequalities. Effort has gone into building support for voluntary and community groups who are delivering vital services within our communities.

WHAT IS SOCIAL PRESCRIBING?

Factors such as stress, unemployment, debt and loneliness can affect our health.¹ Also, one in five GP appointments are about issues wider than health, especially for people living in areas of high deprivation.²

Social Prescribing is about connecting people with activities and services that improve their physical and mental health, and wellbeing. It supports people to identify and discuss their own support needs, giving them time to focus on 'what matters to them' and taking a holistic approach to their health and wellbeing.

Supporting residents to improve their health and wellbeing through self-help and connections to community-based support services, often provided by our VCS services, is vital to support our residents with the range of social issues which drive up health inequalities in our city. Key benefits can include improved social connections, improvement in the management of health and health status, improvement in mental health and wellbeing and life enrichment.³

LINKS FOR LIFE SUNDERLAND

To build on all the positive work that already happens in Sunderland, partners are working on developing a model, called Links for Life Sunderland, which will be launched in **April 2024**.

Links for Life Sunderland will bring together people within communities, supporting everyone to have healthy, happy lives, with no one left behind.

A video has been produced all about Links for Life Sunderland – see here [Links for Life Sunderland - https://youtu.be/h8EizBukS40](https://youtu.be/h8EizBukS40)

What are the aims:

- Residents and partners will be able to easily find information, including community-based services, to make better informed choices to help their health and wellbeing.
- People will recognise Links for Life Sunderland and will associate it with quality, accessibility and connectiveness.
- Residents will be able to get support through more community-based partners, including VCS, through improved promotion, collaboration and demonstration of their impact.
- Links for Life Sunderland will be developed on evidence-based practice and evaluation.

¹ [Social determinants of health \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int)

² NHS England » Social prescribing as a way of tackling health inequalities in all health settings

³ Bild, E and Pachana, N,A, Social prescribing: A narrative review on how community engagement can improve wellbeing in later life, Oct 2022.

- Investment will be targeted and driven by local data, intelligence and knowledge from the system.

What are we doing:

- Creating the Links for Life Sunderland brand, informed by the views of residents and making sure it is recognised and visible across the city.
- Developing a ‘digital community support platform’, to make sure people can find the information and help they need.
- Mapping our community buildings and services to understand and help address gaps, making sure we focus our efforts on people and places that can’t access services.
- Supporting the voluntary sector to grow the Links for Life offer within community settings. Including the provision of Community grant schemes to support voluntary sector organisations in developing Links for Life delivery centres within communities and ensure the difference their work makes to the lives of residents, is recognised and supported by all partners.
- Creating a charter that makes sure we have shared behaviours and values and everyone receives a good quality service that meets expectations
- Working alongside the community wealth building strategy / social value initiatives in the city to financially support our voluntary sector as well as support much needed improvements within our community facilities.

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Strategy

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
<i>Housing Delivery and Investment Plan 2020-26 – approved to deliver 574 new Council owned homes for letting, broken down into three workstreams:</i>	<i>Empty Homes - 42 Bungalows - 38 Supported – 40</i>	<i>February 2020</i>	<i>March 2026</i>	<i>Empty Homes - 14 Bungalows - 0 Supported – 2</i> <i>Notes Due to the current financial and economic position with increased inflationary pressures, increasing borrowing rates,</i>

<p><i>Empty Homes - 210</i> <i>Bungalows - 193</i> <i>Supported - 171</i></p>				<p>increasing build costs and no growth in Homes England grant, properties linked to Housing Revenue Account (HRA) activities are suspended until the economic climate changes to enable the viability of the HRA in the future. Some non-HRA activity including supported accommodation which does not sit within the HRA will continue.</p>
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HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Welfare Reform Service and Business Development

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
<p>Foodbank Support</p>	<p>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</p>			<p>Service is currently collating foodbank usage in each local area to understand gaps in provision and issues within communities. Service also supporting foodbanks to receive donations ahead of the Christmas period. Information continues to be made available for residents to access via website and also voluntary sector and partners such as housing, health, etc.</p>

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 Barnes Park	5/23	7/23	Complete and operational
Parks Tennis Court Programme	Develop Tennis activation programme	6/23	10/23	Complete - taking place
Regular Physical Activity Opportunities	Consultation and development of Bid for Playzone in West - location tbc	7/23	10/23	Engagement session in member diary 12 th Sept Additional Detail supplied to ward members 3/11/23
Weight Management Service	Establish 1 delivery site for the targeted offer	5/23	6/24	Complete and operational - taking place at Paillon Action Group

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
Development of Social prescribing physical hubs	To deliver a Social Prescribing 'hub' to allow for localised presence of the offer	4/23	3/25	Progressing model development 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>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 access. 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>Oct 23 SSMTRG underspend to be used to deliver stimulant specific training within Wear Recovery</p>
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)</p> <p>Back on the Map (in discussion)</p> <p>Millfield: The Salvation Army (planned to start mid September)</p> <p>Pallion: St Luke's Neighbourhood Centre (planned to start early September)</p> <p>Redhill: Bunnyhill Centre (established)</p> <p>Castle: Bunnyhill Centre (established)</p> <p>Southwick: Salvation Army – Austin House (in discussion)</p>

				<p>SNIP (in discussion)</p> <p>Sandhill: Grindon Primary Care Centre (established)</p> <p>St Anne's: Grindon Primary Care Centre (established)</p> <p>Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre (planned to start soon)</p> <p>Washington North: Galleries Health Centre (established)</p> <p>The Millenium Centre (planned to start mid-September)</p> <p>Central Sunderland: Betsy Jenny Wellbeing Café (established).</p>
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Service Plans – Area Priorities

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	2022	2025	<p>Thorney Close Family Hub</p> <p>Thorney Close is operating as the 4th Hub although not launched yet due to outstanding renovations needed on the reception area.</p>

	<p>Department for Education (DfE) and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).</p> <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>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.</p>			<p>Thorney offers a number of groups for early years, a stay and play group and sensory room. A review and development clinic, baby weaning sessions.</p> <p>A newly established Neo-Natal baby Group-Mini Miracles takes place fortnightly in liaison with Niall Quinn Centre staff</p> <p>There is a plan for Social prescribing team to deliver from this hub in the coming weeks and an outdoor play space in the spring.</p>
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	<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>https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/27857/Start-for-Life</p>			
Digital Family Hub-My Best Life	<p>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.</p> <p>MBL is not the finished article. The platform is being co-produced with young people, parent/carers and professionals across the city.</p> <p>MBL will also provide families with information around childcare, SEND local offer, support for older children and young people in addition to</p>	2023		<p>Family Hub activities have been added to MBL.</p> <p>Co-production sessions have been carried out in November by the MBL team with;</p> <p>Young people Parent and Carer via Family Hub panels. Parent/Carer Forum Professionals from Family Hubs, Health, Early Help, SEND, council, public health etc.</p> <p>Communications around launch are currently in development with review of launching end of Nov 23.</p>

	interactive resources that families can access at home.			The platform will be updated and added to over the coming months.
Early Help System-Supporting Families	<p>The Supporting Families: early help system guide outlines a national vision and descriptors for a mature early help system that is shared by Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and Department for Education.</p> <p>It has been widely consulted upon across other government departments and local areas and is based on what is working around the country</p>	April 2022	March 2025	<p>Three priorities have been identified as part of our Early Help System Self-Assessment.</p> <p>Our Key Priorities have been identified for varied reasons:</p> <p>7.2 Community - Our relationship with community groups and voluntary organisations * This activity matured from 1 - 2 in the past 12 months. We feel concentrating on the actions within this priority will benefit the residents of Sunderland greatly.</p> <p>8.3 Partners have agreed a shared set of measures which collectively represent the effectiveness of the Early Help System *This activity remained at a maturity score of 3 in the past 12 months. Although this activity is more mature than others, we expect to improve the maturity of a number of other activities by delivering the actions relating 8.3 (especially less mature activities such as 8.4 & 8.5)</p> <p>9.3 Our case management system allows us to record all issues affecting the family and outcomes * As our least mature activity (scoring 1) we have devised a robust plan to improve this activity.</p>

Holiday Activity and Food Programme	<p>Together for Children and Health, Housing and Communities have worked together to continue to extend HAF provision to the additional two holiday periods on 2023/2024 (Oct 23 and Feb 24) and extend the current HAF offer (Winter 23) to children in households on universal credit and struggling with the cost of living but not eligible for means tested free school meals.</p>	Easter 2021	March 2025	<p>HAF has been delivered over October half term funded fully by Public Health and will also fund Feb 2024.</p>
	<p>To ensure no duplication of funding the following formula has been agreed;</p>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DfE pay for full session including food for Means tested FSM and 15% vulnerable (of our total number of sessions offered). • Public Health would pay for the session without food for vulnerable children over the DFE 15% allowance and those struggling with the cost of living of our total number of sessions offered, plus food for sessions where it is offered but they don't show (HSF can only pay for an actual meal taken). • HSF would pay for the meals taken at £5 per head for the 			

	<p>total number that has attended a session for vulnerable children over the DFE 15% allowance and those struggling with the cost of living of our total number of sessions offered. This would be a reconciliation process.</p> <p>In addition, HSF would offer vouchers for means tested families over Winter 2023</p>			
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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	<p>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.</p>
Smart Cities	Opportunities for a range of digital and data solutions e.g. interactive play, smart bins etc	4/23	tbc	<p>Significant work ongoing, further information can be found across our website and in the Innovation Challenges section: www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com</p>

Ward Dashboard Boards

Population

10767

Child Poverty

279

Unemployed

3.0%

Older People in Poverty

15.7%

Older People Living Alone

30.8%

Can not Speak English

1.1%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

23

IMD Score

20.00

Income Deprivation

13.1%

Ave. Download Speed

129.02

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

0.0%

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

Barnes

Existing Digital Provision

USKPF bid approved to develop one Community Digital Health Hub: Kayll Road, improving connectivity, access to devices and upskilling the workforce / volunteers. (although not in the ward, it is accessed by Barnes' residents.)

Barnes Juniors and Infants, Plains Farm and Broadway Juniors are members of the NCCE

Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Residents can access 1-2-1 support, timetabled sessions or drop in sessions.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that limited digital connectivity; low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; ethnic minority groups, people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

3rd highest level of ethnic minority groups living in the City and higher levels of older people living in poverty.

In the top six wards registered on the Digital Exclusion Risk Index.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Develop more spaces for people to access face to face digital support i.e. Plains Farm Community Centre

Encourage sign up to the NCCE at Richard Avenue Primary School

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks.

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused

Co-design and deliver a project tailored to an 'at risk' group of people or within a physical location.

Population

11357

Child Poverty

668

Unemployed

3.9%

Older People in Poverty

28.9%

Older People Living Alone

33.8%

Can not Speak English

0.5%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

4

IMD Score

40.40

Income Deprivation

26.0%

Ave. Download Speed

141.41

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

0.2%

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

Pallion

Existing Digital Provision

USKPF bid approved to develop two Community Digital Health Hub: Kayll Road and Pallion Action Group improving connectivity, access to devices and upskilling the workforce/volunteers.

Highfield Primary are members of the NCCE.

Kayll Road Library and Royal Society for the Blind offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Residents can access 1-2-1 support, timetabled sessions or drop in sessions. Pallion Action Group provide all the support above, in addition to being a registered Data Bank.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills and money are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; single parents, people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, and people with disabilities.

Pallion has higher levels of children and older people living in poverty, income deprivation and older people living alone which may contribute towards loneliness.

Highest level of children living in poverty in the West area.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Enhance existing spaces for people to access face to face digital support i.e. Royal Society for the Blind.

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Sunningdale School and The Link School.

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks. i.e. Crematorium

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households

Population

10502

Child Poverty

659

Unemployed

4.2%

Older People in Poverty

30.2%

Older People Living Alone

38.3%

Can not Speak English

0.2%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

4

IMD Score

40.40

Income Deprivation

26.3%

Ave. Download Speed

137.81

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

0.8%

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

Sandhill

Existing Digital Provision

USKPF bid approved to develop one Community Digital Health Hub: Grindon Church Community Project improving connectivity, access to devices and upskilling the workforce / volunteers.

Hastings Hill Primary are members of the NCCE.

Bethel Church, Grindon's Youth Peoples Project, Playdays 4 Kidz CIC, Community Opportunities offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Residents can access 1-2-1 support, timetabled sessions or drop in sessions. Grindon Church Community Project provide all the support above, in addition to being a registered Data Bank.

St Mary's and St Peter's is being set up as a mini hub, working with Hope 4 All. Funded by Area Committee with Media Savvy.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills and money are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; single parents, people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, and people with disabilities.

Highest levels of unemployment, older people living in poverty and income deprivation in the West Area.

Sandhill has higher levels of older people living alone, which may contribute to loneliness.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Spaces for access face to face digital support i.e. Grindon Young Peoples Centre and Thorney Close Family Hub.

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Sandhill View and Grindon Infants.

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme.

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards).

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks.

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries. Enhance existing spaces to access face to face digital support.

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused.

Co-design and deliver a project tailored to an 'at risk' group of people or within a physical location.

Population

10237

Child Poverty

482

Unemployed

3.0%

Older People in Poverty

20.8%

Older People Living Alone

32.8%

Can not Speak English

0.2%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

10

IMD Score

30.90

Income Deprivation

20.5%

Ave. Download Speed

113.26

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

1.2%

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

Silksworth

Existing Digital Provision

USKPF bid approved to develop one Community Digital Health Hub: Youth Almighty improving connectivity, access to devices and upskilling the workforce / volunteers.

New Silksworth Junior are members of the NCCE.

Youth Almighty offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Residents can access 1-2-1 support, timetabled sessions or drop in sessions. Sunderland North Family Zone provide all of the above, in addition to being a registered Data Bank.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that limited digital connectivity; low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills and money are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

Higher levels of children and older people living in poverty, unemployment and income deprivation.

Top 10 wards registered as having limited broadband, via the DERI.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Develop more spaces for people to access face to face digital support i.e. Silksworth Recreation Park, Silksworth Lakes,

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at St Leonards RC and Silksworth Infants.

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks.

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused

Population

10722

Child Poverty

564

Unemployed

4.2%

Older People in Poverty

30.2%

Older People Living Alone

32.2%

Can not Speak English

0.3%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

6

IMD Score

39.10

Income Deprivation

25.5%

Ave. Download Speed

138.73

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

1.43

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

St. Anne's

Existing Digital Provision

USKPF bid approved to develop one Community Digital Health Hub: Pennywell Community Centre improving connectivity, access to devices and upskilling the workforce / volunteers.

St Annes RC are members of the NCCE.

South Hylton Tansy Centre offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Residents can access 1-2-1 support, timetabled sessions or drop in sessions.

Pennywell Next Door Hub (formerly PYP) is being set up as a mini hub, working with Hope 4 All. Funded by Area Committee with Media Savvy.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications.

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support.

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available.

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind.

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills and money are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

Higher levels of older people living in poverty, unemployment and income deprivation.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Develop more spaces for people to access face to face digital support i.e. Pennywell Bowling Pavilion

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Academy 360, Christ's College, North View, South Hylton and St Cuthberts.

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks. i.e. King Georges Park.

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households

Promote digital skills and training to residents, volunteers and partners

Population

9264

Child Poverty

369

Unemployed

2.8%

Older People in Poverty

24.1%

Older People Living Alone

37.1%

Can not Speak English

0.2%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

13

IMD Score

29.80

Income Deprivation

20.6%

Ave. Download Speed

116.43

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

0.14

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

St. Chad's

Existing Digital Provision

USKPF bid approved to develop one Community Digital Health Hub: Farringdon Youth and Community Centre improving connectivity, access to devices and upskilling the workforce / volunteers.

East Herrington and Farringdon Academy are members of the NCCE.

Farringdon Youth and Community Centre, St David's Community Church offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Residents can access 1-2-1 support, timetabled sessions or drop in sessions.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that limited digital connectivity; low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills and money are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

In the top six wards registered on the Digital Exclusion Risk Index.

Higher levels of children and older people living in poverty, unemployment and income deprivation.

Highest level of older people living alone, which may contribute towards loneliness, in the West area.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Develop more spaces for people to access face to face digital support i.e. St David's Community Church

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks.

Co-design and deliver a project tailored to an 'at risk' group of people or within a physical location.

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households

Promote digital skills and training to residents, volunteers and partners

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused

**WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE
6 DECEMBER 2023
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

Title of Report:

West 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 section 2.1 and 3.1.
- (b) Approve the alignment of Neighbourhood Funding of £20,000 for West Grow your own/In Bloom
- (c) Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £88,338 to - Sunderland City Council – Enforcement/ASB as set out in Item 4 Annex 1
- (d) Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £20,000 to Sunderland City Council to develop the Safer Spaces project as set out in Item 4 Annex 1
- (e) Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £181,860 to - Sunderland All Together Consortium - West Youth Activities as set out in Item 4 Annex 1
- (f) Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £40,000 to Youth Almighty Project- West Area Event Item 4 Annex 1
- (g) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 as set out in **Item 4 Annex 2**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £540,905 (inc Youth allocation and c/f) for 2023/2024 from the Neighbourhood Fund to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Area Plan and to attract other funding into the area.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.

Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

6 December 2023

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING and COMMUNITIES

West Sunderland Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 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 update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2. Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2023/ 2024:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2023 / 2024 (£447,428 and £93,477 c/f and any returns)					£540,905
Walk and Talk	6.12.23	£24,235			
If You Care Share	6.12.23	£1,129			
					£566,269

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2023 / 2024

2.2 West Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £540,905 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects for 2023/2024

2.3 There are 4 application(s) to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration.

- Enforcement/Tackle ASB, Sunderland City Council £88,338*
- Safer spaces- Preparation Stage, Sunderland City Council £20,000
- West Youth Activities, Sunderland All Together Consortium £181,860
- West Area Event 2024, Youth Almighty Project £40,000

*£188,070 in total – change of use for the remaining £99,732 for current project previously approved

2.4 There is 1 alignment proposal presented to Area Committee for consideration from the 2023 – 2024 Neighbourhood Fund subject to full applications being presented to future Board and Area Committee as set out below:

- Grown your own/In Bloom Call for Projects £20,000

2.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval/alignment is **£350,198**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£216,071**

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 The Table below details the Community Chest awards starting balance for 2023/2024. **Annex 2** shows the approvals, supported to date 2023/2024

Ward	2023/2024 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Barnes	£10,000	-	£7,277	£2,723
Pallion	£10,000	£1,477.39	£5,011.85	£6,435.54
Sandhill	£10,000	-	£4,283	£5,717
Silksworth	£10,000	-	£3,625	£6,375
St Annes	£10,000	-	£6,461	£3,539
St Chads	£10,000	-	£10,000	£0
Total	£60,000	£1477.39	£36,657.85	£24,789.54

Table Two: Community Chest Funding Statement 2023 / 2024

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Note the financial statements set out in **Tables 1 and 2**
- 4.2 Approve the alignment of Neighbourhood Funding of £20,000 for West Grow your own/In Bloom
- 4.3 Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £88,338 to - Sunderland City Council – Enforcement/ASB
- 4.4 Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £20,000 to Sunderland City Council to develop the Safer Spaces project
- 4.5 Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £181,860 to - Sunderland All Together Consortium - West Youth Activities
- 4.6 Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £40,000 to Youth Almighty Project- West Area Event
- 4.7 Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 as set out in **Item 4 Annex 2**

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Applications for West Neighbourhood Fund**Application No. 1**

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Enforcement/Tackle ASB
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£209,651	£21,581	£188,070 (99,732 already approved) £88,338
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 Months	April 2024	March 2026

Project Description:

To extend current Environmental Enforcement Officer for 2 years April 2024 – March 2026

To recruit an ASB Officer for 2 years April 2024 – March 2026

To fund street watch camera moves for 2 years April 2024 – March 2026

Project Current Underspend of existing project Environmental Enforcement £99,732 Neighbourhood Fund to combined with this project. Leaving at total of £88,338 required.

How much Neighbourhood Fund is requested?		
£88,338 plus current underspend		
Itemised list of all costs	Cost	Neighbourhood Fund Contribution
Environmental Enforcement Officer	£91,000	£91,000
ASB Officer	£92,750	£92,750
Camera Moves	£4,320	£4,320
Project Management Costs	£21,581	Nil
How much match funding has been/will be secured? (please include funding sources)		
£21,581		

Output	Target
Total Number of Enforcement Actions	1467

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the West Sunderland Area Plan Priority – Environmental Enforcement and Tackle ASB

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Safer Spaces -Preparation Stage
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£20,000	NIL	£20,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
4-5 Months	January 2024	April/May 2024

Project Description:

Phase 1 is for the Design stage, each location (below) will be considered, the work will include working with members and producing options/designs or a cost for the request or alternative solutions in advance of going to a future board meeting to be considered for funding in Phase 2.

Ward	Brief Description
St Anne's	Improved lighting along the pathways down South Hylton riverside
Pallion	Larger rocks and positioned closer together at Claxheugh Rocks near the boathouse
Pallion	Fencing -Hylton Road playing field new knee-high timber including barrier gate
St Chad's	Improved lighting along the footpath to the side of City Way
Sandhill	Small barriers or similar:- Tilbury Gardens, Thorney Close – entrance to/from the bridle path
Sandhill	small barriers or similar:- Alleyway between Tynemouth Square and Thorney Close Road, Thorney Close
Sandhill	Fencing Tay Road (Air Cadets) to junction / steps up to Tiverton Square
Sandhill	Small barriers or similar:-Thorpeness Road – pathway into extension park at top of street
Silksworth	Fencing at Ski Slope
Silksworth	Silksworth Terrace improvements to deter inconsiderable parking
Silksworth	Fence improvements at the Comrades Field

St Anne's	Barnes Park extension /access to Stirling Close - consider gate and fencing improvements
St Anne's	Consider secondary fence or other options along stretch of A19/South Hylton Playing fields
St Anne's	King George V playing fields consider lockable gates - work with local VCS groups
Pallion	Consider Fence options between Sapphire Road and Forest Road- backed onto by Phoenix Road
Pallion	Review of all access points to Blackie Park Field
Pallion	Consider barriers or restrict access to grass area of Sapphire Road
Barnes	Improve the lighting on the stretch of the old mineral line behind Richard Avenue to Wearhead Drive.
Silksworth	Consider Boulders or alternatives at Tunstall Hills to prevent 4x4 access
St Anne's	Improve lighting along footpaths / PROW down by South Hylton Riverside and through the Children's Forest.
St Anne's	Improve condition of footpaths / PROW through the Childrens Forest and along South Hylton Riverside.
St Anne's	Improve/install lighting through the Barnes Park extension between Grindon Lane and Springwell Road
Silksworth	Consider lighting improvements A47:D52in Silksworth recreation park

How much Neighbourhood Fund is requested?		
£20,000		
Itemised list of all costs	Cost	Neighbourhood Fund Contribution
Officer time – Design and options	£20,000	£20,000

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the West Sunderland Area Plan Priority – Environmental Improvements

Application No. 3

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	West Area Youth Activities
Lead Organisation	Sunderland All Together Consortium CIO

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£183,940	£2,080	£181,860
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
18 Months	Jan 24	Jun 25

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

Sunderland All Together Consortium (SATC) would like to continue to provide youth activities across the West area of Sunderland using neighbourhood based buildings and spaces where young people feel safe. We have successfully delivered the West Area Youth Activities project over the previous years. We need to ensure that young people continue to have a place of trust and safety that provides high quality information, advice and guidance alongside positive activities that can help young people to develop skills, improve wellbeing and participate in their communities. When young people have a sense of belonging communities are stronger.

For this project we will continue to bring together 4 of our member organisations who access to or manage bases in each of the identified wards to work collectively for the benefit of young people.

- Community Opportunities
- Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project
- Youth Almighty Project
- Lambton Street Youth and Community Centre

These organisations are adept in reaching children and young people who are deemed 'hard to reach' or those who are disengaged from mainstream provision.

The project will be delivered over 18 months.

We want to continue to deliver a creative and innovative programme designed by the young people, which will include a range of activities, opportunities and experiences such as sport, leisure, cultural, and health and wellbeing to children and young people within the west area of Sunderland. The activities will focus on improving community cohesion, and reducing anti-social behaviour across the 6 wards (Pallion, St Anne's, Silksworth, Barnes, St Chads. Sandhill)

We will continue to use our local knowledge of each ward and embed the 5 rights into our delivery - Right time, Right Place, Right People, Right price and Right style to ensure young people's needs are met and voices are listened to.

We want to provide young people aged 10 – 19 years with 2 x 2-hour face 2 face youth activity sessions per week per ward for 50 weeks of the year. These sessions will be flexible.

Between our member organisations we have an excellent pool of resources to choose from already at our disposal. We will ensure the best resources are utilised within each of the 6 wards to ensure that there is a high standard of quality youth activities provided.

We will use adequate staff per activity delivered. All staff delivering on this project will be committed, effective and motivated to making sure delivery and engagement is a success and young people's needs are met across all 6 wards.

To ensure we have an even spread of delivery and we reach as many young people as possible we will utilise various venues within each of the 6 wards.

We will continue to provide young people with opportunities to meet friends, Keep fit, develop new skills, take part in a range of activities designed by them, have fun, have someone to talk to, access to experienced youth workers, access C Card and stop smoking service, and support with any issues faced.

We will continue to promote the 5 ways to wellbeing within our delivery to enable the young people to feel good about themselves and to be healthy.

We will continue to work with the young people to raise their awareness of the potential consequences of risk-taking behaviour and provide information, guidance and support to enable young people to make informed life choices and raise their aspirations

We will communicate with Ward Councillors and area arrangements team on a regular basis to ensure they are aware and kept up to date with the delivery of the youth activities.

•Our delivery partners will refer parents/carers who are inactive or unemployed into Links for Life projects which are being delivered across the West Area. We will also give out information and display leaflets within all venues.

Delivery Venues

To ensure we have venues within easy reach of all young people we will continue to use local venues for activities within the west

If these places/spaces continue to meet the needs of young people as identified, we will continue to use them. We are open and flexible to working in other venues if the work dictates that we need to i.e. if that's what young people tell us they want.

Venues will be reviewed every quarter throughout the project timeline.

- Silksworth Youth and Community Centre

- Farringdon Youth and Community Centre
- Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre
- Pennywell Community Centre
- The Tansey Centre
- Lambton Street Youth and Community Centre
- Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre

We will also look to utilise other venues within the West such as:

- Grindon Young people's Centre

Delivery Model for each ward

Each ward will have 2 weekly sessions where young people aged 10-19 can engage in youth activities. These sessions will be flexible and subject to change based on the needs of young people.

Sessions will be 2.5 hours long (15 minutes for set up, 2 hours' delivery and 15 minutes for debrief and evaluation).

Sessions in each ward will include a range of activities such as - Pool, Table Tennis, Table football, sports, physical activity, Soft Archery, Boccia, Curling, cricket, PS5, Didi Cars, Nintendo Switch, Badminton, Tennis, Cooking, Street Golf, Air hockey, Croquet, arts and crafts, floor and board games, issue based work, C Card, Stop Smoking, Outdoor space, Computer room, football cage, pop up and roll out tennis court. Social Action, accredited learning and the Key projects will also be on offer.

Each session will be diverse, have meaningful outcomes and will be shaped by young people.

Young people aged 10-19 can engage fully in the youth work curriculum alongside any youth activities they attend. This will help us to work to reduce some of the health inequality issues in our city such as alcohol dependency and admissions to hospital; teenage pregnancy; sexually transmitted infections; smoking.

We will advertise all activities delivered to ensure we reach as many young people within our communities as possible. The methods we will use – Social media, Outreach, word of mouth, leaflets given to local West Area secondary schools, and posters in local shops.

If attendance is low within any of the youth activities delivered all delivery partners will use outreach as a tool to inform young people of the activities on offer. We will also go into any identified hot spot areas and encourage young people to attend. If outreach is used as a tool it will be reviewed every quarter to ensure that we reach out across the whole of our communities.

St Anne's

Partner – Youth Almighty Project & Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project

Delivery venue – Pennywell Community Centre, South Hylton Tansey Centre

Days & Times – Tuesday 630pm – 830pm at PCC and Date and time TBC for Tansey Centre

Silksworth

Partner – Youth Almighty Project

Delivery venue – Silksworth Youth and Community Centre

Days & Times – Monday and Thursday 630pm – 830pm

Barnes

Partner – Youth Almighty Project

Delivery venue –Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre

Days & Times – Wednesday 630pm – 830pm, Saturday 10am – 12pm

St Chads

Partner – Youth Almighty Project

Delivery venue –Farrington Youth and Community Centre

Days & Times – Tuesday and Friday 630pm – 830pm

Pallion

Partner Lambton Street Youth and Community Centre

Delivery Venue – Lambton Street Youth and Community Centre

Days and Times - Monday and Wednesday and Friday 6pm – 8pm

Sandhill

Partner – Community Opportunities

Delivery venue – Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre

Days & Times – Wednesday and Friday 630pm – 830pm

Outcomes from Youth Activities

We see many positive outcomes from youth activities we deliver as they help young people to learn about themselves, others and society through non-formal educational activities which involve enjoyment, challenge, and learning.

Positive outcomes:

- Increase in self-esteem and self-confidence of young people.
- Young people's ability to manage personal and social relationships developed.
- Learning opportunities created to develop new skills for young people.
- Improved mental health and wellbeing of young people
- Positive group atmospheres encouraged.
- Capacity of young people built to consider risk, make reasoned decisions and take control.

Additional Information

- We will provide Safeguarding and additional training as needed
- We already work with many of the young people who will be targeted and have built trusting and meaningful relationships
- We can signpost into one or more of the many services our members or wider delivery partners already offer
- Delivery partners will meet with their 3 local ward councillors every quarter to update on the project and to discuss any concerns.

Sustainability

To ensure sustainability and continuation of the service the consortium will look to source new funding streams from external sources so we can remain strong during economic challenges, and to explore and secure a broad range of funding so we are not reliant upon one source of income. By the end of year one we will have a fundraising plan in place.

The trustees of the consortium will continue to explore innovative and creative ways of working during political and economic change.

Any external funding secured by the consortium to increase the described offer will be communicated to Sunderland City Council. We will also consult when we apply for external funding to sustain delivery to ensure everyone is kept informed.

How much Neighbourhood Fund is requested?
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£181,860

Itemised list of all costs	Cost	Neighbourhood Fund Contribution
Delivery staff - Average session £54 per hour x 5 hours a week over 50 weeks x 6 wards	£121,500	£121,500
Management and Admin £1040 per year per ward	£9,360	£9,360
Venue and running costs £60 per week x 6 wards	£27,000	£27,000
Resource and activity contribution £2500 per year per ward - light refreshments, crafts, small equipment,	£22,500	£22,500
Training budget to skill up volunteers - Level 2 certificate in youth work practice	£3,580	£1,500
How much match funding has been/will be secured? (please include funding sources)		
£2080		

Output	Target
number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	210
number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	20,800
number of volunteers participating	66
number of volunteer hours delivered	2,020

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the West Sunderland Area Plan Priority – Youth Activities

Application No. 4

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	West Area Event 2024
Lead Organisation	Youth Almighty Project

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£46,900	£6,900	£40,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
7 Months	December 2023	July 2024

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Project Description:

Youth Almighty Project would like to accept the invitation to apply to coordinate and manage the 3-day West Area Event 2024 in Barnes Park. In 2023 YAP successfully delivered the Wellbeing – West Area Event in Barnes Park. During this 3-day event we successfully engaged 14 schools from across the West Area (735 school children) attended on the Thursday and Friday and provided them with free activities. On the Saturday family fun day, we had approx. 9,000 – 10,000 people through the gates. All days were a great success and we received excellent feedback. In 2022, YAP successfully delivered the Let's Get Digital – West Area Event in Barnes Park. During this 3-day event we successfully engaged 15 schools from the West Area on the Thursday and Friday and provided them with free activities. On the Saturday family fun day, we had approx. 10,000 people through the gates. All days were a great success and we received excellent feedback.

We understand the way this event has successfully worked over the previous years as we have supported Sunderland City Council to deliver this and then in 2022 and 2023 YAP have led the delivery of the event ourselves. We would continue to use the same methods and partners as we used in previous years.

How we will work with West Area primary schools

We have vast experience of working closely with West Area Primary Schools and through delivering the event in 2023 and 2022.

We worked with all schools from across the West. Schools that attended included Barnes Infant Academy, Barnes Junior School, Broadway Junior School, East Herrington Primary Academy, Farrington Academy, Grindon Infant School, Hasting Hill Academy, Highfield Community Primary School, Plains Farm Academy, New Silksworth Academy, St Anne's RC Primary School, Thorney Close Primary School and Richard Avenue Primary School.

We have links and contact details for schools within the West Area and we also have these for those who were unable to attend in 2023.

We have staff members who are governors of New Silksworth Academy.

We have an excellent relationship with Nobles Fun Fair and will continue to work closely with them to negotiate free rides for the school children for the Thursday and Friday.

We worked closely with Nobles Fun Fair for the 2022 and 2023 event who provided free rides on the Thursday and Friday for the schools. We worked with them to provide an offer to suit all children on the Thursday and Friday and families on the Saturday.

Any events that we have had in the past and have used carnival rides we have always used Nobles.

How we will successfully engage and plan the school activities during the Thursday and Friday through:

December 2023/January 2024 we will send an email out to all West Area Primary Schools to let them know about the event and to save the date. We will give schools earlier notice than previous to ensure that they have the dates in their diary and opportunity to attend.

We will then follow this up and keep in regular contact with each school to remind them of the event and to update and confirm numbers, times, date attending, and schedule of activities.

We will also give schools a list of the intended activities for the event and ask them to confirm if they have any problems/concerns.

When schools arrive on site on their allocated date they will be welcomed by staff and provided again with a schedule of their activities for throughout the day. Staff will be onsite throughout the event to ensure everything runs smoothly.

We aim for full engagement as its essential that the children perceive activities delivered as being meaningful. We will ensure that we use a range of fun and inspiring delivery methods such as practical hands on, art, music, storytelling, active and interactive. Activities will be stimulating, age appropriate, and innovative.

Timing is everything when it comes to ensuring the day runs smoothly. We will continue to use the carousel method as this is a communicative and interactive opportunity for children to get up and move around and experience a range of activities throughout the day.

We will work with partners from the west area to plan and deliver a range of fun and stimulating activities around the theme. We will ensure activities are adapted to meet the needs of the schools on the Thursday and Friday and the public on the Saturday.

How we will incorporate the environment message throughout the event

We will continue to incorporate the environmental message throughout the event space using a variety of methods including posters and signage around the park.

We will work with Sunderland City Council to ensure have a variety of bins around the site for use on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We will do litter picking during and following the event to ensure it is returned to its original state.

How we will deliver appropriate activities around the theme with at least 21 different activities on the Thursday and Friday, with at least 40 activities being delivered on the Saturday.

January 2024 we will send an email call out to all partners who have previously delivered at the West Area events. We will also open this up to any new partners who are interested. We will hold a meeting with interested partners where we will explain the theme for the event along with the activity budget, asking partners who are interested to provide a detailed activity plan and breakdown of their activity and budget and how this will link in with the event.

Thursday and Friday will be school invite only. Children will rotate around a choice of at least 22 pre located activities which will be on the main field, each lasting approximately 30 minutes. Each group will be allocated and take part in 8 activities throughout the day. Schools will also receive leaflets for the Saturday to come back with their families.

Saturday will be a large-scale family fun day where we will have a range of 40+ fun and stimulating activities such as the speed goal, climbing wall, soft/target archery, traditional games, football cage, tennis, samba drums, didicars, face painting, crafts, sports and more linking into the theme of the event.

The activities will be held in the Marquees, MUGA, Bandstand, car park and grassed areas around the park and lake. Signage will be around the park to inform public of which activities are been provided at each area.

Feedback from 2023 West Area Event

‘It’s been the best day, I got to hold an albino guinea pig’ – school child

‘Thank you so much for inviting us once again to this brilliant event. The children and staff ll had a fantastic time’ – School Headteacher

‘We all had a great time! The children haven’t stopped talking about it’ – Year 2 School Teacher

Also learning from feedback from 2023 event, on the Saturday we look to provide additional activities that cater for the younger children (0-3 years) and provide an offer appropriate for this age group.

How we will deliver a programme of entertainment on the bandstand for the Saturday Family Fun day, working in partnership with the voluntary sector

We will work in partnership with Cultural Spring and the voluntary sector to deliver a programme of entertainment on the Band Stand for the Saturday Family Fun Day.

We know this method works as this is the way it has been done for the previous events.

How we will manage and coordinate the event steering group, ensuring the relevant partners and councillors are invited.

If funding is approved, January 2024 we will set up, manage and coordinate an event steering group where we will ensure that all partners and Councillors (Area Committee Chair are invited). We will provide regular updates with meetings as and when required to ensure a smooth and coordinated approach.

Our experience of managing and being involved in events will demonstrate all the relevant information including health and safety, access, permission, road closures, traffic management, first aid and safeguarding.

We have vast experience of delivering the West Area Event. For the previous 2 years we delivered this ourselves and prior to this for 5 years we supported Sunderland City Council to deliver this.

After our successful event working with Phil Atkinson (PA) and Steve Chisolm (SC), we will continue to work with these for the 2024 event. PA, SC and the team have been involved with the infrastructure of this event over the previous years. PA has experience of working on events for the last 10 years and was responsible for the site management of the West Area event. He has in depth knowledge and excellent relationships with many of the contractors who are traditionally associated with the event. PA and his team have an excellent track record.

PA, SC, and the team will be responsible for the infrastructure and planning. They will be responsible for organising or obtaining the relevant quotes for the site preparation, first aid, toilets, marquees, supply PO information, traffic management, road closures, sound engineer, security, stewarding, equipment booking and transport/vehicles for equipment.

We will follow the same infrastructure as we had in 2022 and 2023 as we know this works well. with a health and safety site manager as they have good skills/expertise around site management, health and safety and 'issue' management.

PT who is chair of our organisation has over 23 years' experience managing health and safety. PT is also a Chartered Member of IOSH.

We will ensure that all partner organisations and suppliers supporting the event operate to the required standards and guidelines.

We have clear procedures for lost children and vulnerable adults and an effective incident management and reporting procedures which will be detailed within our event management plan.

YAP have a diverse staff team with a range of skills to ensure staffing for the event is appropriate and experienced with the capability to respond effectively to any

incidents. Our staff supporting this proposal will be involved in the management, planning and development of the event and attend all structured event briefings.

How we will market this event and programme of activities as this event is expected to attract at least 15,000 people.

We will market the event through a range of approaches including using social media channels across all partners, advertising through Sun FM, Sunderland Echo displaying posters and banners around the West area, through West VCS Network meetings, leaflets through Schools and through word-of-mouth referral from residents who have previously attended the event.

We will put up banners around Barnes Park around all key entrances and place posters on their notice boards. Posters will be placed in supermarkets, libraries, and school reception areas. We will use social media throughout the day of the event to encourage people to visit on the Saturday as well as sharing information about what's on where in the park, parking issues, encouraging people to use public transport, park and walk. We will share good news stories with the Council communications team and other media outlets.

How we will raise additional income, match funding, in kind and sponsorship.

We will work with the local Partnership and Community Resilience Manager for the West Area to access grant finder reports to identify any funders who may be able to contribute additional funds for the event which we can then use as match funding if secured. We will encourage local businesses to commit and potentially invest in the delivery of future events

We will use our own resources/equipment/staff and volunteers to provide a range of activities such as soft archery, target archery, didicars, street golf, tennis, football cage, traditional games and sports equipment.

How we will control traffic management orders and liaise with residents as well as keeping the councils' customer service network up to date

We will liaise with local residents through various methods such as leaflets, door knocks and will hold a public meeting to address any concerns especially those who are affected by the temporary road closures. All posters and leaflets produced for the event will be noting that car parks within the park are closed during the event and visitors encouraged to use public transport. We will also keep the council's customer service network up to date.

Learning from our experience and dealing with traffic management during the West Area Event in 2022 and 2023 we will ensure that traffic management have adequate resources and confirm with them the day prior to the event or even on the morning of the event that they understand the requirements for the road closures, and they are on site on time.

How we will seek best value for money for the infrastructure and how this will be managed on site

We will seek best value for money for the infrastructure. We will ensure that the service we use has a good mix of economy, efficiency, and effectiveness. The infrastructure will be managed by an event management team.

The event management team which will consist of key members of staff such as event organiser, safety coordinator, event delivery support, site manager, bandstand manager, sound manager, site crew, stewarding supervisor. Each key member of staff will have the specific expertise to their role, skills, and knowledge

How much Neighbourhood Fund is requested?		
£40,000		
Itemised list of all costs	Cost	Neighbourhood Fund Contribution
Infrastructure and planning - including first aid, toilets, overnight security, Saturday stewarding, hire of equipment, traffic management, health and safety, site manager		£16,500
Marquees for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday		£6000
Activities for Thursday, Friday, Saturday	£6,400	£12,800
Marketing including posters and banners, printing, photographer		£700
Cleansing and bins (additional bins for all 3 days and cleansing on site during the Saturday)		£1,000
Project Management	£500	£2,000
Contribution towards event insurance		£1000
How much match funding has been/will be secured? (please include funding sources)		
£6,900		

Output	Target
number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	700
number of litter picks/community cleans up carried out	4
number of NEW volunteers recruited	4
number of volunteers participating	16
number of volunteer hours delivered	320
number of cultural, heritage and community events supported and delivered	3
number of visitors footfall at neighbourhood events	11000

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the West Sunderland Area Plan Priority –West Area Event

West Area Committee6th December 2023**Community Chest Awards April to December 2023**

Barnes Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Plains Farm Academy	15/05/2023	-	£1,010
Red Machine Allotment	18/07/2023	-	£1,013
Red Sky Foundation	14/08/2023	-	£4,680
Broadway Youth & CC	14/08/2023	-	£295
10 th Sunderland Scout Group	19.10.2023	-	£279
Remaining balance		£0	£2,723
Pallion Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
16 th Gabriel's Brownies	10.10.2023	-	£600
Sunderland West End	10.10.2023	-	£500
10 th Sunderland Scout Group	10.10.2023	-	£279
Balfour Beatty	10.10.2023	-	£1,897.32
Balfour Beatty	10.10.2023	-	£148
Balfour Beatty	10.10.2023	-	£1,587.53
Sunderland City Council	01.11.2023	£1,447.39	£0
			£5011.85
Remaining balance		£1,447.39	£6,435.54
Sandhill Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Choice Wellbeing CIC	18/07/2023	-	£545
Greenside And Thorntree Social Group	31.08.2023	-	£1,680
Northern Karate Association	31.08.2023	-	£776
Northern Youth Choir & Sunderland Jubilate	31.08.2023	-	£1,282
Remaining balance		£0	£5,717

Silksworth Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Silksworth Banner Group	03/06/2023	-	£1,000
Silksworth & Hall Farm FC	15/05/2023	-	£500
Golden Fleece FC	15.09.2023	-	£500
Silksworth Colliery Welfare FC	15.09.2023	-	£500
New Silksworth Legion Club LTD	15.09.2023	-	£1,125
Remaining balance		£0	£6,375
St Annes Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Pennywell Comrades FC	24.05.2023	-	£1,785
NE Dementia Care CIO	24.05.2023	-	£906
2 ND South Hylton Guides	18.07.2023	-	£1,200
Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre	18.07.2023	-	£1,000
Bellingham House tenants Cub	14.08.2023	-	£995
Royal British Legion	10.10.2023	-	£575
Remaining balance		£0	£3,539
St Chads Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
East Herrington Primary	08.05.2023	-	£2,000
FYCC Supporting Friends of Herrington Village	08.05.2023	-	£2,620
Farrington & Detached Youth & Community	23.06.2023	-	£980
Herrington Flower Club	07.07.2023	-	£1,165
Farringdon Academy	07.07.2023	-	£565
Farringdon Badminton	01.08.2023	-	£426
St Chads Parent & toddler group	01.08.2023	-	£1,090
Herrington Women's Institute	14.08.2023	-	£642
Holy Rosary Parish Centre	10.10.2023	-	£200
2 nd Herrington Scout Group	10.10.2023	-	£312
Remaining balance		£0	£0