

**Item 3 Annex 2**

**Sunderland City Council Service Plans – East Area Priorities, for information purposes only.**

**CITY DEVELOPMENT: Economic Regeneration (City Development)**

<b>Project/Programme</b>	<b>Project Detail</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by</b>	<b>Area Committee Quarterly Update</b>
Redevelopment of Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens (development phase)	Development phase of National Lottery funded project to shape follow-on funding bid to support the redevelopment of Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens	4/23	12/24	Full Architectural and Design Team in place and progressing Development Phase work including review of RIBA 2 Design Validation. Collections Development work continuing. Young Curator volunteers recruited and meeting weekly to explore and research the collection. The volunteers are curating their first museum exhibition to open March 2024. Public Consultation has begun and being rolled out. Museum Staffing Team are undertaking comparative visits to other museums to explore ideas and creative opportunities to be scoped within the Activity and Exhibition spaces. Additional funding opportunities are also being explored to support the wider Lottery Scheme.
North East Community Forest 2023/24 planting (all areas)	Tree and hedgerow planting at a series of individual sites as part of	9/23	3/24	Ten tree planting sites will be delivered by the end of April 2024, by an external contractor. This will deliver around 17

	<p>Low Carbon Framework. Options for sites in each area to be assessed and then discussed with Neighbourhood &amp; Community Boards</p>			<p>hectares of planting and be funded by c.£300,000 of external funding from the Government's Trees for Climate Fund. The 10 sites are at: A182 Shiney Row; Houghton Kepier Academy; Hetton Primary School (Coalfield); Rickleton Primary School (Washington); Roker Park (North); Silksworth Recreation Centre and Ski Slope (West); Holmeside; Doxford Park (East); Diamond Hall Junior Academy; Ryhope Junior School (East).</p>
<p>Low Carbon Framework and Action Plan (all areas)</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>In addition to the above 10 NE Community Forest projects, there will be 1 Tiny Forest project planted (at Hudson Road Primary School) in 2023-24. The Sandhill View scheme is under review- funding is in place to deliver the 2nd Tiny Forest in the 2024-25 period. The Link Together Heritage Lottery bid for £915,000 will be determined in March 2024 if successful, the project will commence from April and run until end of March 2026.</p> <p>Sunderland City Council continue to work in partnership with energy suppliers Utilita and E.On on the current phase of Energy Company Obligation (ECO4), which requires energy suppliers to implement energy</p>

				<p>efficiency improvements in residents' homes. The scheme is aimed at lower income and/or vulnerable households and less energy efficient properties with the aims of tackling fuel poverty, reducing carbon emissions from the domestic sector and improving thermal comfort. The ECO4 scheme was launched in October 23, and is available to residents in all areas of Sunderland (city-wide). As well as engaging with all Sunderland residents, Utilita included a particular focus on engaging with residents in Sunderland North and E.On with residents in Sunderland East until the end of June 2024, to raise awareness of the scheme and its benefits to residents. Eco-4 will run until 2026 across the city.</p>
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### City Development: Regulatory Services

<b>Project/Programme</b>	<b>Project Detail</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by</b>	<b>Area Committee quarterly update</b>
SAIL (currently VRU funded)	1 x Violence Reduction Lead	12/22	12/25	Project continues to deliver agreed aims and outcomes via the SAIL Strategic Bd. More in depth update

	1 X Legal support officer		<p>can be given to forthcoming AC meetings if required.</p> <p>Recently celebrated 'One-Year of SAIL' event with partners and businesses.</p> <p>Additional £15k Public Health and £25k ICB (Health) Winter Planning funding has allowed XL Health NTE support project to continue from April 23 – approx.. June 25. Future funding streams being sought.</p> <p>Reprofiling of VRU budget has provided additional youth provision from December 2023 in the City Centre on a Friday evening.</p> <p>Year 1 VRU Evaluation Report been drafted</p> <p>Proposals to be discussed at Board meeting on 20 November this will also include the motorcycle disorder work.</p> <p>Motorcycle Disorder funding agreed at December AC meeting</p> <p>MD taskforce went live Dec 23. snapshot of results so far:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patrols: 52</li><li>• Nights of action: 1</li><li>• Social media posts: 2</li></ul>
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call backs:28</li> <li>• School visits:1</li> <li>• Home Visit:5</li> <li>• CPW:5</li> <li>• Vehicle Seizures: 3</li> <li>• Arrests/summons:5</li> </ul>
CCTV Project (currently AC funded)	<p><i>5 x mini dome CCTV cameras</i></p> <p>To enhance the existing East cameras for tackling issues of ASB and environmental crime.</p>	06/23	06/25	<p>Cameras received August 23</p> <p>Four locations have been agreed and one is under discussion/clarification with requesting Officer due to camera vulnerability.</p> <p>We await relocation which should be within the coming weeks.</p> <p>All 5 x camera now erected-(1 per ward)</p> <p>1 x environmental investigation pending</p>
SHIP	City Centre project to tackle hostels and homeless issues		04/25	<p>Fixed term positions advertised – recruitment ongoing</p> <p>Recruitment is now complete - a part time EHO and a Regulatory Compliance Assistant have been appointed to assist in fulfilling the project requirements</p> <p>Strategic Housing have identified housing providers in scope for the project e.g. (those in receipt of</p>

				<p>additional payments for support under housing benefit and are not council commission services).</p> <p>Strategic Housing to lead on provision of support plans for tenants, Reg Services to assess housing conditions and take appropriate action to improve standards</p> <p>Survey work has begun and 4 of the housing providers identified have had all of their in-scope properties inspected – no cat 1 or high category 2 hazards have been identified. Some low level disrepair has been identified and subsequently improve following the provision of appropriate advice</p>
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**ADULT SERVICES: Strategic Commissioning Team and Strategic Safeguarding Team**

<b>Project/Programme</b>	<b>Project Detail</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by</b>	<b>Area Committee quarterly update</b>
St Cuthberts	In partnership, with Strategic Housing, development of Supported Living Accommodation for adults with social care,	9/23	TBC	Development of St Cuthberts Supported Living Scheme which is in the design phase. The development is out for tender with returns expected end January 2024. Demolition was expected to commence January 2024

	support and accommodation needs			but will start March 2024 when the developer has been confirmed. The scheme has an approximate completion date of Summer 2025. The scheme will provide 12 units over 6 properties for people with Learning Disabilities and Autism. SCAS is the provider at the scheme and the scheme is part of a re-provision of an existing SCAS service.
Hylton Road	In partnership, with Strategic Housing redevelopment of Supported Living Accommodation for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs	1/23	5/24	Development work at Hylton Road is on track for completion in July 2024. All plots have been watertight since Dec 2023. Work is now progressing with internal wall partitions, plastering. Site will provide 18 Cat 2 supported living bungalows once work is complete.  SCAS are the support provider

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Bereavement Services**

<b>Project/Programme</b>	<b>Project Detail</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by</b>	<b>Area Committee quarterly update</b>
Cemetery Improvements	Prioritisation of improvement	June 22	Ongoing	As part of the ongoing cemetery improvement works led by the Cemetery Improvement

	<p>measures within area cemeteries according to an assessment of risk, need and local demand</p>		<p>Boards, work is advancing on the enforcement of cemetery regulations relating to unauthorised items and enclosures on lawn section graves. Signage has been erected in relevant cemetery sections providing advanced notice of the removal of unauthorised items, and work to remove relevant items will begin as soon as ground conditions allow.</p> <p>As consultation with Board Members continues on all actions, the CIB continue to receive updates on any developments in this respect.</p> <p>As part of the memorial safety programme in all cemeteries, safely audits have now been conducted and initial findings from our consultants have been received. Further review is required and agreement on the work required work schedule, costs and processes. Further updates will follow.</p> <p>Cemetery Improvement Board (CIB) meetings continue on a bi-monthly basis. As regulatory enforcement becomes part of business as usual, and the memorial safety testing programme is underway, cemetery specific action plans will deliver on improvement works specific to each cemetery dependant on local requirements and need.</p> <p>In addition to the regulatory enforcement and MST programme, the board have also reviewed options to improve cemetery maintenance and</p>
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				<p>increased signage relating to issues around the control of dogs in cemeteries.</p> <p>Memorial product development and management of historic memorial sponsorship terms now also receives focus by the CIB Members, with many new processes agreed and implemented following discussion and agreement within the group.</p>
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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 <sup>st</sup> 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> <p><b>February Update 2024:</b></p> <p>The trial has now concluded, findings are currently being compiled into a detailed report.</p>

				A market feasibility study via procurement is also now underway to establish costs and availability of alternative weed control equipment.
Tree Surveying	A citywide tree inspection and mapping project.	May 2023	2027	<p>As of 9<sup>th</sup> 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> <p>As of the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 12,757, trees have been surveyed.</p> <p>Following completion of the East and West areas, Mowbray, Barnes and Roker Green Flag parks have now all been surveyed. The Inspection programme is now focusing on the North Area.</p>
Plantation Programme	Plantation Maintenance scheme	March 2023	April 2026	<p>The plantation programme is progressing well with over 50,000 sqm of woodland maintained.</p> <p>Resident feedback has been very positive and of the initial 37 priority sites 19 are now complete.</p>
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

				<p>Following E Tech trials, various kit has been introduced into our operational teams. The kit not only reduces the hand arm vibration levels our operatives are exposed to, it also supports the Council's low carbon agenda.</p> <p>The kit includes, E Blowers, E Gum removal packs, E Chainsaws, E Hedge Trimmers and a Hybrid Chipper.</p> <p>We are continuing to explore other E solutions and are currently trialing a E Mechanical Sweeper.</p>
City Centre Gum Removal Project	Chewing gum removal project	April 2023	2024	Phase 2 Gum removal programme has completed in line with grant guidelines with a completion date by the end of Nov we are currently on track to achieve this. Project closedown and supporting evidence will be submitted to KBT as per parameters submitted in the grant award which includes a review period into 2024.
Levelling Up	Barley Mow Park Improvements.	April 2023	March 2024	<p>The last few tasks are now underway. There is one planter to be completed ahead of flowers being delivered.</p> <p>Contractor for the repair to building roller shutters has set a date for repairs to take place. New completion date expected to be 29/03/24</p>

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Winter Maintenance**

Area	Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
All	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 trial of 10 smart sensors at a variety of key locations across the city through the winter of 2022/23, the detailed findings of the trial have enabled the Environmental Services Winter Maintenance Team, to further improve the planning for the essential replacement of the city's Vaisala weather station network and ensure that the positioning of the new equipment is optimised in response to the current and future development of new key routes and any road network changes across the city. With the new installations of modern Vaisala equipment occurring from Summer 2024, the road users of Sunderland can be assured the city will have some of the most advanced weather monitoring and forecasting equipment available,

					provided and supported by one of the main market leaders in the industry.
All	Winter Service Review	Comprehensive review of the Winter Maintenance Service	Spring 2024	Autumn 2024	<p>February Update 2024:</p> <p>Following on from the review undertaken 2023, the 2024 review will commence following the completion of this year's winter maintenance period. The review takes in all aspects of the Winter Service. A key focus of the review is the priority network coverage. The review process is based upon the requirement to deliver an efficient resilient service for the residents of Sunderland and the commuting public, whilst also meeting any legal requirements, adhering to best practice and meeting deliverable expectations with a finite resource. Where there are legislative changes, the policy will be reviewed immediately, and further approval sought from the Council. All recommendations produced by The Department for</p>

					Transport and the UK Road Liaison Group along with identifiable best practice are considered during the annual review.
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### HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Area Arrangements

Area	Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
All	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 community support 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
All	VCS Alliance – growing capacity of voluntary and community sector	Continue to work in partnership with the voluntary sector Alliance to maximise	April 2023	March 2025	The Council continue to support the VS Alliance in Sunderland, who are now an independent Charity as a

		resources into the sector via external funding and grow social value resources			member of their strategy board, alongside other VCS partners, Gentoo and the ICB.
All	Delivery of Financial Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan	Supporting residents within areas to improve their resilience	April 2023	March 2025	<p>Continue to use household data and intelligence to identify issues and inform Support offer available within communities, working closely with partners including the voluntary sector. The UKSPF community support offer is supporting residents to become financially resilient and forms a core part of the wider Links for Life service offer.</p> <p>The delivery of Financial Wellbeing support activities across services is making good progress. In the past 12 months 153 of 182 actions in the delivery plan have been completed or mainstreamed as core service activities.</p> <p>The community engagement officer continues to collect Lived Experience insights from residents – these insights contribute to</p>

					<p>evaluation of various programmes as well as informing service delivery.</p> <p>A system for recording the qualitative data is in development, to make the data easier to access for services and partner organisations.</p> <p>The project team moved in February 24 to become aligned with the Financial Resilience Team (Strategic Advice Services) which is expected to enhance the work of both programmes.</p>
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**HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Strategy**

<b>Areas</b>	<b>Project/Programme</b>	<b>Project Detail</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by</b>	<b>Area Committee quarterly update</b>
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<p>The following wards show a high prevalence of empty properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hendon</li> <li>• Millfield</li> <li>• St Michaels</li> <li>• Washington North</li> <li>• Pallion</li> <li>• Hetton</li> <li>• Southwick</li> <li>• Barnes</li> <li>• Copt Hill</li> <li>• St Peters</li> </ul>	<p>The service is generally responsive based on requests for service and the severity of empty property conditions. However, the Empty Homes Strategy identified the areas of the City where empty properties were most prevalent. Work to tackle empty properties is targeted in these areas.</p>	<p>This is not a specific project</p>	<p><i>Progressing</i></p>	<p><i>Initial presentation complete</i></p> <p><i>Future reports presented for Area Committee Information quarterly</i></p>	<p>A presentation on Empty Properties has been delivered to all Area Committees. This showed the data relating to area, Ward and across the City.</p> <p>An Empty Homes Report is being developed following the views and questions provided as part of the Area Committee discussions.</p> <p>This report will be presented to Area Committees quarterly</p>
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**HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Development**

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
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<p>Housing Delivery and Investment Plan 2020-26 – approved to deliver 574 new Council owned homes for letting citywide broken down into three workstreams:</p> <p>Empty Homes - 210 Bungalows - 193 Supported - 171</p>	<p>East Area</p> <p>Empty Homes - 61 Bungalows - 60 Supported - 38</p>	<p>February 2020</p>	<p>March 2026</p>	<p>Empty Homes - 13 Bungalows - 23 Supported - 2</p>
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**HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Welfare Reform Service and Business Development**

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

Area	Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
East	Parks Tennis Court Programme	Refurbish Tennis Courts in Ryhope Park and Barley Mow Park	5/23	7/23	Ryhope - complete and operational  Barley Mow - - practical completion scheduled for 12/9  complete and operational
East	Parks Tennis Court Programme	Develop Tennis activation programme	6/23	10/23	Complete - taking place
East	Swim Bike Run programme	Develop new parkrun opportunities for young people in Mowbray Park	6/23	Ongoing	Complete - taking place
East	Regular Physical Activity Opportunities	Consultation and development of Bid for Playzone in East - location tbc	7/23	10/23	Engagement session in member diary 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept  Additional Detailed supplied to ward members 3/11/23  Next stage progressing with community

					organisation and community engagement
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**HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Public Health and Integrated Commissioning – Living Well**

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Budget (if applicable)	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	NA	Progressing model development	
					<b>Area</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
					City Wide	Northern Engagement into Recovery from Addictions Foundation (NERAF)
					City Wide	International Community Organisation of Sunderland (ICOS)
					City Wide	Friends of Drop in (FODI)

					City Wide	Veterans In Crisis
					City Wide	Grace House
					City Wide	Active Families @ Broadway Youth & Community Centre
					City Wide	Sunderland and County Durham Royal Society for the Blind
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					East	St Michaels Community Centre
					East	The Bunker
					East	The Box Youth & Community Project
					East	Ryhope Community Association
					East	Back On The Map

Targeted substance misuse related death prevention	Development of targeted substance misuse related death prevention interventions	6/23	03/24	NA	<p>Targeted Outreach and identification of additional spaces including, Swan Lodge Hendon, Betsy Jenny's Community Café, Poplar House (Hendon) and Back on the Map (Hendon) in target areas.</p> <p>CGL also offer online sessions, and support service users in the Southwick/Hendon and St Peters area with free data sim cards to improve digital assess. This is alongside the enhanced harm reduction services to at risk clients.</p> <p>CGL are also expanding needle exchange provision with 7 pharmacies offering needle exchange in the targeted area.</p> <p>SSMTRG funding to be used to uplift clinical nursing provision alongside buvidal prescribing and naloxone expansion.</p> <p>Oct 23 SSMTRG underspend to be used to deliver stimulant specific training within Wear Recovery</p> <p>Jan 23 – Year 3 SSMTR grant submission includes continuation of buvidal, increased naloxone provision across the city and dedicated outreach posts for targeted interventions based on DRD/Near Miss trend analysis.</p>
Stop Smoking Clinics	To deliver stop smoking clinics	4/23	12/23	NA	SSSS are actively investigating clinic/drop in sites within the high prevalence wards.

	in the wards with the highest smoking rates.				<p>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 (established)</p> <p>Central Sunderland: Betsy Jenny Wellbeing Café (established).</p>
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#### 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.<sup>1</sup> Also, one in five GP appointments are about issues wider than health, especially for people living in areas of high deprivation.<sup>2</sup>

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

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

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.<sup>3</sup>

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

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

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

**TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN: Early Help Systems and Family Hubs**

<b>Project/Programme</b>	<b>Project Detail</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by</b>	<b>Area Committee quarterly update</b>
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	Early Help Strategy 2024/28 – final draft is under consultation. To

	<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</p> <p>were one of the 14 local authority areas who were awarded trailblazer status.</p> <p><a href="https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/27857/Start-for-Life">https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/27857/Start-for-Life</a></p> <p>Sunderland will have 5 Family Hubs across the city offering services from conception up until the age of 18 or 25 for young people with special educational needs. The</p>		<p>be launched by Easter 2024.</p> <p>The Family hub in Lombard Street has been named Winnibell Family Hub. The hub is now open and offering some limited delivery with an official opening day planned for 22<sup>nd</sup> March 24 and a full timetable offer following this date.</p> <p>My Best Life website was launched in December 2023. The site's main features include advertising and booking of Family Hub events and a library of resources that is maintained by the Family Hubs. The main benefit from this is families</p>
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	<p>face-to-face offer Sunderland Family Hubs offer is mirrored as a virtual offer to our children, young people and families, with access to activities, services and resources on a new digital platform called My Best Life. MBL will also provide families with information around childcare, SEND local offer, support for older children and young people in addition to interactive resources that families can access at home.</p> <p>Our Family hubs sits in line with the national vision of building an Early Help System offering support to children and families across universal services, community support and targeted services which will all be available in our family hubs.</p> <p>Early Help targeted family support teams are co-located within the family hubs. These teams provide targeted support to families with children aged 0 to 19. The Early Help workers complete a robust assessment and plan, provide interventions and work alongside our partners to address the needs of children young people and their families.</p> <p>HAF continues to be available across all localities of the city during School Holidays.</p>		<p>being able to access immediate support and book sessions online.</p> <p>Family Hubs have recruited two peer support workers to work alongside and support fathers.</p> <p>There are now 20 Parent Carer Panel members with a panel attached to each of the Family Hubs.</p>
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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:  <a href="http://www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com">www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com</a></p> <p>In addition, Digital Dashboards have been produced for every ward detailing the existing digital provision, challenges, and potential opportunities for consideration. A follow-up meeting has been held with East Area Committee outlining specific opportunities and further meetings can be arranged as appropriate.</p>
Smart Cities	Opportunities for a range of digital and data solutions e.g. interactive play, smart bins etc	4/23	?	<p>Significant work ongoing, further information can be found across our website and in the Innovation Challenges section:  <a href="http://www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com">www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com</a></p>