

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday 26 June 2024 at 5:30pm

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

Membership

Cllrs Laverick (Chair), Watson, (Vice Chair), Ayre, Burnicle, Clinton, Crosby, Dagg, Donkin, Edgeworth, Haque, Haswell, Hunter, McDonough, Mullen, O'Brien, Smith, Tobin, and Watson.

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ELAINE WAUGH
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

18 June 2024

At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the SILKSWORTH YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE, on WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH 2024 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Laverick in the Chair

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

Also Present:-

Jeanette Chapman	Area Network Representative
Sophie Clinton	Area Network Representative
Vicky Gamblin	Head of Operations, Gentoo
Carolyn Jessup	Area Support Assistant, Sunderland City Council
Graham King	Director of Adult Services, Sunderland City Council
Steve Lowther	Head of Property, Gentoo
David Noon	Principal Democratic Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Gilly Stanley	Partnership & and Community Resilience Manager, 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 Councillor Peacock.

Declarations of Interest

Item 4 West Area Budget Report.

Councillors Laverick and Tye made declarations in respect of Recommendation 4.14, as Youth Almighty Project Manager and Chair of the Youth Almighty Management Committee respectively, and left the meeting at the appropriate point on the agenda taking no part in any discussion or decision thereon.

Councillor P. Smith made an open declaration in respect of the Silksworth Park application (Recommendation 4.13) as a friend of the park and left the meeting at the appropriate point on the agenda taking no part in any discussion or decision thereon.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 6th December 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Report of Northumbria Police

A report of Northumbria Police was submitted (copy circulated) which updated members on key performance information in relation to the Sunderland West area.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Inspector Hopper presented the report and introduced himself to Members having returned to the West Area where a number of years ago he had served as a Neighbourhood Sergeant before moving to take up new duties within the Northumbria Police Force area.

The Chair thanked Inspector Hopper for his report and invited questions from Members.

In response to enquiries from Councillor Tye regarding the Force restructure, Inspector Hopper confirmed that the new structure had become operational as of the Monday of the previous week. The restructure had seen the doubling of the number of area commands from three to six, to align with the local authority areas. As a result, Sunderland and South Tyneside which previously comprised a single command would now have dedicated teams each headed by a Chief Superintendent.

Councillor Hunter referred to the Sunderland West Winter Seasonal Plan and asked if Inspector Hopper was able to inform the Committee of its outcomes. Having only recently taken up his new role in the West, Inspector Hopper advised that he would need to check with the Team and report back.

Councillor Mullen asked that whenever any staffing changes were made to the Neighbourhood Policing Team in the West, please could these be communicated to the Ward Councillors. He referred to a recent change of a PCSO that Members only became aware of via a conversation with a residents' association. Inspector Hopper replied that under the new structure it was intended that there would be 2 teams covering the whole of the area. This would result in each ward having 2 PCs. He advised that once the Teams were established and Officers appointed, he would circulate names and contact details to the Members of the Committee.

There being no further questions or comments for Inspector Hopper the Chair thanked him for his attendance 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, presented a report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS), (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update in relation to the Local Indicators the West Sunderland Area Committee area from 19th November 2023 to 25th February 2024 together with the Service's annual performance figures for the period 1st April 2023 to 25th February 2024

(For copy report – see original minutes)

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

In response to an enquiry from Councillor P. Smith regarding the Pheonix Project, Mr Wilson replied that John Anderson who had responsibility for the project was currently attending the meeting of the Coalfield Area Committee however he would ask him to provide an update as soon as possible.

Councillor Tye advised that at the last meeting of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority, consideration had been given to the Authority's Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) which included significant investment in the Pheonix Project, diversionary activity and work undertaken with schools to reduce exclusions. In response to a request from Councillor Tye, Mr Wilson briefed the Committee on the implications and potential benefits of the CRMP for the West Area.

There being no further questions or comments for Mr Wilson, 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 September to December 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 an enquiry from Councillor Edgeworth as to whether residents had been informed of the 'impasse' in respect of 'Springwell Secret Garden', Ms Gamblin advised that they had not as yet.

Councillor Tye referred to changes around the modernisations and expressed concern that this could potentially be funded through rent increases. Councillor Tye also referred to the issues in respect of the garages in Silksworth which had been escalated to LMAPS. He asked if Gentoo would be prepared to make an effort to engineer out the issues, potentially through a £10,000 investment and asked Gentoo to consider this as an alternative to demolition.

There being no further questions or comments on the report, Ms Gamblin introduced Steve Lowther, Head of Property, who provided the Committee with a comprehensive presentation on the work being undertaken by Gentoo to prevent the occurrence of damp and mould in its properties following the tragic death of Awab Ishak in Rochdale.

Councillor Burnicle noted that modern homes were built like 'sweat boxes' and whilst it was possible to solve the issue of damp in the short term, without adequate ventilation the problem would return. He asked how Gentoo planned to address this. Mr Lowther replied that the preference was to take a proactive approach through the installation of extractor fans and ventilators. These would be installed as part of the Gentoo repairs programme.

Councillor Burnicle welcomed the training being given to Gentoo staff as simply installing fans was not sufficient to eradicate the problem. Significant cross ventilation was also required.

The Chair having thanked Ms Gamblin and Mr Lowther for their attendance, 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)

Consideration was given to the report presented by Sophie Clinton which highlighted the following VCS Network activity undertaken since its last report to the Committee:-

During this reporting period, the Network had met in person at the Tansey Centre during February 2024 to consider agenda items on, Culture House, 'Enterprising Sunderland (the new Back on the Map project), the West Area Event and Network and Information Share Opportunities

In addition, Ms Clinton briefed the Committee on the delivery of the Links for Life Sunderland programme which offered services and support to communities, the call for project through Public Health to expand community based mental health and emotional wellbeing provision available for men and the development of Digital Health Hubs across the West Area through Sunderland City Council working closely with the Digital Inclusion Lead.

In conclusion Ms Clinton advised that owing to other commitments Kelly Brougham had resigned as a VCS Rep and that nominations for a new Representative were being sought from within the network.

Councillor Tye commend the development of the digital hubs which had brought a new lease of life to older buildings through the installation of some amazing kit. Youth Almighty had stepped in to fund the provision in Plains Farm and Humbledon as these areas had not qualified under the Council scheme.

There being no further comments, the Chair thanked Ms Clinton for her report and it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Report of the Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance

The Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance (SVSA) submitted a progress report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on SVSA activity in the West Area for the period October 2023 to February 2024.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Consideration having been given to the report it was:-

6. 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)

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

7. 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, 11 applications for support from the Neighbourhood Fund, 2 proposals for the alignment of funding from the Neighbourhood Fund, 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:-

8. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement as detailed in Tables 1 and 2 of the report be received and noted,
- (ii) the alignment of Neighbourhood Funding of £100,000 for 'Highway Improvements' be approved,
- (iii) the alignment of Neighbourhood Funding of £60,000 to 'Improve Community Assets' be approved,
- (iv) Neighbourhood Funding of £4,620 be granted to Grindon Church Community Project in respect of the Growing Our Community project as set out in Annex 1 of the report,
- (v) Neighbourhood Funding of £3,059 be granted to Active Families in respect of the Broadway Bloomers project as set out in Annex 1 of the report,
- (vi) Neighbourhood Funding of £3,990 be granted to Community Opportunities in respect of the West in Bloom project as set out in Annex 1 of the report,
- (vii) Neighbourhood Funding of £2,940 be granted to Community Opportunities in respect of the TCAEC Gardening project as set out in Annex 1 of the report,
- (viii) Neighbourhood Funding of £4,600 be granted to the St Mary's & St Peter's Community Project in respect of the Blooming Good Times project as set out in Annex 1 of the report,
- (ix) Neighbourhood Funding of £2,086 be granted to Springboard in respect of the Pallion Plants, Flowers and Trees project as set out in Annex 1 of the report,
- (x) Neighbourhood Funding of £4,360 be granted to Hope for All in respect of the Enchanted Garden Project as set out in Annex 1 of the report,
- (xi) Neighbourhood Funding of £700 be granted to the Tunstall Hill Protection Group in respect of the Noticeboard project as set out in Annex 1 of the report,
- (xii) Neighbourhood Funding of £2,500 be granted to Hope for Kids in respect of the Coronation Garden Competition project as set out in Annex 1 of the report,
- (xiii) Neighbourhood Funding of £1,340 be granted to Friends of Sliksworth Park in respect of the Silksworth Recreational Park in Bloom project as set out in Annex 1 of the report,
- (xiv) Neighbourhood Funding of £4,994 be granted to the Youth Almighty Project in respect of the Silksworth and St Chad's in Bloom project as set out in Annex 1 of the report,
- (xv) the approval of the Community Chest applications from the 2023/24 budget as detailed in Annex 2 of the report be noted.

At this juncture and on behalf of the Committee, Councillor Tye paid tribute to Councillor Pat Smith and Councillor Colin Nicholson who would be retiring from the Council at the forthcoming Local Government elections. Councillors Smith and Nicholson responded suitably.

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

(Signed) J. LAVERICK,
Chairman.



West Area Committee Report – June 2024

Author – Inspector 7299 Ash Hopper

Seasonal Planning.

Our Spring Plan focused upon the issue of Motorcycle Disorder across all seven Council Ward Areas in Sunderland South and West. The presentation attached highlights why I chose this area of Anti-Social Behaviour to focus upon during this period, along with results achieved.



Motorcycle Disorder.pptx

Our Summer Plan is focused upon two specific foot beats within our area, which are highest demand areas within Sunderland West/South. Analysis is currently ongoing, with a plan being created to address specific trends including targeting prolific offenders, supporting repeat victims, and designing out crime and anti-social behaviour specific to that area.

and Incident Locations



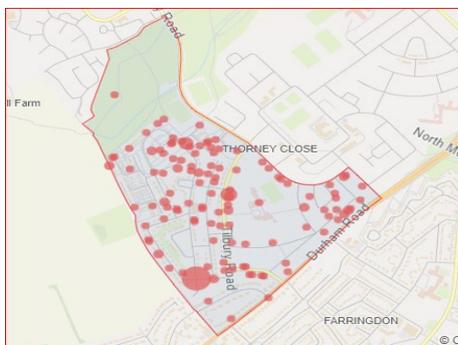
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203 incidents recorded between 3rd June 2023 and 8th September 2023;

Crime, ASB, Public Safety and Transport incidents

106 (52%) of these are attributed to the 'Top 5 Streets/Areas' Nookside, Portchester Square, Hollinside Road, Pitcairn Road and Hampstead Road

847 incidents recorded in past rolling 12 months (010524) 345 of these are attributed to top five streets/areas.



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216 incidents recorded between 3rd June 2023 and 8th September 2023;

Crime, ASB, Public Safety and Transport incidents

143 (70%) of these are attributed to the 'Top 3 Streets/Areas' Tadcaster Road, Tilbury Road and Townsend Road

686 incidents recorded in past rolling 12 months, 438 (63%) of these are attributed to top five streets/areas.

The following statistics were recorded on 31st May 2024,
Current period is **previous 12 weeks** and compared to **same period in 2023.**
I have separated results into two distinct areas: -

Sunderland West – Barnes / Pallion / Sandhill / St Annes

Incidents Recorded

Incident Type Group	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals	2,392	2,714	-322	-12%
Public Safety and Welfare	1,033	1,158	-125	-11%
Crime	907	953	-46	-5%
Transport	258	258	+0	+0%
ASB	185	345	-160	-46%

Anti-Social Behaviour

Closing Code 1 Group	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals	187	343	-156	-45%
Motorcycle disorder	52	116	-64	-55%
Other ASB (Nuisance)	37	85	-48	-56%
Neighbourly disputes	26	47	-21	-45%

Crime

Crime				
Offence Type	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals	954	1,010	-56	-6%
Violence against the person - Without injury	281	285	-4	-1%
Criminal damage	148	190	-42	-22%
Theft and handling	138	148	-10	-7%
Violence against the person - With injury	107	115	-8	-7%
Public disorder	74	98	-24	-24%
Burglary	66	51	+15	+29%
Vehicle crime	43	36	+7	+19%
Drug crime	34	32	+2	+6%
Sexual offences	30	32	-2	-6%
Other	27	18	+9	+50%
Violence - Other	6	5	+1	+20%

Sunderland South – Doxford / Silksworth / St Chads

Incidents Recorded

Incident Type Group	Q	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals		1,342	1,421	-79	-6%
Public Safety and Welfare		534	613	-79	-13%
Crime		522	493	+29	+6%
Transport		163	187	-24	-13%
ASB		121	128	-7	-5%

Anti-Social Behaviour

Closing Code 1 Group	Q	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals		121	127	-6	-5%
Motorcycle disorder		37	28	+9	+32%
Other ASB (Nuisance)		33	31	+2	+6%
Neighbourly disputes		22	28	-6	-21%

Crime

Offence Type	Q	Current	Previous	Change	% Change
Totals		514	532	-18	-3%
Violence against the person - Without injury		131	131	+0	+0%
Theft and handling		114	123	-9	-7%
Criminal damage		67	63	+4	+6%
Violence against the person - With injury		56	76	-20	-26%
Public disorder		39	54	-15	-28%
Vehicle crime		29	18	+11	+61%
Burglary		24	22	+2	+9%
Sexual offences		20	22	-2	-9%
Other		16	12	+4	+33%
Drug crime		14	8	+6	+75%
Violence - Other		4	3	+1	+33%

Northumbria Connected

Northumbria Connected is our new tool to ensure that we are delivering on the issues that affect all our communities across the Northeast. 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.

26th June 2024

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 26th February 2024 – 06th June 2024.

2 Background

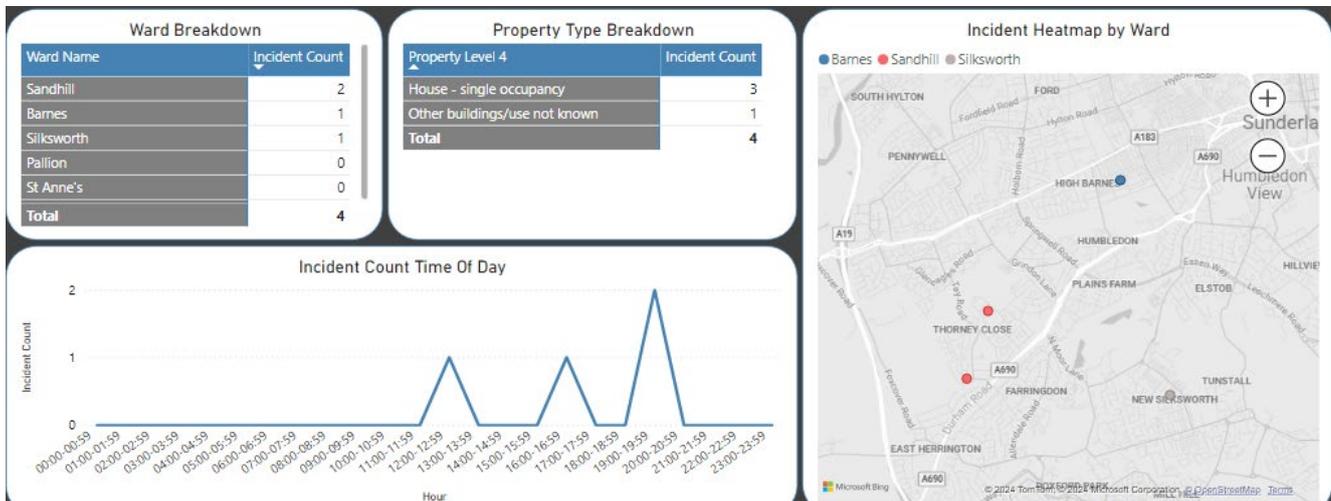
2.1 At its November 2011 meeting, Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

3.1 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires

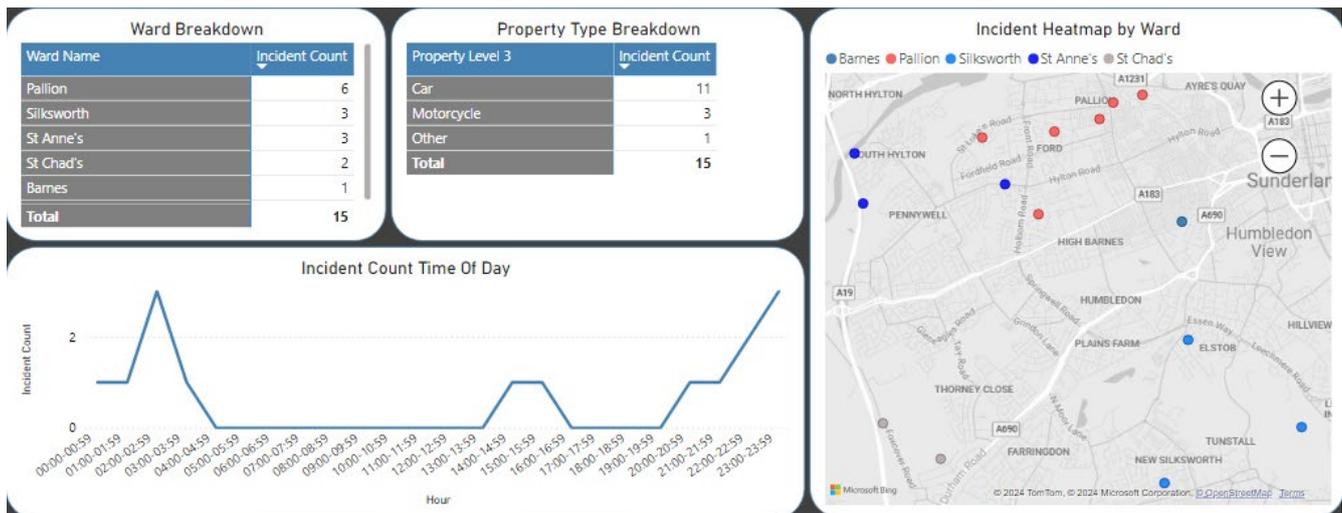
0 deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles



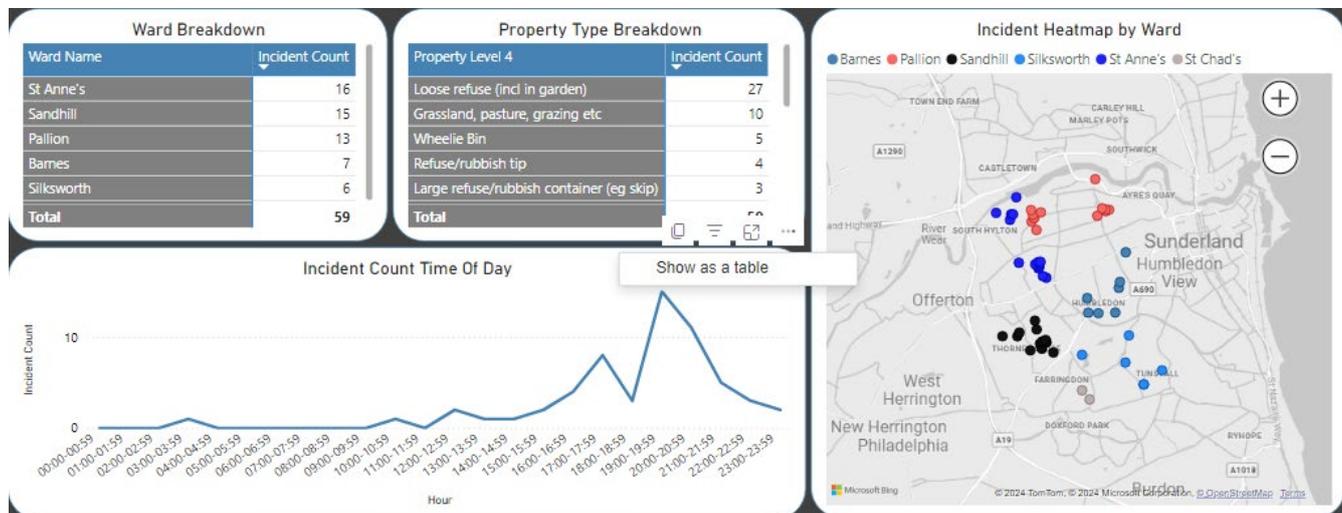
4 deliberate property fires, compared to 8 in the same period last year, a decrease of 50%. Hot strikes and targeted Safe and Well are ongoing in the area. Partnership work with the Police, Gentoo and Sunderland city council continues where appropriate to reduce repeat incidents using a joint approach.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately



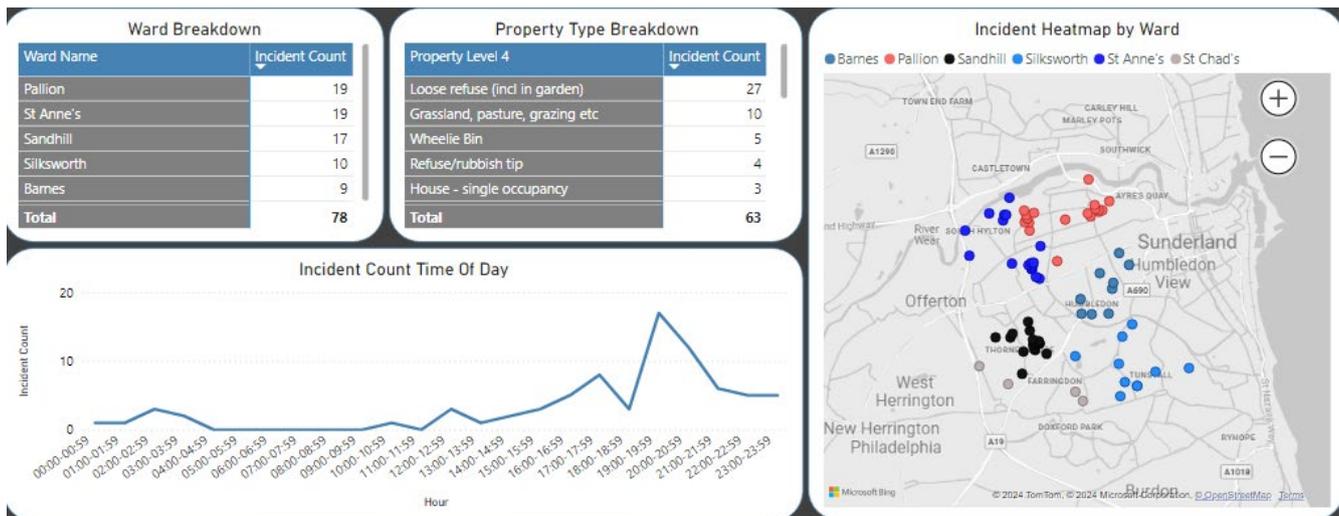
15 vehicle fires reported during this period compared to 15 last year. TWFRS continue to work with Northumbria Police and report all suspected malicious vehicle fires and shall continue to monitor any patterns identified. Pallion seeing a 200% rise having 6 up from 2 vehicle fires in the same period last year. Sandhill 100% decrease from 8 down to 0 vehicle fires.

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



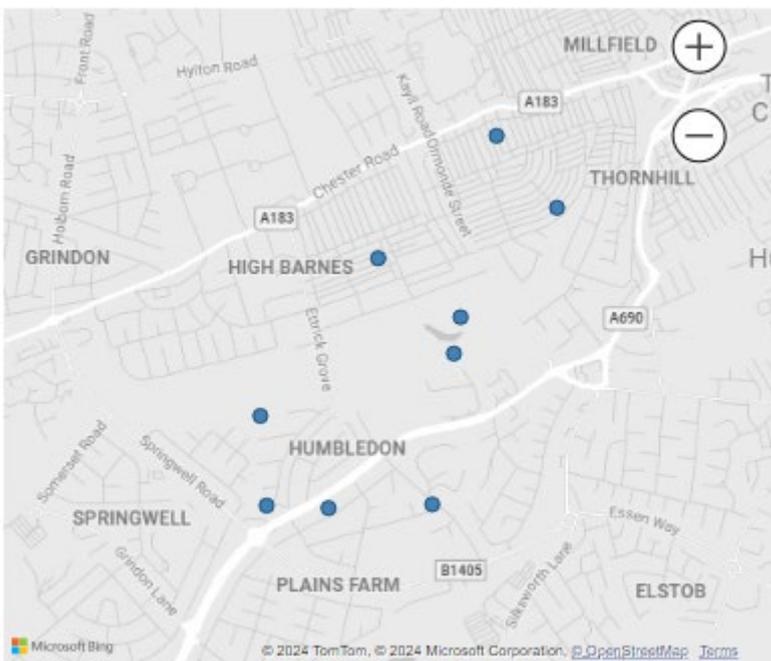
There have been 59 deliberate secondary fires over this period compared to 97 in the same period last year, a decrease of 39%. All wards apart from Sandhill have seen a 30 – 71% improvement against the same reporting period in 2023. Sandhill has seen a 15% rise in secondary fires (15 up from 13). The area around Thorndale Road remains the ASB activity area in this reporting period.

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

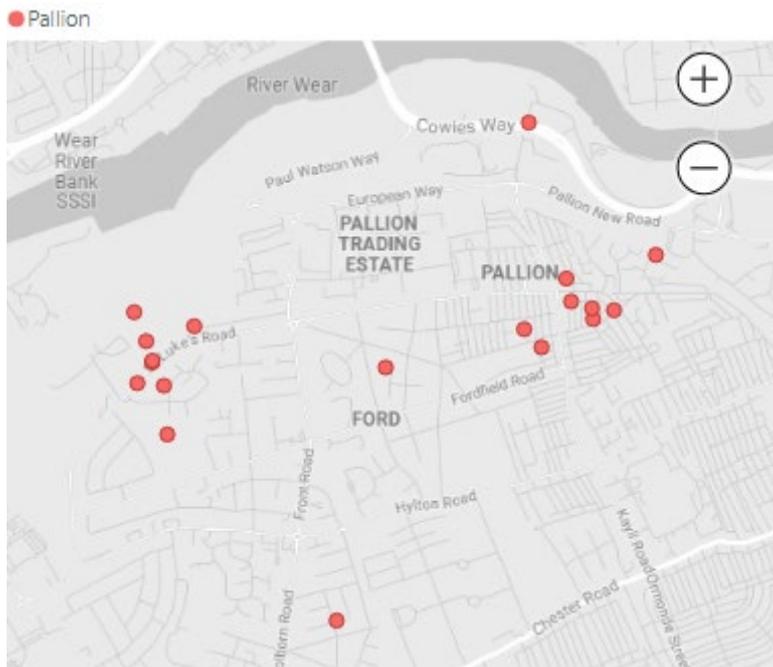


There were a total of **78** deliberate fires in this reporting period, down from 120 last year, a decrease of **35%**. **5** fires involved wheelie bins compared to 13, a reduction of **62%** for the same period last year.

Barnes ward **18%** decrease (**9** down from 11)

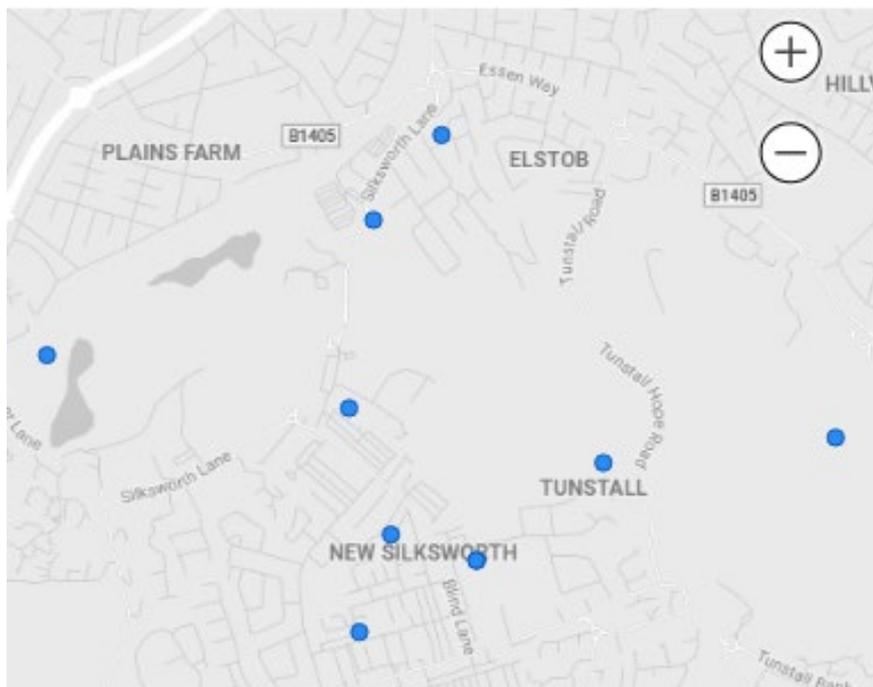


Pallion ward 24% decrease (19 down from 25)



St Luke's Rd is an ongoing hotspot area and makes up 7 of the 19 incidents in this period. This was 1 vehicle fire and predominately loose refuse. FRS crews have targeted this area with Fire stoppers leaflets and S&W's. ASB patrols have also been increased in this area.

Silksworth ward 23% decrease (10 down from 13)



Fires spread across the ward area, with no identified hotspots present. There has been a huge decrease in ASB activity around the Former Farringdon Police station and surrounding wasteland.

St Annes ward 54% reduction (19 down from 41)



There has been a large decrease in ASB fires around the King George Playing fields in this reporting period although it remains the identified hot spot. This area has seen multiple initiatives (S&Ws, Fire stoppers and youth engagement).

Sandhill ward 27% reduction (17 down from 23)



Thorndale Road has become the hotspot area Sandhill ward. We have seen 9 fires in the last 12 weeks. I raise this at the next LMAPs for partner support. Crews have increased visibility in the area between 17:30 and 22:00hrs when these fires are occurring.

St Chads ward 43% reduction (4 down from 7)



No identified hotspot areas to report. No concerns. 4 incidents spread across the ward area.

3.6 Community Involvement

Operational crews from Farringdon have completed 413 Safe and Well visits in this reporting period and will deliver a minimum of 1200 Safe and Wells visits across all wards before April 2025. Hot strikes are undertaking following all primary fires to maximize the delivery of domestic Fire Safety information to the community.

Crews have attended Herrington Scouts, St Leonard's School, King Georges Park working with partners amongst other community engagements in this reporting period.

TWFRS Recruitment is also currently open for those community members who are interested in becoming a Firefighter.

3.7 On-going Issues

There have been 2 reports of violence at work in this period.

Collaboration with Northumbria police and local authority partner's will continue to target problematic sites as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Shaun Makin, 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 me or my team using the details below.

St Chads and Sandhill Ward: WM Ian Davison – ian.davison@twfire.gov.uk
Silksworth Ward: WM Sarah Bromley – sarah.bromley@twfire.gov.uk
St Annes Ward: WM Jon Gradwell – jon.gradwell@twfire.gov.uk
Barnes / Pallion Ward: WM Steve Errington – steven.errington@twfire.gov.uk

Contact Officer: Station Manager Shaun Makin,
Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service,

Tel: 0191 4441188

Email: shaun.makin@twfire.gov.uk



4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of this report.

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.

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

26 June 2024

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 March 2024 to June 2024.

2 Background

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

3 Update on Neighbourhood Services

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

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

Estate	Number of Properties	Number of Re-lets	Percentage of Turnover
East Herrington	43	2	4.6%
Farringdon	734	40	5.4%
Grindon	836	71	8.5%
Ford Estate	737	30	4%
Hill Crag	130	2	1.5%
Humbledon	176	8	4.5%
Silksworth (inc Newport)	747	41	5.5%
Nookside	151	14	9.2%
Pennywell	1147	52	4.5%
South Hylton	334	18	5.4%
Springwell	379	31	8.2%
Thorney Close	1100	98	8.9%
Pallion & Millfield	218	28	12.8%

3.3 **Update on Tenancy Sustainment Fund:** As you will recall from our previous reports, we shared with members that in July 2023 Gentoo Board approved several measures to support tenancy sustainability. At the close of the financial year over two hundred customers benefited from support through the fund, one hundred and forty of these customers who were housed with us on a priority basis, received carpets in their new homes. The Group has made a financial commitment to continue this support in 2024/25.

3.4 **Complaints Drop In:** Following the Housing Ombudsman Event which Gentoo hosted, our customers told us it would be beneficial for different service areas to be out in the community, making ourselves as accessible as possible for customers to report concerns. The first 'Complaint Drop In' event took place on 22nd May 2024 (two sessions) in Washington as the first trial area. The sessions were well received, nineteen customers

attended, and we are in the process of arranging follow up actions to ensure we act on customer feedback. Due to its success, we will now arrange further sessions throughout the other areas of the city to ensure we hear from a wider customer base.

3.5 Apprentice Recruitment: We are delighted to have twenty-seven apprenticeships available on this year's intake, the most we have offered in over 10 years. We are also pleased to be able to support our customers by guaranteeing interviews for Gentoo customers who meet the relevant criteria. The apprenticeships are in varied parts of the business and include:

Bricklaying • Engineering Technician (Building Services) • Business Administration • Electrical • Fire Alarm Engineer • Gas • Housing and Property Management • Joinery • Paralegal • multi-maintenance • Plastering • Plumbing • Roofing • Construction Support Technician (Surveying - Damp Inspection).

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

In May 2024, the Gentoo Neighbourhood Team arranged a 'Big Lunch' with support from the St Chads Ward Councillors, teams from Sunderland City Council, Love Amelia (the Groups Charitable Partner), Police, Fire Service, BAM – Building Local School, MP Bridget Phillipson, and Youth Almighty Project.

Over forty-two families from the Farringdon area attended the event, where they enjoyed hog roast sandwiches and ice creams as well as speaking to the organisations in attendance, while the children had Glitter Tattoo's, took part in a Sunflower Competition and 'Create your own Grow Bags.'

We requested feedback regarding the local area and what improvements can be made to improve Farringdon. We are currently reviewing the suggestions and considering what we can put in place to listen to the community.

4. Property, Investment and Renewal

4.1 Asset Plan 2024/2025: see appendix 3.

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

Average days for a routine repair appointment - 20 days,

Emergency repairs completed on time – 99%,

Non-emergency repairs completed on time – 66%,

Repairs completed right first time – 97%.

Satisfaction with the Repairs Service – 79%

5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of this report.

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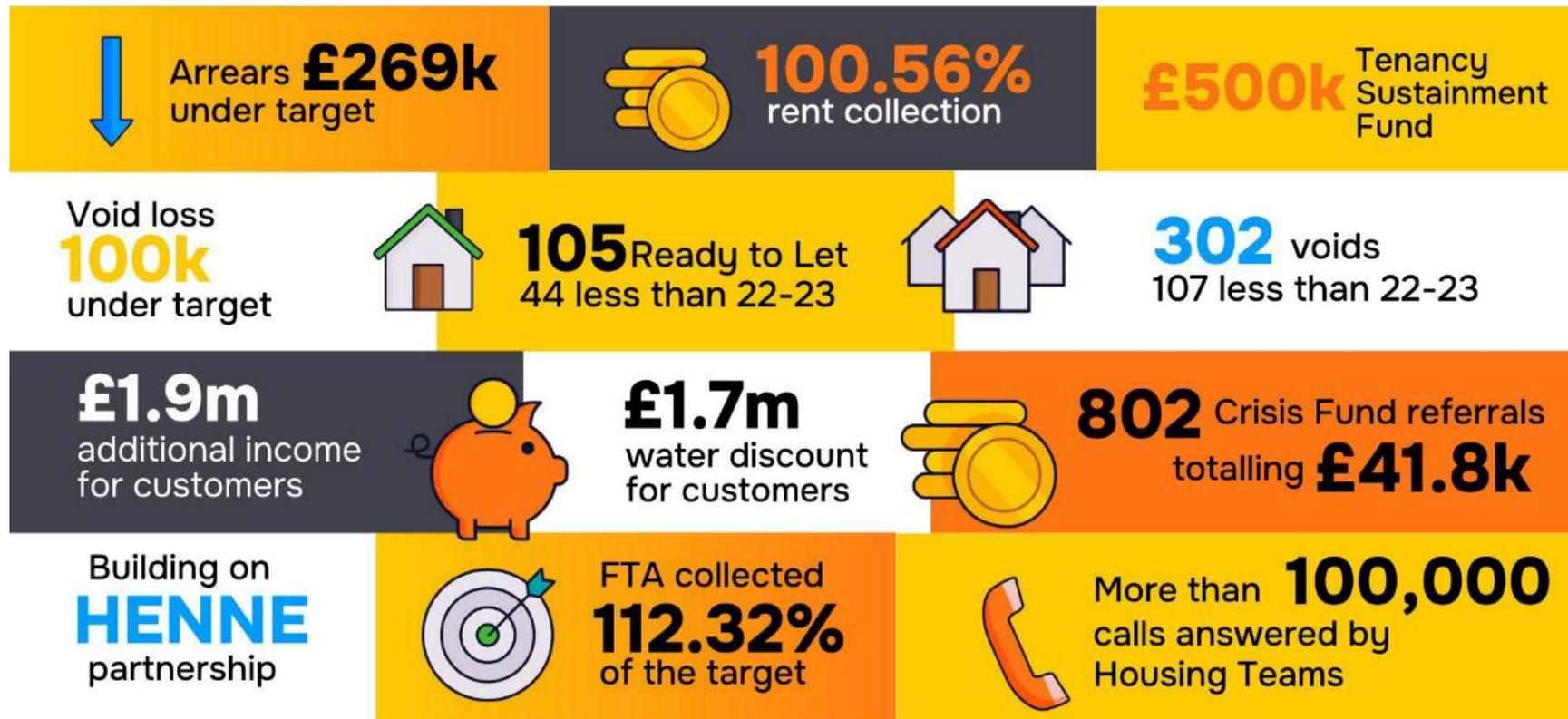
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Supporting our customers

Housing Teams

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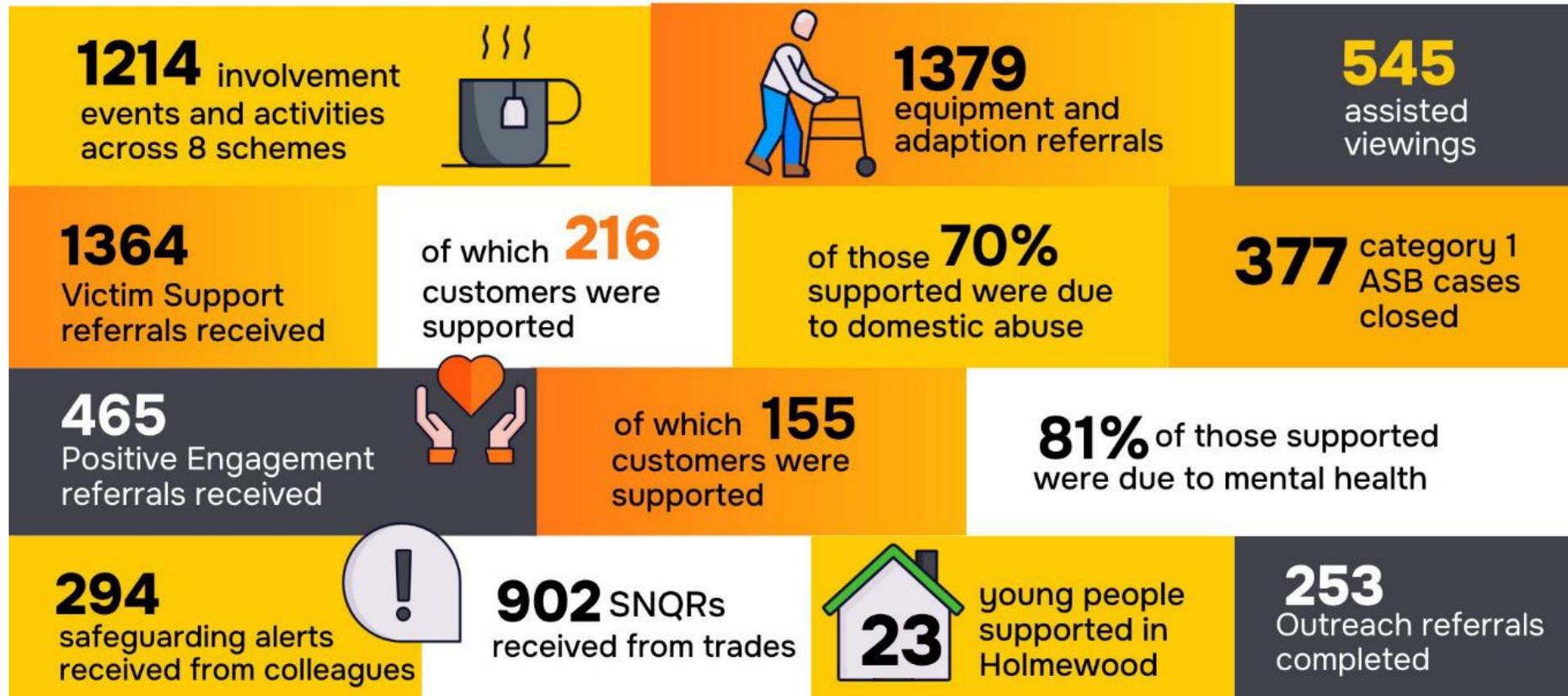
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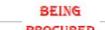
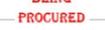
Safety and Support Teams

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(SNQR is Something Not Quite Right, and a system for our trades to report into the Housing teams when they come across any vulnerability or safeguarding concerns)

Property Investment Programme 2024/25 - South Area

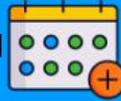
Programme Type	Principal Contractor	Estate	Properties	Low Rise Blocks / Pairs of Flats	Medium Rise Blocks	High Rise Blocks	Sheltered Blocks / Supported Living	Customers Benefitting From Works	Comments	
Regeneration Programme - Works as required Inc Roofs, Canopies, Windows, Brickwork Repairs, External Decoration and Boundaries		Pennywell	1048	13				1119	Programme Oct 22 - Jul 24 - 122 properties + 9 Blocks were either in progress or remaining to start as of 01/04/24	
		Totals	1048	13				1119		
Mop Up Roofing Programme		South Hylton	3					3		
		Humbledon	9					9		
		Manorfields	1						1	
		Ryhope			1				4	
		Silksworth	2						2	
		Springwell	3	4					19	
Totals		18	5				38			
Roofline Replacement - Renewal of Fascias, Soffits, Gutters + Rainwater Pipes		Silksworth	44	8				76		
Totals		44	8				76			
External Decoration - Properties		Ford Estate	36					36		
		Humbledon	140	4				158		
		Plains Farm	11	1				15		
Totals		187					209			
Communal Decoration		Grindon					1	30	High Grindon House	
		Beckwith Green					1	1	1 Westerwood	
		Manorfields		1					8	
		Silksworth		3				1	58	Tom Urwin House
		Thorney Close		4					20	
Totals			8			3	117			
Gas/Electric Fire Removals (Feb 24-July 24)		Ford Estate	18					18		
		Grindon	3					3		
		Nookside	1						1	
		Pennywell	52						52	
		South Hylton	3						3	
		Farringdon	9						9	
		Hall Farm	7						7	
		Hollycarrside	6						6	
		Humbledon	3						3	
		Mill Hill	1						1	
		Ryhope	9						9	
		Silksworth	8						8	
		Springwell	7						7	
		Thorney Close	27						27	
Totals		154					154			
Loft Insulation Top Ups		Ford Estate	1					1		
		Grindon	25						25	
		Hartley Wood	1						1	
		Nookside	7						7	
		South Hylton	3						3	
		East Herrington	4						4	
		Farringdon	31						31	
		Hall Farm	4						4	
		Hollycarrside	32						32	
		Humbledon	3						3	
		Mill Hill	1						1	
		Plains Farm	1						1	
		Ryhope	44						44	
		Silksworth	10						10	
		Springwell	8						8	
Thorney Close	34						34			
Totals		209					209			
Environmentals - Gable Repairs		Ford Estate	1					1		
		Grindon	4					4		
		Pennywell	1						1	
		South Hylton	1						1	
		Farringdon	4						4	
		Hollycarrside	1						1	
		Springwell	1						1	
Thorney Close	4						4			
Totals		17					17			
Lift Replacements		Grindon					1	30	High Grindon House	
		Silksworth					1	34	Tom Urwin House	
Totals							64			
Fire Alarm Replacements		Grindon					1	30	High Grindon House	
Totals							1	30		
Boundary Replacements		Nookside	141					141		
Totals		141						141		
ECO 4 (Energy Upgrades)		Nookside	1					1		
		Hollycarrside	2					2		
		Ryhope	1						1	
		Silksworth	2						2	
		Thorney Close	1						1	
Totals		7					7			
Wave 2.2 (Energy Upgrades)		Ford Estate	5					5		
		Grindon	6						6	
		Nookside	4						4	
		Pennywell	6						6	
		South Hylton	8						8	
		Farringdon	23						23	
		Hollycarrside	6						6	
		Ryhope	21						21	
		Silksworth	3						3	
		Springwell	2						2	
		Thorney Close	38						38	
Totals		122					122			
Boiler Replacement Scheme Lot 1 (Inefficient Boilers)		Ford Estate	1					1		
		Grindon	1					1		
		Pennywell	1						1	
		Hollycarrside	1						1	
		Humbledon	1						1	
		Ryhope	2						2	
		Silksworth	4						4	
		Springwell	3						3	
Thorney Close	13						13			
Totals		27					27			
Boiler Replacement Scheme Lot 2 (Inefficient Boilers + Fires)		Ford Estate	15					15		
		Grindon	4					4		
		Nookside	2						2	
		Pennywell	5						5	
		South Hylton	1						1	
		East Herrington	3						3	
		Farringdon	11						11	
		Hall Farm	3						3	
		Hollycarrside	3						3	
		Humbledon	3						3	
		Mill Hill	1						1	
		Ryhope	6						6	
		Silksworth	1						1	
Springwell	8						8			
Thorney Close	6						6			
Totals		72					72			

Property Maintenance Headlines 2023/24

25,000
emergency repairs
carried out



15,000
planned repairs carried
out



16000
Fire Door safety
inspections completed



6,000
electrical safety
inspections carried out



57,000
urgent and routine
repairs carried out



3,000
damp and mould
inspections carried out



29,000
gas safety inspections
carried out



11,000
damp and mould remedial
repair works carried out



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



*Numbers rounded for presentation

26th June 2024**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 at St Marys and St Peters in April
- 3.2 The April meeting included the following agenda items:
- Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance (SVS Alliance) – a presentation was presented around the Alliance, what they do and the development in the past year. Information was shared around how organisations can become a member of the SVS Alliance.
 - Music Hub – an update was given on Sunderland Music Hub and what their out of school and community provision is. A presentation was shared and information on how groups can get involved.
 - Stronger Shores – A presentation was given on the Stronger Shores Project. Stronger Shores shared information on how to get involved as they are keen to work with community groups, schools and organisations that would like to be involved in the project.
 - Network and Information Share – VCS organisations were able to share updates, projects and upcoming events that were taking place.

The meeting was very well attended and provided a really good networking opportunity and information share around activities and events happening in different organisations.

- 3.3 Organisations throughout the West Area continue to deliver Links for Life Sunderland. The programme is learning from the warm and welcoming spaces. Links for Life offers services and support to communities - support and activities which bring residents together, enable active engagement and improve health, wellbeing, and financial resilience.
- 3.4 Organisations have been invited to deliver at the West Area Event 2024 which will be taking place on Thursday 27th June and Friday 28th June for the West Area Schools and Saturday 29th June for the Free Family Fun Day.
- 3.5 Organisations were invited to apply for the Community Assets Call for Projects through West Area Committee.
- 3.6 Digital Health Hubs have been set up across the West Area through Sunderland City Council and are working closely with the Digital Inclusion Lead. Training opportunities have been provided. Investment has been made to improve the buildings digital infrastructure. West Area organisations have attended their first Digital Health Hub Catch Up.
- 3.7 Opportunities have been shared through Community Resilience team to the network including training, funding and workshops.
- 3.8 Members of the network continue to welcome funding opportunities and social value opportunities along with training opportunities from Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance (SVSA)
- 3.12 The Network representatives regularly consult with the Network to ensure that the agenda items reflect their requirements.

4. Recommendations

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

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West Area Committee

REPORT OF SUNDERLAND VOLUNTARY SECTOR ALLIANCE

1 Purpose of the report

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

2 Background

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

3 General Update

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

4 Funding and Investment

- 4.1 We linked up with Karbon Homes (Surgeries held in the East locality) and Community Foundation (event held in Coalfield locality) and Breez programme (surgeries held in East locality) to facilitate conversations between these funders and the sector.
- 4.2 We were nominated for and attended the Sunderland City Council Stars 2024 awards, for Partnership of the year. This was recognition for the partnership we have developed with SCC procurement team and

celebrating the great work we have achieved working and delivering our Social Value Programme.

- 4.3 Launched our Community Transport Grant to the sector, receiving 30 EOI and 19 applications.
- 4.4 We have supported Funding applications collectively worth a total value of £347K.
- 4.5 A total of 4 social value opportunities have been successfully completed, with a total value of £4182.

5 Sector Support

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

6 Communications and Engagement

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

7 Trustee update

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

8 Future developments

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

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26th June 2024

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 2024-2025.

2. Background

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 3.1 The Neighbourhood and Community Board discussed a range of Area Priorities. In the March Board meeting the following was discussed.

- 3.2 The Clean and Green/Ranger projects were discussed, and project leads were invited to apply to extend the project by 1 year. Applications have been received and the Neighbourhood and Community Board are making a recommendation to approve the 6 applications, details in **Item 4 Annex 1**.
- 3.3 The school parking priority has also been a key focus for the Board, with site meetings taking place at 6 schools across the West, feedback will be discussed at a future meeting.
- 3.4 Community Assets applications have been received to improve 15 community assets from across the West. The budget aligned from 23/24 Neighbourhood Fund was £60,000 and applications were received for £93,443. The Board are recommending approval of all applications and asking Area Committee to consider approving £36,443 from 24/25 Neighbourhood Fund.
- 3.5 Following the approval of £20,000 to work up designs and consider schemes for safer spaces phase 1 information and options were received at the June Neighbourhood and Community Board. The Board are recommending the alignment of £150,000 (£25,000 per ward) to this priority with a focus of making spaces safer and improved play. Each ward will meet and discuss improvements and ideas will be presented to a future Area Committee for a decision.
- 3.6 The Neighbourhood Community Board are recommending to Area Committee the approval of the £90,000 (£15,000 per ward) for the Ward improvement Budget. The budget will be used for priorities to help improve the ward and for activity that is both in keeping with council policy and contribute to the Area Committee's Area Plan. A Maximum of 3 projects will be funded from the £15k budget.
- 3.7 Following the alignment of £100,000 at March Area Committee for Improving Highways. The members have considered the officer recommendations for each ward and are supportive of the officer recommendations. The Area Committee are being asked to consider the Approval of these schemes with the detail in **Item 4 Annex 1**.
- 3.8 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.
- 3.9 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.

Annex 1 - West Area Delivery Plan

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

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West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023 - 2026

Updated June 2024

The Area Plan commits the Area Committee to a number of priorities, which will be delivered within the 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. Members have been consulted on the EV residential community hubs proposals.
Updates on employment support projects	Project update circulated to members May 2024 The West REACT CLLD match funded project ended in March 2023 with the Neighbourhood Funded element continuing. Since April the project has supported 104 residents with information, advice and guidance and 18 into Education, Training or Employment. The support is offered from Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre.
Improved access to digital support	Project update circulated to members May 2024 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 a footfall of over 1800 since April 2023. 8 digital champions have been recruited as well as 93 data sims distributed. This project is expected to end September 2024 9 Operational hubs, Farrington Youth and Community Centre

	<p>Silksworth Youth and Community Centre Plains farm Youth and Community Centre Pallion Action Group Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre Hope4All St Mary's and St Peters Pennywell Community Centre Tansy Centre</p>
<p>Healthy Smart City We will have</p>	
<p>Safer and improved green spaces</p>	<p>Bishopwearmouth Cemetery - Designs and costs are being developed for improved parking. Designs have been considered by the Neighbourhood and Community Board and it was agreed to proceed with the 9/10 additional bays. Work is now completed on the new parking bays.</p> <p>Silksworth Ski Slope - Complex Designs and costs are being developed for improved parking. First phase of line marking complete, additional bays added. Options are being developed to consider the pedestrian routes from the overflow car park to the centre.</p> <p>A Task and Finish group met in September 2023 and discussed making spaces safer in the West of Sunderland. The Neighbourhood and Community Board considered all of the areas for improvements including boulders, bollards, fencing and lighting and agreed to work with officers to develop designs and feasibility of these safer spaces which focus on making the local environment safer.</p> <p>Phase 1 of designs and feasibility was approved £20,000 at December 2023 Area Committee. Meetings are taking place with ward members to discuss each safer space.</p> <p>Following the approval of £20,000 to work up designs and consider schemes for safer spaces phase 1 information and options were received at the June Neighbourhood and Community Board. The board are recommending the alignment of £150,000 (£25,000 per ward) to this priority with a focus of making spaces safer and improved play. Each ward will meet and discuss improvements and ideas will be presented to a future Area Committee for a decision.</p>
<p>A scheme of environmental improvements</p>	<p>11 Applications were received and approved at the March Area Committee, projects are being delivered across the West in the following venues and communities.</p>

	<p>Grindon Church Community Project, Broadway Youth and Community Centre, St Anne's in Bloom, Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre, St Mary's and St Peters, Pallion Plants, Hope 4 All, Tunstall Hill, Pennywell Community Centre, Silksworth and St Chad's in Bloom and Silksworth recreation park.</p> <p>At the March Area Committee it was agreed to align £100,000 towards highway improvements, each ward has met and considered officer recommendations and are asking Area Committee to consider approving the schemes at its meeting in June 2024.</p>
A map of defibs across the West	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.
Additional Heritage walks	
Initiatives to reduce child poverty and child obesity	
Improved community assets	<p>Area Committee aligned £60,000 towards a call for projects for West Community Assets to be improved, and internal and external work to be considered. A Call for Projects Brief was circulated and the following applications are being considered at the June Area Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadway Youth and Community Centre, £4,795 • Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre £5,996 • Veterans in Crisis, £7,193 • St Luke's Neighbourhood Centre £7,939 • St Mary's and St Peter's Project £8,000 • Community Opportunities Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre, £8,000 • Grindon Young People's Centre £5,661 • Silksworth Cricket Club, £2,926 • Lakeside CA Repairs, £8,000 • Silksworth Youth and Community Centre, £7,018 • Sunderland Training and Education Farm Ltd (STEFs) £5,000 • Pennywell Community Centre, £7,789 • Hope 4 All, £7,957 • 2nd Herrington Scouts, £3,700

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farringdon Youth and Community Centre, £6,048 <p>Total requested £96,443, £60,000 aligned from Neighbourhood fund 2023/2024.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood and Community Board are making a recommendation to June Area Committee to approve all projects. Making a request for an additional £36,443 Neighbourhood Funding.</p>
Improved cultural and enrichment activities for young people	Task and Finish group met in October 2023. The Group will meet again in 2024 to consider the gaps.
An improved social prescribing offer across the West	<p>Information is included in the Service Plan and Links for Life Sunderland Links for Life Sunderland. A video has been produced all about Links for Life Sunderland – see here <u>Links for Life Sunderland - https://youtu.be/h8EizBukS40</u></p> <p>The following groups were successful in securing Links for Life funding and deliver activities to support groups in the West alongside multiple specialist providers. Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre and Community Opportunities at Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre. Two partnership projects are also being delivered with multiple partners. Pallion Action Group working with Pennywell Community Centre, Hope4All, Tansy Centre, Parker Trust, St Mary’s and St Peters; Bethal Church, St Gabriels Church and Parker Trust Youth Almighty Project working with Kayll Road Library, Broadway Youth and Community Centre, Friends of Silksworth park, Farringdon Youth and Community Centre, Tom Urwin House, Holy Rosary Church, St David’s Community Church Project and Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre</p>
A Walk and Talk project	<p>A number of ward-based initiatives have been delivered across the West, including.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Chad’s - improvements to play facilities in Farringdon 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. <p>Scheme now finished with £24,235 returned to Neighbourhood Funding</p>

	<p>The Neighbourhood Funding awarded for 2024/25 includes an award of £15k per ward for a Ward Improvement Budget. The budget will be used for priorities to help improve the ward and for activity that is both in keeping with council policy and contribute to the Area Committee's Area Plan.</p>
<p>Regular updates on Clean and Green/Rangers projects and consider future options</p>	<p>Project update circulated to members May 2024 6 projects delivered in each ward continues to support environmental improvements. Over 300 litter picks/community cleans up have taken place since April 2023 with over 4000 volunteer hours delivered in the Areas. Litter picks and planting continue to be delivered regularly improving the Wards. The February Neighbourhood and Community Board met to discuss the extension of the current projects. Applications have been invited to extend for a further 12months and are being recommended for approval at June Area Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean and Green It Barnes, Community Opportunities £20,000 • Clean and Green Pallion, Springboard £20,000 • Clean and Green It Sandhill, Community Opportunities £20,000 • Silksworth Ranger, Youth Almighty Project £19,698 • Clean and Green It St Anne's, Community Opportunities £20,000 • St Chad's Ranger, Youth Almighty Project £19,698 <p>The Neighbourhood and Community Board are making a recommendation to approve all 6 projects, requesting a total of £119,396 Neighbourhood Fund at the June Area Committee.</p>
<p>Regular updates on Environmental Enforcement project and Tackle ASB</p>	<p>Project update circulated to members May 2024 The Neighbourhood Enforcement Warden continues to carry out proactive patrols across the West with over 2498 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. At December 2023 Area Committee agreed 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.</p>

	Information was provided on a new Motorcycle disorder task group; members considered this approach via responsive decision in December 2023 and approved £15,000 via responsive decision
Regular updates on the Youth Activities Projects and consider future options	Project update circulated to members May 2024. 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 15,000 supported by over 1000 volunteer hours. The Sunderland All Together Consortium attended the November Board meeting to update on Youth activities across the West. The Area Committee in December 2023 approved £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 May 2024 Project continues to offer additional support to residents in the West of Sunderland. Over 400 residents supported with information advice and guidance including better off calculations. The funding approved towards the specialist advice has been returned to West Area Committee.
An evaluation on Mental Health and Wellbeing in Young People and consider future options	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. Area Committee in December 2023 approved £40,000 Neighbourhood Funding to Youth Almighty Project to deliver the West Area Barnes Park Event 2024. The Dates of the event are 27 th and 28 th June for the closed school event and 29 th June for the family fun day.

Regular updates on the Stephenson Trail	Presentation from Steering group shared. The Stephenson Rocket has been refurbished and is now standing upright so more residents can see it. Environmental works have continued with way markers and information panels have been installed.
A project to tackle school parking	Site meetings are taking place at 6 schools in May and June. A Task group will meet to discuss the issues and options for improvements

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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	11/23	1 tenant has moved into the new property with the staff team and the 2 nd tenant will move in following transitional work which remains ongoing..

CITY DEVELOPMENT: Economic Regeneration (City Development)

North East Community Forest 2023/24 planting	Tree and hedgerow planting at a series of individual sites as part of Low Carbon Framework. Options for sites in each area to be assessed and then discussed with Neighbourhood & Community Boards	9/23	3/24	Individual planting schemes developed in further detail, with some requiring further consultation before the overall programme is finalised. Seven sites currently have in-principle funding approval: Holmeside Phase 2 (East); Hetton Primary School (Coalfield); Rickleton Primary School (Washington); Roker Park (North), Silksworth Ski Slope and Pit Wheel (West); Doxford Park (East); Ryhope Junior School (East). An additional 3-4 sites are also being considered and are currently at the feasibility stage
Low Carbon Framework and Action Plan	Range of city-wide low carbon programmes and projects across the seven strategic priority areas to			. 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

	include implementation within individual Area Committee areas		<p>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 partnership with energy suppliers Utilita and E.On on the current phase of Energy Company Obligation (ECO4), which requires energy suppliers to implement energy efficiency improvements in residents' homes. The scheme is aimed at lower income and/or vulnerable households and less energy efficient properties with the aims of tackling fuel poverty, reducing carbon emissions from the domestic sector and improving thermal comfort. The 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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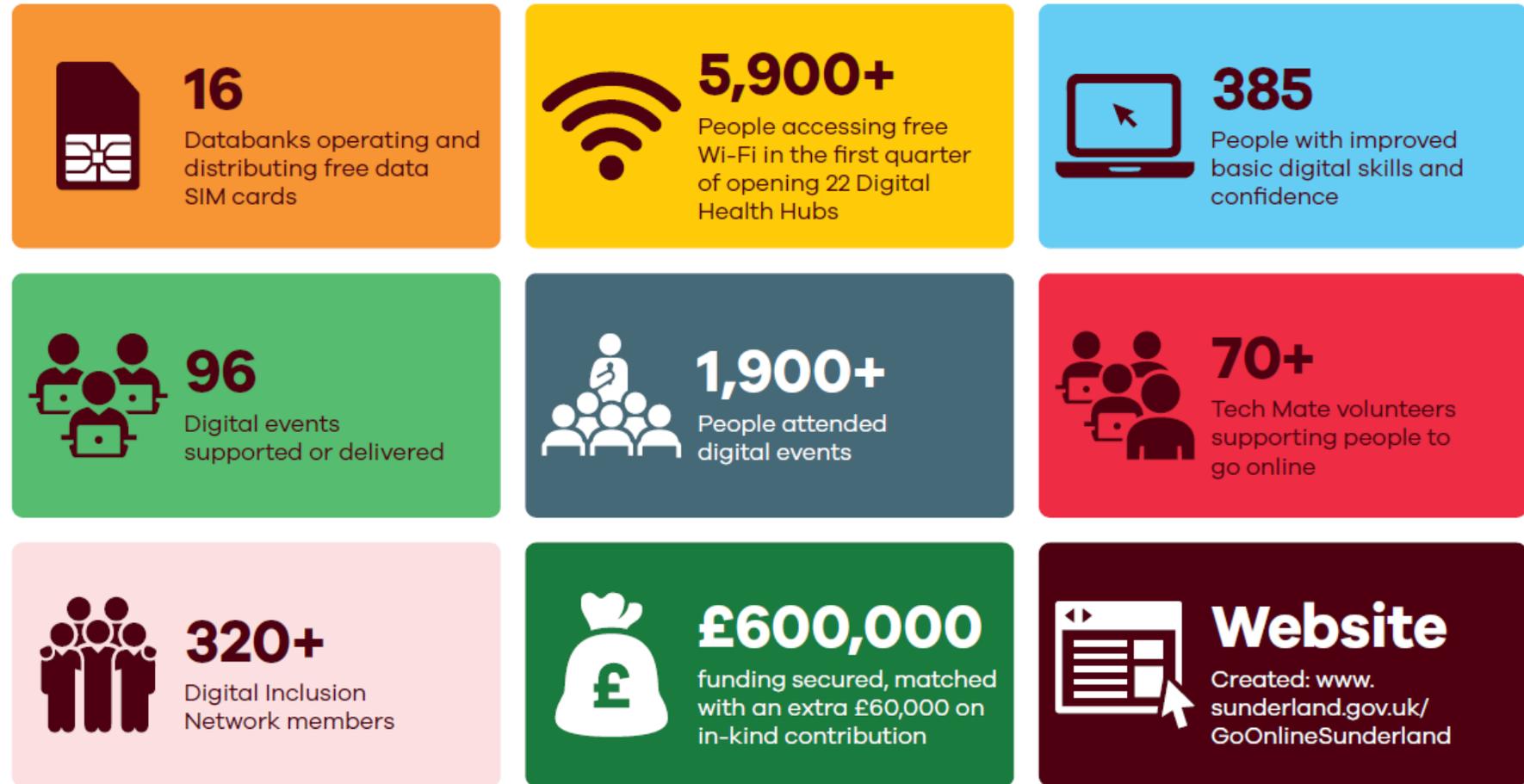
City Development: Regulatory Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Enforcement Project (currently AC funded)	<p>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. ASB officer funded for 2 years</p> <p>Motor Cycle Task and finish meetings</p>	09/21	02/26	<p>AC update submitted April 2024 Project extended for another 2 years for Environmental Officer and funding also secured for a West area funded ASB Officer for 2 years ASB officer interviews being held week commencing 26/2/24</p> <p>February 24 Update – MD taskforce went live Dec 23. snapshot of results so far:</p> <p>Patrols:53 Leaflet drops:2 Multi-agency meetings:2 Nights of action:3 Drone deployment:1 Social media posts:2 Call backs:14 School visits:1 Home Visit:4 CPW:4 Vehicle Seizures:8 Arrests/summons:1</p> <p>June 24 Update Regular updates are being provided through area funding processes, neighbourhood and community boards</p>

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</p> <p>In addition, Digital Dashboards have been produced for every ward detailing the existing digital provision, challenges, and potential opportunities for consideration. In addition, the achievements for the year have been collated and are attached for information.</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> <p>In addition, any specific briefings can be arranged as required.</p>

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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. Signage has been erected in relevant cemetery sections providing advanced notice of the removal of unauthorised items, and work to remove relevant items will begin as soon as ground conditions allow.</p> <p>As consultation with Board Members continues on all actions, the CIB continue to receive updates on any developments in this respect.</p> <p>As part of the memorial safety programme in all cemeteries, safety audits have now been conducted and initial findings from our consultants have been received. Further review is required and agreement on the work required work schedule, costs and processes. Further updates will follow.</p> <p>Cemetery Improvement Board (CIB) meetings continue on a bi-monthly basis. As regulatory enforcement becomes part of business as usual, and the memorial safety testing programme is underway, cemetery specific</p>

				<p>action plans will deliver on improvement works specific to each cemetery dependant on local requirements and need.</p> <p>In addition to the regulatory enforcement and MST programme, the board have also reviewed options to improve cemetery maintenance and increased signage relating to issues around the control of dogs in cemeteries.</p> <p>Memorial product development and management of historic memorial sponsorship terms now also receives focus by the CIB Members, with many new processes agreed and implemented following discussion and agreement within the group.</p>
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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	1 st April 2023	September 2023	The 2023 trial which commenced on the 1st of April which is due to conclude on the 30th of September 2023 is enabling Local Services to ensure we capture a full weed season. The process is allowing us to monitor the impact of using alternative methods to Glyphosate,

	<p>elimination of the use of herbicides in weed killing.</p>		<p>understand how effective other weed control methods can be, the impact these treatments have on the effectiveness of maintenance, resource, costs, equipment/training requirements, environmental and visual impact, and importantly the views of our residents.</p> <p>To date detailed records on all aspects of the trial are being gathered and analysed. Aspects such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application process • Environmental Impact • Cost • Effectiveness • Resident Feedback <p>We are continuing to engage with residents, our wider council colleagues, key city stakeholders and neighbouring authorities.</p> <p>We are also engaging with several other Authorities and organisations such as Cardiff Council, South Lanarkshire Council, Brighton Council the Amenity Forum and APSE.</p> <p>A final report will be produced and published following the conclusion of the trial.</p> <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>
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				<p>The results of the trial will inform the appropriate next steps.</p> <p>The trial has now concluded, findings are currently being compiled into a detailed report. A market feasibility study via procurement is also now underway to establish costs and availability of alternative weed control equipment</p> <p>A report will be going to cabinet on 20 June to provide updates on progress with biodiversity promotion and effective sustainable weed management</p>
Tree Surveying	A citywide tree inspection and mapping project.	May 2023	2027	<p>Tree inspections and mapping commenced in May 2023. Starting in the East area to date we have surveyed and digitally mapped over 5000 trees. The survey will move into the West area over the coming weeks. The survey will enable SCC to fully understand our tree stock, which will in turn increase our ability to manage the risk more effectively. The survey will also facilitate a much more proactive approach to tree planting and replacement, establish how much carbon as a city our trees can sequester, it will also inform us of the overall impact of Ash Dieback disease. The data base as it grows will provide a deeper case by case record of each tree and its inspection record which will improve member and customer journeys as the information held will provide more detailed information when responding to customer requests and complaints. 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. As of the 20th 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 been surveyed. The inspection programme is now focussing on the North Area. As of the 29th May 19,699 trees have been surveyed.</p> <p>Moving on from the Feb update the North Area is now complete and Survey work is now underway in the Coalfields.</p> <p>All work identified as part of the survey is prioritised inline with the Council's tree Policy and scheduled/ carried out accordingly</p>
Plantation Programme	Plantation Maintenance scheme	March 2023	April 2023	<p>Sunderland City Council are responsible for the management of approximately 185 hectares of plantation across the city. Over several years plantation management has been limited meaning they have become dense and unmaintained leading to the overall health and diversity of the plantation being negatively affected. The location of many of the city's plantations mean they grow relatively close to property boundaries and in some cases encroach gardens and fence lines. As a result, the Council receive high volumes of requests and complaints related to plantations. The Council are aware that in order to manage the potential adverse impact upon the health and lifespan of the plantations</p>

			<p>that a programme of works is required in some locations.</p> <p>The locations in which work is planned have been prioritised by considering condition, the risk posed whilst taking into account member and resident feedback.</p> <p>The work will comprise of thinning operations, which refers to the practice of selectively removing some trees from a woodland or plantation to promote the growth and health of the remaining trees.</p> <p>The plantation programme is progressing well with over 50,000 sqm of woodland maintained.</p> <p>Resident feedback has been very positive and of the initial 37 priority sites 19 are now complete.</p> <p>The plantation programme is progressing well with over 60,000 sqm of woodland maintained.</p> <p>Activity has decreased during the nesting season in order that we remain compliant with legislation, we can continue to deliver works but the pace of works is vastly reduced as we have to continually survey to woodland for nesting activity, leaving exclusion zones where nests are found. When the nesting period subsides later in the year our plantation programme will pick up pace once again</p>
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E Technology Trials	Trialling alternative Electric equipment to replace petrol fuelled kit to reduce carbon emissions.	May 2023		<p>We continue to trial alternative kit not only to reduce carbon emissions but to reduce the hand arm vibration some kit exposes our workforce to. To date we have tested Electric hedge trimmers, chainsaws, strimmers and grass cutters. We are hoping in the coming weeks to explore hybrid chipper technology. We are also working with our fleet team to future proof our kit replacement programme factoring in the feedback we capture as part trials and are confident that over a period of time to further reduce our reliance upon petrol tools and equipment. Trials are continuing with appropriate tools being considered as part of our fleet replacement capital programme.</p> <p>Following E Tech trials, various kit has been introduced into our operational teams. The kit not only reduces the hand arm vibration levels our operatives are exposed to, it also supports the Council's low carbon agenda.</p> <p>The kit includes, E Blowers, E Gum removal packs, E Chainsaws, E Hedge Trimmers and a Hybrid Chipper.</p> <p>We are continuing to explore other E solutions and are currently trialing a E Mechanical Sweeper</p> <p>We are continuing to explore other E solutions</p>
Bin Replacement	Barnes Park replacement bins.	April 2023	March 2024	Presently awaiting quote to be returned from contractor.

				<p>New bins have now been delivered to storage area. Contractor will soon begin installation.</p> <p>All bins have now been fitted successfully</p>
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ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Winter Maintenance

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Winter Smart Solutions	Trials of several infrared road surface sensors across the highway network.	Continue through the winter of 2023/2024	Testing, development, and evaluation of technology and installation options remains ongoing through the winter of 2023/2024	<p>Following the 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</p> <p>Installation of the new Vaisala weather monitoring & forecasting equipment at 5 key sites around the City, will commence as planned</p>

				from May 26 th 2024, with completion expected in late June 2024
Winter Service Review	Comprehensive review of the Winter Maintenance Service	Spring 2024	Autumn 2024	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 to be based upon the requirement to deliver an efficient resilient service for the residents of Sunderland and the commuting public, whilst also meeting any legal requirements, adhering to best practice and meeting deliverable expectations with a finite resource. Where there are legislative changes, the policy will be reviewed immediately, and further approval sought from the Council. All recommendations produced by The Department for Transport and the UK Road Liaison Group along with identifiable best practice are considered during the annual review.

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Area Arrangements

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Developing the community support offer, working closely with the voluntary	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

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
sector to enable maximise positive outcomes from Social Prescribing				<p>prescribing programme in Sunderland, signing a delivery charter, ensuring a digital platform is developed and delivery is evaluated to inform future community support service delivery</p> <p>The platform is now live</p> <p>here: www.linksforlifesunderland.co.uk</p> <p><i>Useful information includes;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Meet the Links for Life team</i> • <i>Discover the digital hub</i> • <i>Become a member or use the hub for referrals</i> • <i>See the difference Links for Life activities are already making in communities</i> • <i>Get involved – help us promote Links for Life within your network and let us know about opportunities that the team could link in with.</i>
VCS Alliance – growing capacity of voluntary and community sector	Continue to work in partnership with the voluntary sector Alliance to maximise resources into the sector via external 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

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
				<p>become financially resilient and forms a core part of the wider Links for Life service offer.</p> <p>The delivery of Financial Wellbeing support activities across services is nearing completion. From Jan 22 to date 170 of 175 actions in the delivery plan have been completed or mainstreamed as BAU – outstanding actions are expected to complete by June 24.</p> <p>Arrangements to close the project are in place, including revised governance arrangements. Also the relocation of the project into Strategic Advice Services to further embed Financial Wellbeing as BAU – post project.</p> <p>The project end date is 30/06/24.</p>

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Development

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</i>	<i>Empty Homes - 42 Bungalows - 38 Supported – 40</i>	<i>February 2020</i>	<i>March 2026</i>	<i>Empty Homes - 14 Bungalows - 18 Supported – 4</i>

<p><i>Council owned homes for letting, broken down into three workstreams:</i></p> <p><i>Empty Homes - 210</i></p> <p><i>Bungalows - 193</i></p> <p><i>Supported - 171</i></p>				
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HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Strategy

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
<p>The following wards show a high prevalence of empty properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pallion • Barnes <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</p>	<p>This is not a specific project</p>	<p><i>Progressing</i></p>	<p>Initial presentation complete</p> <p>Future reports presented for Area Committee Information quarterly</p>	<p>Work to further analyse council tax data has been undertaken following a small increase in empty homes was shown in the data received. It is acknowledged that the increase be attributed to more homes tipping from 0-3 months empty into 6 months + showing a need for more early intervention and preventative work. A revised loans and grants scheme has been launched which will assist in some way with this prevention work.</p> <p>Monthly analysis on empty homes officer caseloads has been undertaken and priority properties are under senior management scrutiny with clear plans of action regarding enforcement.</p>

tackle empty properties is targeted in these areas.				
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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
Foodbank Support	Council currently supporting range of foodbanks / food aid organisations in all area of the city – majority in East / West via fresh food and FareShare – will be refining offer / support during the year			<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 .</p> <p>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</p> <p>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	Bid submitted awaiting feedback from Football Foundation
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	
				Area	Organisation
				City Wide	Northern Engagement into Recovery from Addictions Foundation (NERAF)
				City Wide	International Community

					Organisation of Sunderland (ICOS)
				City Wide	Friends of Drop in (FODI)
				City Wide	Veterans In Crisis
				City Wide	Grace House
				City Wide	Active Families @ Broadway Youth & Community Centre
				City Wide	Sunderland and County Durham Royal Society for the Blind
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				West	Community Opportunities
				West	Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre
				West	Pallion Action Group
				West	Youth Almighty Project

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>Pallion: Lambton Street Youth Centre (established)</p> <p>Sandhill: Grindon Primary Care Centre (established)</p> <p>St Anne's: Grindon Primary Care Centre (established)</p>
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Service Plans – Area Priorities

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

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Healthy Settings (Schools) Sandhill View Academy , Farringdon Community Academy	<i>School and key partners working together on identified priorities of mental health and RSHE</i>	4/23	3/24	<p>Sandhill View has a holistic approach to well-being, with a key emphasis on Relationships, Sex, and Health Education (RSHE) as well as Mental Health.</p> <p>Active participation in the Health Related Behaviour Survey 2023 involved Y8 and Y10 pupils. The outcomes have been disseminated to relevant staff to comprehend and prioritise the findings.</p> <p>The school has a significant focus on</p>

			<p>addressing teenage pregnancy, promoting awareness of healthy relationships and consent. They have established connections with the Integrated Sexual Health Outreach Service, young person's contraception nurse, and school nurses to reduce teenage pregnancy. Additionally, the school is actively working to enhance student access to the condom distribution service (C-Card scheme) and various forms of contraception. Notably, the school has already attained the RSHE Bronze Charter Mark.</p> <p>Efforts extend to the well-being of both staff and students, with a robust mental health support system in place. Ongoing staff training, specifically the halfway completion of the Integrated Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (ICAMHS) training, shows the commitment to mental health support. Farringdon started healthy settings in 2022 and identified they are focusing on RSHE and Mental Health as key themes in their action plan.</p> <p>They have established links with key services to move the action plan forward.</p> <p>Aiming to achieve RSHE Bronze charter mark.</p> <p>Unfortunately, Farringdon did not take part in the Health Related Behaviour Survey 2023.</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	<p>The Family Hubs and Start for Life programme helps meet commitments in The best start for life: a vision for the 1,001 critical days, published as government policy in March 2021. This programme is jointly led by the Department for Education (DfE) and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).</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 –</p>	2022	2025	<p>Phase two of My Best Life website was launched at the beginning of May it now hosts SEND local offer and Family Information Service information.</p> <p>The site's main features include advertising and booking of Family Hub events and a library of resources that is maintained by the Family Hubs. The main benefit from this is families being able to access immediate support and book sessions online.</p> <p>As part of the Family Hub Community Grants, Sunderland Family Hubs have commissioned three providers from the Voluntary and Community Sector to further expand the wellbeing support for new mams through specific baby massage, baby yoga, 'mam and me' sessions.</p> <p>Launch of Ha'way the dads' Monthly activities session informed by consultation of dads. In addition to weekly dads' session being run through the hubs by Northeast Young dads& lads.</p> <p>MMR vaccinations are now being offered within the family hubs.</p>

	<p>peri-natal mental health and parent-infant relationships, infant feeding, and parenting support. Sunderland were one of the 14 local authority areas who were awarded trailblazer status.</p> <p>https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/27857/Start-for-Life</p> <p>Sunderland will have 5 Family Hubs across the city offering services from conception up until the age of 18 or 25 for young people with special educational needs. The face-to-face offer Sunderland Family Hubs offer is mirrored as a virtual offer to our children, young people and families, with access to activities, services and resources on a new digital platform called My Best Life. MBL will also provide families with information around childcare, SEND local offer, support for older children and young people in addition to interactive resources that families can access at home.</p> <p>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</p>			<p>New Outdoor Stay and Play and play space offer available at Thorney Close Family Hub.</p> <p>Summer HAF offer will be supported by extension of funding via Household Support Fund Grant Funding.</p>
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	<p>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>			
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WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE
26 June 2024
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 Ward Improvement Budget £90,000
- (c) Approve Clean and Green It, Barnes, Community Opportunities £20,000
- (d) Approve Clean and Green, Pallion, Springboard £20,000
- (e) Approve Clean and Green It, Sandhill, Community Opportunities £20,000
- (f) Approve Clean and Green It, St Anne's, Community Opportunities £20,000
- (g) Approve Silksworth Ranger, Youth Almighty Project £19,698
- (h) Approve St Chad's Ranger, Youth Almighty Project £19,698
- (i) Approve Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre £5,996
- (j) Approve Farrington Youth and Community Centre, £6,408
- (k) Approve Silksworth Youth and Community Centre, £7,018
- (l) Approve Broadway Youth and Community Centre, £4,795
- (m) Approve Veterans in Crisis, £7,193
- (n) Approve St Luke's Neighbourhood Centre £7,939
- (o) Approve St Mary's and St Peter's Project £8,000
- (p) Approve Community Opportunities Thorney Close Action Enterprise Centre £8,000
- (q) Approve Grindon young People's Centre £5,661
- (r) Approve Silksworth Cricket Club £2,926
- (s) Approve Lakeside CA Repairs £8,000
- (t) Approve Sunderland Training and Education Farm Ltd (STEFs) £5,000
- (u) Approve Pennywell Community Centre £7,789
- (v) Approve Hope 4 All £7,957
- (w) Approve 2nd Herrington Scouts £3,700
- (x) Approve Highway Improvement schemes £100,000 Item 4 Annex 1
- (y) Align £150,000 Neighbourhood fund to Safer spaces- improving open spaces and play
- (z) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 as set out in **Item 4**

Annex 2

- (aa) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 as set out in **Item 4**

Annex 3

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £500,939 (inc Youth allocation and c/f) for 2024/2025 from the Neighbourhood Fund to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Area Plan and to attract other funding into the area.

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

26 June 2024

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 2024/2025:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2024/2025 (£447,428 inc £20,000 youth funding and £25,228 carried forward and £28,333 returns)					£500,989
					£500,989

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2024/2025

- 2.2 West Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £500,989 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects for 2024/2025.
- 2.3 The Neighbourhood Funding awarded for 2024/25 includes an award of £15k per ward for a Ward Improvement Budget. The budget will be used for priorities to help improve the ward and for activity that is both in keeping with council policy and contribute to the Area Committee's Area Plan. A Maximum of 3 projects will be funded from the £15k budget. For project proposals that will involve council delivery an agreement will be sought initially from the relevant service lead, to be assured that the activity can be accommodated, and agree timescales and cost. The decision making process will follow the same approach as community chest. A list of WIB approvals will be appended to the Area Committee's budget report and performance updates provided as part of the current performance update process.

2.4 There are 23 applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration, detail provided in Item 4 Annex 1.

- Ward Improvement Budget £90,000
- Clean and Green It Barnes, Community Opportunities £20,000
- Clean and Green Pallion, Springboard £20,000
- Clean and Green It Sandhill, Community Opportunities £20,000
- Clean and Green It St Anne's, Community Opportunities £20,000
- Silksworth Ranger, Youth Almighty Project £19,698
- St Chad's Ranger, Youth Almighty Project £19,698
- Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre £5,996
- Farringdon Youth and Community Centre, £6,408
- Silksworth Youth and Community Centre, £7,018
- Broadway Youth and Community Centre, £4,795
- Veterans in Crisis, £7,193
- St Luke's Neighbourhood Centre £7,939
- St Mary's and St Peter's Project £8,000
- Community Opportunities Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre, £8,000
- Grindon Young People's Centre £5,661
- Silksworth Cricket Club, £2,926
- Sunderland Training and Education Farm Ltd (STEFs) £5,000
- Hope 4 All, £7,957
- 2nd Herrington Scouts, £3,700
- Lakeside CA Repairs, £8,000
- Pennywell Community Centre, £7,789
- Highways, Sunderland City Council £100,000

2.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£405,778** (£160,000 previously aligned in 23/24 for Highways and Community Assets). If approved the remaining balance for 24/25 will be **£255,211**

2.6 There is 1 alignment proposal presented to Area Committee for consideration from the 2024 – 2025 Neighbourhood Fund.

- Safer spaces phase 2 -improvements to green spaces including play £150,000

2.7 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for alignment of **£150,000**. If approved, the remaining balance for 24/25 will be **£105,211**

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 starting balance, awards and remaining balance for 2023/2024. **Annex 2** shows the approvals, supported to date for 2023/2024

Ward	2023/2024 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Barnes	£10,000	-	£10,000	£0
Pallion	£10,000	£1447.39	£11447.39	£0
Sandhill	£10,000	-	£10,000	£0
Silksworth	£10,000	-	£10,000	£0
St Annes	£10,000	-	£10,000	£0
St Chads	£10,000	-	£10,000	£0
Total	£60,000	-	£61,447.39	£0

Table Two: Community Chest Funding Statement 2023 / 2024

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

Ward	2024/2025 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Barnes	£10,000	-	£1,000	£9,000
Pallion	£10,000	-	£0	£10,000
Sandhill	£10,000	-	£0	£10,000
Silksworth	£10,000	-	£1,381	£8,619
St Annes	£10,000	-	£992	£9,008
St Chads	£10,000	-	£4,100	£5,900
Total	£60,000	-	£7,473	£52,527

Table Two: Community Chest Funding Statement 2024 / 2025

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Note the financial statements set out in **Tables 1 and Table 2**
- 4.2 Approve Ward Improvement Budget £90,000
- 4.3 Approve Clean and Green It, Barnes, Community Opportunities £20,000
- 4.4 Approve Clean and Green, Pallion, Springboard £20,000
- 4.5 Approve Clean and Green It, Sandhill, Community Opportunities £20,000
- 4.6 Approve Clean and Green It, St Anne's, Community Opportunities £20,000
- 4.7 Approve Silksworth Ranger, Youth Almighty Project £19,698
- 4.8 Approve St Chad's Ranger, Youth Almighty Project £19,698
- 4.9 Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre £5,996
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- 4.12 Broadway Youth and Community Centre, £4,795
- 4.13 Veterans in Crisis, £7,193
- 4.14 St Luke's Neighbourhood Centre £7,939
- 4.15 St Mary's and St Peter's Project £8,000
- 4.16 Community Opportunities Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre, £8,000
- 4.17 Grindon Young People's Centre £5,661
- 4.18 Silksworth Cricket Club, £2,926
- 4.19 Lakeside CA Repairs, £8,000
- 4.20 Sunderland Training and Education Farm Ltd (STEFs) £5,000
- 4.21 Pennywell Community Centre, £7,789
- 4.22 Hope 4 All, £7,957
- 4.23 2nd Herrington Scouts, £3,700
- 4.24 Approve the Highway Improvement schemes £100,000
- 4.25 Align the Safer Spaces Open spaces, improved play project £150,000
- 4.26 Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 as set out in **Item 4 Annex 2**
- 4.27 Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2024 – 2025 as set out in **Item 4 Annex 3**

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Executives Summaries

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Application 1

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Community Opportunities Ltd
Address Line 1	Winchester House
Address Line 2	Baxter Road
City	Town End Farm, Sunderland
Postcode	SR5 4LW
Project Details	
Project Title	Clean It, Green It - Barnes
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Community Opportunities will deliver a neighbourhood environmental improvement project, responding to local concerns, and contributing to creating an 'attractive, clean and cared for environment, where people live, work and spend their leisure time. Staff and resident volunteers will deliver community clean-ups, litter picking, planting and forestry projects, refurbishing park/green space equipment.
Total Project Cost	£ 20,733
Match Funding	£ 733
Total NF Requested	£ 20,000
Project Start Date	01-Oct-24
Project End Date	30-Sep-25
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Barnes ward in Sunderland West

Project Description

Community Opportunities will continue to deliver a ward-based neighbourhood management and environmental improvement project that responds to local concerns and builds on the successful delivery of the Clean It, Green It project we have delivered since June 2019 contributing to creating an 'attractive, clean and cared for environment where people choose to invest, live, work and spend their leisure time.

Delivery will include community clean-ups, litter picking, planting and forestry projects, refurbishing park and green space equipment, effectively engaging residents to volunteer and improve the appearance of their neighbourhoods, reduce littering and fly tipping, managing overgrown greenspaces and sustaining the maintenance of areas by working with groups to develop additional skills, including providing access to an equipment bank loan scheme. We will continue to encourage corporate volunteering opportunities and reinforcing business/corporate responsibility for the appearance of neighbourhoods. Examples of work include widening and edging walkways, removing overgrown ivy and grass from bridges and steps, cutting back overgrown hedgerows and removing overhanging branches and tree whistling along fence lines and sanding and painting street furniture.

We work closely with SCC Environmental Service, Gentoo and Home Group to inform work plans but not duplicate their environmental works delivery. We liaise with local Elected Members, Police, Tyne and Wear Fire to identify hot spots for action. We produce a quarterly workplan in response to needs identified by partners and residents, local business and community walkabouts and includes re-visiting sites to address such as re-growth, littering etc in turn creating a sustainable local environmental management strategy.

The Project is led by a Co-ordinator who also works as an experienced Project Officer supported by an environmental assistant. The Co-ordinator visits sites to assess the scope of work, document the workplan, any impact to habitat, requirements of working on public land, Countryside Act and/or to adhere to by-laws, assessment of health and safety requirements, resource and tool requirements and any timing impacts such as seasonal influences of pruning, nesting etc. Timelines consider that winter is ideal for cutting back and removal of vegetation. Any issues identified in planning are discussed with Council staff, e.g.: falling trees to be removed by SCC Arboriculture Team. Volunteers will be recruited and inducted on an ongoing basis to enhance the work of 10 regular volunteers. We also recruit volunteer's for specific events, the Great British Spring Clean attracted over 60 volunteers to clean ups and litter picks. Clean and Green case studies demonstrate how volunteering has reduced social isolation, improved physical and mental health, improved confidence and led to some volunteers accessing job opportunities. We operate to a documented Volunteer Pathway, with an induction including project aims and objectives, verbal and practical individual assessment of skills, considering potential health issues and providing regular supervision. Volunteers receive a 'toolbox talk' to understand the correct/appropriate use of tools and equipment. We discuss generic and specific risk assessments, provide on-site volunteer training, explore conservation matters, grounds maintenance, habitat management and infrastructure maintenance.

We will work with the REACT employability project, local youth clubs and schools, social prescribers and Sunderland Council Volunteering Hub to recruit volunteers and we anticipate working with 25 volunteers in the proposed 12-month delivery period. We engage corporate volunteers including from Asda, NHS, Nissan and EE and will pursue new links with businesses. We have worked with a range of voluntary organisations

and friends groups, providing access to a well-coordinated loan scheme with a bank of equipment including litter picks, bags rings and sacks, loppers and pruners which we hold in a secure store along with some electrical items which we ensure are tested in line with legislative requirements. We train Organisations in the use of tools and equipment from the 'tool bank, with volunteers shadowing the project staff to rehearse practical skills, gain confidence and use their skills independently in their own Organisations.

We provide groups with advice on site surveys, health and safety requirements and insurance coverage. We can also accompany groups in activities to provide first aid cover if needed. Our delivery of neighbourhood management and environmental works has identified that some work needs to be targeted to address issues which create a decline in local amenities, reduce the attractiveness of neighbourhoods and increase the need for community clean-ups etc. Volunteers/residents have registered frustration regarding 'repeat offenders' who regularly discard litter. We will provide an educational offer, communicating the importance of correct residential waste disposal, keeping their neighbourhood clean/tidy and reporting issues. We support local 'Friends of Groups' to lead smaller community clean ups and link with local schools to deliver environmental projects in school and local neighbourhoods. We also raise awareness of local recycling schemes, community furniture donation centres etc.

We have installed planters to address inconsiderate / illegal parking, carried out painting of street furniture including cleaning, sanding and re-painting metal fencing and benches. In Barnes ward we have worked at improving Barnes Park Extension, cutting back path inserts, removing dead debris, weeding out nettles and brambles and edging pathways. We have also sanded and painted street furniture in the extension, including seats, bins and metal bridges. In addition to this the project coordinator has lead groups of children attending holiday clubs with Active Families on litter picks in the park extension and held recycling / environmental workshops with the young people in the area. 27 local residents joined in to help clean up their local area.

The volunteer team renovated the garden and front area at Broadway Community Centre, removing sacksful of weeds, nettles, brambles and rotting debris. We also tidied up the pathways and turned over the vegetable plots, preparing them for re-planting. The team have been active in Barnes Park, delivering regular community litter picks supporting events that take place there. The team have also been successful in re-engaging the Friends of Barnes Park group, facilitating meetings and supporting the group to recruit new members, apply for funds and actively support the work being delivered throughout the park.

The volunteer team also delivered regular litter picks and clean ups throughout the ward, in areas such as Wearhead drive, the mineral line, Herrington Burn, Eden Vale, Ettrick Grove and Hurstwood Road. 27 local residents joined in to help clean up their local area and from Oct 22 – Sept 23, 280 sacks of rubbish and garden waste were collected in the ward. The project has worked with several groups including Barnes Infant & Junior School, Broadway Community Centre, Springboard, Youth Almighty Project, St Annes Primary School and Active Families.

In June 2023 the team delivered planting workshops for groups of school children as part of Barnes Park Event. In total the project delivered 13 half hour workshops to 213 local school children. During the workshop participants decorated their own plant pot, filled it with compost then

planted a strawberry plant while learning about plant care, the environment and growing their own food. The children then took their plant home to look after. 86 children were local to the Barnes ward, attending Barnes Infant School, Barnes Junior School and Broadway Junior School.

CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	20
208	amount of highway, cycle, pathways, greenspace improved by area (m2)	275
209	number of litter picks/community cleans up carried out	80
210	Number of bags of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	500
211	Issues reported via www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it	23
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	number of NEW volunteers recruited	16
306	number of volunteers participating	52
307	number of volunteer hours delivered	800

Application 2

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Springboard Sunderland Trust
Address Line 1	Unit 1 AND 2
Address Line 2	Pallion
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR46AD
Project Details	
Project Title	Clean and Green Pallion

Project Overview (max. 50 words)	The project is designed to work with local communities to improve the area within Pallion. Work is varied and includes, litter picking, painting, tree work, path edging, chipping, flail grass cutting. We work with the Council and Gentoo to take on projects they aren't able to, making a lasting impact and improvement on the area.	
Total Project Cost	£	20,000
Match Funding	£	-
Total NF Requested	£	20,000
Project Start Date		01-Oct-24
Project End Date		01-Sep-25
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Springboard Pallion	

Project Description

Established in 1975 Springboard, we are a North-East based charity aiming to support the development of sustainable communities, where people have the skills needed for work and life. We have operated in the Pallion area for over 30 years, working with local stakeholders and schools to deliver a variety of services and initiatives.

We have been running the Clean and Green Pallion project since early 2023. We had some initial challenges that we worked through together and have been gathering momentum. We appointed Alex Richings in October 2023 who has been very pro-active on gathering pace with work in Pallion. He has great ideas for the future and is forging new connections with community groups around the area.

We work closely with the local schools, including the Link School, emphasising on promoting educational messages to both our learners, and learners in local schools. We deliver alternative education to The Link School to offering hands on training in practical trades.

We attend the West Area steering groups, and we provide regular updates regarding the Clean and Green programme, to ensure it is delivering the improvements and involving as much of the local community as possible. It gives groups and representatives of the area a regular chance to be reminded of the project, its aims and how they can be involved.

We complete regular ranger updates and photo summaries by direct email updates to the ward Councillors and Council Officers and also regular social media updates so we reach as many people as possible.

With the reprofile of the project we are able to add an additional staff member to the project for one day per week. So there will be two rangers

for two days and one ranger on the other day, working alongside one another to increase the impact they are able to make; the days are 7.5 hour days.

This is beneficial in several ways:

- More staff to Increase capacity and the amount of activity carried out.
- The heavier more involved tasks e.g. chipping/chainsaw use require two staff from a health and safety point of view. Being able to use this kit more often will really help as its more efficient in time and will show in the work.
- Trailer use is essential, having a banksman is faster and safer.
- Staff have different but complementary skill sets which help us be more flexible. For example, minibus drivers, chainsaw, tractor and chipper certificates.

The main volunteers on Pallion Clean and Green have been our construction learners and adult volunteers that we have established since the beginning of the project. We have also had a lot of support from the Prince's Trust young people based with the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue service. Springboard Futures learners have been involved in the project, benefiting from the experience, interacting with members of the public, learning about gardening skills and how to use basic hand tools. We are working with Pallion Action Group, Communities Together Sunderland West on initiatives to involve more volunteers/community groups and also opportunities for local school children in the coming months. As the work with the volunteers continues, we plan to train key champions to be able to complete more involved work themselves. In time, this will evolve into being able to train people who are then able to pass skills and train other volunteers.

Regular litter picks and clean ups across Pallion, including around our centre and towards St Lukes Shopping Terrace. We will also facilitate these litter picks along the metro lines towards Millfield, and the old railway line and bridle path to South Hylton. We will carry out regular litter picks across Hylton Road Playing fields as well as continue deeper cleans of the tree line.

Planting will continue with additional funds being kindly received from the community chest fund for plants to fill spaces in beds, planters and raised beds to, these will be identified by councillors in coordination with Alex our Ranger and always by Council Officers to ensure we are all working together to avoid duplication and that we agree on the species of plants to maximum use of the budget. A lot of planters are on and close to St Lukes Terrace, Springboard work closely with the traders on St Lukes Shopping Terrace, with several of the traders often offering support and charity raffle prizes for our events. We will continue to build relationships and keep in comms to ensure the area looks its best and so that we can rely on their support for watering when its particular warm.

Larger work, at Hylton Road Playing Fields has commenced and progressing well. The first winter period of work has highlighted some challenges which we can take action on over the Spring and Summer ready for further tree thinning, crown raising and chipping this Autumn and Winter after nesting season. The focus over Spring and Summer is chipping brush that has been stored in tree lines ready for the ground drying up to allow us to get the ATV and chipper on site. Over the next 18 months we will keep up the work on the area to make sure that it continues to improve and the work already done is continued.

As community engagement increases, we will be able to enable groups to complete low level and more complex clean ups themselves by accessing the tool bank. This is available for groups to use after completing some training to make sure they are able to use kit safely. That is

both for them and the people they are around. They will also be involved in assessing risks on particular jobs so they are informed about what is safe to carry out and what is not.

Over the next period we will be visiting Ford Limestone Quarry which is a SSSI situated close to the Ford Football Hub, we will be carrying out work to support the environment and raise awareness of the site to the local area as the valuable asset that it is. This will be consulted on with the Council ecologist.

The work in Pallion is gathering momentum and we are keen to continue that. We have an established project manager with an additional member of the team allocated for another day per week. With the foundation we have established and the addition of another person one day per week the projects goals will be achieved more quickly. The extra supported will allow us to use more machines more often and the end result will be felt and seen by the residents of Pallion.

Outputs

CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
208	amount of highway, cycle, pathways, greenspace improved by area (m2)	500
209	number of litter picks/community cleans up carried out	22
210	Number of bags of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	100
211	Issues reported via www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it	24
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	number of NEW volunteers recruited	32
306	number of volunteers participating	20
307	number of volunteer hours delivered	2500

Application 3

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Community Opportunities Ltd
Address Line 1	Winchester House
Address Line 2	Baxter Road
City	Town End Farm, Sunderland
Postcode	SR5 4LW
Project Details	
Project Title	Clean It, Green It - Sandhill
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Community Opportunities will deliver a neighbourhood environmental improvement project, responding to local concerns, and contributing to creating an 'attractive, clean and cared for environment, where people live, work and spend their leisure time. Staff and resident volunteers will deliver community clean-ups, litter picking, planting and forestry projects, refurbishing park/green space equipment.
Total Project Cost	£ 20,733
Match Funding	£ 733
Total NF Requested	£ 20,000
Project Start Date	01-Oct-24
Project End Date	30-Sep-25
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Sandhill ward in the Sunderland West Area

Project Description

Community Opportunities will continue to deliver a ward-based neighbourhood management and environmental improvement project that responds to local concerns and builds on the successful delivery of the Clean It, Green It project we have delivered since June 2019 contributing to creating an 'attractive, clean and cared for environment where people choose to invest, live, work and spend their leisure time.

Delivery will include community clean-ups, litter picking, planting and forestry projects, refurbishing park and green space equipment, effectively engaging residents to volunteer and improve the appearance of their neighbourhoods, reduce littering and fly tipping, managing overgrown greenspaces and sustaining the maintenance of areas by working with groups to develop additional skills, including providing access to an equipment bank loan scheme. We will continue to encourage corporate volunteering opportunities and reinforcing business/corporate responsibility for the appearance of neighbourhoods. Examples of work include widening and edging walkways, removing overgrown ivy and grass from bridges and steps, cutting back overgrown hedgerows and removing overhanging branches and tree whistling along fence lines and sanding and painting street furniture.

We work closely with SCC Environmental Service, Gentoo and Home Group to inform work plans but not duplicate their environmental works delivery. We liaise with local Elected Members, Police, Tyne and Wear Fire to identify hot spots for action. We produce a quarterly workplan in response to needs identified by partners and residents, local business and community walkabouts and includes re-visiting sites to address such as re-growth, littering etc in turn creating a sustainable local environmental management strategy.

The Project is led by a Co-ordinator who also works as an experienced Project Officer supported by an environmental assistant. The Co-ordinator visits sites to assess the scope of work, document the workplan, any impact to habitat, requirements of working on public land, Countryside Act and/or to adhere to by-laws, assessment of health and safety requirements, resource and tool requirements and any timing impacts such as seasonal influences of pruning, nesting etc. Timelines consider that winter is ideal for cutting back and removal of vegetation.

Any issues identified in planning are discussed with Council staff, e.g.: falling trees to be removed by SCC Arboriculture Team. Volunteers will be recruited and inducted on an ongoing basis to enhance the work of 10 regular volunteers. We also recruit volunteer's for specific events, the Great British Spring Clean attracted over 60 volunteers to clean ups and litter picks. Clean and Green case studies demonstrate how volunteering has reduced social isolation, improved physical and mental health, improved confidence and led to some volunteers accessing job opportunities. We operate to a documented Volunteer Pathway, with an induction including project aims and objectives, verbal and practical individual assessment of skills, considering potential health issues and providing regular supervision. Volunteers receive a 'toolbox talk' to understand the correct/appropriate use of tools and equipment. We discuss generic and specific risk assessments, provide on-site volunteer training, explore conservation matters, grounds maintenance, habitat management and infrastructure maintenance.

We will work with the REACT employability project, local youth clubs and schools, social prescribers and Sunderland Council Volunteering Hub to recruit volunteers and we anticipate working with 25 volunteers in the proposed 12-month delivery period. We engage corporate volunteers including from Asda, NHS, Nissan and EE and will pursue new links with businesses. We have worked with a range of voluntary organisations and friends groups, providing access to a well-coordinated loan scheme with a bank of equipment including litter picks, bags rings and sacks, loppers and pruners which we hold in a secure store. We train Organisations in the use of tools and equipment from the 'tool bank, with volunteers shadowing the project staff to rehearse practical skills, gain confidence and use their skills independently in their own Organisations.

We provide groups with advice on site surveys, health and safety requirements and insurance coverage. We can also accompany groups in activities to provide first aid cover if needed. Our delivery of neighbourhood management and environmental works has identified that some

work needs to be targeted to address issues which create a decline in local amenities, reduce the attractiveness of neighbourhoods and increase the need for community clean-ups etc. Volunteers/residents have registered frustration regarding 'repeat offenders' who regularly discard litter. We will provide an educational offer, communicating the importance of correct residential waste disposal, keeping their neighbourhood clean/tidy and reporting issues. We support local 'Friends of Groups' to lead smaller community clean ups and link with local schools to deliver environmental projects in school and local neighbourhoods. We also raise awareness of local recycling schemes, community furniture donation centres etc.

We have installed planters to address inconsiderate / illegal parking, carried out painting of street furniture including cleaning, sanding and re-painting metal fencing and benches.

In Sandhill ward we have worked hard to improve the Thorney Close area, conducting monthly litter picks around the shops, fields and walkways as well as tidying up the trees and bushes lining the play fields and play park, cutting back overgrown greenery, removing tree whistings and overhanging branches and collecting waste greenery and debris throughout the area. In addition to this the project coordinator has lead groups of children attending holiday clubs with both Community Opportunities and The Family Hub on litter picks in the play park and play fields and held recycling / environmental workshops with the young people in the area.

The volunteers renovated community gardens and play areas at Sunderland Re-Use Centre on Thorndale Road and Playdays 4 Kids nursery on Grindon Lane. Work at the venues included removing large amounts of greenery, bushes and trees, removing old fencing and replacing it, building pathways and access points, improving bedding areas and installing new equipment including bug hotels and bird boxes.

The volunteer team have delivered regular weekly litter picking sessions and community clean ups in Sandhill at many locations including the A690 pathways, Hastings Hill, the Bridle Path, Tay Road Fields, Springwell and Grindon Lane. 8 local residents joined in to help clean up their local area and from Oct 22 – Sept 23, 431 sacks of rubbish and garden waste were collected in the ward. The project has worked with several groups including The Family Hub, Thorney Close Youth Club, Sunderland Re-Use Centre, Grindon Young People's Centre, Grindon Infants School, Hastings Hill Primary School and Active Families, delivering site projects with staff and volunteers as well as projects such as litter picking, planting and recycling workshops with young people.

In June 2023 the team delivered planting workshops for groups of school children as part of Barnes Park Event. In total the project delivered 13 half hour workshops to 213 local school children. During the workshop participants decorated their own plant pot, filled it with compost then planted a strawberry plant while learning about plant care, the environment and growing their own food. The children then took their plant home to look after. 55 children were local to the Sandhill ward, attending Thorney Close Primary School and Grindon Infants School.

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201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	20
208	amount of highway, cycle, pathways, greenspace improved by area (m2)	275
209	number of litter picks/community cleans up carried out	80
210	Number of bags of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	500
211	Issues reported via www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it	23
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	number of NEW volunteers recruited	16
306	number of volunteers participating	52
307	number of volunteer hours delivered	800

Application 4

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Community Opportunities Ltd
Address Line 1	Winchester House
Address Line 2	Baxter Road
City	Town End Farm, Sunderland
Postcode	SR5 4LW

Project Details	
Project Title	Clean It, Green It - St Annes
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Community Opportunities will deliver a neighbourhood environmental improvement project, responding to local concerns, and contributing to creating an ‘attractive, clean and cared for environment, where people live, work and spend their leisure time. Staff and resident volunteers will deliver community clean-ups, litter picking, planting and forestry projects, refurbishing park/green space equipment.
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Total NF Requested	£ 20,000
Project Start Date	01-Oct-24
Project End Date	30-Sep-25
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	St Annes ward in West area

Project Description

Community Opportunities will continue to deliver a ward-based neighbourhood management and environmental improvement project that responds to local concerns and builds on the successful delivery of the Clean It, Green It project we have delivered since June 2019 contributing to creating an ‘attractive, clean and cared for environment where people choose to invest, live, work and spend their leisure time.

Delivery will include community clean-ups, litter picking, planting and forestry projects, refurbishing park and green space equipment, effectively engaging residents to volunteer and improve the appearance of their neighbourhoods, reduce littering and fly tipping, managing overgrown greenspaces and sustaining the maintenance of areas by working with groups to develop additional skills, including providing access to an equipment bank loan scheme. We will continue to encourage corporate volunteering opportunities and reinforcing business/corporate responsibility for the appearance of neighbourhoods. Examples of work include widening and edging walkways, removing overgrown ivy and grass from bridges and steps, cutting back overgrown hedgerows and removing overhanging branches and tree whistling along fence lines and sanding and painting street furniture.

We work closely with SCC Environmental Service, Gentoo and Home Group to inform work plans but not duplicate their environmental works delivery. We liaise with local Elected Members, Police, Tyne and Wear Fire to identify hot spots for action. We produce a quarterly workplan in

response to needs identified by partners and residents, local business and community walkabouts and includes re-visiting sites to address such as re-growth, littering etc in turn creating a sustainable local environmental management strategy.

The Project is led by a Co-ordinator who also works as an experienced Project Officer supported by an environmental assistant. The Co-ordinator visits sites to assess the scope of work, document the workplan, any impact to habitat, requirements of working on public land, Countryside Act and/or to adhere to by-laws, assessment of health and safety requirements, resource and tool requirements and any timing impacts such as seasonal influences of pruning, nesting etc. Timelines consider that winter is ideal for cutting back and removal of vegetation.

Any issues identified in planning are discussed with Council staff, eg: falling trees to be removed by SCC Arboriculture Team. Volunteers will be recruited and inducted on an ongoing basis to enhance the work of 10 regular volunteers. We also recruit volunteer's for specific events, the Great British Spring Clean attracted over 60 volunteers to clean ups and litter picks. Clean and Green case studies demonstrate how volunteering has reduced social isolation, improved physical and mental health, improved confidence and led to some volunteers accessing job opportunities. We operate to a documented Volunteer Pathway, with an induction including project aims and objectives, verbal and practical individual assessment of skills, considering potential health issues and providing regular supervision. Volunteers receive a 'toolbox talk' to understand the correct/appropriate use of tools and equipment. We discuss generic and specific risk assessments, provide on-site volunteer training, explore conservation matters, grounds maintenance, habitat management and infrastructure maintenance.

We will work with the REACT employability project, local youth clubs and schools, social prescribers and Sunderland Council Volunteering Hub to recruit volunteers and we anticipate working with 25 volunteers in the proposed 12-month delivery period. We engage corporate volunteers including from Asda, NHS, Nissan and EE and will pursue new links with businesses. We have worked with a range of voluntary organisations and friends groups, providing access to a well-coordinated loan scheme with a bank of equipment including litter picks, bags rings and sacks, loppers and pruners which we hold in a secure store. We train Organisations in the use of tools and equipment from the 'tool bank, with volunteers shadowing the project staff to rehearse practical skills, gain confidence and use their skills independently in their own Organisations.

We provide groups with advice on site surveys, health and safety requirements and insurance coverage. We can also accompany groups in activities to provide first aid cover if needed. Our delivery of neighbourhood management and environmental works has identified that some work needs to be targeted to address issues which create a decline in local amenities, reduce the attractiveness of neighbourhoods and increase the need for community clean-ups etc. Volunteers/residents have registered frustration regarding 'repeat offenders' who regularly discard litter. We will provide an educational offer, communicating the importance of correct residential waste disposal, keeping their neighbourhood clean/tidy and reporting issues. We support local 'Friends of Groups' to lead smaller community clean ups and link with local schools to deliver environmental projects in school and local neighbourhoods. We also raise awareness of local recycling schemes, community furniture donation centres etc.

We have installed planters to address inconsiderate / illegal parking, carried out painting of street furniture including cleaning, sanding and re-painting metal fencing and benches. In St Annes ward the team have worked at improving the areas including Pottery Lane and the Tansy

Centre Community Garden. In Pottery Lane the team were joined by members of the local community to remove a large build-up of rubbish, clean up the route, cut back overgrown shrubs and grass and dig up mud which had washed down and blocked the drains. We also renovated the community garden at the Tansy Centre, removing large overgrown bushes, cutting back ivy, weeding beds and painting the decking. The team also spent several weeks tidying up the area at Pennywell Park Road, removing rubbish, cutting back overgrown bushes and trees and sanding and painting the ornamental metal fencing surrounding the green area.

The volunteer team also delivered regular litter picks and clean ups throughout the ward, in areas such as Claxheugh Rock, the riverside, Pennywell Shopping Centre, the Children’s Forest, King George V’s Park, Pennywell Road Park area, the cycle route in South Hylton, the A183 underpass, Parkhurst Road, Ford Estate Shops and the War Memorial. 30 local residents joined in to help clean up their local area and from Oct 22 – Sept 23, 518 sacks of rubbish and garden waste were collected in the ward. The project has also worked with several groups including Hope 4 All, St Annes Primary School, Pennywell Community Centre, South Hylton Primary School, the Tansy Centre and Active Families.

In June 2023 the team delivered planting workshops for groups of school children as part of Barnes Park Event. In total the project delivered 13 half hour workshops to 213 local school children. During the workshop participants decorated their own plant pot, filled it with compost then planted a strawberry plant while learning about plant care, the environment and growing their own food. The children then took their plant home to look after. 30 children were local to St Annes ward, attending St Annes Primary School.

CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
201	number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	20
208	amount of highway, cycle, pathways, greenspace improved by area (m2)	275
209	number of litter picks/community cleans up carried out	80
210	Number of bags of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	500
211	Issues reported via www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it	23
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	number of NEW volunteers recruited	16
306	number of volunteers participating	52
307	number of volunteer hours delivered	800

Application 5

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Youth Almighty Project
Address Line 1	Silksworth Youth and Community Centre
Address Line 2	Tunstall Village Road
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR3 2BB

Project Details	
Project Title	Silksworth Ranger
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	YAP would like to continue the existing Silksworth Ranger Project to support the delivery of a ward based approach to neighbourhood management and environmental improvements and responding to local concerns across the ward. We will continue to encourage community partnerships, volunteering and improved use of green spaces.
Total Project Cost	£ 25,746
Match Funding	£ 6,048
Total NF Requested	£ 19,698
Project Start Date	Oct-24
Project End Date	Sep-25
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Silksworth Ward

Project Description

Due to the success of the current Project Youth Almighty Project would like to accept the invitation to continue the delivery of our 'Silksworth Rangers' Clean and Green project.

YAP would like to continue the delivery of a ward-based approach to neighbourhood management and environmental improvements, responding to local concerns across the ward.

Our current project "Silksworth Rangers" has been a great success. Our Ranger has enhanced the local neighbourhood, encouraged community partnerships and volunteering, and improved the use of green spaces.

There have been many success stories throughout the journey of this project regarding the improvements made to the local area. Positive feedback has been received from the local residents on social media such as:

"He was out all day clearing up the line. I live right next to it and it's a dumping site. Well done keep up the good work x"

"Well done everyone involved great job done"

"Well done great work"

"Be proud of yourselves and thank you for your efforts"

"Great work making our community nicer"

"Fab work!"

"Well done , fantastic work"

"Ranger you are simply amazing thank you for all your hard work"

"Fantastic"

The Silksworth Ranger will continue to carry out a variety of tasks including:

- Litter picking and community clean ups
- Share success on social media
- Strimming and cutting back, edging paths,
- Identify areas of concern and produce an action plan to target these areas.
- Report issues to Sunderland City Council via the appropriate means
- Support Friends of Silksworth Park
- Attend meetings as and when required
- Sustain relationships with Silksworth Park Staff
- Sustain and further develop relationships with existing/new partners and local businesses
- Complete Risk assessments when required
- Site visits
- Maintain planters
- Work in partnership with volunteers
- Deliver educational campaigns/messages to the community/schools

- Maintain and repair street fencing/furniture where required
- Paint furniture/barriers

Our Ranger has a successful track record of recruiting and engaging new and existing volunteers to support the project. We will continue to recruit and engage volunteers to support with identified projects such as litter picks, community clean ups, cutting back vegetation, edging, weeding and strimming and raking. All volunteers will continue to be safely inducted into the project and given appropriate activities based on their abilities.

Another strength we see from this project is the information and education to the local community. We will continue to deliver a range of educational campaigns such as dog fouling, litter, recycling, environment, to the whole community through our existing activities, social media, leaflets, posters and workshops.

There will be positive implications for Sunderland City Council Environmental team as they will have additional capacity by the project taking on some of their tasks. Through the current project we have worked closely with the team to identify tasks/areas.

Within the Silksworth ward the Silksworth Ranger will particular focus on:

Continue to support and enhance the volunteering with Friends of Silksworth Park

- Our Ranger will continue to work in partnership to support and enhance the volunteering with the Friends of Silksworth Park through being an active partner, attending their planned litter picks within the park, attending community clean-ups, and attending their monthly meeting.

Litter picking and environmental enhancements to the mineral line within the Silksworth ward working with other Clean and Green groups

- The Ranger will complete litter picking and environmental enhancements to the mineral line. Whilst doing litter picks the ranger will be the eyes on the ground to observe and report through the appropriate channels when fly tipping appears along the mineral line.

Other environmental enhancements improvements such as removing litter, collecting leaves, habitat restoration, and cutting back shrubs on the cycle path will also be undertaken.

- The Ranger will also work alongside other clean and green groups to avoid duplication and work together to tackle any joint projects identified within the mineral line. Maintaining and enhancing planters throughout the ward
- The Ranger will continue to maintain all of the planters across the ward. 4 located at the bottom of Cambridge Road, 2 at St Matthews Church, 1 opposite the Scullery, 2 at the Pit Wheel and 1 near Silksworth Lane.
- We will continue to work with partners to obtain plants and bulbs hopefully donated or at low cost.

Environmental improvements to open green spaces

- We will continue to work with existing partners and build links with partners. Examples of improvements could be planting, tackling litter, painting, removing graffiti, weeding, cutting down shrubs, planning activities, and arranging community clean ups.
- Making these improvements to open green spaces will provide opportunities for rest, relaxation, and connection with nature for the residents of Silksworth. It will also improve, maintain, and protect existing green spaces to ensure they are being used for maximum effect.

Cleaning and litter picking alleyways across the ward

- The Ranger will continue to complete weekly litter picks across the ward. We will continue to work with local partners to identify target areas of concern.
- They will also continue to do ward walkabouts to identify areas of concern.

Maintain and repair street fencing and furniture

- The Ranger will continue to work with local Ward Councillors and Sunderland City Council Environmental Services officer to identify any street fencing and furniture that needs minor repairing/maintaining such as painting, pulling out weeds around surrounding areas, reporting any significant damage.
- Through the current project we have identified removing graffiti and painting street furniture is a priority and is key making the area look better

This will be shared with the appropriate partners as and when needed.

Expected Outcomes of this project

We know how successful the current project has been at delivering outcomes and improving the ward and we would like to continue the delivery of this project to make further improvements and deliver positive outcomes.

Work in partnership with existing services and initiatives to deliver environmental improvements and involve the local community facilitating community ownership with regards to the local environment

- We will continue to work in partnership with existing services and local stakeholders; ward councillors and partners. We will work together to identify what improvements are needed and develop an action plan to ensure we achieve maximum impact.
- We have created an equipment bank at Silksworth Youth and Community Centre in our secure storage space. We continue to utilise our existing equipment which we purchased through Sunderland Keep West Tidy Project.

Attend regular Area Steering group meetings with all other ward-based projects to support the programme across the West.

- The Silksworth Ranger will continue to attend regular area steering group meetings with all other ward-based projects to support, share best practice, update on issues/concerns and update on the programme in the Silksworth Ward.

Working with communities and partners to understand local issues and help to identify their own solutions and take more responsibility for their local community and sites.

- We will continue to regularly consult with the local community, and partners to understand local issues and support them to create solutions, empowering them and their users to be involved and to take pride in their area.

Improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods across the West area with a focus of Silksworth Ward and address issues which are contributing to the decline of local amenities

- Together with partners the Ranger will continue to make visual improvements to identified areas within the ward and dramatically continue to improve them.

- The project will continue to improve the overall visual appearance of the Silksworth ward making it more attractive and a better place to live for the local community.

CODE	Healthy Smart City Outputs	
208	amount of highway, cycle, pathways, greenspace improved by area (m2)	3884
209	number of litter picks/community cleans up carried out	104
210	Number of bags of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	140
211	Issues reported via www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it	20
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	number of NEW volunteers recruited	38
306	number of volunteers participating	84
307	number of volunteer hours delivered	504

Application 6

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Youth Almighty Project
Address Line 1	Silksworth Youth and Community Centre
Address Line 2	Tunstall Village Road
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR3 2BB

Project Details	
Project Title	St Chads Ranger
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	YAP would like to continue the existing St Chads Ranger Project to support the delivery of a ward based approach to neighbourhood management and environmental improvements and responding to local concerns across the ward. We will continue to encourage community partnerships, volunteering and improved use of green spaces.
Total Project Cost	£ 25,746
Match Funding	£ 6,048
Total NF Requested	£ 19,698
Project Start Date	Oct-24
Project End Date	Sep-25
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	St Chads Ward

Project Description

Due to the success of the current project Youth Almighty Project would like to accept the invitation to continue the delivery of our 'St Chads Rangers' Clean and Green project.

YAP would like to continue to support the delivery of a ward based approach to neighbourhood management and environmental improvements, responding to local concerns across the ward. Our current project "St Chads Rangers" has been a great success. Our Ranger has enhanced the local neighbourhood, encouraged community partnerships and volunteering, and improved the use of green spaces.

There has been many success stories throughout the journey of this project regarding the improvements made to the local area. Positive feedback has been received from the local residents on social media such as:

“Thank you what a star”

“Looks lovely thank you”

“What a difference much appreciated”

“Great work”

“You people are amazing”

“You doing a fantastic job”

“Thank you for all of your hard work keeping our community neat and tidy, it makes such a difference”

“Great Job , thank you so much for looking after our community”

The St Chads Ranger will continue to carry out a variety of tasks:

- Litter picking and community clean ups
- Share success on social media
- Monthly community clean up
- Strimming and cutting back, edging path
- Paint railings and street furniture
- Identify areas of concern and produce an action plan to target these areas.
- Report issues to Sunderland City Council via the appropriate means
- Support Friends of Middle Herrington Park
- Attend meetings as and when required
- Sustain and develop relationships with existing/new partners and local businesses

- Complete Risk assessments when required
- Site visits
- Maintain Planters within the ward
- Work in partnership with volunteers
- Engage with local businesses and schools
- Deliver educational campaigns/messages to the community/schools
- Maintain and repair street fencing/furniture where required

Our Ranger has a successful track record of recruiting and engaging volunteers and will continue to recruit and engage new and existing volunteers to work and support with identified projects such as litter picks and community clean ups, cutting back vegetation, edging, weeding, strimming and raking. All volunteers will continue to be safely inducted into the project and given appropriate activities based on their abilities.

Another strength we see in this project is the information and education to the local community. We will continue to deliver a range of educational campaigns such as dog fouling, litter, recycling, environment, to the whole community through our existing activities, social media, leaflets, posters and workshops. We will look to go into the local schools within ward and encourage them to engage in our planned activities such as litter picks and to adopt a planter.

There are positive implications for Sunderland City Council Environmental team as they will have additional capacity by the project taking on some of their tasks. Through the current project we have worked closely with Sunderland City Council Environment and the Environmental Services Officer which has proven to work well, to identify tasks/areas for the ranger to focus on.

Within the St Chad ward the St Chads Ranger will continue to focus on:

Continuing to support the development of Middle Herrington Park

- YAP and the St Chads ward ranger have supported with the development of setting up a Friends of Middle Herrington Park. Meetings have been held and improvements have been made to the park. Various discussions have taken place to merge this group with the friends of Herrington Village due to the similarities of both the groups.

Environmental enhancements to the mineral line within the St Chads ward working with other Clean and Green groups

- The St Chads Ranger will continue to complete litter picking and environmental enhancements to the mineral line within the Ward. Part of the Rangers role is to complete weekly litter picks across the ward. Whilst doing litter picks the ranger will be the eyes on the ground to observe and report through the appropriate channels when fly tipping appears along the mineral line. Other environmental enhancements improvements to the mineral line such as removing litter, collecting leaves, habitat restoration, and cutting back shrubs along the cycle path will also be undertaken.
- The Ranger will also continue to work alongside other clean and green groups to avoid duplication and to tackle any joint projects identified within the mineral line.

Maintaining and enhancing planters throughout the ward

- The Ranger will continue to maintain the planters around the ward and will empower local groups to take ownership and adopt these
- The Ranger will continue to maintain the planter at Crow Lane and will also maintain any new planters that are places within the ward.
- We will continue to work with members of the Herrington Village show to use their resources, knowledge, and expertise to enhance the local area with flowers etc.

Environmental improvements to open green spaces

- We will continue to work with existing partners and continue to build links with partners located within the ward to develop a range of environmental improvements projects to open green spaces within the ward. Examples of improvements could be planting, tackling litter, painting, removing graffiti, remove fly tipping, weeding, cutting down shrubs, planning activities, developing community herb garden, and arranging community clean ups.
- We will continue to make improvements to open green spaces that will provide opportunities for rest, relaxation, and connection with nature for the residents of St Chads. We will also continue to improve, maintain, and protect existing green spaces to ensure they are being used for maximum effect.
- The Ranger will also continue to work alongside other clean and green groups to avoid duplication and work together to tackle any joint projects identified.

Cleaning and litter picking alleyways across the ward

- The Ranger will continue to complete weekly litter picks across the ward. They will work with local partners to identify target areas of concern.

- They will also continue to do ward walkabouts to identify areas of concern. They will continue to put together a litter picking action plan of targeted areas with a schedule of planned activities

Maintain and repair street fencing and furniture

- The Ranger will work with local ward councillors and Sunderland City Council Environmental Services officer to identify any street fencing and furniture that needs minor repairing/maintaining such as painting, pulling out weeds around surrounding areas, reporting any significant damage.
- Through the current project we have identified removing graffiti and painting street furniture is a priority and is key to making the area look better

Expected Outcomes of this project

We know how successful the current project has been at delivering outcomes and improving the ward and we would like to continue the delivery of this project to make further improvements and deliver positive outcomes.

Work in partnership with existing services and initiatives to deliver environmental improvements and involve the local community facilitating community ownership with regards to the local environment

- We will continue to work in partnership with existing services and local stakeholders, local elected members and partners. We will continue to work together to identify what improvements are needed and develop an action plan to ensure we achieve maximum impact.
- We will continue to support and empower our partners to take pride and ownership through their engagement and participation. We will continue to empower the local community to take ownership through their involvement in identifying needs/concerns, through to implementation and evaluation.
- We have created an equipment bank for use by groups which will be based at Farrington Youth and Community Centre, in our secure storage space.

Attend regular Area Steering group meetings with all other ward-based projects to support the programme across the West.

- The St Chads Ranger will continue to attend regular area steering group meetings with all other ward-based projects to support, share best practice, update on issues/concerns and update on the program in the St Chads Ward.
- The St Chads Ranger will continue to work in partnership with other clean and green projects to complete tasks when these are identified very close to another ward.

Working with communities and partners to understand local issues and help to identify their own solutions and take more responsibility for their local community and sites.

- We will continue to consult with the local community, and partners such as Friends of West Park, St Chads resident group, ward councillors, and local residents to understand local issues and support them to create solutions, empowering them and their users to be involved, and take responsibility.
- We will continue to empower children, young people, and the local community to take pride in their area and understand the natural environment and the impact of negative behaviours against the environment.

Improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods across the West area with a focus of St Chads Ward and address issues which are contributing to the decline of local amenities

- Together with partners the Ranger will continue to make visual improvements to identified areas within the ward to dramatically improve them so that there is a clear change in a short period of time.
- This project will continue to provide residents and other groups with the opportunity to get involved in a variety of environmental improvements based on needs and address local concerns.

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208	amount of highway, cycle, pathways, greenspace improved by area (m2)	3884
209	number of litter picks/community cleans up carried out	104
210	Number of bags of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	140
211	Issues reported via www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it	20
CODE	Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
305	number of NEW volunteers recruited	38
306	number of volunteers participating	84
307	number of volunteer hours delivered	504

Application 7

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre
Address Line 1	Grounds of Plains Farm Academy
Address Line 2	Tudor Grove, Plains Farm
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR3 1SU

Project Details	
Project Title	Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre internal improvements
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	We would like to make internal improvements to Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre. This will ensure that we continue to provide activities/services for the whole community. This in turn will make the building more welcoming, attractive and more sustainable.
Total Project Cost	£ 6,417
Match Funding	£ 421
Total NF Requested	£ 5,996
Project Start Date	01-Jul-24
Project End Date	30-Oct-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre internal improvements

Project Description

We would like to make some internal improvements to Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre in the Barnes Ward of Sunderland West. We currently lease this building from Sunderland City Council. We have a full repair and maintenance lease in place meaning we have full repairing responsibility.

The building attracts a range of people of all ages. It is located in the grounds of a Plains Farm Academy School. The building has a computer suite, kitchen, office, 2 x medium sized rooms, garden area, car park, disabled facilities, and access.

The building provides a range of services/ activities for the whole community such as social prescribing, youth activities, Holiday Activity Food programs, digital, and specialist support such as Breathing Space.

Improvements required.

- We would like to replace the flooring the main room. The current flooring is worn and in need of repair. The flooring has suffered wear and tear and is also starting to discolour which make the very unattractive.
- We would like to freshen up the main room and redecorate the walls making in warm, welcoming, and attractive. It will make the room more appealing to recruit new hirers.
- We would like to replace 6 folding tables as these are worn due to continued use and age.
- We would like to install an outdoor notice board to attract new users and to share information with residents of the services on offer.

How those improvements and repairs will help your organisation to provide, or continue to provide, services.

Show how proposed actions will benefit the broader local community.

We feel that by improving the internal appearance of the building it will bring the building up to standard, ensure that our current activities continue, attract more people to use the centre, attract more people to hire the centre which in the long term will help the centre/activities to remain sustainable. We will contact groups who have previously been put off hiring the building.

The main room is used daily to deliver a range of activities that benefit the whole community.

By improving the main room we envisage that there will be an increased usage of 7.5 hours per week.

To ensure that we continue our funded delivery and grow our capacity we need to make improvements to our centre to make sure it is attractive, warm and welcoming to the local community.

We have consulted with our service users and partners who use the building such as Sunderland All Together Youth Consortium, Breathing Space, and Media Savvy who have suggested the renovation of the main room as their preferred investment to the building. This has also been agreed at a building subcommittee with hirers of the building.

Detail the activities you currently deliver, where possible include footfall.

We provide a range of activities and services from the venue.

Links for Life (Social Prescribing)

Mondays – Cuppa and Cake

Wednesdays – Music Time and Rhyme

Fridays – Messy Play

Youth Activities

Wednesdays 5pm – 830pm

Saturdays 10am – 12pm

Cost Of Living Support

Mondays 9am – 12pm

Tuesday 12pm – 3pm

Wednesdays 9am – 1pm

Thursdays 9am – 12pm

Fridays 9am – 12pm

Weekly hirers of the building

Breathing Space

Media Savvy

Parties (when booked)

Other

The current footfall is 2500 over a 2-month period.

Identify which services and activities are being affected or delayed because of the required repair or improvement.

All of the above listed services/activities are affected as they need access main room.

Increasing the daily usage of our building is affected.

Increased attendance at activities due to not having a notice board to advertise what is going on in the building.

How your proposal will contribute to the delivery of the West Area Committee's Area Plan and priorities West - Sunderland City Council

Our project will contribute towards the delivery of the West Area Committees Area plan and Priorities:

Healthy Smart City, improving community assets, youth activities and improved social prescribing offer across the west.

Detail the barriers faced by not having this improvement.

We have had feedback from service users, hirers and children and young people about the main room flooring. Some of the parents have stated that they do not like their children to crawl on the floor due to how dirty it looks.

We have had feedback from groups/organisations/people who have come to view the venue to hire have made remarks about the main room flooring and, in some cases, this has resulted in them not wanting to hire the building.

To ensure that we continue our funded delivery we need to make improvements to our centre.

Provide evidence of match funding for either these investments or previous improvements/ investment made in the last 12 months.

We have recently received community chest funding to replace the existing blinds in all the windows along with purchasing a printer for the local community to use as an when needed.

10 new chairs have been purchased for the building.

Updated PCs will be getting installed in the building

Application 8

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Farringdon Youth and Community Centre
Address Line 1	Allendale Road
Address Line 2	Farringdon
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR3 3EL

Project Details	
Project Title	Farringdon Youth and Community Centre internal improvements
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	We would like to make internal improvements to Farringdon Youth and Community Centre. This will ensure that we continue to provide activities/services for the whole community. This in turn will make the building more welcoming, attractive and more sustainable.
Total Project Cost	£ 6,968
Match Funding	£ 560
Total NF Requested	£ 6,408
Project Start Date	01-Jul-24
Project End Date	30-Oct-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Farringdon Youth and Community Centre

Project Description

Identify which West building and what the improvements, internal or external are.

Provide details of the ownership/lease agreements and that your organisation has been assigned full repairing responsibility.

Please provide evidence of permission for the works to be undertaken.

We would like to make some internal improvements to Farringdon Youth and Community Centre in the St Chads Ward of Sunderland West. We currently lease this building from Sunderland City Council. We have a full repair and maintenance lease in place meaning we have full

repairing responsibility.

The building attracts a range of people of all ages. It is on a major bus route and located in the grounds of a Farringdon Academy School. The building provides a range of services/ activities for the whole community such as social prescribing, youth activities, Holiday Activity Food programs, digital, dance and specialist support.

Improvements required.(photos below)

1. We would like to improve the women's toilet facilities by fitting new safety flooring, installing new cubicles, toilets and sink basins. The current toilet facilities are in need of repair and 1 toilet currently out of use and need replacing as unable to be repaired. The flooring has suffered wear and tear and is also starting to discolour which makes it look very unattractive and unhygienic.

2. We would like to replace the flooring the hall floor. The current flooring is worn and in need of repair having been patched with tape in places. The flooring has suffered wear and tear and is also starting to discolour which make the very unattractive.

How those improvements and repairs will help your organisation to provide, or continue to provide, services.

Show how proposed actions will benefit the broader local community.

We feel that by improving the internal appearance/look of the building it will bring the building up to standard, ensure that our current activities continue, attract more people to use the centre, attract more people to hire the centre which in the long term will help the centre/activities to remain sustainable. We will contact groups who have previously been put off hiring the building.

The hall area is used daily to deliver a range of activities. The toilets are also used on a regular basis by all service users.

By improving the hall area we envisage that there will be an increased usage of 10 hours per week.

To ensure that we continue our funded delivery and grow our capacity we need to make improvements to our centre to make sure it is attractive, warm and welcoming to the local community.

We have consulted with our service users and partners who use the building such as Sunderland All Together Youth Consortium, Alcohol Anonymous, Dynamic Arts and they have suggested the hall and toilets as their preferred investment to the building. This has also been agreed at a building subcommittee with hirers of the building.

Detail the activities you currently deliver, where possible include footfall

We provide a range of activities and services from the venue

Links for Life - Social prescribing

Mondays – Messy Play and toddlers

Wednesdays – Coffee Morning

Thursdays – Cuppa, Stay and Play

Youth Activities

Tuesday 5pm – 830pm

Fridays 5pm – 830pm

Cost Of Living Support

Mondays 12pm – 3pm

Wednesdays 9am – 3pm

Fridays 12pm – 3pm

Weekly hirers of the building

Karate

Big Science

Dynamic Arts Dancing

Alcohol Anonymous

Choir

Parties (when booked)

Digital Hub

Daily access

Other

We are a hub for Sunderland Foodbank which is provided on a Monday and Friday pm

The current footfall is 5000 over a 2 month period. This data was taken from the door sensors which was installed as part of digital health hub project.

Identify which services and activities are being affected or delayed because of the required repair or improvement.

All of the above listed services/activities are affected as they need access to the toilet facilities and hall area.

Increasing the daily usage of our hall is affected.

How your proposal will contribute to the delivery of the West Area Committee's Area Plan and priorities West - Sunderland City Council

Our project will contribute towards the delivery of the West Area Committees Area plan and Priorities:

Healthy Smart City, improving community assets, youth activities and improved social prescribing offer across the west.

Dynamic Smart City - Improved access to digital support,

Detail the barriers faced by not having this improvement.

We have had feedback from service users, hirers and children and young people about the hall flooring and women’s toilet facilities. Some of the parents have stated that they do not like their children to crawl on the floor due to how dirty it looks and patched up with tape. Some of the young girls will not use the toilets facilities because of their current standard. Women and girls are using the disabled toilet rather than their own.

We have had feedback from groups/organisations/people who have come to view the venue to hire have made remarks about the hall flooring and the women’s toilet facilities and in some cases this has resulted in them not wanting to hire the building.

The hall flooring is currently taped in parts to ensure that all reasonable measures have been taken to keep everyone safe.

To ensure that we continue our funded delivery we need to make improvements to our centre.

Provide evidence of match funding for either these investments or previous improvements/ investment made in the last 12 months

We have recently installed an external path from the main fence gate to the front door which will improve accessibility and external appearance of the building. We are also in the process of renovating the ground to the side and front of the building to provide green space for seating and socialising. Negotiations have taken place with Sunderland City Council and the costs for this £1600.

We have also just installed some new CCTV equipment within the building to improve security. £1040.

Through been a digital health hub to support us to minimise digital poverty we have had a significant investment made to our IT facilities. £11,000. We have had a new thermostat and secondary hot water return pump to repair hot water £1000

Application 9

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Silksworth Youth and Community Centre
Address Line 1	Silksworth Youth and Community Centre
Address Line 2	Tunstall Village Road
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR3 2BB

Project Details	
Project Title	Silksworth Youth and Community Centre Improvements
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	We would like to make much needed improvements to Silksworth Youth and Community Centre. This will ensure that we continue to provide activities/services for the whole community. This in turn will make the building more welcoming, attractive and more sustainable.
Total Project Cost	£ 9,218
Match Funding	£ 2,200
Total NF Requested	£ 7,018
Project Start Date	01-Jul-24
Project End Date	30-Oct-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Silksworth Youth and Community Centre

Project Description

Identify which West building and what the improvements, internal or external are.

Provide details of the ownership/lease agreements and that your organisation has been assigned full repairing responsibility.

Please provide evidence of permission for the works to be undertaken.

We would like to make some internal improvements to Silksworth Youth and Community Centre in the Silksworth Ward of Sunderland West. We currently lease this building from Sunderland City Council. We have a full repair and maintenance lease in place meaning we have full repairing responsibility.

The building attracts a range of people of all ages. It is on a major bus route and is located in the heart of Silksworth. The building has a main hall with stage, small hall, activity area, computer room, music room, gym, 3G pitch, storage space and a meeting room. The building has

disabled access.

The building provides a range of services/activities for the whole community such as junior and youth activities, holiday activity and food programmes, Links for Life Activities/Social prescribing, community activities, digital support, dancing, fitness classes, seated exercise classes, specialist support, lunch club, The Bread and Butter Thing Hub and community foodbank.

Improvements required.

1. We would like to improve the stage in the building by fitting new flooring. The current stage flooring is worn and badly chipped. Parts of the stage has had to be taped to ensure this is safe due to general wear and tear.
2. We would like to paint the external walls of the building. Currently this is looking tired and is in need of a full repaint.
3. We would like to replace the flooring in the main entrance of Silksworth Youth and Community Centre. The current floor has been down for a number of years and is in need of updating due to holes, lifting of the floor and being patched in places

How those improvements and repairs will help your organisation to provide, or continue to provide, services.

Show how proposed actions will benefit the broader local community.

We feel that by improving the external appearance/look of the building it will bring the building up to standard, ensure that our current activities continue, attract more people to use the centre, attract more people to hire the centre which in the long term will help the centre/activities to remain sustainable.

The hall area with the stage will be used daily to deliver a range of activities. By improving the stage area we envisage that there will be an increased usage of 8 hours per week along with additional performances, community events and shows at the centre.

The main entrance is the first place people see when they come to the centre, replacing the current flooring would make the building more attractive and welcoming.

Replacing the main entrance flooring will improve safety of the building. Parts of the current flooring is taped to ensure there are no tripping hazards, where the floor is lifting in various parts of the main entrance.

To ensure that we continue our funded delivery and grow our capacity we need to make improvements to our centre to make sure it is attractive, warm and welcoming to the local community.

We have consulted with our service users and partners who use the building such as Lisa Clinton School of Dance, Rachel Wilson School of Dance, JGo Boxercise and Fitness and Keep Moving and they have suggested replacement of the stage flooring as a priority for the building as well as improving the exterior to make it look more modern and attractive. This has also been agreed at a building sub committee with hirers of the building.

Detail the activities you currently deliver, where possible include footfall

The current footfall is 17K over a 3-month period. This data was taken from the door sensors which was installed as part of the Digital Health

Hub project. We provide a range of activities and services from the venue including -

Links for Life

Monday – Move it Monday

Thursday – Women’s Group

Friday – Coffee Morning

Friday – Line Dancing

Youth Activities

Monday – Youth Session

Thursday – Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 Session

Thursday – Youth Session

Friday – Junior Session

Friday – Youth Session

Sunday – Youth Session

Community Activities

Monday – Adult Dancefit

Monday – Dancing in the Dark

Tuesday – Brunch, Brew and Whatever you want to do

Wednesday – Lunch Club

Cost Of Living Support

Tuesday 9am – 4pm

Wednesday 9am – 4pm

Thursday 9am – 3pm

Weekly hirers of the building

Lisa Clinton School of Dance

Rachel Wilson School of Dance

Adult Dancefit

JGo Boxercise and Fitness

Keep Moving

Parties (when booked)

Digital Health Hub

Daily access – Monday – Friday

Other

We have a Community Foodbank which is accessible to residents.

Identify which services and activities are being affected or delayed because of the required repair or improvement.

The above services/activities are affected as the stage area gets used on a daily basis. The exterior of the building gets seen by all who go by or access the centre.

Increasing the daily usage of our hall is affected and shows, performances and community events are limited due to the current condition of the stage floor.

The main entrance is the first place people see when they come into the building, we have tape on the floor to minimise trip hazards where the current flooring is torn.

How your proposal will contribute to the delivery of the West Area Committee's Area Plan and priorities West - Sunderland City Council

Our project will contribute towards the delivery of the West Area Committees Area plan and Priorities:

Healthy Smart City, improving community assets, youth activities and improved social prescribing offer across the west. Sports and fitness activities are delivered.

Dynamic Smart City - Improved access to digital support,

Detail the barriers faced by not having this improvement.

We have had feedback from service users, hirers and children and young people about the exterior look of the building and also the stage flooring. Many of the hirers are put off using the stage due to the current condition and the damage this has caused to costumes.

Performances, shows and community events are limited to ensure this does not cause further wear and tear and damage to the flooring.

We want to make the entrance as welcoming and safe as possible to attract new users into the centre.

To ensure that we continue our funded delivery and hirers continue to use the building we need to make these improvements to our centre, ensuring it is remains sustainable.

Provide evidence of match funding for either these investments or previous improvements/ investment made in the last 12 months

We continue to make improvements within the centre where costs allow to keep on top of the standard and ensure that the building is welcoming and safe for our service users and hirers, keeping up to date with regular maintenance.

Through being a Digital Health Hub to support us to minimise digital poverty we have had significant investment in our IT facilities. £9,700

At the centre we are also a E-Sports Hub where we have had investment into E-Sports gaming equipment - £2500

Other improvements/investment in the last 12 months include -

- Safety flooring has been replaced within the kitchen and music room. The kitchen has also had new kickboards and a wall hot water boiler - £2600
- New office flooring - £360
- Battery to repair automatic entrance doors - £50
- Replacement of broken LED Lighting - £350

We are currently in the process of applying to the Community Ownership Fund for a new roof for the centre. The existing roof is in need of replacement. If successful, this will provide significant investment making more needed improvements and will support this project.

Application 10

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Community Opportunities
Address Line 1	Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre
Address Line 2	120 Thorndale Road, Thorney Close
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR3 4QJ

Project Details	
Project Title	Sandhill - Improvements to West Sunderland Community Assets
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Community Opportunities propose to improve the spaces in which residents access our services through decorating walls, replacing flooring and upgrading equipment in the Hall, Kitchen and advice areas.
Total Project Cost	£ 8,740
Match Funding	£ 740
Total NF Requested	£ 8,000

Project Start Date	01-Jul-24
Project End Date	01-Dec-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre - Sandhill Ward

Project Description

Community Opportunities occupy the community space within Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre, in the Sandhill ward. We have developed numerous community services and respond to changes in the funding landscape.. Our current provision includes the REACT employability project, digital hub support, play and youth activities, support for young people with disabilities, environmental projects and links for life programmes including cooking, a toddler group and planting/growing projects. The current weekly footfall into our services exceeds 250 visits per week, with a further approximate footfall of 120 people into the partners who access the space in our Hall for Together for Children activities, karate club etc. The property is owned by Sunderland City Council and is provided to Community Opportunities on a licence agreement. SCC manage the operation of the building, including heating and cleaning and Community Opportunities are responsible for the health, safety and management, including refurbishment, of their occupied areas. Property services have confirmed their agreement to us carrying out the suggested improvements, see attached email.

Our proposal seeks to improve the spaces in which we deliver activities by painting the main ground floor activity office area, providing new flooring and installing some wall desks to enable the digital hub to be relocated onto the ground floor which will enable residents to more flexibly access support with using the equipment. The space will feel cleaner/fresher and more professional and relaxing for such as counselling appointments. Further we wish to carry out a number of upgrades to the kitchen area including replacing a fridge freezer, which has recently broken and replacing the flooring. This will enable us to continue with our cooking sessions and provision of snacks into the toddler, play and youth activities.

We also propose to replace seating in the Hall with some new chairs and hard-wearing bean bags and chairs that can be interchanged between multiple groups using this area. This will enable us to continue groups activities and community meetings that take place within the Hall. We also propose installing some information boards to promote our services and enable partners to display information of benefit to our users to enhance our session delivery. This will include providing something in the foyer area as there is currently a lack of directional/project signage for visitors. The overall works will improve the appearance of delivery areas for participants and visitors to the Centre as well as enabling us to sustain service delivery from the Centre in a safe and secure environment.

We believe the outlined improvements will enable us to sustain our current activities and footfall from the local residential area while also being able to offer wider services, maximising the use of the Hall and increasing footfall. The improvements will help us to meet the West Area plan priorities by sustaining the digital hub and REACT service, so contributing to the aim of being a Dynamic City., contributing to being a Healthy

City through the continued delivery and play and youth services for young people and exploring cooking and environmental projects with support from social prescribing services/Links for Life activities. We will continue to support Sunderland's journey as a Vibrant City through supporting local events such as the annual Barnes Park Community Event and keeping such as the Stephenson Trail is regularly litter picked.

Application 11

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	St Mary and St Peter's Community Project
Address Line 1	Springwell Road
Address Line 2	
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR3 4DY

Project Details	
Project Title	Renewal of Doors and Windows
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	The External doors at St Mary's and St Peters are in poor repair and not welcoming or very accessible to those who are disabled. The rest of the building is accessible and we'd like to make the doors as accessible as possible, hopefully automatic doors as funding allows.
Total Project Cost	£ 24,200
Match Funding	£ 16,200

Total NF Requested	£	8,000
Project Start Date		01-Jul-24
Project End Date		31-Jul-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	St Mary and St Peter's Community Project	

Project Description

Our building is based in Sandhill ward or the boundary of Barnes and on a main bus routes, allowing easy access to residents from across the West of Sunderland.

We intend to renew the doors and windows accessed from the Car park to the Community Project. This will give us a more welcoming feel and enable us to provide better accessibility to those who need it most since many of our users are those with specific needs and who require accessible buildings. We have looked into automatic doors and have spoken to contractors and are advised they are not suitable without significant rebuilding of the surrounding walls and extensive electrical works which are beyond our capacity. We would however like the doors to be UPVC and which are lighter and more user friendly, enabling them to be kept open for those entering who may need more space and time to get through the doorway. The current doors and windows are in a state of disrepair and we are seeking always to make this a more welcoming community resource as we seek to grow and build on our existing presence here.

We have been striving to rebuild the Project following the devastating effect of Covid on it when we lost user groups, partners who rented rooms from us but went into liquidation and our member of staff. Since then we have developed with Sunderland Parent Carers Forum, Relate North East, Choice Wellbeing and latterly Danceversity all who are renting space from us and with whom we seek to work in parentship. We host a community Bingo each week in the evening which is well attended by over 50 people a session. We offer the hall with its improved facilities for a much reduced rate of hire, by far the cheapest around, to ensure the community can host parties, children's parties, wedding receptions etc at a very affordable cost. We need to ensure we can cover running costs, however our main aim is not to make a huge profit but to develop our community and offer them support here. We also host an NHS rehabilitation Group twice per week and in school holidays we host support groups and 'parties' for SEND children and will look to children's groups in the future.

We have also secured Links for Life funding and now provide a very well attended lunch club and community Bingo every Monday, In Bloom funding from the Council and have just launched our Blooming Good Times initiative to help people meet together and share and learn skills in

gardening and growing to develop our greenspace, which is a community resource as well as aiming to produce planted pots to take home to their gardens and potentially develop a supportive group for those who struggle with their own gardens for mutual support and benefit. We are working at developing the Project and updating it to be more welcoming and accessible and have enjoyed adding to the project as we have been able with permitted funds. We have replaced a boundary fence which was becoming delapidated and dangerous, replaced doors to the front of the building, renewed old and costly halogen lighting with LEDs, stocked and developed our kitchen to enable the provision of community cafes and meals and also enable people to use good quality utensils and crockery when they need to. We provide free tea and coffee to anyone using the Project or calling in to find company, and encourage them to use the kitchen to feel at home.

We have funding now for a new sink and dishwasher to make the space more user friendly which will be fitted in the coming weeks. We have invested in Wi-Fi to ensure community members are able to access that if they need it. We have been running sessions with Media Savvy to help people access and learn more about online working and safety and hope to continue this with the help of volunteers to create a media cafe. We have bought tables and new tablecloths, crockery, cutlery etc to make our lunch club look welcoming and desirable to attend and are delighted by the impression that has made on people and their comments. We have invested in the building by decorating the main Hall area, Entrance Conservatory area which the rear entrance doors lead into, and all office spaces to make it attractive to spend time here, and will continue to develop the other communal areas.

As part of the In Bloom project, we are partnering with Community Opportunities to engage more volunteers in gardening and developing the local surroundings for the use of the community and Hope4All in Pennywell, one of our partner projects, to develop allotment gardening in their space and the use of our greenhouse etc. We have plans for community BBQs in the summer to encourage the community to come together and celebrate our life and work together here in Springwell and the surrounding estates. St Mary and St Peter's Church which is located on the same footprint and whose building is linked has made significant improvements to the building there and is also available to be used for community activities and meetings to support the community in partnership with the Community Project. We are keen to develop and maintain the building for the community for the future and are pleased to be updating what has been here for over 20 years now.

Following the devastation of the building and hardly anyone coming in this time last year, we have seen our footfall increase and now are pleased to welcome a usual number of over 800 per month and we intend this to continue to grow as usage increases and facilities are improved. We would confirm that we own the building and have permission to carry out the proposed improvements. As stated, we managed a project in 2021 when the roof blew off the church side of the building and everything was damaged which was over £100K and a subsequent scheme of improvement which we funded ourselves of over £45K.

Application 12

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Grindon Young Peoples Centre
Address Line 1	Grindon Lane
Address Line 2	Grindon
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR4 8HW

Project Details	
Project Title	Grindon Young Peoples Centre
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	We would like to make internal improvements to Grindon Young Peoples Centre . This will ensure that we continue to provide activities/services for the whole community. This in turn will make the building more welcoming, attractive and more sustainable.
Total Project Cost	£ 6,411
Match Funding	£ 750
Total NF Requested	£ 5,661
Project Start Date	01-Jul-24
Project End Date	30-Oct-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Grindon Young Peoples Centre

Project Description

Identify which West building and what the improvements, internal or external are.

Provide details of the ownership/lease agreements and that your organisation has been assigned full repairing responsibility.

Please provide evidence of permission for the works to be undertaken.

We would like to make some internal improvements to Grindon Young Peoples Centre in the Sandhill Ward of Sunderland West. We currently lease this building from Whitbread Hotel Company Limited. The Lease is in place until 2059. We have a full repair and maintenance lease in place meaning we have full repairing responsibility. The building attracts a range of people of all ages. It is located on a main road and bus route. The building has a computer suite, kitchen, office, viewing gallery, small hall, large sports hall, changing facilities, storage space, disabled facilities, and access. Playdays Nursery is also attached to the building.

The building provides a range of services/ activities for the whole community such as social prescribing, sport, fitness and dance, hobby clubs, and Holiday Activity Food programs.

Improvements required.

- We would like to replace the changing/shower room flooring. The current flooring is worn, stained and in need of repair. The flooring has suffered wear and tear and is also starting to discolour which make the very unattractive.
- We would like to freshen up the small hall and front lobby entrance redecorating the walls making in warm, welcoming, and attractive. It will also make the small hall room more appealing to recruit new hirers.
- We would like to replace 20 chairs as these are worn due to continued use and age. The chairs are a light colour and mark easy leaving stains and look unpleasant to sit on.

How those improvements and repairs will help your organisation to provide, or continue to provide, services.

Show how proposed actions will benefit the broader local community.

We feel that by improving the internal lobby appearance of the building and replacing the shower/changing room flooring it will bring the building up to standard, attract more people to use the centre, attract more people to hire the centre which in the long term will help the centre/activities to remain sustainable.

The small hall is used daily to deliver a range of activities that benefit the whole community. It is also used as a meeting space for groups/networks. By redecorating the small hall we envisage that there will be an increased usage of 7.5 hours per week.

We feel that by replacing the floor in the shower/changing rooms it will attract more hirers to use the building which in turn will benefit the

community with an improved offer of activities available.

To ensure that we continue our funded delivery and grow our capacity we need to make improvements to our centre to make sure it is attractive, warm and welcoming to the local community.

We have consulted with our service users and partners who use the building such as Hasting Hill Karate, JSR Dance, Active Futures and J Lomax Football, who have all suggested the replacing the changing/shower room flooring and refreshing the entrance as their preferred investment to the building. This has also been agreed at a building subcommittee with hirers of the building.

Detail the activities you currently deliver, where possible include footfall.

We provide a range of activities and services from the venue.

Social Prescribing/Community Activities

Tuesdays - Line dancing

Fridays - Tiny Tots

Tuesdays - Coffee Morning

Weekly hirers of the building

JSR Dance

Active Futures

Budgeria/budgie shows

Ring Craft

Loveabelle

Kids Football

Adult Football

Basketball

Pilates

Hastings Hill Karate

Futsal

Diverse Fitness and Wellbeing

Homebase learning

Parties (when booked)

Dance Competitions (when booked)

Other

The current footfall is 5000 a month

Identify which services and activities are being affected or delayed because of the required repair or improvement.

Increasing the daily usage of our building is affected.

All services are affected as they all use the entrance to enter the building. The main entrance is the first thing people see when they come into the building.

Organisations/groups who use our sports hall to provide fitness and sporting activities will not use the shower/changing facility due to the current wear and tear of the flooring.

How your proposal will contribute to the delivery of the West Area Committee's Area Plan and priorities West - Sunderland City Council

Our project will contribute towards the delivery of the West Area Committees Area plan and Priorities: Healthy Smart City, improving community assets, and improved social prescribing offer across the west. Sports activities are delivered in the centre which contribute to the lowering child obesity priority.

Detail the barriers faced by not having this improvement.

We have had feedback from service users, hirers and children and young people about the changing/shower room flooring. Some of the parents have stated how dirty it looks and will not let children use the facility.

We have had feedback from people who have come to view the venue to hire have made remarks about the changing/shower room flooring and, in some cases, this has resulted in them not wanting to hire the building.

Provide evidence of match funding for either these investments or previous improvements/ investment made in the last 12 months

Kitchen Refurbishment – New Kitchen units, flooring and cooker £7,000

Tables for viewing gallery £400

Application 13

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Veterans in Crisis
Address Line 1	ERV
Address Line 2	1 Roker Avenue
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR6 9TG

Project Details	
Project Title	Sustaining
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	As occupiers of a SCC owned retail premises we want to carry out work that will bring the building up to date in decoration, replace the outdated heating system carry out remedial works to the roof, add a security CCTV system and fit energy saving lighting, collectively future proofing for years to come.
Total Project Cost	£ 7,193
Match Funding	£ -
Total NF Requested	£ 7,193
Project Start Date	01-Jul-24
Project End Date	31-Oct-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	RV1, 5 St Lukes Terrace, Pallion, Sunderland

Project Description

This project will delivered both internally and externally at 5 St Lukes Terrace in Pallion. The property is leased by Sunderland City Council for a period of five years and is due for renewal in October 2027. Veterans in Crisis Sunderland (VICS) are the incumbent company who use the building. We want to bring the building into a better condition to ensure that it is an asset the council will enjoy for years to come and this fund gives us the opportunity to do so.

The building, formerly a Barclays Bank and previously used as a charitable retailer now primarily provides the community in Pallion with services aimed at helping veterans and their families. In addition, we provide activities through the Links for Life programme that is available to all. The building is used to provide 1-2-1 counselling, group therapy, seated exercises, model making, free haircuts once a month, free legal

aid once a month and we have recently set up a pop-up shop on the last Saturday of every month to sell VICS merchandise. In addition, we provide a foodbank and our Removals Business is operated from this address although no storage facilities for this are available here. Each week the door is accessed by approximately 160 times. In our delivery of services and activities from this St Lukes Terrace address we work in partnership with Springboard NE, Sunderland University, Sunderland healthwatch, Fatboy Trims, and signpost to Pallion Action Group amongst others.

As a busy location wear and tear takes it toll and we now want to make good the décor, furnishings, heating, security, and roofing that requires more than just maintenance. When we moved into the premises, we carried out several immediate tasks in making the premises ready for the public spending approximately £2500 including the cost of setting up broadband and wifi capability, purchase of furniture, painting the walls including paint and putting planters for flowers and vegetables. Now, just over 1 year later issues have come to light that require investment to correct for the communities and Sunderland City Council's benefit in the long term.

Our efforts in making the property useable amounted to a deep clean, removing shelving and display units and then painting both internally and externally. We were helped by volunteers and while the work done was very good it merely covered over problems that would surface over time. Now without this task the image we portray is not befitting of typically high military standards. Likewise, the carpet although hardwearing is starting to become worn through frequent use and coupled with the poor weather we have had over the past 7 months is adding to the poor image.

One of the tasks we initially carried out was to make the rear yard somewhere our community could enjoy outdoors where we grew flowers and herbs. Now the seating and tables are beyond recycling and the walls need to have more coats of paint to encourage people to use the facility. The heating system is now in need of replacing. While the boiler does a job heating the water the radiators produce no heat whatsoever and we are using costly electric fans to warm the place up. This feature alone has an impact on visitors who naturally want to feel comfortable when they visit without the need to keep their coats on.

Security of the premises is very important and while we take every precaution the rear yard complete with rotating wall spikes do little to deter criminals desperate for the smallest item they can sell on. We want to add a CCTV system to both the front of the premises which will go a long way towards deterring criminal activity and identifying the culprits. Replacing the lighting with modern environmentally friendly LED bulbs will also help to reduce the cost we pay for electricity. Standard bulbs are becoming increasingly more expensive and difficult to source.

In consultation with a roofing company it has been pointed out that issues relating to cracked tiles plus poor drainage from broken guttering will begin to have an impact on the water tightness of the premises which in turn would lead to damp and deterioration of the roof and walls. All of the issues listed above are at this time not too detrimental to our operations although it has to be said that we may have lost clients to

other local community groups without our knowledge and especially as we have only recently entered into our second year of occupancy. As a small company delivering across the whole city we want to deliver a 'dynamic smart' location that is welcoming to visitors and provides opportunities especially for voluntary work and encourages digital skills for all.

Our commitment to 'healthy smart' assumes many of the aspects the West Community targets. We already provide solutions for Mental Health and Wellbeing in both adults and children, we hold weekly Walk and Talk sessions often taking in Heritage sights en route, our Socially Prescribed activities are part of the Links for Life programme and with a strong ethos based in Forces objectives can guide young impressionable people towards a life that doesn't involve ASB. In keeping abreast of a rapidly changing environmental landscape we promote and update changes with regular updates as required.

In 'vibrant smart' a new income stream we are soon to roll out is that of waste management which involves collection of waste and then recycling thereafter and as a community group ourselves we know it pays to partner with others to deliver the best outcomes for our clients. Since moving into 5 St Lukes Terrace in Pallion we have benefitted from two funds that have enabled us to prepare the location through cleaning, painting, purchase IT equipment available for public use, create a safe outdoor space for visitors to enjoy and purchase equipment crockery and furnishings.

This community facility is our third location we operate from in the city and given that we are a small team of 5 full time employees, 1 part time and several volunteers who have worked with us almost every day since opening is an indication of not only how busy we can be but also of our ability to fit in and are part of the community we serve.

Application 14

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	ST LUKES NEIGHBOURHOOD TRUST
Address Line 1	MERLE TERRACE
Address Line 2	PALLION
City	SUNDERLAND
Postcode	SR4 6SF

Project Details	
Project Title	New beginnings
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	We wish to upgrade our existing premises to ensure we can provide an accessible venue for those who are most vulnerable in the Pallion area.
Total Project Cost	£ 12,939
Match Funding	£ 5,000
Total NF Requested	£ 7,939
Project Start Date	01-Jul-24
Project End Date	01-Sep-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust (Pallion)

Project Description

St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust is situated in Pallion, Sunderland. Improvements will be for both internal and external. We seek funding to: Replace a section of our roof; replace flooring in our kitchen, entrance and disabled toilet; replace several broken windows, and upgrade and install several new kitchen appliances. St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust has served the People of Pallion for over 20 years. Our mission is to improve the quality of life and overall well-being of the local community, including social, mental, physical, and financial. Pallion sits in the top 20% of the most deprived areas in the UK.

We see a high rate of elderly, isolated and lonely persons accessing our services. Repairing the roof and updating parts of our building will allow us to provide a safe space for local residents of Pallion who depend on our services. The activities we offer to the community of Pallion and SR4.

Our venue is an essential hub for the most vulnerable people in SR4. As more time goes on, the roof repair will become more urgent and without securing funding this will impact our ability to provide an accessible and functioning venue to the local community. Upgrading our kitchen appliances will assist us in improving our energy efficiency, whilst new flooring in our kitchen, disabled toilet and entrance corridor will

continue to make us disable-friendly.

Our aim is to improve the mental health and well being of the local community. We work with people of all ages and backgrounds, but we see a high rate of elderly persons accessing our services for multiple reasons including friendship, mental stimulation, and keeping active. We run activities and events to improve peoples quality of life in all aspects. Some of the activities we offer include our falls prevention program, coffee mornings, Men's dominos club, reiki, Judo, Scouts, and we run a community lunch club, We also hire out our venue for private events and provide a space for BAME multifaith groups. St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust gets an average of 500 people accessing its services per annum. The barriers we would face not having these improvements would effectively slow down the running of our venue until we could secure enough funding to repair our roof and upgrade our services. This will directly impact our service users who depend on our activities as an access point to socialise, make new friends, eat healthy, and exercise. Alongside these key reasons mentioned above as to why our roof repair work is so crucial, upgrades to kitchen appliances such as a new oven will allow us not only to be more energy efficient, but it will improve the kitchen equipment, aiding us in running vital services such as our lunch club. Our current oven is nearing the end of its life, therefore upgrading this appliance will allow us to continue serving food at our lunch club without hinderance. New flooring will improve the safety of our venue as well as cosmetically making it more appealing and modern.

We will be covering the Pallion ward. We have successfully and independently managed St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust as venue to the public for over 20 years. Our existing Manager has 6 years experience in managing our building and delivering well-being activities to the local community. She has overseen multiple building works and is supported by a team of trustees whom have overseen major structural building works in the past, including an extension that was added to the existing building.

These new improvements to our building will benefit the local community by ensuring we can keep our doors open and the running of vital services and activities ongoing. Many people, especially elderly, depend on our venue for friendships and a social life. The activities we provide have helped to combat isolation, loneliness, poverty, poor mental health and poor physical health in the area. Not securing funding within good time to carry out these improvements will affect access to these important services that act as a life-line to the community of Pallion. St Luke's Church has given St Luke's Neighbourhood Trust to carry out any and all works that the building requires. We have attached a letter from Rev Heather Wallace who has written on behalf of St Lukes Parochial church council to confirm we have permission to carry out the necessary improvements and to confirm their match funding towards the project.

Application 15

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Silksworth Cricket Club
Address Line 1	Silksworth Lane
Address Line 2	Silksworth
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR3 1EE

Project Details	
Project Title	External improvement works and seating
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Preservation works to external cladding on changing & tea room building and also wood decked bench seating at the front of buildings, to preserve/extend life. External clubhouse render painting. Replacement of free standing picnic bench style seating to replace end of life (unsafe) existing wood benches.
Total Project Cost	£ 2,926
Match Funding	£ -
Total NF Requested	£ 2,926
Project Start Date	01-Jul-24
Project End Date	01-Sep-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Silksworth Cricket Club (above dates depend on contractor availability)

Project Description

Silksworth Cricket Club is a not-for-profit sports club providing cricketing provision and is ran by a voluntary management committee. Alongside cricket the club's facilities are also used by numerous other organisations within the local community, including schools, community family days / events, Durham Cricket Board, SEND Sunderland hub and recently the local Cub Scout group, baby yoga and active pensioner groups.

From a cricketing perspective we have 3 senior teams playing in the Durham and North East Cricket League, 4 junior teams and starting from this season, a Development team playing in a league which aids the transition from junior to senior cricket. The club is thriving through significant growth in our junior membership in recent years, providing physical activity through the enjoyment of sport for local boys and girls of all ages and abilities.

This project is to deliver external timber preservation works to one of our buildings which houses our changing rooms, toilets and tea/social room. The building (which was the former prefab boxing club in the centre of Silksworth) is timber clad and also has decking style seating benches running the full length of the building. The full timber area needs maintenance through the cleaning/sanding of the surfaces and then re-staining to maintain the timber for years to come. In addition, the main clubhouse rendered frontage also needs to be painted to provide a more welcoming look and feel for the many users and visitors to the ground.

The second element of the project is purchase 2 new picnic benches to replace tired and end-of-life existing benches. The new benches are made from recycled plastic and are hard waring with zero maintenance, and will last for many, many years.

The 2 elements of the project will provide essential maintenance for the clubs facilities and provide a welcoming, pleasant environment for club members, families, visitors and the many wider community users.

Application 16

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Lakeside & Gilley Law CA
Address Line 1	North Moor Lane
Address Line 2	Silksworth
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR3 3BD

Project Details	
Project Title	Lakeside CA repairs
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	The project seeks funding to undertake essential repairs and renovations to the Centre that has served the community for over 50 years. The Centre offers a range of services, including community events, educational and recreational activities. Time has taken its toll. Action is required to restore the Centre to an acceptable standard.
Total Project Cost	£ 12,000
Match Funding	£ 4,000
Total NF Requested	£ 8,000
Project Start Date	01-Jul-24
Project End Date	01-Oct-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Lakeside and Gilley Law Community Association

Project Description

Lakeside and Gilley Law Community Association (Lakeside CA) are a registered charity No 506125 and has occupied the building since it was built in 1973. Funding is required to carry out the following improvements and to save the asset for future community use:

1. Replace existing double doors to the building to facilitate wheel chair access.
2. Install new rainwater goods to the front and rear elevations and connect to gullies on the adjoin building.
3. Remove existing plinth and reinstate ventilation to underfloor void to prevent further rot.
4. Refit a number of loose claddings to the external walls of the building.
5. Overclad existing entrance canopy and side cheeks and install stainless support feet to prevent further rot.
6. Infill existing rear fire door and relocate emergency break glass to new opening.

The repairs are essential to allow Lakeside CA to continue and serve and engage with the local community. The present 'USERS' are: Slimming World, Lakeside Gym, Duke Fitness, Fitness Body Fusion, JittaBugs, JGo Boxercise & Fitness, Art Club and we host a regular Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club. Unfortunately, the double door access cannot be opened fully so a number of Veterans cannot attend the breakfast club.

The emergency exit which was installed by SCC when the building was built is now not fit for purpose and cannot be used safely. Lakeside CA facilitate the building which is occupied by the very young (JittaBugs and Dukes Fitness) to the older generation (Arts Club and Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast). The Gym is open seven days a week and the community are encouraged to use the facilities. The completed project will help to increase the foot fall throughout the building. Slimming World encourage everyone to become active, eat well and feel fit and healthy. JittaBugs and Dukes Fitness encourage young parents with small children to take part in group exercise. The Art Club are always seeking more members and everyone is made to feel welcome. The activities we host contribute to the West Area Priorities. The centre offers the following social opportunities for young people: dancing, boxercise, boxing, etc

Our programme of activities contributes to reducing child obesity because the above activities provide good exercise and we host a number of Slimming World sessions per week for those young people who are struggling with their weight issues and need advice. These activities also form part of the west area social prescribing offer.

Unfortunately some Veterans are unable to make use of our Armed Forces Services Veterans Breakfast Club as the double doors can't open wide enough to allow wheel chairs access.. This means that some of the most vulnerable and socially isolated Veterans (for which our group is intended) are unable to benefit. Lakeside CA benefits the community by offering affordable private room rent including community participation. The 'USERS' are encouraged to join Lakeside CA as a Trustee and take an active role on the committee. We are currently delivering a flyer we designed (LCA) and produced which is to be delivered to all the homes in Lakeside Village. The Flyer promotes all the activities which are held

at the centre, it also offers vacant slots for any new activity and encourages residents to come along, take part and offers them the opportunity to help and join the LCA committee of Trustees.

Application 17

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Broadway Youth & Community Centre
Address Line 1	Cortina Avenue
Address Line 2	
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR4 8LP

Project Details	
Project Title	Broadway Updates 2024
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Broadway Youth and Community Centre requires improvements to make the building more user friendly for clients. Most of the changes will ensure that the buildings security is improved and that we can improve social interactions/experiences within sessions.
Total Project Cost Figure taken from Financial Information Sheet	£ 4,795
Match Funding	£ -
Total NF Requested	£ 4,795

Project Start Date	01-Jul-24
Project End Date	30-Sep-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Broadway Youth & Community Centre

Project Description

Broadway Youth and Community Centre propose to update the building to ensure that the building remains fit for purpose for the future. The improvements will see the purchase and installation of a wall-mounted hot water boiler which will provide an endless supply of hot water. The equipment can last up to 20 years and has a much longer lifespan than kettles which are currently utilised in the groups. Currently, all groups would benefit from the item being purchased and installed as a 'social cuppa' is included in all activities from directly run sessions including; dementia sessions, active forever, mission to mobility, active tots, lunch club, after school activities, HAF sessions and external hires including Railway group and dance groups, meetings and training etc.

This will in turn reduce energy consumption at the centre and reduce the cost of replacing kettles every 6-8 months. The current blinds in the main hall are mismatched and some are broken, which means that even on a sunny day the light cannot be blocked, or the blinds closed. We propose to improve the hall with blackout blinds that would update the current ones and mean that we could deliver glow/uv fitness from the centre in the future. The kitchen, corridor and toilets currently have no window coverings. In the kitchen, this results in the area becoming extremely warm in the spring/summer months resulting in it becoming an uncomfortable workspace and having blinds in these areas would also improve the security of the building and privacy for users.

The new blinds would also reduce the amount of heat lost by creating a barrier between the warm air inside and cold air outside. Flair Blinds have visited the centre and following consultation, we propose that the new blinds installed would be PVC, blackout, low maintenance, weighted to improve health and safety by removal of chains in the hall blinds and have appropriate opening/closing mechanisms at a safe height for preschool and young children. The centre would benefit not only from a health and safety view but also aesthetically from having these and curtains could be removed in the hall, making to a more hygienic workspace. The purchase of toddler tables and chairs would enable a wider range of activities to be delivered at the centre.

The centre is currently hired by Active Families North East who deliver Active Tots but due to limited funding we have been unable to purchase these in the past. By purchasing pre-school size tables (X4) and chairs (X16) this would provide a safe/social space for younger children to eat snacks, undertake tabletop activities etc and will promote social interactions among young children. It will also help positive relationships between children through engaging and fun activities. These tables will also be utilised at fun days and in holiday camps for younger children.

The centre would benefit from a portable air conditioning unit in the warmer months when physical activities and sessions taking place to regulate the temperature of the room. The room becomes excessively hot in the summer in the afternoons due to the sun being on that side of the building and often activities have to stop to allow clients to cool down to maintain health and safety. The current cooker is old and doesn't function fully, the oven door doesn't stay closed and the gas hob doesn't stay lit. The purchase of a new cooker would allow the centre to deliver additional activities and would be more appealing to potential hirers. The current Links For Life group on a Monday are desperate to do more cooking as part of their session and this would enable this to go ahead and it would also be used by other hirers to cook healthy food within sessions and complement our Broadway Bloomers project whereby we will be growing herbs and some vegetables to educate children and residents about what you can grow at home.

Our proposal has support from other groups currently hiring the centre including Clean & Green West, Barnes Residents Association, Active Families North East, Sunderland & District Model Railway Club, Elizabeth's School Of Performing Arts and Inspire Holistics.

Application 18

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Pennywell Community Centre
Address Line 1	Portsmouth Road
Address Line 2	
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR4 9AX

Project Details	
Project Title	Pennywell Cafe Update 2024
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Pennywell Community Centre is seeking funding to improve its cafe area making it more user friendly and accessible. Working in partnership with North East Autism Society, currently operating 2 days a week, we are looking to extend delivery. Improvements will enhance social interactions/experiences and offer work experience for students/volunteers.
Total Project Cost	£ 7,789
Match Funding	£ -
Total NF Requested	£ 7,789
Project Start Date	01-Jul-24
Project End Date	30-Sep-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Pennywell Community Centre

Project Description

If successful with funding, Pennywell Community Centre proposes to update the cafe area in the centre. We are currently making many changes to the building to make it more user-friendly and attractive to external hirers and local residents. We have agreed with Regen (currently hiring office space in the building) that they will provide much needed replacement front doors. We have also met with Gentoo who will be undertaking much needed updates to the building including painting in the centre. We are meeting with Community Development Staff from the Sunderland VCS Alliance to identify additional funding and support with our volunteer pathway. A project we are keen to develop further is our community cafe offer. We have recently formed a partnership with the North East Autism Society, to develop a community cafe

run by students and staff from Thornhill Park School. Initially, this will be an 8-month pilot project allowing students to develop their cooking abilities, customer service skills etc. We would also like to extend this to members of the public/local residents through our volunteering pathway to allow them the same opportunity and support them on the pathway to employment, developing new skills etc.

The cafe/tea bar areas currently stand empty for much of the week, and we would like to see them open when activities are available to generate much-needed income for the centre making it more sustainable in the future. For example, we have a range of parents/carers dropping/collecting children from the neighbouring Early Years Centre, and it would be a great opportunity for them to come in and have a low-cost healthy nutritious meal in a warm welcoming environment, we have parents dropping off/collecting children from activities we could sell teas/coffees light snacks in the evening, provide food for party hires etc. All these activities would increase footfall and generate income for the centre.

Our funding proposal is to purchase tables and chairs for the cafe area and highchairs and children's tables to make the area more accessible. Many families do not have the opportunity to socialise at mealtime due to not having a dining space, and through the purchase of tables, chairs, highchairs and children's tables/chairs we will develop a safe, social space for families to eat together, promoting social interactions among parents/carers/children. The other equipment needed for the cafe area is a fridge, which will help sell cold drinks and store fresh ingredients. We are currently developing a garden at the rear of the building with Hope 4 Kids and we will use items grown in the cafe, however these will need to be stored in accordance with food safety standards. The centre would also benefit from a portable air conditioning unit in the warmer months when the cafe is open as there is no window and only fire doors in the room which cannot be left open, and this would regulate the temperature of the room. The room can become excessively hot in the summer, and this would allow residents to cool down to maintain health and safety.

The improvements will see the purchase and installation of a wall-mounted hot water boiler which will provide an endless supply of hot water. The equipment can last up to 20 years and has a much longer lifespan than kettles which are currently utilised in the groups. Currently, all groups would benefit from the item being purchased and installed as a 'social cuppa' is included in all activities from directly run sessions including; tea dance sessions, courses, active tots, lunch club, after school activities, HAF sessions and external hires including sports groups, meetings and training etc. This will in turn reduce energy consumption at the centre and reduce the cost of replacing kettles every 6-8 months.

Application 19

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	Sunderland Training & Education Farm Ltd (STEFs)
Address Line 1	Page Pastures Farm
Address Line 2	
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR4 0RW

Project Details	
Project Title	
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	To replace STEFs boiler and kitchen which is 15 years old and needs to be more sustainable to make it practical to use and not a drain on STEFs limited funds.
Total Project Cost	£ 5,000
Match Funding	£ -
Total NF Requested	£ 5,000
Project Start Date	31-Jul-24
Project End Date	01-Dec-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	West of Sunderland - St Annes Ward

Project Description

Identify which West building and what the improvements, internal or external are: Sunderland Training & Education Farm Ltd, Page Pastures Farm, Sunderland SR4 0RW

- Demonstrate why the improvements or repairs are required - Both kitchen and boiler have been in place and in use for 15 year and now desperately need upgrading to make them more cost efficient and sustainable.
 - Detail the activities you currently deliver, where possible include footfall - Family open days - a minimum of 12000 visitors per year, Community hub, Pony club, Toddler group, SEND group, Volunteer group, Men's group, Student study program, Adult education, Employability program - Additional 500 community residents within groups on a weekly or fortnightly basis.
 - Detail the barriers faced by not having this improvement - The boiler isn't sustainable or environmentally economic to run but is the only heating system we have. The kitchen is inappropriate for youth or family cooking or large scale events and prevents us making a more healthy selection of food and snacks. It also needs improvement to apply and meet Food standards rating. if the boiler can be replaced by Breeze we would like to replace our kitchen appliances to more economical appliances.
 - How those improvements and repairs will help your organisation to provide, or continue to provide, services - We will be more economically sustainable with these improvements and be able to offer a lot more services and options to our community residents and meet relevant standards.
 - Identify which services and activities are being affected or delayed because of the required repair or improvement - we are unable to provide healthy options to our residents, groups and students. We also are unable to deliver our Play Cafe activities or HAF provision until these improvements are made, because the heating system is not up to providing heating to our extended areas of the cafe and community hub and the kitchen is not up to standards.
- How your proposal will contribute to the delivery of the West Area Committee's Area Plan and priorities West - Sunderland City Council - With improved facilities we will be providing improved and more recreation and leisure facilities for the west of Sunderland. Families can access the hub on a daily basis instead of just for a few hours per week because costs of heating will be more economical and we can offer more services such as brunch and cooking clubs with improved kitchen facilities.
- Show how proposed actions will benefit the broader local community - Our community are struggling with mental health, isolation and the high cost of living post covid and increases in living costs and with 43% of families having no access to cars are reliant on our project to provide free or nominal costs to provide leisure, learning and support and with improved facilities we can provide additional and new provision to meet the needs of our community on a long term basis.
- Provide details of the ownership/lease agreements and that your organisation has been assigned full repairing responsibility. Please provide evidence of permission for the works to be undertaken - Leased from Sunderland City council on an agricultural 100 year lease.

Application 20

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	HOPEFORALL CIC
Address Line 1	St Thomas Church
Address Line 2	Petersfield Road
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR4 9BD

Project Details	
Project Title	Hope4all@Nextdoor
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	We would like to replace the existing male and Female toilet facility's, to make them accessible for each user group using the facility. At present the toilets need replacing and updating and we would like to change them to facilitate both children and adult users, to go in line with all the projects we plan on delivering.
Total Project Cost	£ 7,957
Match Funding	£ -
Total NF Requested	£ 7,957
Project Start Date	22-Jul-24
Project End Date	02-Sep-24
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Hope4all@Nextdoor

Project Description

We are fully committed to the Pennywell community and the surrounding areas. Since we have acquired the Nextdoor building previously known as the Pennywell Youth Project we have been fully committed to giving the very best service to enable, grow and develop the residents of this fantastic community. Since acquiring the building we have replaced the boiler, flooring in what will become our food co-operative, painted, and replaced tables and chairs as well as investing in our youth groups with new toys, equipment and materials to maintain the relationships with the youth of the community and investing in their futures.

We have also started the redevelopment of the garden and allotment spaces creating much needed green spaces within the area. At present the male and female toilet facility's need replacing and updating we would like to replace these so they are suitable for all ages, in order for our current groups and future groups to have full use of the toilet facility's. We also host events each year and often have a footfall of around 200 people at these events and we need sufficient toilet spaces to cope with the capacity of these events.

With our community cafe, food co-operative and various children's groups, job clubs and social groups using the Nextdoor building five days per week it has become essential we can provide adequate bathroom facility's for each of these groups, The toilets currently as they are, are not suitable for most of the groups we host, we have one toilet which is used during the week and we often have around 30 to 40 residents per day when the cafe is open, without the replacement of the male and female toilets it will become more and more difficult to continue the services we currently offer as our numbers increase. By replacing the toilets it means we can continue to provide much needed services and facility's to the Pennywell community and surrounding areas.

Application 21

Organisation Details	
Organisation Name	2nd Herrington Scout Group
Address Line 1	Scout Hq, Crow Lane
Address Line 2	Middle Herrington
City	Sunderland
Postcode	SR33TE

Project Details	
Project Title	Paint and Clean
Project Overview (max. 50 words)	Our self built and maintained HQ in the village of Herrington is showing signs of wear and tear. During covid lockdown we refurbished and updated the building. Touch ups and minor repairs have taken place , however after several years of weekly meeting it is needing redecoration and deep cleaning & scrub and seal of flooring .
Total Project Cost	£ 4,252
Match Funding	£ 500
Total NF Requested	£ 3,752
Project Start Date	01-Jul-24
Project End Date	01-Jul-25
Where will the project be based/delivered from?	Scout Hq Herrington

Project Description

Our Hq building in Herrington was self built from scratch during the 1970,s entirely by parents and volunteers. Ever since we have maintained , modernised ,upgraded and looked after this community asset . It is not only used by our scouting sections and all girl youth groups (Brownies and Rainbows). It is used by local WI groups for fund raising coffee mornings, local village Flower shows, keep fit classes each weekend and WEARS (Wearside Electronics and Amateur Radio Society for their weekly meetings. Having a full redecoration and deep clean of the facilities will keep the buildings in good condition for several years making this a long time project. Work to be carried out includes:- Work carried out to scouts premises.

Cleaning and polishing off all flooring throughout the premises as detailed in attached quotation.

Decoration works listed:-

Entrance gates : preparation, undercoat and gloss.

Entrance doors: preparation, undercoat and gloss.
1st toilet from entrance: repairs to walls tape cracks and screed, apply two coats of magnolia.
Two coats of white to ceiling.
Undercoat and gloss inside and outside door and frame.
2nd toilet : repairs to walls tape cracks and screed, two coats of magnolia to walls.
Two coats of white to ceiling.
Undercoat and gloss inside and outside door and frame.
3rd toilet : carry out repairs apply two coats of magnolia to walls and two coats of white to ceiling.
Undercoat and gloss inside and outside door and frame.
Entrance : fill and sand walls, apply two coats of magnolia to walls.
8ft of skirting board to be removed and replaced with new.
Undercoat and gloss all doors, frames and skirting boards..
Multiple cupboard doors to prepare undercoat and gloss in dulux white.
Room 1: repair ceiling and apply two coats of dulux white.
Fill and sand walls and apply two coats of magnolia.
Repair and undercoat and gloss skirting boards frames and doors.
Room 2: repair ceiling and apply two coats of dulux white.
Fill and sand walls and apply two coats of magnolia.
Repair and undercoat and gloss skirting boards, frame and doors.
Corridor : fill and sand walls and apply two coats of magnolia.
Two coats of white to ceiling.
Repair and undercoat and gloss skirting boards, frames and doors..
Kitchen : fill and sand walls and apply two coats of lemon.
Two coats of white to ceiling..
Repair and undercoat and gloss skirting boards, frames and doors..
Hall : repair all tapes on ceiling and apply two coats of dulux white.
Fill and sand walls and apply two coats of green and lemon.
Repair and undercoat and gloss skirting boards, frames and doors .
Emergency Exit doors in hall: (exterior) prepare, undercoat and gloss doors.

WEST AREA - HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE OPTIONS

STREET NAME	WARD	Treatment	Estimate Footway £	Estimate Road £
Powis Road-part	Barnes	Road resurfacing		£7,500
Highside Drive	Barnes	Road resurfacing		£15,500
Wilfred Street - Plantation Road rear	Pallion	Road resurfacing		£11,525
Greenwood Road Section between - No.66 to Gable of No.58	Sandhill	Road slab reconstruction		£20,000
Byrne Terrace West	Silksworth	Patching		£3,000
Emmerson Terrace	Silksworth	Patching		£3,000
Hawthorn Avenue	Silksworth	Road resurfacing		£9,000
Mickleton Gardens	Silksworth	Footway maintenance	£5,000	
Portslade Road (Presthope to Parkhurst)	St Annes	Road resurfacing		£10,300
Presthope Road (33 to 61)	St Annes	Hard pave verge	£12,900	
Archer Road (school entrance)	St Chads	Footway maintenance	£7,500	
Hill Crest (38 to 50)	St Chads	Road resurfacing		£8,450
TOTALS			£25,400	£88,275
GRAND TOTAL			£113,675	

Sunderland City Council

West Area Committee

Community Chest Awards April 2023 – March 2024

Barnes Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Plains Farm Academy	15.05.24		£1,010
Red Machine Allotment Association	10.07.23		£1,013
Red Sky Foundation	14.08.23		£4,680
Broadway Youth and Community Centre	14.08.23		£295
10th Sland Scout Group - (Multi Ward with Pallion)	26.10.23		£279
Plains Farm Youth & Community Centre	18.01.24		£489
Barnes Residents Association	18.01.24		£345
Richard Avenue Primary School	18.01.24		£1,000
South Hylton Bowling club	11.03.24		£743
Pemberton Bowling Club	22.03.24		£146
Remaining balance - £0.00	-	-	£10,000
Pallion Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Sunderland West End Sunday Men's	01.09.23		£500
16th St Gabriel's Brownies	26.10.23		£600
Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub	22.01.24		£4,000
10th Sunderland Scout (Multi Ward with Barnes)	26.10.23		£279
SCC (Balfour Beatty)	26.10.23		£1,897.32
SCC (Balfour Beatty)	26.10.23		£148
SCC (Balfour Beatty)	26.10.23		£1,587.53
Springboard	22.01.24		£500
PAG / Kayll Road Library	26.02.24		£1,000
Rutland street	26.02.24		£935.54
Remaining balance - £0.00	-	£1,447.39	£11,447.39
Sandhill Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Greenside and Thorntree Social Group	31.08.23		£1,680
GSR Dance	18.01.24		£1,794
Choice Wellbeing CIC	18.07.23		£545
Northern Karate Association	31.08.23		£776
Northern Youth Choir & Sland Jubilate	31.08.23		£1,282
Grindon Church Community Project	18.01.24		£485
Grindon Young Peoples Project	18.01.24		£3,438
Remaining balance - £0.00	-	-	£10,000

Silksworth Ward Budget			
	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Silksworth Banner Group	03.06.23		£1,000
Silksworth & Hall Farm FC	15.05.23		£500
Golden Fleece FC	03.08.23		£500
Silksworth Colliery Welfare FC	20.10.23		£500
New Silksworth Legion Club Ltd	20.10.23		£1,125
Silksworth Bowls Club	18.01.24		£750
Silksworth Colliery Welfare Juniors	11.03.24		£500
New Silksworth IM Church	11.03.24		£950
Tots R Us	14.03.24		£994
Silksworth Dance Together	14.03.24		£1,243
Silksworth Youth and Community	14.03.24		£1,100
Friends of Silksworth Park	14.03.24		£838
Remaining balance - £0.00	-	-	£10,000
St Anne's Ward Budget			
	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Pennywell Comrades FC-	24.05.23		1785
NE Dementia Care CIO	24.05.23		906
2nd South Hylton Guides	18.07.23		1200
Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre	18.07.23		1000
Bellingham House tenants club	07.08.23		995
Royal British Legion	20.10.23		575
Pennywell CC	18.01.24		500
Tansy centre	26.02.24		1099
Sunderland Training & Education Farm	11.03.24		500
Pennywell CC	11.03.24		1440
Remaining balance - £0.00	-	-	£10,000
St Chad's Ward Budget			
	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
East Herrington Primary	24.04.23		£2,000
FY&CC Supporting Friends Of Herrington Village	24.04.23		£2,620
Farringdon & Detached Youth & Community	09.06.23		£980
Herrington Flower Club	23.06.23		£1,165
Farringdon Academy	23.06.23		£565
Farringdon Badminton	18.07.23		£426
St Chads Parent & Toddler Group	18.07.23		£1,090
Herrington Womens Institute	22.08.23		£642
Holy Rosary Parish Centre - (joint with St Chad's W & T £800 & £200 CC)	03.11.23		£200
2nd Herrington Scout Group (joint with St Chad's W & T £50 & £312 CC)	03.11.23		£312
Remaining balance - £0.00	-	-	£10,000

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Barnes Ward Budget	£10,000			
Project	Approval Date	Purpose of Grant	Returned	Approvals
Pemberton Bowling Club	14.05.2024	Grant towards equipment		£1,000
Remaining balance - £9,000	-		-	£1,000
Pallion Ward Budget	£10,000			
Project	Approval Date	Purpose of Grant	Returned	Approvals
Remaining balance - £10,000	-		-	£0.00
Sandhill Ward Budget	£10,000			
Project	Approval Date	Purpose of Grant	Returned	Approvals
Remaining balance - £10,000	-		-	£0.00
Silksworth Ward Budget	£10,000			
Project	Approval Date	Purpose of Grant	Returned	Approvals
Friends of Silksworth Park	14.05.2024	Grant towards equipment		£381
Friends of St Leonards	30.05.2024	Grant towards equipment		£1,000
Remaining balance - £8,619	-		-	£1,381
St Anne's Ward Budget	£10,000			
Project	Approval Date	Purpose of Grant	Returned	Approvals
Bellingham House Tenants Club	30.05.2024	Grant towards equipment		£992
Remaining balance - £9,008	-		-	£992
St Chad's Ward Budget	£10,000			
Project	Approval Date	Purpose of Grant	Returned	Approvals
Australia Tower Bingo Club	08.04.2024	Grant towards activities		£450

Friends of Herrington Village	08.04.2024	Grant towards an event		£2,439
Gentoo	08.04.2024	Grant towards an event		£1,000
Farringdon Academy	30.05.2024	Grant towards equipment		£211
Remaining balance - £5,900	-		-	£4,100