

**NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE**  
**28<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

North Sunderland Area Budget Report

**Author(s):**

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**Purpose of Report:**

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

**Description of Decision:**

Committee are requested to:-

(a) Note the financial statements set out in **Tables 1 and 2.**

(b) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 as set out in **Item 4 Annex 1**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

The Area Committee has an allocation of £404,516 (inc Youth allocation) for 2023/2024 from the Neighbourhood Fund to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Area Plan and to attract other funding into the area.

**Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:**

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

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

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

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## REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING and COMMUNITIES

## North Sunderland Area Budget Report

## 1. Purpose of Report

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

## 2. Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

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

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
<b>Starting Balance for 2023 / 2024 (£404,516 and £13,782 c/f )</b>					<b>£418,298</b>
Sunderland City Council – Roker & Seaburn Washing Facilities Project	22.06.23			£10,000 (previously aligned)	<b>£418,298</b>
North East Bus Preservation Trust – All Aboard the Crossley Project	22.06.23			£5,000	<b>£413,298</b>
Fulwell Community Library – Christmas at Fulwell Project	22.06.23			£6,000	<b>£407,298</b>
Downhill Wheeled Sports Park	22.06.23		£100,000		<b>£307,398</b>
Ward Improvement Project – Castle, Redhill, Southwick, Fulwell & St. Peters	22.06.23		£150,000		<b>£157,298</b>

*Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2023 / 2024*

- 2.2 North Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated **£418,298** Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects for 2023/2024
- 2.3 There are no applications presented for approval therefore the Neighbourhood Fund balance is **£157,298**

### 3. Community Chest

- 3.1 Each ward has been allocated a ward budget of **£10,000** each, to support projects which complement the Area Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest is now online. Ward Councillors will continue to lead on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it is difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.
- 3.2 The Table below details the Community Chest awards starting balance for 2023 - 2024. **Annex 1** shows the approvals, supported to date 2023 - 2024

Ward	2023/2024 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Castle	£10,000	-	£3,855	£6,145
Fulwell	£10,000	-	£3,887	£6,113
Redhill	£10,000	-	£5,944	£4,056
Southwick	£10,000	-	£7,814	£2,186
St Peters	£10,000	-	£5,334.01	£4,665.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	-	<b>£26,834.01</b>	<b>£23,165.99</b>

*Table Two: Community Chest Funding Statement 2023 / 2024*

### 4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Note the financial statements set out in **Tables 1 and 2**
- 4.2 Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 as set out in **Item 4 Annex 1**

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