

Applications for North Neighbourhood Fund

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Roker & Seaburn Washing Facilities Project
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£20,000	£10,000	£10,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
3 Months	01.07.23	30.09.23

Project Description

The full project description is detailed below:
(**verbatim from application**)

Sunderland City Council have carried out and are continuing to carry out extensive regeneration of the seafront areas. Engagement with local groups has identified a need for washing facilities at both Roker and Seaburn beach areas. The Area Committee recognised this and as such have previously aligned £20,000 to a project which will provide these facilities with the following proposed:

- Installation of Tap on Promenade at Seaburn as requested by the Wild Swimming Club
- Replace existing outdoor taps to the rear of the new Marine Walk Toilet Block with x 2 external showers

Costs:

Item and Description	NF Contribution	Match Funding	Total Cost
Installation of Tap on Seaburn Promenade	£4,000	£10,000	£14,000
Installation of 2 External Showers	£6,000	£0	£6,000
Total	£10,000	£10,000	£20,000

Total Request from Neighbourhood Fund £10,000

Recommendation:

June Board Workshop recommended approval of application to June Area Committee to deliver to the following emerging priorities:

- Dynamic Smart - Environment
- Healthy Smart – Health & Wellbeing

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	All Aboard the Crossley
Lead Organisation	North East Bus Preservation Trust

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£11,000	£6,000	£5,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
11 Months	01.09.2023	30.07.24

Project Description

The full project description is detailed below:
(verbatim from application)

North East Bus Preservation Trust has been working on the restoration of an iconic part of North Sunderland's transport heritage that was based at the old Wheatsheaf bus depot and are about to start a programme of educational visits around the area.

The Crossley was the first of a batch of six purchased new by Sunderland Corporation Transport Department in 1949 and it is thought to be the last surviving example of a Liverpool style Crossley DD42/7C bus anywhere in the country. It was purchased at a time when the Corporation was extending its municipal services into the new Local Authority housing estates, e.g. Red House and Hylton Castle, which were being built after World War 2 to replace what were considered by many to be slum dwellings, close to the centre of Sunderland. New bus routes and additional buses were then required to meet the increased out of town demand. Following an engine change, all six of the batch became more fuel efficient, but the conversion meant that they were slightly under-powered, which resulted in relegation to "second fleet" duties e.g. shipyard, school and football specials, peak hour duplicates and additional summer seaside services from the new estates. They also played a vital role in the transportation of the workforce for many of Sunderland's large employers e.g. Plessey's, the Collieries and, of course, the shipyards when hundreds of workers ran through the gates after a long day at work.

They also played a major part in the social life, such as services to Roker Park for home games and the transportation of day trips to the seafronts of Roker and Seaburn, popular with the residents of Sunderland and further afield.

Following withdrawal from active service in 1962, Crossley 100 was transferred to the General Purposes Committee of the County Borough Council for use as a mobile polling station, and the lower deck seats were replaced by polling booths. This meant it was serving the community in a different way by taking the democratic process to the people, thereby encouraging them to participate in the municipal governance of the town. The Sunderland Corporation green and cream livery was replaced by a politically neutral cream, and the bus served in this capacity for almost ten years until final withdrawal in 1971.

As part of the project, the Trust is creating a mobile learning and exhibition space on the lower deck of the bus, in order that, following its restoration, it can be used to bring alive the social and political history of Sunderland for local schools, community groups and visitors. This will be achieved through an interactive resource pack, film, and oral histories, as well as on-board exhibition material.

Although the vehicle itself is of considerable historical importance, the application to Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) may have been successful because of the additional contribution the bus has made towards the social and political history of Sunderland and the region. The funding for the project will give the Trust the long overdue opportunity to protect the bus for future generations, regularly re-unite it with the communities it once served and capture and share living memories of its use, while this is still possible.

The Trust has supported the North Area in the past, by providing the participants of a Battle Re-enactment at Hylton Castle with a shuttle service between Fulwell Quarry (where they were camping) and the Castle, and it would be good to develop this kind of relationship further and stronger in the future. One vehicle which was completed just in time to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee last year is an open-top double-decker that carried Muhammed Ali during his well-publicised visit to the region in 1977 and carried passengers between South Shields and Seaburn displaying the Queen's Silver Jubilee livery. With its links to "The Greatest" it could possibly be used to help support any efforts to reduce racial tensions and be involved with various events at the seafront and the development at Hylton Castle during the summer months.

We will work with schools across the North Area Committee Area to educate around how public transport played a key part in the everyday lives of people going about their daily business. Going to work or leisure time, public transport was a lifeline to many communities. Working with schools, we will take vehicles that represent the history of public transport and how it enabled communities to connect. We will support events such as the Hylton Castle Battle re-enactment by showcasing some of our vehicles.

Costs:

What will it be spent on? (budget headings/totals)		
Please provide detailed costs of each item/activity and the amount you are requesting.		
Please provide quotes		
Please include quantity and the description of goods		
Itemised list of all costs	Cost	Neighbourhood Fund Contribution
Fuel (over the year of the project)	2000	2000
Education Package	7000	2000
Drivers/Tutor	2000	1000
TOTAL	11,000	5,000

Recommendation

June Board Workshop recommended approval of application to June Area Committee to deliver to the following emerging priority:

- Vibrant Smart - Heritage and Culture

With the approval condition that detail will be provided on the schools that will be engaged with in Sunderland North

Application No. 3

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Christmas at Fulwell
Lead Organisation	Fulwell Community Library

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£12,964	£6,964	£6,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 Months	01.07.23	31.12.23

Project Description

The full project description is detailed below:
(verbatim from application)

Since 2017 Fulwell Community Library and Fulwell and Sea Road Traders have worked in partnership to deliver the Fulwell and Sea Road Switch on Event at Christmas. The Christmas tree, tree lights, candy wrap of lampposts was originally supported by a grant from North Area Committee and since that time Fulwell Community Library and Fulwell and Sea Road Traders have raised funds and provided the additional lighting, switch on events, and Christmas trees via their own funds, fundraising and support from Fulwell Ward Councillors with Community Chest

The project now has a live tree planted adjacent to the Community Library and this will be dressed every year and form part of the community switch on and is very well supported by the local community who can watch it grow and join in the decoration and the yearly community switch on event.

Some of the festive lights are now coming to the end of their use and require repair and replacement and as such Fulwell and Sea Road Traders wish to lead an application to North Area Committee for funding to purchase new and repair existing lamp post candy wrap lights.

Replacement lights on 13 lamp standards in Sea Road, Fulwell Road and Station Road.

Work to be carried out by Aurora/ Balfour Beatty and scheduled before date of light up which is Thursday 23rd November 2023

Costs:

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Replacement of 13 Candy Wrapped Lampposts	12,964	6,964	6,000
Total	12,964	6964	6000

Recommendation

June Board Workshop recommended approval of application to June Area Committee to deliver to the following emerging priority:

- Vibrant Smart – Heritage and Culture