

At a meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL on MONDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 2023 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Herron in the Chair

Councillors Curtis, Dixon, Fagan, Gibson, Hodson, Leonard, Morrissey, Potts, Scanlan and A. Wood.

Also Present:-

- Lee Bell - Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
- Matthew Jackson - Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
- Fiona Kelly - Partnership and Community Resilience Manager, Sunderland City Council
- Gerry Taylor - Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities and Area Lead Executive, Sunderland City Council
- Kelly Patton - Gentoo

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Councillors Graham-King, Mordey and Reed together with Julie Maven, East VCS Representative, and Jamie Southwell, Neighbourhood Inspector Northumbria Police.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 19th September 2023

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th September 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

VCS Area Network Progress Report

The East Area VCS Network provided the Committee with a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the work of the East Area VCS Network.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Julie Maven having submitted her apologies for absence the Committee were advised that any questions would be forwarded to her for response.

It was requested that if the representative could not attend the meeting that a substitute from the VCS be invited to attend instead. Ms Kelly advised that this would normally happen however Ms Maven's apologies had been submitted last minute and it had not been possible to arrange for a substitute representative to attend on this occasion.

There being no questions from Members it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the update from the East Area VCS Network be noted.

Northumbria Police Update

Neighbourhood Inspector Jamie Southwell submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the crime statistics for the East area and of the work done by Northumbria Police.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Inspector Southwell not being in attendance the Chair advised that any questions would be forwarded to him for response.

Members stated that it was encouraging to see the figures show reductions in crime and antisocial behaviour in the area.

It was requested that if Inspector Southwell was unable to attend that a substitute be asked to attend instead and Ms Kelly agreed to speak to Inspector Southwell regarding this.

3. RESOLVED that the update from Northumbria Police be noted.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

Lee Bell, Station Manager Sunderland Central Fire Station, submitted a written report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the work of the fire service for the period 1st April to 15th Jun 2023.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Bell stated that good work had been done around bonfire night and that the severity of incidents and risk posed had been significantly reduced; there had been a lot of partnership working done with the police on this matter.

There had been a significant amount of prevention work undertaken with 333 safe and well visits undertaken and 37 rubbish uplift reports made.

The difference between primary and secondary fires was queried and Mr Bell advised that secondary fires were of property of low or limited value or of items which could not have a value applied to them such as trees. It was a classification that was set out by the government and he would provide a cover report attached to future Committee reports which would include the different descriptions and definitions.

Councillor Gibson queried the locations of the tree fires in Doxford Ward. Mr Bell advised that he would have to look into this further to establish the locations.

Councillor Dixon asked whether Mr Bell had attended meetings of the Thornholme residents group. Mr Bell advised that he had not attended this residents group and asked that details be provided.

4. RESOLVED that the report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service be noted.

Gentoo Update

Kelly Patton, Gentoo Group presented a report, (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Patton presented the update and welcomed questions from Members.

Councillor Fagan queried how close to becoming homeless did people need to be before they were housed as band 1 applicants. Would people need to have been physically evicted from their property before being considered as a band 1 applicant. Ms Patton advised that it would depend on what level of need the housing options team had assessed them as having. Ms Taylor added that the housing team worked closely with gentoo to prevent homelessness.

Councillor Gibson expressed his thanks to Lucy Atkin for her hard work in tackling the litter problem in Doxford Ward.

5. RESOLVED that the report from Gentoo be noted.

East Sunderland Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023 - 2026

The Chair of the East Sunderland Neighbourhood and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which presented the East Sunderland Area Committee Area Plan for 2023/2026 for consideration and approval and provided an update on the Governance arrangements.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Dixon introduced the report as Chair of the Area Board and drew Members attention to the priorities set out in the delivery plan. He suggested that the Go Get Online Project and In Bloom be brought to the February meeting of the board.

With regard to the Cemetery improvements board, Councillor Scanlan advised that she was still attending meetings of this board and that all Councillors were welcome to attend. Councillor Fagan stated that there was no cemetery in Doxford ward and that she had spoken with Mark Morley about getting information from the board fed back to Doxford councillors.

Councillor Dixon then referred to the discussions which had taken place at the last board meeting relating to Walk and Talk; there had been discussion around the holding of a meeting with Graham Scanlon to discuss this however there were now to be meetings held between senior officers. The Chair added that the Leader had made it clear that he was unhappy with the decision to remove Walk and Talk budget and that Assistant Directors were to meet; the outcome of the discussion would be fed back.

Councillor Hodson stated that he had concerns about how the decision to remove Walk and Talk had been made; the Committee was a decision making body however the power to make this decision seemed to have been devolved to officers. Only the Chairs had been consulted on the matter, Vice-Chairs and the wider Membership had not been consulted. He hoped that the intervention of the Leader would see the Walk and Talk budget preserved. The Chairman advised that the Area Chairs had not been given a choice, it had been presented to them as a final decision, and that objections had been raised by them.

Councillor Scanlan stated that the Leader had been clear that this should be a Committee decision; she felt that waiting until the next meeting to make a decision would be too late and that she felt that there should be £25,000 per ward allocated to Walk and Talk at this meeting. Ms Kelly advised that the position had not changed since Members had been emailed on Friday and that there needed to be further discussions before a decision on the allocation of funding could be made. There were options for a decision to be taken to allocate funding before the next diaried meeting. Councillor Morrissey then suggested that the funds be ringfenced to Walk and Talk at this meeting.

Gerry Taylor advised that several months ago the proposals for new arrangements for Area Committees had been presented to the groups and that following this a new way of working had been agreed and the associated changes to the constitution had been agreed. In light of the concerns raised there would be further discussions with senior officers.

Ms Kelly suggested that rather than approving funds at this meeting, by way of a compromise, an extraordinary meeting could be arranged for early in the new year in order to make a decision after the senior officers had their meeting.

Councillor Scanlan commented that a larger budget would allow for large projects to be funded rather than there being a number of smaller projects which would help to alleviate the issues caused for officer time that the number of small projects had caused. She also felt that the paperwork needed to be reviewed and simplified as this would assist in reducing officer workload.

Councillor Hodson, seconded by Councillor Scanlan, moved that a recommendation be added to the Budget report that £15,000 per ward be aligned to a future walk and talk project with further discussions to take place in January.

This motion was put to the vote and with:-

10 Members voting for the addition of the recommendation;

0 Members voting against; and

1 Abstention

It was agreed that the additional recommendation to align funds to a future walk and talk budget be added to the list of recommendations on the Area budget report.

6. RESOLVED that:-

- i) consideration be given to the progress and performance update with regard to the East Area Committee Area Plan 2023-2026
- ii) consideration be given to the progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans – Area Priorities, which were provided for information purposes only.

East Area Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Housing and Communities submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided financial statements in respect of the Area Committee's delegated budgets and presented proposals for further funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Fiona Kelly, Partnership and Community Resilience Manager, presented the report highlighting the Committee's financial statement, the Neighbourhood Fund had a starting balance of £408,817 for the 2023/24 year. Following

approvals at the last meeting and underspends from previous projects being returned to the budget, as set out in table one at paragraph 2.1, there was a remaining balance of £235,787. There was one project recommended for approval at this meeting and two proposals for alignment of funds and should these be agreed then the remaining balance would be £165,787. With the additional alignment of funds to a future walk and talk programme of £15,000 per ward there would be a remaining balance of £90,787

Each ward had been allocated a Community Chest budget of £10,000; the approvals were set out in annex 2 with the remaining balances shown in the table at paragraph 3.2.

Councillor Dixon expressed his thanks to Ms Kelly for all of her hard work.

Members gave consideration to the applications and it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-
 - i) the financial statements set out in sections 2.1, and 3.2 of the report be noted;
 - ii) approval be given to Neighbourhood Funding of £15,000 to Sunderland City Council Motorcycle Disorder Task Force; as detailed in annex 1;
 - iii) approval be given to the alignment of Neighbourhood Funding of £45,000 to Extension to East Rangers;
 - iv) approval be given to the alignment of Neighbourhood Funding to Contribution to High Street Revolution, Back on the Map;
 - v) approval be given to the alignment of Neighbourhood Funding of £75,000 (£15,000 per ward) to a future Walk and Talk programme;
 - vi) the Community Chest approvals from the 2023/24 budget as detailed in annex 3 be noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the Meeting.

(Signed) M. HERRON,
Chairman.

25 MARCH 2024

REPORT OF EAST AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The report provides an update regarding the work of the East 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. 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 East 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 East VCS Network is made up of over 100 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. East Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN) Progress Report

3.1 The East VCS Network met in December at Stockton Road United Reformed Church, in February at St Michael's Community Centre, and in March at St Mark's Community Association.

3.2 The meetings included the following agenda items:

- A presentation on Go Online Sunderland – current and emerging projects and opportunities
- An introduction to the Enterprising Sunderland UKSPF Project
- An update on the work of Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance
- Information on the work of Sunderland Music Hub
- Networking and Information Sharing Opportunities

3.3 The meetings were well attended and provided participants with opportunities to share information about activities and events happening in their respective organisations.

3.4 Delivery of Links for Life projects has now commenced across the East area. Drawing upon learning from the warm and welcoming spaces, the projects are intended to provide support for residents through the provision of activities which bring people together, enable active engagement and improve health, wellbeing, and financial resilience.

3.5 Organisations have been invited to apply for a call for project through Public Health to expand community based mental health and emotional wellbeing provision that is available for men in Sunderland.

3.6 Digital Health Hubs have been set up across the East 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. East 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 East VCS Reps have attended a catch up with all area reps from across the City.
- 3.9 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 East VCSN.

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EAST AREA COMMITTEE

25 MARCH 2024

REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

The figures are based on the last 3 months.

Sunderland Central: City Centre, Millfield, Ashbrooke

Total Crime

This is showing a decrease of 4 %.

From research priority areas for the City Centre are the Bridges shopping centre and Park Lane. Millfield priority areas are Sunderland Royal Hospital and Aldi on St marks Road.

The main crime reported in these areas is Shoplifting. The team have had some excellent recent results dealing with some prolific retail offenders that were responsible for several shoplifting offences.

ASB

ASB in the City Centre is currently showing a reduction of 16% with reports being spread across the City Centre. The SAIL and City Centre team continue to provide focus to Mowbray Park, Sunnyside, Park lane, High St West and Market Square.

We have been supported by the wider SAIL team including the neighbourhood wardens, ASB officer and the dedicated SAIL (VRU) staff focusing on youth serious violence.

Youth ASB

This is showing a 57% decrease. Some outreach work has been undertaken in the City Centre over the Winter period by the Youth consortium which has been beneficial. We have had a group of youths attending the City Centre that mainly reside in the Sunderland North and Sunderland West areas. They have been involved in criminality and ASB, leading to the ringleaders being identified and dealt with for a variety of offences which including one of them being convicted for an assault and a robbery at Court earlier this week. He received an 8 month custodial sentence.

Burglary

Burglary is down by 15% this period. This equates to a reduction of 14 Burglaries .

Targets and areas are discussed in our 4 weekly Area Command meeting around all Burglaries with a dedicated team focussing on Burglaries.

There have been a number of key offenders arrested and sentenced to imprisonment throughout this year.

The main area is the City Centre where a few of the commercial premises have had entry forced overnight.

Although the numbers are currently low, we continue to provide focus to this crime type where we undertake several follow up visits to provide target hardening advice and reassurance.

Vehicle crime

Decrease of 65 %. This includes vehicle interference and also theft of motor vehicles.

The incidents are spread across Millfield, Ashbrooke and the City Centre. A number of offences involve vehicles that have been left insecure and we continue to try and spread crime prevention messages to the local community. We have recovered doorbell footage and CCTV footage that has alerted us to individuals throughout the night trying car doors in the hope that they find an insecure door. Northumbria Connected has been used to promote security and my teams have recently amended shift patterns to work nightshifts in an effort to catch offenders linked to vehicle crime and burglaries.

Violent Crime

Violent crime is down by 6%. The key area is around the night time economy (NTE) in the City Centre where we have a dedicated night time operation with neighbourhood staff working closely with street pastors, taxi marshalls and the XL health team. We also have Operation Cloak which sees officers deployed in plain clothes within the NTE to support vulnerable people and identify predatory offenders.

Sunderland East: Hendon, Grangetown and Ryhope

Total Crime

- This is showing as a decrease of 11% or 66 incidents.
- Violence against the person without injury is down 24%
- Criminal Damage is down 19%
- Violence against the person with injury up 9%
- Theft down 3%
- Public disorder down 5%
- Burglary up 24%
- Vehicle crime down 35%
- Sexual offences up 6%
- Drug crime up 75%
- Other crime down 11%

ASB

ASB is showing a decrease of 30% or 36 incidents.

The locations that currently have the highest levels of reports are Middle Hendon and the Long Streets. The neighbourhood teams continue to target the key offenders whilst linking with local youth providers to try and divert offenders.

Burglary

Burglary is showing an increase of 24% or 5 Offences

Targets and areas are discussed in our 4 weekly Area Command meeting around all Burglaries with a dedicated team focussing on Burglaries.

There have been a number of key offenders arrested and sentenced to imprisonment throughout this year.

The offences have been spread across the East area and includes a small number of incidents involving commercial premises that have had entry forced overnight.

Although the numbers are currently low, we continue to provide focus to this crime type where we undertake several follow up visits to provide target hardening advice and reassurance.

Vehicle crime

Decrease of 35 % which is a decrease of 11 incidents. This includes vehicle interference and also theft of motor vehicles.

The incidents are spread across Ryhope, Grangetown and Hendon. Similar to the Central area, a number of offences involve vehicles that have been left insecure and we continue to try and spread crime prevention messages to the local community. We have recovered doorbell footage and CCTV footage that has alerted us to individuals throughout the night trying car doors in the hope that they find an insecure door. Northumbria Connected has been used to promote security and my teams have recently amended shift patterns to work nightshifts in an effort to catch offenders linked to vehicle crime and burglaries.

Violent Crime

Violent crime with injury is showing an increase 9% or 7 crimes. Some of the offences are linked to domestic abuse and we continue to provide focus to key offenders and victims through Operation Aegis. This sees dedicated officers exploring various avenues to support the victims and to try and prevent offending.

Drone

The local authority have now purchased a Drone and trained a member of staff as a pilot, two further pilots are now being trained so there will be a lot more coverage over varying times of day and night.

The Drone has been well utilised by ourselves in the Central/East area with recent usage focusing on tackling ASB, serious violence and motorbike ASB. The drone assisted in recovering a motorbike and prosecuting the rider.

The excellent work of the SAIL team has been recognised within the Local Authority with them being shortlisted for the upcoming Sunderland STARS awards and with them finishing runners up in the recent Northumbria Police Pride in Policing awards.

Sunderland West – Encompassing Doxford Ward

Anti-Social Behaviour

There's been a 50% decrease in Anti-Social Behaviour across Doxford Ward compared to the same 12-week period last year.

Motorcycle Disorder

Motorcycle Disorder across Doxford Ward has decreased by 64% in the same period compared to same period last year.

Crime

Overall crime has fallen by 12%, when comparing the past 12 weeks with same period last year.

Seasonal Planning

The Sunderland West Neighbourhood Team continue to work in collaboration with a range of partners including Sunderland City Council, Gentoo, Together For Children and BTP to deliver a variety of multi-agency operations.

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

We recently worked on 'County Lines' Intensification Week, with some positive results, which will be broadcast once analysed and reported on.

Northumbria Connected

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

REPORT OF THE TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Following on from feedback and general questions please see the below definitions for Primary and Secondary Fires.

Please also be aware that the attached PDF LMAPS report is not interactive and the 1st bold paragraph page 1 should be discounted.

The fire definitions are listed below according to the [gov.uk website](http://gov.uk) :

Primary fires are potentially more serious fires that harm people or cause damage to property and meet at least one of the following conditions:

- any fire that occurred in a (non-derelict) building, vehicle or (some) outdoor structures
- any fire involving fatalities, casualties or rescues
- any fire attended by five or more pumping appliances

Primary fires are split into four sub-categories:

- **Dwelling fires** are fires in properties that are a place of residence i.e. places occupied by households such as houses and flats, excluding hotels/hostels and residential institutions; dwellings also includes non-permanent structures used solely as a dwelling, such as houseboats and caravans
- **Other buildings fires** are fires in other residential or non-residential buildings; other (institutional) residential buildings include properties such as hostels/hotels/B&Bs, nursing/care homes, student halls of residence etc; non-residential buildings include properties such as offices, shops, factories, warehouses, restaurants, public buildings, religious buildings etc
- **Road vehicle fires** are fires in vehicles used for transportation, such as cars, vans, buses/coaches, motorcycles, lorries/HGVs etc; 'Road vehicles' does not include aircraft, boats or trains, which are categorised in 'other outdoors'
- **Other outdoors fires** are fires in either primary outdoor locations (that is, aircraft, boats, trains and outdoor structures such as post or telephone boxes, bridges, tunnels etc.), or fires in non-primary outdoor locations that have casualties or five or more pumping appliances attending

Secondary fires are generally small outdoor fires, not involving people or property. These include refuse fires, grassland fires and fires in derelict buildings or vehicles, unless these fires involved casualties or rescues, or five or more pumping appliances attended, in which case they become primary fires.

Accidental fires include those where the motive for the fire was presumed to be either accidental or not known (or unspecified).

Deliberate fires include those where the motive for the fire was 'thought to be' or 'suspected to be' deliberate. This includes fires to an individual's own property, others' property or property of an unknown owner. Despite deliberate fire records including arson, deliberate fires are not the same as arson. Arson is defined under the Criminal Damage Act of 1971 as 'an act of attempting to destroy or damage property, and/or in doing so, to endanger life'.

March 2024

REPORT OF THE TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

1 Purpose of Report

The following report gives performance-monitoring details in relation to Local Indicators for the Sunderland East Committee area from 1st December 2023 to 6th March 2024, compared with the same period in 2022/2023

2 Background

2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each committee meeting.

3 Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

3.1 L.I 14 - Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

5 Incidents occurred within this reporting period; this compares to 6 reported incidents in the same period last year, 17% reduction

Ward Name	Incident Count
Hendon	3
Millfield	2
Doxford	0
Ryhope	0
St Michael's	0
Total	5

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Bungalow - single occupancy	1
Converted Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy	1
Hospitals and medical care	1
House - single occupancy	1
Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy	1
Total	5



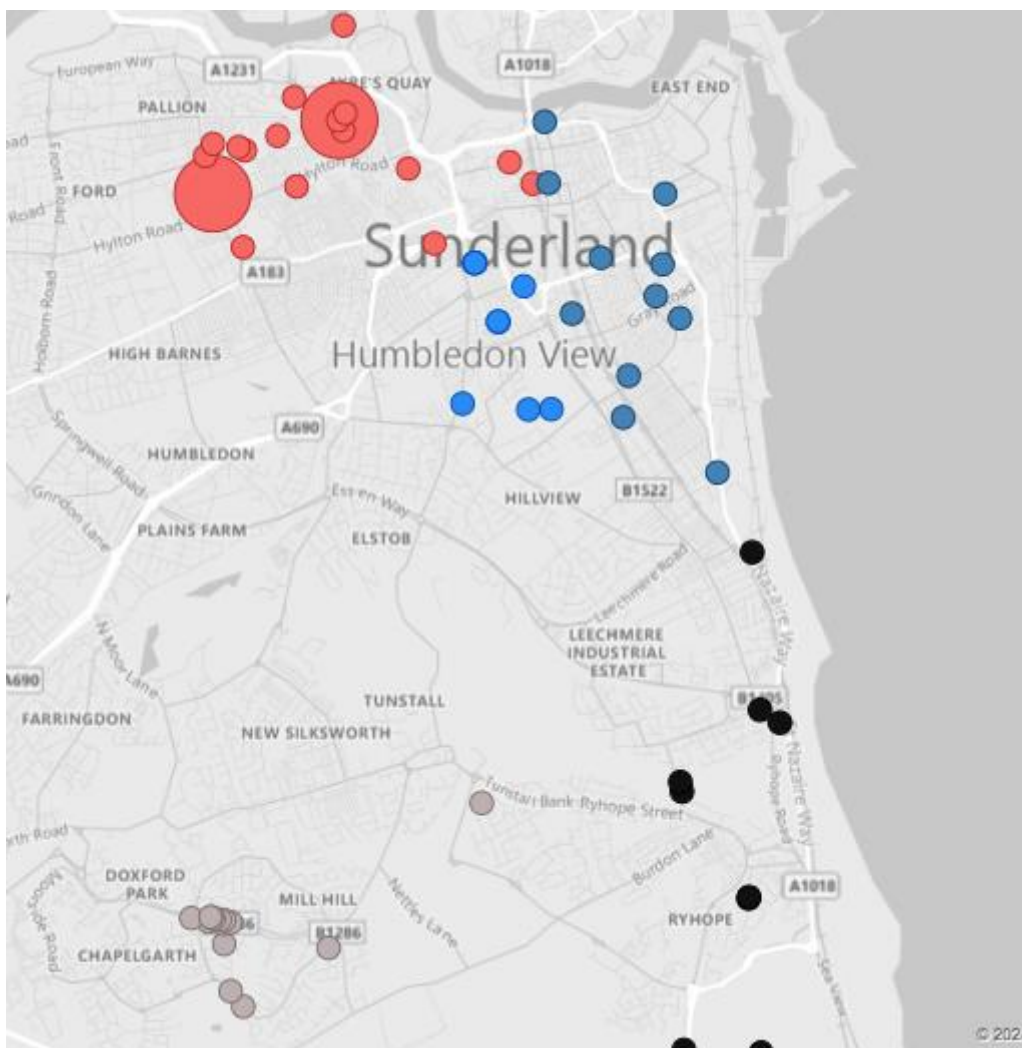
3.2 LI 15 - Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fires

7 Incidents occurred within this reporting period; this compares to 13 reported incidents in the same period last year, 46% reduction

Ward Name	Incident Count
Ryhope	3
Hendon	2
St Michael's	2
Doxford	0
Millfield	0
Total	7

3.3 LI 33 - Number of Deliberate fires incorporating Secondary Fires (LI16)

There have been 63 deliberate fires over this period compared to 100 in the same period last year, a decrease of 37%. Large Improvements across wards Millfield, Doxford and Hendon. Rise in Ryhope of 4 incidents and St Michael's of 3 incidents.



Ward Breakdown LI 33 – Deliberate Fires

Doxford	14 down from 20 = 30% reduction
Hendon	11 down from 40 = 72% reduction
Millfield	20 down from 29 = 31% reduction
Ryhope	9 up from 5 = 80% increase
St Michael's	9 down from 6 = 50% increase

Doxford Ward has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 20 the previous year to 14 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following area;

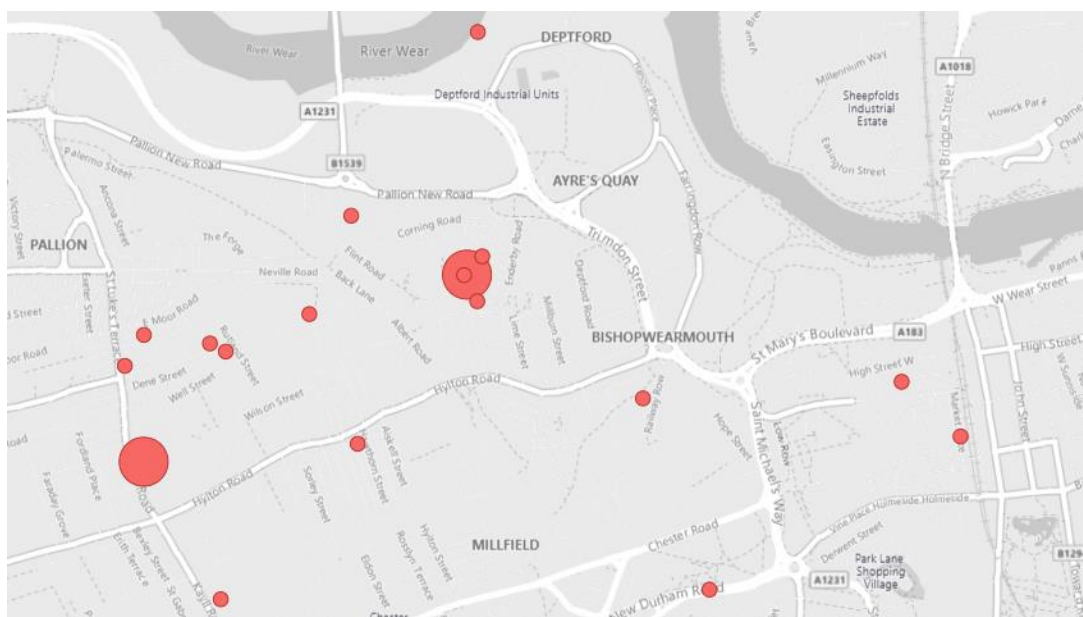


We have identified the hot spot area around Doxford Park Way, ASB tours have been allocated and we will continue to monitor.

Hendon Ward has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 40 the previous year to 11 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;



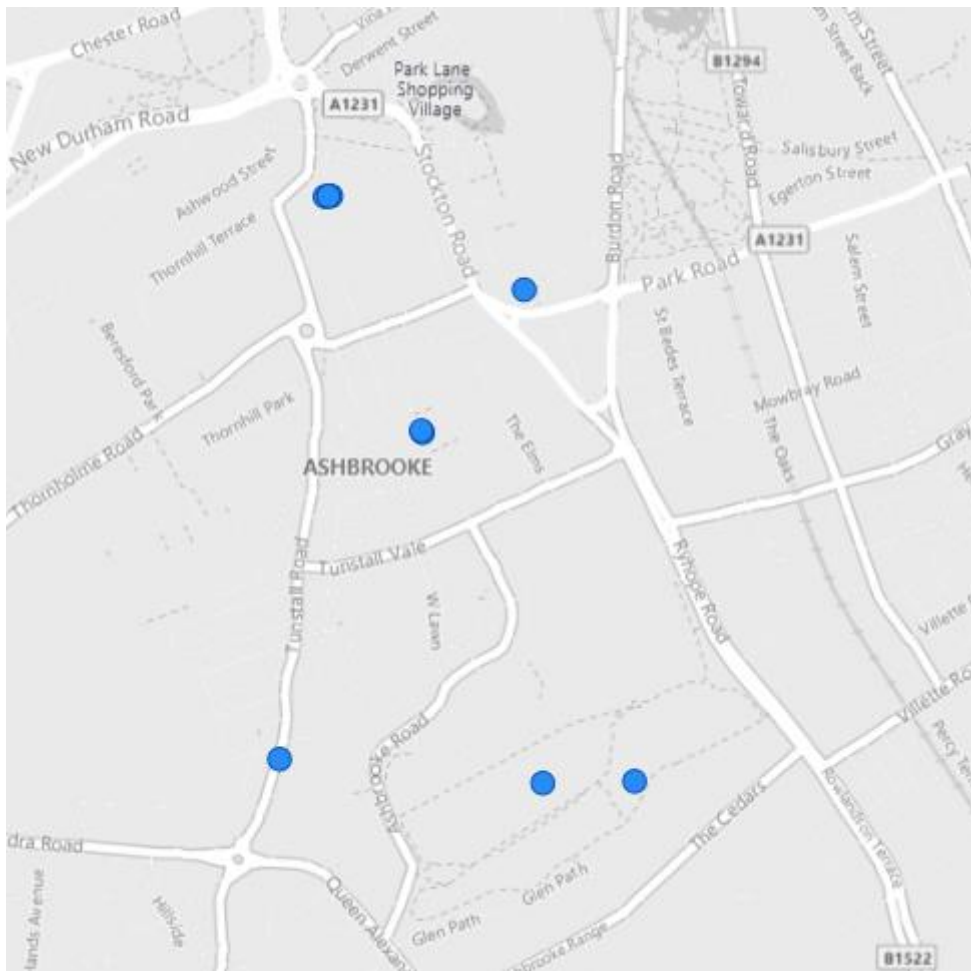
Milfield Ward has seen a decrease in deliberate fire related incidents from 29 the previous year to 20 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;



Ryhope Ward has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 5 the previous year to 9 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;



St Michael's Ward has seen an increase in deliberate fire related incidents from 6 the previous year to 9 this reporting period. Incidents have occurred in the following areas;



7 Fire Stoppers Hotline

- a. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported utilising the Fire Stoppers hotline; 0800 169 5558. Crews from Sunderland Central Community Fire Station are encouraged to foster strong working relationships with community groups and partner agencies. Our aim is to positively impact deliberate fire reduction and deter anti-social behaviour, as these activities have a direct and detrimental impact on life risk, property, the environment and the entire Sunderland community.

Any questions: please feel free to contact the below TWFRS Station Manager.

8 Summary

- a. TWFRS will continue to work with Northumbria Police and Local Authority Representatives to investigate and identify trends, create action plans and evaluate activities. Crews at Sunderland Central Community Fire Station utilise intelligence led data to target areas of increased activity, allowing resources to be utilised efficiently and effectively. SAIL partnership working is having very positive results for TWFRS

9 Recommendations

- a. The Sunderland East Area Committee are requested to note the content of the report.

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Contents

The following data set contains general information relating to fire incidents/ASB fires in this reporting area. This is for public information and sharing for the purposes of reducing ASB and fire crime.

Primary fires include all fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures or any fire involving casualties, rescues, or fires attended by five or more appliances. Secondary fires include refuse, bin, derelict vehicle fires and grass fires. A secondary fire does not involve casualties or rescues.

Please note: The dashboards are interactive, and you need to select the date range from the "Date Range" slicer located in the top left of the dashboard. Once selected, this will sync through to the rest of the dashboard pages. The data shown in the visuals ONLY relate to the date range specified.

Please note that the attached dataset may contain personal data. This data should not be used for anything other than its intended purpose / audience, and should not be re-circulated without permission of TWFRS.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority are responsible for the gathering, storing and processing of data. In order to ensure that the data is accurate and represents a true reflection of our performance we consistently monitor and scrutinise the data through a process of validation.

The information provided in this summary has been obtained from the Incident Recording System (IRS) and is correct AS AT 09:00hrs of the day the following dashboards are viewed.

Please note:

Some incident data may be subject to change, also some incidents may not appear in the report at the time of production. If you have any queries regarding the data included in this document please do not hesitate to contact us. We would also be grateful for any suggestions, comments and feedback, please feel free to contact a member of the Data and Information Team:

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Date Range

12/1/2023

3/31/2024

LI 14- Number of deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
5	6	-16.67 %

Incident Reference	Date	Time	Station Name	District Name	Ward Name	Property Hierarchy
52004358	2/25/2024	20:19:30	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Hendon	Building/Dwelling/House - single occupancy
52000997	1/15/2024	04:26:48	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Hendon	Building/Dwelling/Bungalow - single occupancy
52000560	1/8/2024	18:37:13	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Hendon	Building/Dwelling/Converted Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy
51032330	12/19/2023	02:15:06	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Millfield	Building/Non Residential/Hospitals and medical care/Hospital
51032174	12/17/2023	01:50:46	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Millfield	Building/Dwelling/Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple occupancy

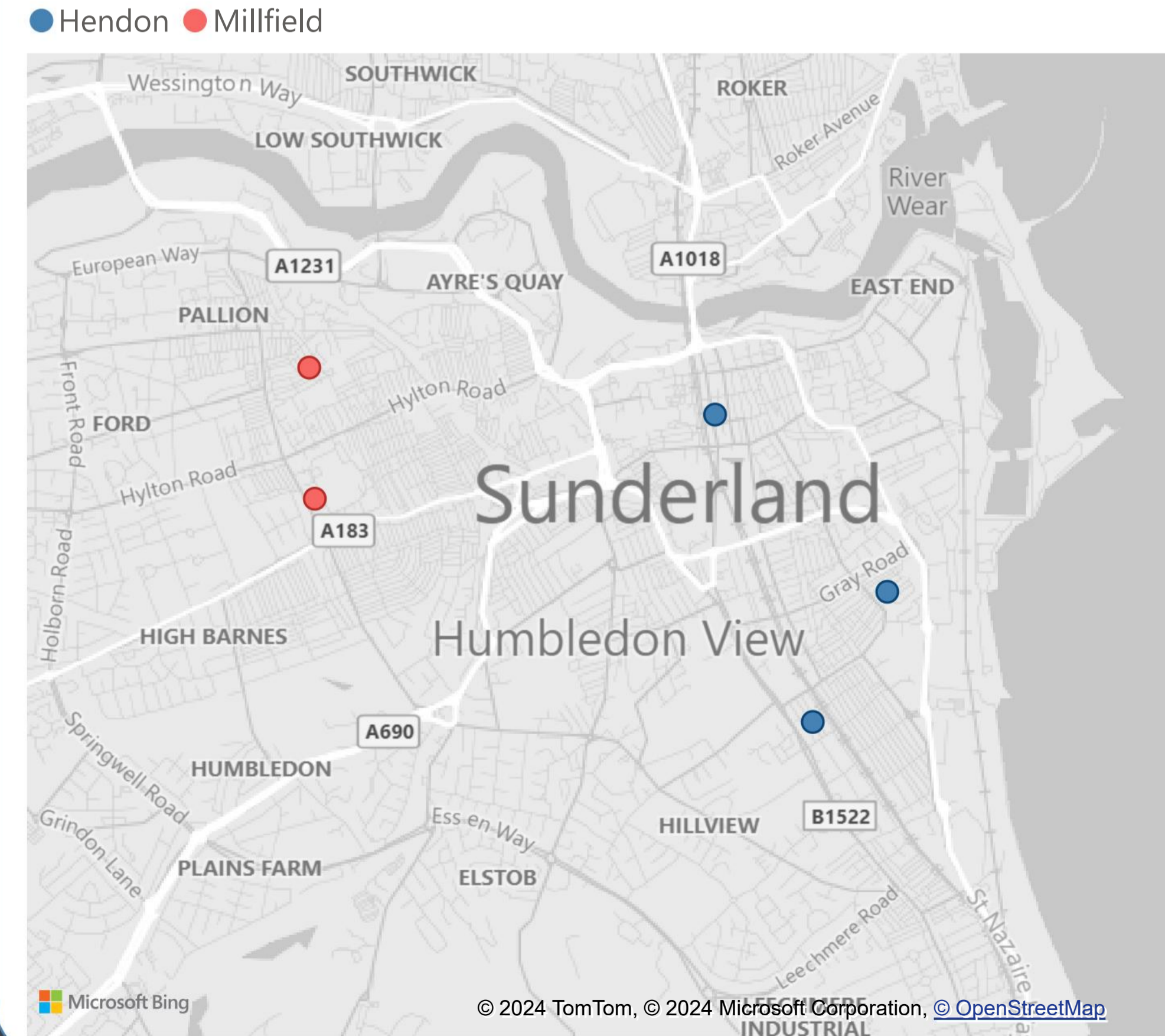
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Incident Heatmap by Ward



Date Range

12/1/2023

3/31/2024

LI 15- Number of deliberate primary road vehicle fires

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
7	13	-46.15 %

Incident Reference	Date	Time	Station Name	District Name	Ward Name	Property Hierarchy
52004332	2/25/2024	17:20:35	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Ryhope	Road Vehicle/Car
52002456	2/2/2024	21:09:07	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Ryhope	Road Vehicle/Van
52001924	1/26/2024	23:08:33	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Hendon	Road Vehicle/Car
52001636	1/23/2024	03:43:02	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Ryhope	Road Vehicle/Car
52000812	1/11/2024	23:54:12	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Hendon	Road Vehicle/Car

Ward Breakdown

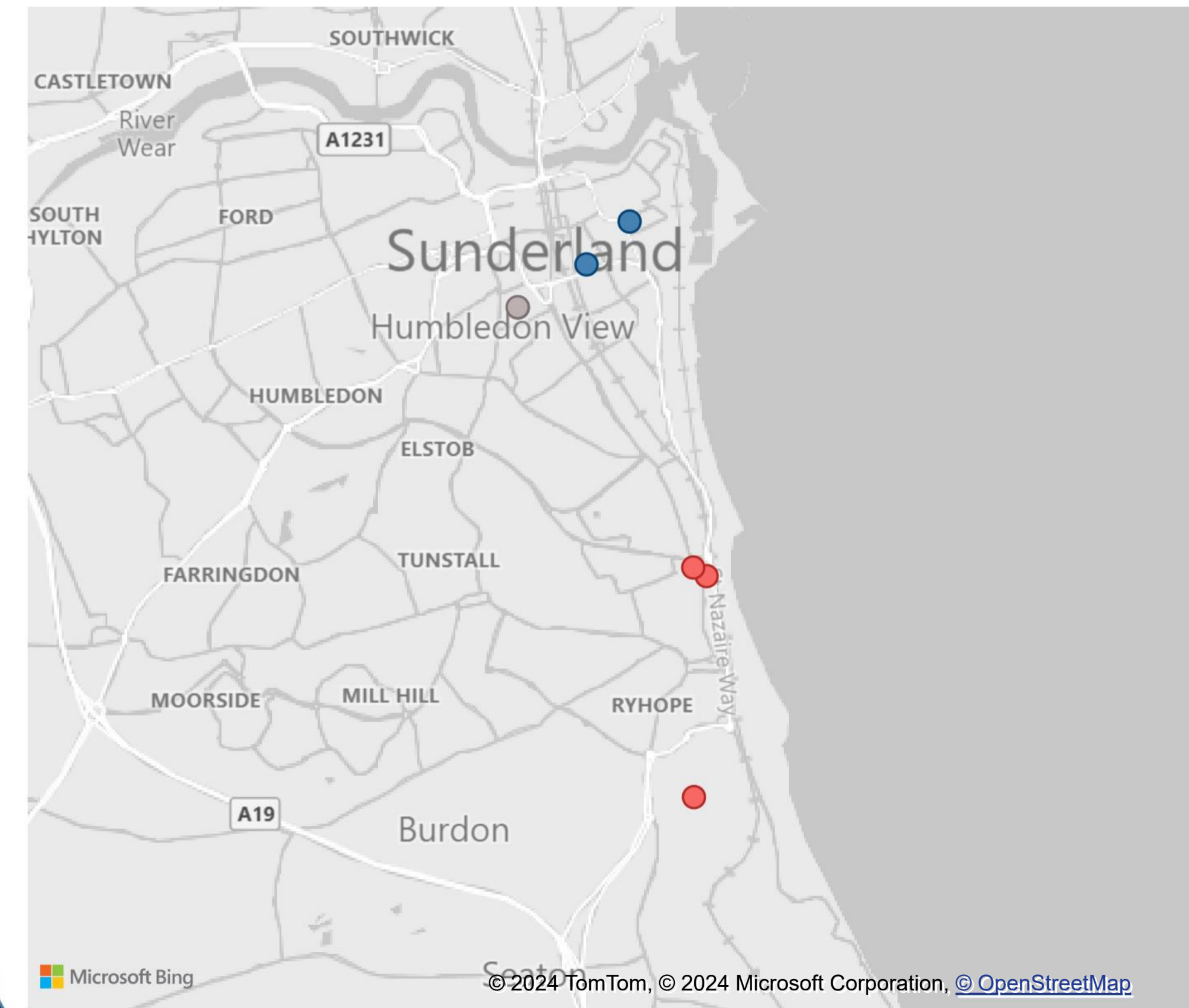
Ward Name	Incident Count
Ryhope	3
Hendon	2
St Michael's	2
Doxford	0
Millfield	0
Total	7

Property Type Breakdown

Property Level 3	Incident Count
Car	4
Van	3
Total	7

Incident Heatmap by Ward

● Hendon ● Ryhope ● St Michael's



Date Range

12/1/2023

3/31/2024

LI 16- Number of deliberate secondary fires

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
51	81	-37.04 %

Incident Reference	Date	Time	Station Name	District Name	Ward Name	Property Hierarchy
52004860	3/3/2024	14:39:32	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Millfield	Outdoor/Other outdoors (including land)/Loose refuse (incl in g
52004863	3/3/2024	16:28:50	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Millfield	Outdoor/Other outdoors (including land)/Loose refuse (incl in g
52004868	3/3/2024	17:59:58	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Millfield	Outdoor/Other outdoors (including land)/Loose refuse (incl in g
52004650	2/29/2024	14:10:58	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Ryhope	Outdoor/Other outdoors (including land)/Loose refuse (incl in g
52004653	2/29/2024	16:00:36	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Ryhope	Outdoor/Other outdoors (including land)/Loose refuse (incl in g

Ward Breakdown

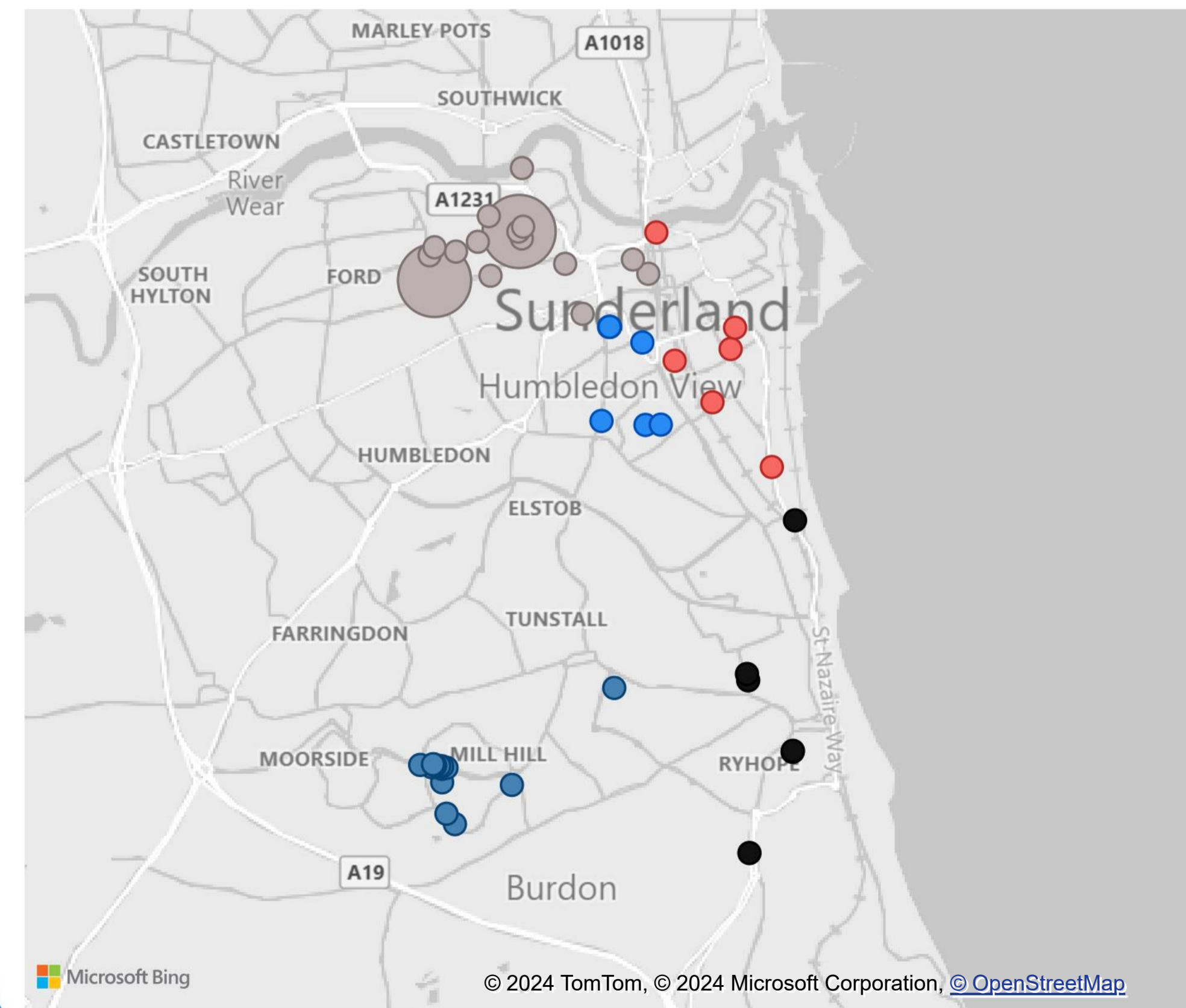
Ward Name	Incident Count
Millfield	18
Doxford	14
St Michael's	7
Hendon	6
Ryhope	6
Total	51

Property Type Breakdown

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	26
Wheelie Bin	10
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	6
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	2
Total	51

Incident Heatmap by Ward

● Doxford ● Hendon ● Millfield ● Ryhope ● St Michael's



Date Range

12/1/2023

3/31/2024

LI 33- Number of Deliberate Fires

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
63	100	-37.00 %

Incident Reference	Date	Time	Station Name	District Name	Ward Name	Property Hierarchy
52004860	3/3/2024	14:39:32	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Millfield	Outdoor/Other outdoors (including land)/Loose refuse (incl in g
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Ward Breakdown

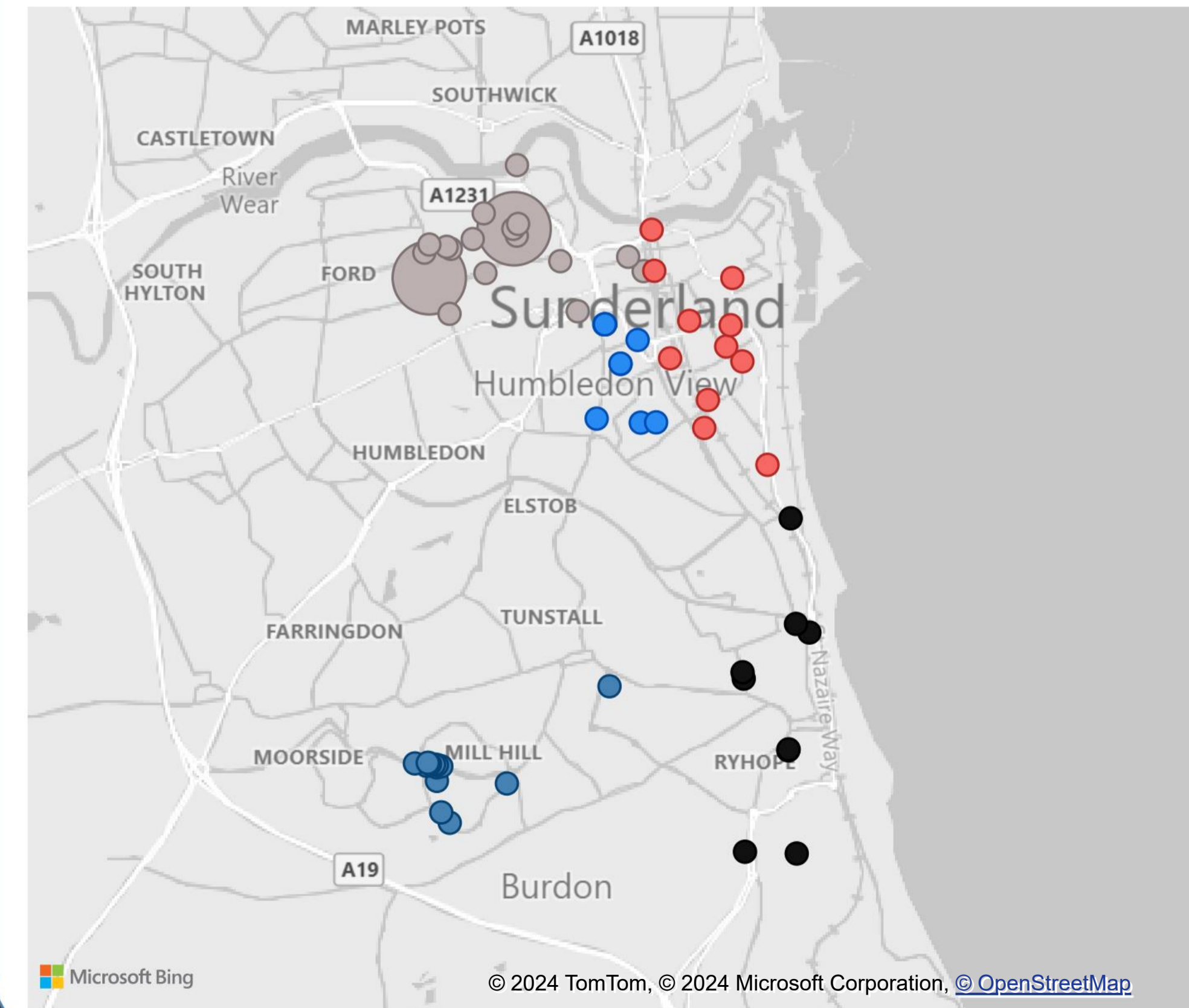
Ward Name	Incident Count
Millfield	20
Doxford	14
Hendon	11
Ryhope	9
St Michael's	9
Total	63

Property Type Breakdown

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	26
Wheelie Bin	10
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	6
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	2
Total	56

Incident Heatmap by Ward

● Doxford ● Hendon ● Millfield ● Ryhope ● St Michael's



EAST AREA COMMITTEE

25 March 2024

REPORT OF GENTOO

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the East Area Committee for the period December 2023 to March 2023.

2 Background

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

3 Update on Neighbourhood Services

3.1 **Visit from the Police and Crime Commissioner:** In January we welcomed Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner, Kim McGuinness, to discuss anti-social behaviour (ASB) and how best to tackle it with involved residents. During the informative session, Kim discussed the force's approach to tackling anti-social behaviour across Wearside whilst giving our customers the opportunity to voice any concerns in their area and share how ASB has had an impact on their lives.

3.2 **Corporate Charity:** In December staff were able to vote for who they would like support via Gentoo's corporate charity in 2024. Love Amelia was the chosen children's charity who provide support to families experiencing poverty and hardship right across the Northeast.

They accept donations of great condition, pre-loved baby items and gift them to families who need them most. They support children from birth to 16years old to ensure no child goes without. Many of our families have benefitted from this charity and therefore we will be fundraising throughout the year to support they great work that they do.

3.3 **Update on Tenancy Sustainment Fund:** You may recall in Septembers committee, Gentoo updated members that Gentoo Board approved several measures to support tenancy sustainability. These measures included interventions such as, providing carpets for new customers who have been housed with us on a priority basis and below the age of 25. Supporting this group of customers to have their water rates paid if they are really struggling financially (for a limited period). We also identified measures such as the provision of Ring Doorbells for victims of domestic abuse or antisocial behaviour, and a small budget to support these customers with house removals for those who need to move in an emergency and can't afford to pay for it.

A new partnership with Community Sustainability Services (CSS) has been formed that will see our customers access low cost/free second hand furniture. CSS are currently have showrooms in Thorney Close and Southwick and do provide delivery as part of the service.

At the time of writing this report the current spend is circ £500,000, note this figure also includes an additional member of staff in Money Matters and two Pre-Tenancy Support Coordinators who support the SCC team to pick up those customers who need support to sustain a new tenancy.

3.4 **Estate Walks:** next round of estate walks will be being arranged for April 2024, if there were any area's you would like to focus on then please email your Neighbourhood Coordinator and they can ensure that specific area is covered prior to the invites going out to you all.

3.5 **Site Garages:** we will no longer be proceeding with the Site Garages Demolition project and no provision has been made to complete these works in future years. Whilst this may be disappointing news, the decision was made to help protect investment into our customers' homes. The £700k required to deliver the demolition works to garages (which do not belong to Gento) would mean 70 of our customers would not benefit from a new roof or a new kitchen and internal rewire.

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

4.1 **Damp & Mould:** Update from Steve Lowther (Head of Property) regarding damp and mould, see presentation attached.

4.2 **CCTV Programme:** Work has commenced on the programme to install CCTV in 3 of our High Rise Residential Properties, Dock Street, Altrincham Tower and South Durham Court, initial customer feedback has been very positive.

4.3 **Hedworth Court:** work is continuing on the modernisation of both the communal areas and individual customers properties with new kitchens and bathrooms.

5. **Recommendations**

5.1 Note the content of this report.

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Damp and Mould

Area Committee Update
March 2024

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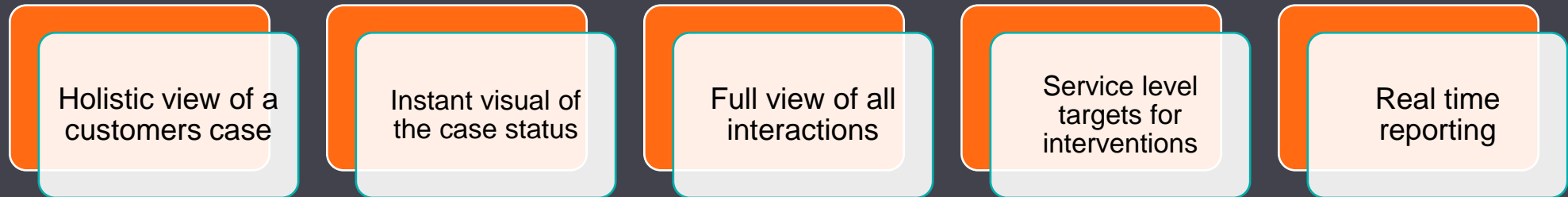
Reflection on last 12 months

- Following the tragic death of Awab Ishak in Rochdale and the 'Prevention of future deaths report' prepared by the coroner, the Department for Leveling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) sent a letter to all social housing providers 'Ensuring Quality in Social Housing' – 19th November 2022
- Regulator for Social Housing (RSH) sent letter to all Social Housing providers asking for details on the prevalence and management of Damp and Mould – 22nd November 2022
- Gentoo communicated with all tenants via website, social media and text messaging – 29th November 2022
- Established a dedicated phone line for customers to report damp and mould and re-enforced empathy first and every visit counts approach with all staff – 29th November 2022
- Gentoo provided a detailed and thorough response to RSH letter. No follow up enquires were made by the regular – 19th December 2022

Reflection continued

- Communications and media coverage led to increased incoming call demand – circa 1,800 calls related to damp and mould during December 2022 and January 2023
- Increased staff numbers within Property Maintenance to support inbound calls, property inspections and remedial works – December 2022
- Dedicated reporting and monitoring of damp and mould cases established – December 2023
- Additional training provided to property inspectors and surveyors in the diagnosis and treatment of damp and mould – March/July 2023
- Dedicated Damp and Mould Policy approved by Board in May 2023 and procedure finalised in September 2023.
- Increased focused within sector and consultation on Awaab's Law

Damp and Mould Case Management



Communication

- New damp, mould and condensation guidance leaflet published for customers
- Website updated to with customer friendly version of damp and mould procedures
- Damp and mould foam guidance leaflet published for customers
- Two sessions held with involved customer scrutiny panel to review our damp and mould approach
- Internal communications to all staff by email and workplace platform to raise awareness of new case management approach
- All communications has emphasised empathy first, zero tolerance and every visit counts



So, where are we....



Empathy continues to be our priority for DMC



We're aware there is still work to be done



Looking to the medium to long term plans



We are in a good position

Questions



East Area Committee

25 MARCH 2024

REPORT OF SUNDERLAND VOLUNTARY SECTOR ALLIANCE

1 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from SVSA for the East Area Committee for the period of October 2023 – February 2024

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from SVSA would be provided to 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 October 2023 we have had a busy few months recruiting, inducting and training our new team, together with piloting our offer and ensure robust processes and practices are in place moving forward.
- 3.2 We have achieved Real Living Wage status setting a standard in terms of valuing voluntary sector work force in delivering quality services.
- 3.3 We have recruited our first **Community Volunteer** who has over 20 years' experience working for the National Lottery and Awards for All. This additional support is providing bid writing surgeries for VCSE sector organisations across the city.
- 3.4 In February we launched our free membership for VCSE organisations based or delivering in Sunderland. We have registered **53 members** within a two-week period.

4 Funding and Investment

- 4.1 SVSA has helped secure **£287,500** for Sunderland Voluntary Sector by supporting the completion of funding applications.

5 Sector Support

- 5.1 **33** VCSE organisations have been supported support.

- 3 Social Value opportunities have been delivered.
- 3 Training Events have been hosted with a total of **44 attendees**.
- 2 Networking Events have been hosted with a total of **66 attendees**.

6 Communications and Engagement

- 6.1 In February we presented an overview of the Alliance at Health Integrated Care Board (ICP) Central and raised our profile by highlighted funding priorities which were informed by the Sunderland VCSE sector from across the city.
- 6.2 We have launched our Sunderland **Volunteering** Facebook page and re-launched our SVSA LinkedIn Page.

7 Trustee update

- 7.1 We have successfully appointed a new Independent Chairperson – Sarah Reid together with 2 new trustees Lesley Spuhler from the Foundation of Light and Trich Cornish from Sunderland Mind. We have **11 trustees** with one remaining role we are currently advertising the Treasurer role.

8 Future developments

- 8.1 Following our inaugural Volunteer Network we are developing the format for further networks and a proposal for a Volunteer Passport scheme.
- 8.2 On 20/03/2024 we are facilitating an 'Ageing well' Network Event
- 8.3 March 2024 We will launch quarter 2 Training and Events programme
- 8.4 March/April 2024 Launch Community Transport Grants

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25 MARCH 2024

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF EAST SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

East 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 East Area Committee during 2023-2024.

2. Background

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3.1 The Neighbourhood and Community Board considered several opportunities and proposals linked to the priorities outlined in the East Area Plan. It was agreed to make recommendations to Area Committee to:

- approve all requests made to extend the existing East Rangers projects for the next two quarters.
- align funding to facilitate a further phase of Go Online – a project to provide face to face support in community venues for individuals seeking assistance with ICT and accessing the internet.
- revisit the ‘Fancy a Day Out’ holiday activity programme and align funding accordingly.
- align funding to allow the East area to initiate a ‘Can Do’ small grants scheme to encourage applications from groups of young people wishing to deliver a project in their community.

The Board also agreed to hold a task group meeting to discuss the priority identified in the Area Plan which sets out to develop/deliver projects that increase physical and wellbeing activities for young people and help to support healthier lifestyles and lessen the impact of the cost-of-living crisis.

3.2 Colleagues from SCC’s Infrastructure, Planning and Transportation service attended the November 2023 Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting to consult with members regarding the development of the East area highways maintenance programme for 2024/25. Further updates were received, and Members put forward areas for consideration in the 2024/2025 programme. The suggested locations have been assessed and following discussions at the February 2024 Board meeting, recommendations are contained in **Annex 3** to this report.

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

3.4 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 East 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.

4.3 Approve the locations contained in **Annex 3** to be included in the Highways Maintenance Programme for 2024/25.

Annex 1 – East Area Delivery Plan

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

Annex 3 – Highways Maintenance Programme 2024/25

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East Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023 - 2026

Updated March 2024

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

Priority	Progress Update
Dynamic Smart City We will have	
An evaluation of the Go Get Online project and consider future delivery	Evaluation discussed at February Board Meeting – recommendation to align funding to facilitate a further phase of the project to be considered at March Area Committee. During the previous phase of the project 563 people accessed support across 7 centres (Back on the Map, Blue Watch Youth Centre, Sunderland International Bangladeshi Centre, St Mark's Community Association, The Box Youth and Community Project and Sunderland Women's Centre) and nearly 1000 hours of volunteering were delivered through 34 volunteers associated with the project.
Low carbon initiatives in the community	Presentation on Low Carbon initiatives received June 2023. Options for fruit and tree planting submitted for consideration with locations suggested across the East. Consultation launched on proposals for EV Community Hubs shared with members November 2023
Healthy Smart City We will have	
Youth clubs in each of the 5 wards	Applications approved in September 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doxford Activities for Young People, The Box Youth and Community Project • Youth Work in Every Place and Space, Back on the Map

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future in Mind, Blue Watch Youth Centre • Millfield Youth Activities, Sunderland All Together Consortium • Next Steps St Michael's, St Michael's Community Centre <p>Project updates circulated to members in January 2024, sessions established in all areas with over 500 children and young people participating in these projects to date.</p>
Information on what support the Youth Consortium require to build capacity and attract external funds	The East Area Committee continues to support the Youth Consortium through the funding of the delivery of youth activities in the Millfield ward.
An understanding of external funding opportunities for Youth Activities during school holidays and consider the gap in provision	In response to feedback from East Area VCS delivery partners, at the March Area Committee, Members will consider aligning funding to deliver a programme of holiday activities that will complement the existing provision.
Projects that increase physical and wellbeing activities for young people and support healthier lifestyles and lessen the impact of the cost of living crisis	In response to feedback from East Area VCS delivery partners, at the March Area Committee, Members will consider aligning funding to deliver a programme of holiday activities that will complement the existing provision. Members have also agreed to hold a task group meeting so they may focus specifically on this priority.
Improved social prescribing	Information was included in the Service Plan update December 2023. A video has been produced all about Links for Life Sunderland – see here Links for Life Sunderland - https://youtu.be/h8EizBukS40
Improved green spaces including fruit orchards and wildflowers	Options for fruit and tree planting submitted for consideration with locations suggested across the East Area. In Bloom to be revisited in 2024
Received information on the Rangers projects and consider future delivery	Project update circulated to members January 2024 Over 900 hours of volunteering and 160 litter picks/community clean ups have taken place during quarter 3. Applications to extend the project for a further two quarters until September 2024 to be considered at March Area Committee.

Received information on the Enforcement project and consider future delivery	Presentation received at November Neighbourhood and Community Board containing information on performance to date and options to consider for future delivery, Board will revisit at a future meeting. Funding of £15,000 awarded to part-fund a dedicated ASB Officer who will form part of the new Motorcycle Disorder Taskforce.
Delivered the WOW features project	Projects across the East at differing stages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doxford – planting scheme recently reconfigured and will be delivered throughout 2024. • Hendon – funding aligned to support the High Street Revolution initiative in Vilette Road area. • Ryhope – Planter scheme complete Summer 2023 • Millfield – Delivery of raised beds Summer 2024 • St Michaels – Discussion ongoing regarding location of planters
Delivered improvements to community assets	The following organisations received capital funding to make improvements to their respective centres, Members will continue to receive more detailed updates via the quarterly monitoring updates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back on the Map - Hendon Community Growing Garden • Blue Watch Youth Centre - Safe Outdoor Fun • CHANCE - Upgrade CCTV • Ryhope Community Association - Kitchen Upgrade • Sunderland Area Parent Support - Making SAPS Safe • Sunderland MIND - Accessible Entry • The Box youth and Community Project - Improvement/Repairs to Main Hall • St Michael's Community Centre - Internal refurbishment and alarm system • Media Savvy - Creation of kitchen and workspaces • Church of Nazarene - Roofing works and improvements to facilities • Samaritans - Refurbishment of training room and duty room • The Bunker - Accessibility upgrades • St Marks - Development of community garden and play area • Oasis Community Housing – Shower upgrades

Delivered a Walk and Talk programme	<p>Several ward-based initiatives have been delivered across the East, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doxford – capital works to community centre, footpath improvements, holiday activities • Hendon- environmental improvements, highway improvements, holiday activities • Millfield- highway improvements, public art • Ryhope- highway improvements, community event • St Michael’s – highways improvements, environmental improvements, blood kits. <p>Scheme now finished with £5,580 being returned to Neighbourhood Fund.</p>
Vibrant Smart City We will have	
Supported community assets to develop, grow and sustain	<p>Capital improvements to community centres – please see above Dedicated capacity building projects for Ryhope Community Association and St Michael’s Community Centre – please see below</p>
Improved the Stephenson Trail	<p>Presentation from steering group shared. Environmental works have continued with way markers and information panels being installed during Autumn 2023.</p>
Delivered and supported St Michael’s and Ryhope Community Centre projects	<p>Ryhope Community Association – Neighbourhood Funding used to provide additional staffing capacity to support the development of funding and volunteering strategies. Award of over £140,000 secured from The National Lottery to support the continuation of activities at the Ryhope Community Centre over the next three years. St Michael’s Community Centre – Neighbourhood Funding used to support the appointment of a dedicated Community Development Worker who was successful in extending the programme of activities delivered at the Community Centre and securing additional funding to allow the project to continue.</p>
Received updates on highways schemes and consider future options	<p>Presentation from Transport and Infrastructure Service at the November Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting regarding the Highway Maintenance Programme for 2024/25, schemes to be considered for approval at the March Area Committee. Attendance of Assistant Director for Transport and Infrastructure at October Neighbourhood and Community Board meeting.</p>

Item 3 Annex 2

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

CITY DEVELOPMENT: Economic Regeneration (City Development)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Bereavement Services

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

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

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee Quarterly Update
Glyphosate Trial	A trial project to help us understand the impact of alternative weed control options in different environments, with a view to the potential elimination of the use of herbicides in weed killing.	1 st April 2023	September 2023	<p>The further targeted trials which started in April have continued into November 2023. The detailed trial will provide clear evidence to review, enabling consideration of the available options, cost and resource implications for each method tested.</p> <p>The results of the trial will inform the appropriate next steps.</p> <p>February Update 2024:</p> <p>The trial has now concluded, findings are currently being compiled into a detailed report.</p>

				A market feasibility study via procurement is also now underway to establish costs and availability of alternative weed control equipment.
Tree Surveying	A citywide tree inspection and mapping project.	May 2023	2027	<p>As of 9th of November 9,353 trees have been surveyed.</p> <p>East and West area street trees are now complete, with the current focus being on the Green Flag parks situated within these areas.</p> <p>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 all been surveyed. The Inspection programme is now focusing on the North Area.</p>
Plantation Programme	Plantation Maintenance scheme	March 2023	April 2026	<p>The plantation programme is progressing well with over 50,000 sqm of woodland maintained.</p> <p>Resident feedback has been very positive and of the initial 37 priority sites 19 are now complete.</p>
E Technology Trials	Trialling alternative Electric equipment to replace petrol fuelled kit to reduce carbon emissions.	May 2023		Trials are continuing with appropriate tools being considered as part of our fleet replacement capital programme

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

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Winter Maintenance

Area	Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
All	Winter Smart Solutions	Trials of several infrared road surface sensors across the highway network.	Continue through the winter of 2023/2024	Testing, development, and evaluation of technology and installation options remains ongoing through the winter of 2023/2024	Following the trial of 10 smart sensors at a variety of key locations across the city through the winter of 2022/23, the detailed findings of the trial have enabled the Environmental Services Winter Maintenance Team, to further improve the planning for the essential replacement of the city's Vaisala weather station network and ensure that the positioning of the new equipment is optimised in response to the current and future development of new key routes and any road network changes across the city. With the new installations of modern Vaisala equipment occurring from Summer 2024, the road users of Sunderland can be assured the city will have some of the most advanced weather monitoring and forecasting equipment available,

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

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

Area	Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
All	Developing the community support offer, working closely with the voluntary sector to enable maximise positive outcomes from Social Prescribing	Supporting VCS to develop their capacity to deliver commissioned community support services within communities	April 2023	March 2025	UKSPF funds secured to support VCS in Sunderland to deliver 12 months of community support across the city. VCS providers will support the establishment of the Links for Life social prescribing programme in Sunderland, signing a delivery charter, ensuring a digital platform is developed and delivery is evaluated to inform future community support service delivery
All	VCS Alliance – growing capacity of voluntary and community sector	Continue to work in partnership with the voluntary sector Alliance to maximise	April 2023	March 2025	The Council continue to support the VS Alliance in Sunderland, who are now an independent Charity as a

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

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

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

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

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

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Active Sunderland

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

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

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Budget (if applicable)	Area Committee quarterly update	
Development of Social prescribing physical hubs	To deliver a Social Prescribing 'hub' to allow for localised presence of the offer	4/23	3/25	NA	Progressing model development	
					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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					East	St Michaels Community Centre
					East	The Bunker
					East	The Box Youth & Community Project
					East	Ryhope Community Association
					East	Back On The Map

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

	in the wards with the highest smoking rates.				<p>The following clinics are either established, planned to start or in discussion:</p> <p>Hendon: Riverview Health Centre (established)</p> <p>Back on the Map (in discussion)</p> <p>Millfield: The Salvation Army (established)</p> <p>Central Sunderland: Betsy Jenny Wellbeing Café (established).</p>
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Area Committee Update: LINKS FOR LIFE SUNDERLAND

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

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

WHAT IS SOCIAL PRESCRIBING?

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

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

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

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

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

LINKS FOR LIFE SUNDERLAND

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

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

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

What are the aims:

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

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

What are we doing:

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

TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN: Early Help Systems and Family Hubs

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Family Hub	The Family Hubs and Start for Life programme helps meet commitments in the best start for life: a vision for the 1,001 critical days, published as government policy in March 2021. This programme is jointly led by the	2022	2025	Early Help Strategy 2024/28 – final draft is under consultation. To

	<p>Department for Education (DfE) and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).</p> <p>The aim of Family Hubs is to join up and enhance services, ensuring all parents and carers can access the support they need when they need it. To bring services together and make them more accessible, improve the connections between families, professionals, services, and providers, and put relationships at the heart of family support.</p> <p>Following a competitive bidding process, 14 trailblazers were selected and awarded additional funding to go further and faster in delivering some or all of the Start for Life services funded by the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme – peri-natal mental health and parent-infant relationships, infant feeding, and parenting support. Sunderland</p> <p>were one of the 14 local authority areas who were awarded trailblazer status.</p> <p>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</p>		<p>be launched by Easter 2024.</p> <p>The Family hub in Lombard Street has been named Winnibell Family Hub. The hub is now open and offering some limited delivery with an official opening day planned for 22nd March 24 and a full timetable offer following this date.</p> <p>My Best Life website was launched in December 2023. The site's main features include advertising and booking of Family Hub events and a library of resources that is maintained by the Family Hubs. The main benefit from this is families</p>
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	<p>face-to-face offer Sunderland Family Hubs offer is mirrored as a virtual offer to our children, young people and families, with access to activities, services and resources on a new digital platform called My Best Life. MBL will also provide families with information around childcare, SEND local offer, support for older children and young people in addition to interactive resources that families can access at home.</p> <p>Our Family hubs sits in line with the national vision of building an Early Help System offering support to children and families across universal services, community support and targeted services which will all be available in our family hubs.</p> <p>Early Help targeted family support teams are co-located within the family hubs. These teams provide targeted support to families with children aged 0 to 19. The Early Help workers complete a robust assessment and plan, provide interventions and work alongside our partners to address the needs of children young people and their families.</p> <p>HAF continues to be available across all localities of the city during School Holidays.</p>		<p>being able to access immediate support and book sessions online.</p> <p>Family Hubs have recruited two peer support workers to work alongside and support fathers.</p> <p>There are now 20 Parent Carer Panel members with a panel attached to each of the Family Hubs.</p>
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CORPORATE SERVICES: Smart City Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Digital Inclusion	Delivery of a range of DI initiatives subject to interest/approval	4/23	4/26	<p>Significant work ongoing, a newsletter is available and can be circulated if of interest and further information can be found in the City Resources section of our website: 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. A follow-up meeting has been held with East Area Committee outlining specific opportunities and further meetings can be arranged as appropriate.</p>
Smart Cities	Opportunities for a range of digital and data solutions e.g. interactive play, smart bins etc	4/23	?	<p>Significant work ongoing, further information can be found across our website and in the Innovation Challenges section: www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com</p>

EAST AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Members Recommendations for inclusion in the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2024-2025

Street Name	Ward	Treatment	Estimate Footway (£)	Estimate Roads (£)
Craigwell Drive (Part)	Doxford	Road Resurfacing		5000
Elsdonburn Road (Garage Area)	Doxford	Road Resurfacing		5000
Rachel Close	Doxford	Road Resurfacing		6300
Treecone Close (Part)	Doxford	Road Resurfacing		3300
Barbara Street (Part)	Hendon	Road Resurfacing		4000
Hasting Street (East Back)	Hendon	Road Resurfacing		5000
Matanzas Street	Hendon	Road Resurfacing		7350
Stratford Avenue (Part)	Hendon	Road Resurfacing		4000
Close Street	Millfield	Road Resurfacing		5000
Howarth Street (East Back)	Millfield	Road Resurfacing		5000
Roslyn Terrace (West Back)	Millfield	Road Resurfacing		5000
Westbury Street (East Back)	Millfield	Road Resurfacing		5000
Fee Terrace PH1	Ryhope	Road Resurfacing		5000
North View (Part)	Ryhope	Road Resurfacing		5000
Ronaldsay Close	Ryhope	Road Resurfacing		5000
Viewforth	Ryhope	Road Resurfacing		5000

Azalea Avenue	St Michael's	Road Resurfacing		5000
Bainbridge Holme Close at junction with Bainbridge Holme Road	St Michael's	Road Resurfacing		2500
Hillside	St Michael's	Road Resurfacing		5000
Larkfield Road	St Michael's	Localised machine Patch		3200
Westheath Avenue (in part)	St Michael's	Road Reconstruction		5000
		Selection Total	Nil	100,650

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE 25 March 2024 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: East 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:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.2 (b) Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £10,260 to – Friends of Doxford Park– East Park and Street Rangers Extension – Item 4 Annex 1 (c) Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £7,500 to – International Community of Sunderland – East Park and Street Rangers Extension – Item 4 Annex 1 (d) Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £7,480 to – The Box Youth and Community Project – East Park and Street Rangers Extension – Item 4 Annex 1 (e) Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £7,500 to – Blue Watch Youth Centre – East Park and Street Rangers Extension – Item 4 Annex 1 (f) Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £7,500 to – Back on the Map– East Park and Street Rangers Extension – Item 4 Annex 1 (g) Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £7,500 to – Groundwork NE and Cumbria– East Park and Street Rangers Extension – Item 4 Annex 1 (h) Approve the alignment of NF funding of £10,000 to ‘Can Do’ (young people’s small grants programme) (i) Approve the alignment of NF funding of £78,047 to Go Online (j) Approve the alignment of NF funding of £34,790 to Fancy a Day Out (Summer 2024) (k) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 as set out in Item 4 Annex 2 	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?	Yes
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £408,817 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

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

25 March 2024

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING and COMMUNITIES

East Sunderland Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

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

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2023 / 2024 (£393,534 and £15,283 c/f and any returns)					£408,817
Youth Activities	26/06/23		£187,500		£221,317
Youth Activities	26/06/23	£1,007			£222,324
Remember This? - Wellbeing Hub Outdoor Improvements	27/03/23	£883			£223,207
East Walk & Talk Programme	11/12/23	£5,580			£228,787
Wow Features - Hendon	11/12/23	£7,000			£235,787
Motorcycle Disorder Taskforce	11/12/23			£15,000	£220,787
East Rangers Extension -	11/12/23		£45,000		£175,787
High Street Revolution	11/12/23		£10,000		£165,787
East Walk & Talk 2023 - Doxford Ward	11/12/23		£15,000		£150,787
East Walk & Talk 2023 - Hendon Ward	11/12/23		£15,000		£135,787
East Walk & Talk 2023 - Millfield Ward	11/12/23		£15,000		£120,787

East Walk & Talk 2023 - Ryhope Ward	11/12/23		£15,000		£105,787
East Walk & Talk 2023 - St Michael's Ward	11/12/23		£15,000		£90,787
East Enforcement Project	(13.12.21)	£34,790			£125,577
Balance					£125,577

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2023 / 2024

- 2.2 East Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £408,817 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects for 2023/2024
- 2.3 There are **6** applications presented to Area Committee for consideration from the 2023 – 2024 Neighbourhood Fund set out below:
- I. East Park and Street Rangers Extension, Friends of Doxford Park - **£10,260**
 - II. East Park and Street Rangers Extension, International Community of Sunderland (ICOS) – **£7,500**
 - III. East Park and Street Rangers Extension, The Box Youth and Community Project - **£7,480**
 - IV. East Park and Street Rangers Extension, Blue Watch Youth Centre - **£7,500**
 - V. East Park and Street Rangers Extension, Back on the Map - **£7,500**
 - VI. East Park and Street Rangers Extension, Groundwork NE and Cumbria - **£7,500**
- 2.4 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested is **£47,740**. £45,000 was previously aligned by Area Committee, approval for an additional **£2,740** is sought to cover costs associated with some extra responsibilities taken on by the Doxford Park Ranger on behalf of all the areas such as risk assessments and maintenance of equipment. If projects are approved as set out in the recommendations, the remaining balance for this operational year will be **£122,837**
- 2.5 There are **3** alignment proposals presented to Area Committee for consideration from the 2023 – 2024 Neighbourhood Fund subject to full applications being presented to a future Board and Area Committee as set out below:
- Can Do (young people's small grants programme) - **£10,000**
 - Go Online - **£78,047**
 - Fancy a Day Out (Summer 2024) - **£34,790**
- 2.6 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval/alignment is **£125,577**
If approved, the remaining balance will be **£NIL**

3. Community Chest

3.1 Each ward has been allocated a ward budget of £10,000 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 2 shows the approvals, supported to date 2023/2024

Ward	2023/2024 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Doxford	£10,000	-	£6,535	£3,465
Hendon	£10,000	-	£7,291	£2,709
Millfield	£10,000	-	£4,491	£5,509
Ryhope	£10,000	-	£6,381	£3,619
St Michaels	£10,000	-	£1,620	£8,380
Total	£50,000	-	£26,318	£23,682

Table Two: Community Chest Funding Statement 2023 / 2024

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.2
- 4.2 Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £10,260 to – Friends of Doxford Park– East Park and Street Rangers Extension – Item 4 Annex 1
- 4.3 Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £7,500 to – International Community of Sunderland – East Park and Street Rangers Extension – Item 4 Annex 1
- 4.4 Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £7,480 to – The Box Youth and Community Project – East Park and Street Rangers Extension – Item 4 Annex 1
- 4.5 Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £7,500 to – Blue Watch Youth Centre – East Park and Street Rangers Extension – Item 4 Annex 1
- 4.6 Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £7,500 to – Back on the Map– East Park and Street Rangers Extension – Item 4 Annex 1
- 4.7 Approve Neighbourhood Funding of £7,500 to – Groundwork NE and Cumbria– East Park and Street Rangers Extension – Item 4 Annex 1
- 4.8 Approve the alignment of NF funding of £10,000 to ‘Can Do’ (young people’s small grants programme)
- 4.9 Approve the alignment of NF funding of £78,047 to Go Online
- 4.10 Approve the alignment of NF funding of £34,790 to Fancy a Day Out (Summer 2024)
- 4.11 Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 as set out in Item 4 Annex 2

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Application No 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	East Park and Street Ranger Extension
Lead Organisation	Friends of Doxford Park

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£10,260	Nil	£10,260
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	April 2024	September 2024

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

In evaluating existing service delivery, we have assessed that the East Rangers in its current format is working well. Therefore, we wish to propose a continuation of the project in its current format which provides all partners the ability to be more proactive and flexible in dealing with all requests as and when they appear. This will continue the improving responsiveness to identified needs including requests from councillors and residents, partner organisations and SCC who have identified hot spots. Issues arise and change on an ongoing basis and the East Rangers will be available to deal with all issues as they arise. The initial planned locations for East Ranger attention will be concentrated on Doxford Park, and act as a Park Ranger and will also continue their support for Blue Watch in Ryhope taking the lead on delivering all task days in keeping the green spaces maintained, but recognise that other requests for Services and Support may be referred to us via Local Services. This responsive approach will continue to be delivered to address local concerns. The Doxford Park Ranger will support adult volunteers to complete a range of tasks in the Park for example strimming and raking, cutting back vegetation, edging along pathways and weeding..

During Week 1 of each month the Park Ranger will meet with Katie Kelly to understand what duties need to be carried out in the Park and when feasible work schedules will be aligned to working with the Local Services Team in Doxford Park. This can be carried out by a mixture of communication tools e.g. emails, Teams, site visits, telephone. There will be opportunities for the Park Ranger to deliver educational campaigns and Task Days/Team Challenge events with local groups e.g. schools, employers to engage and encourage community involvement in maintaining the Park. The Doxford Park Ranger will continue to provide vital Risk Management, Health and Safety guidance to all Partner VCS Groups to ensure compliance with safety legislation, in addition to storing, managing, maintaining and co-ordinating the usage of the equipment to all VCS partners across all five wards.

Outputs

Healthy Smart City Outputs	
number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	10

number of NEW adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	20
number of individual adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)- footfall	0
number of items purchased	0
number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	0
number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	60
number of individuals signposted into Public/VCS services e.g. information, advice and guidance	30
amount of highway, cycle, pathways, greenspace improved by area (m2)	98000
Issues reported via www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it	10
Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
number of NEW volunteers recruited	60
number of volunteers participating	100
number of volunteer hours delivered	400
number of residents participating in decision making	20

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Salary	£8,896	-	£8,896
Accounting software	£180	-	£180
Combined insurance, PL, Eland PI	£575	-	£575
2x gator insurance	£555	-	£555
Strimmer line	£60	-	£60
Two stroke oil	£20	-	£20
Total	£10,260	-	£10,260

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland priority to receive information on the Rangers projects and consider future delivery

Application No 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	East Area Rangers Extension – St Michael’s
Lead Organisation	International Community Organisation of Sunderland (ICOS)

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£7,500	Nil	£7,500
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	April 2024	September 2024

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

This project will follow on from the current East Rangers project.

In evaluating existing service delivery, we have assessed that task days could be more flexible. Having set days of the week for task days works well especially for sharing equipment but these set days do not account for unforeseen circumstances such as poor weather or when new sites are identified. We wish to propose a revised model which will incorporate what we know works well in addition to implementing new ideas. This will improve responsiveness to identified needs including requests from councillors and residents, partner organisations and SCC who have identified grot spots. Issues arise and change on an on-going basis and programmes of activities planned at the beginning of the project may miss opportunities to make greater impact. In the unlikely event that new locations are not identified, the initial planned locations for East Ranger attention will be concentrated on Backhouse Park.

The Backhouse Park Ranger will support adult volunteers to complete a range of tasks in the Park for example strimming and raking, cutting back vegetation, edging along pathways and weeding. They will assist and work closely with the Council and the Friends Group.

We will also work with local schools- both- primary and secondary to enable their students to take part in park – based volunteering and educational opportunities, leading to an increase in local pride and care, environmental awareness and environmental action. In the past, we have worked with a range of schools, including those supporting SEND students, such as Ashbrooke School, and ESPA college.

Additionally, we will harness the power of corporate volunteering through working with local employers who enable their employees to volunteer. We have already worked with a range of companies, including Nissan, Equans, or UMI.

In organising the educational workshops, we will work with a range of local organisation we have already formed links to, including Durham Wildlife Trust, Groundwork North East and Cumbria, and local ecologists (e.g., those specialising in birds or bats).

Week 1 of the month will be aligned to working with the Local Services Team (one day per ward), carrying out a mixture of roles working alongside Local Services (litter picking, cutting back vegetation, edging paths, removing moss, collecting leaves, etc.), with the main work schedule being identified by Katie Kelly the week beforehand to ensure delivery plans complement each other. This can be carried out by a mixture of communication tools e.g. emails, Teams, site visits, telephone.

Week 2 and week 4 of each month will see a combination of Task Days and Litter Picks being carried out by the Park Ranger in Backhouse Park, with the understand that local Councillors may make recommendations for other sites to be targeted in the ward.

There will be 10 campaign delivered approximately every 6 weeks, including Bird Watching and identifying birds, with qualified ornithologists or bug surveys for children and other educational talks on the ecosystem. Other types of educational campaigns are popular with

all age groups and abilities, and range from tackle dog fouling, recycling, Pimp by Bin, wildlife surveys to making and installing bird feeders.

Additionally, ICOS will train additional volunteers as Park Rangers, working with an appropriate external partner – Horticultural Management Services Ltd- this will improve the skills and employability of the local people, as well as contribute to increased sustainability and effectiveness of the East Rangers project, as more volunteers will be able to undertake the tasks associated with the programme safely.

Having delivered the East Rangers project in the area for a number of years, ICOS is now able to start delivery immediately on day 1 of the program- we already have all the systems and procedures in place, including financial ones, data capture and risk assessments.

Outputs

Dynamic Smart City Outputs	
number of individual Young people moved into Education, Employment or Training	3
number of individual Adults moved into Education, Employment or Training	2
Healthy Smart City Outputs	
number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	12
number of NEW adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	30
number of individual adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)- footfall	80
number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	35
number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	30
number of litter picks/community cleans up carried out	16
Number of bags of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	60
Issues reported via www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it	2
Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
number of NEW volunteers recruited	30
number of volunteers participating	60
number of volunteer hours delivered	320
number of residents participating in decision making	10
number of cultural, heritage and community events supported and delivered	4
number of visitors footfall at neighbourhood events	120

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Staff time: East Area Ranger @ 12h/ week	£5869	-	£5869
Volunteer expenses (travel etc.)	£200	-	£200
Staff expenses including travel	£200	-	£200
Delivery costs- gloves, bags, small equipment etc.	£350	-	£350
Sessional work/children's activities	£300	-	£300
Overheads (e.g. printing, utilities) at 10%	£581	-	£581
Total	£7,500	-	£7,500

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland priority to receive information on the Rangers projects and consider future delivery

Application No 3

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	East Area Rangers Extension - Doxford
Lead Organisation	The Box Youth & Community Project

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£7,480	£0	£7,480
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	April 2024	September 2024

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

Our East Ranger co-ordinates a small team of volunteers who have successfully delivered the project outcomes over the last 12 months. We currently devote one day per week to the delivery of the East Rangers Project. Although we have an identified task day (Thursday of each week) our Rangers have been flexible in their approach which has allowed the Doxford team to provide a rapid response service to requests made by Local Services, local Councillors, and members of the public. We have planned work to ensure hotspot areas are targeted on a rotational basis, for example in any one month we will spend a day in Blakeney Woods, a day clearing footpaths and bridlepaths bordering Camberwell Way, a day in the vicinity of Doxford Park Way (including subways, playing fields and around by the Community Association), and a day along Nettles Lane and Burdon Lane. Tasks will include collecting litter, clearing, and edging pathways of weeds/moss etc and cutting back overhanging branches etc. If weather conditions prevent activity on the allocated day, we will reschedule activities to take place another day of the same week. Similarly, if tasks in an area are completed in half a day, we will spend another half day targeting another area within the Ward.

We will continue to work with Local Services and the Environmental Enforcement Team to ensure that resources can be targeted to achieve maximum impact within the Doxford Ward.

We will continue to involve children, young people and adult volunteers in activities to keep the Doxford area clean and tidy with the aim of involving them and encouraging them to develop and sustain an interest in their own community, alongside raising awareness about recycling and the environment. We will raise awareness amongst volunteers in relation to the reporting littering and fly tipping offences online, and in relation to what the penalties are for individuals who commit offences. Our aim will be to encourage volunteers to pass on their learning and relevant information to family members, friends, and colleagues.

We will deliver three education campaigns over the next six months. Campaigns will focus upon issues relevant to the area. They will be incorporated across all our programmes of work in each week so that they target a good cross section of the population. Educational campaigns have proven popular with all age groups and are likely to include campaigns on dog fouling, fly tipping, sorting waste into correct bins, recycling, reducing waste in the home and damage to the environment.

Outputs

Healthy Smart City Outputs	
number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	8
number of NEW adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	12
number of individual adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)- footfall	60
number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	50
number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	130
number of individuals signposted into Public/VCS services e.g. information, advice and guidance	10
number of litter picks/community cleans up carried out	28
Number of bags of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	120
Issues reported via www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it	12
Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
number of NEW volunteers recruited	10
number of volunteers participating	40
number of volunteer hours delivered	520
number of residents participating in decision making	10

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Salary costs – task days/litter picks (26 wks. x 8hrs)	£3,120	-	£3,120
Salary costs – educational campaigns (3 campaigns x 12hrs x 2 staff)	£1080	-	£1,080
Salary costs – Coordination of activities and monitoring (26wks x 2hrs)	£780	-	£780
Campaign resources (3 x £60)	£180	-	£180
Use of van/minibus (26 wks x £25)	£650	-	£650
Volunteer refreshments (26 wks @ £18)	£468		£469
Reward activities – 6 x 12 children x £6	£432	-	£432
Consumable resources (fuel for machinery/trimmer cord, saw blades, rubbish sacks etc)	£360	-	£360
Equipment (repair or replacement) & PPE(litter grabbers, brooms, shovels, containers etc)	£200	-	£200
Admin/photocopying/telephone/stationery	£210	-	£210
Total	£7,480	£0	£7,480

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland priority to receive information on the Rangers projects and consider future delivery

Application No 4

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	East Area Rangers Extension - Ryhope
Lead Organisation	Blue Watch Youth Centre

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£11,298	£3,798	£7,500
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	April 2024	September 2024

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

Blue Watch wishes to continue to be part of the East Rangers partnership to support the delivery of the East Rangers project from the 01 April to 30 September 2024. The project outlined in this application will follow on from the current East Rangers project, which benefits from existing positive partnerships and relationships that are in place.

In evaluating current service delivery, we have assessed that task days are very productive and have the added benefit of bringing the Ryhope Ranger into positive contact with residents. Having set days of the week for task days works well, especially for sharing equipment and providing volunteers with a structured and consistent time to volunteer.

We wish to add to what we know works well through implementing new ideas and expanding good practice. We believe this approach will improve responsiveness to identified needs including requests from Ward Councillors and residents, partner organisations and Sunderland City Council, who identify grot spots and areas of the Ryhope Ward that would benefit from the East Ranger service.

We have learnt through experience that issues can arise and change on an on-going basis, with programmes of activities planned at the beginning of the project may miss opportunities to make greater impact. In the unlikely event that new locations are not identified, the initial planned locations for East Ranger attention will be concentrated on. These areas are already known areas and have been identified through local intelligence, for instance: Black Road, Village Green, The Railway Pub, Dene, Old Golf Course/King George playing field, Venerable Bede Path, Recreation Park, Ryhope Street South, and Dinsdale Street. Adopting a responsive approach will enable the Ryhope Ranger to continue in their efforts to address local concerns.

The Ryhope Ranger will continue to support children, young people, and adult volunteers to complete a range of tasks in the Ryhope Ward. We know how popular litter picks are with local children and young people. Litter picks and recycling activities as part of the Smart Recycle Scheme are included in externally funded programmes they engage in such as Holiday Activity Food (HAF). We experience how 'many hands can make light work' of litter on the streets and green areas of Ryhope. We have invested in resources for children and young people with size appropriate litter pick sticks and lighter ring holders for refuse sacks. These help make litter picks a more enjoyable and less strenuous experience for children and young and adults who may have issues with their grip.

Evaluation and consultation has informed us that residents appreciate the tasks carried out by the Ryhope Ranger and have reported this via Facebook and verbally to the East Ryhope

during task days and litter picks. Activities delivered often have an instant positive visual impact. Residents appreciate knowing that locations will not be a one off and that a plan is in place to revisit locations as part of a wider programme of activities. We have become increasingly aware that visual impact is important both in terms of the task days themselves and the removal of litter, which is extremely popular, generates good publicity and receives positive feedback from residents.

The Ryhope Ranger will carry out a variety of tasks and task days including:

- litter picking
- strimming, cutting back vegetation, edging paths, removing moss
- projects with local groups i.e. planting bulbs
- educational campaigns
- recruiting and supporting volunteers
- provide access to the Smart Recycling Scheme
- attend quarterly performance management meetings
- update online performance system
- engage with businesses and schools
- share social media news
- targeting the top ten streets identified as being the most problematic when it comes to litter and other related problems

Educational campaigns will engage people throughout the Ward. Educational campaigns are popular with all age groups and abilities, and range from one use plastics, tackling dog fouling, recycling, wildlife surveys, to making and installing bird feeders.

The Smart Recycle Scheme based at Blue Watch will continue to be an excellent resource for people supporting the East Rangers programme as they learn that the recycling they collect through litter picks will be collected weekly by J&B Recycling. Children and young people are proactive in supporting the Smart Recycle Scheme ensuring that as much of recyclable litter they collect, especially cans and plastic bottles, is discarded in the recycle bin rather than general waste.

Examples of an Education Campaigns:

Blue Watch Junior East Rangers

We carried out research on how much plastic is recycled. We discovered that according to National Geographic, 91 percent of plastic never gets recycled. We also learned that most of the plastic that does get recycled is downcycled, which means it gets less and less useful every time. It eventually becomes so flimsy that it can no longer be recycled properly. Thinking about what we had learned, we decided we wanted to raise awareness of the importance of reusing as well as recycling.

Children have been looking for alternatives to plastic and how these alternatives can have an important impact on reducing the amount of plastic we use. For example, reusable grocery bags have seen a growth in popularity in recent years, and they are a great way to limit the amount of plastic that needs to be generated in the first place. During a litter pick we collected 82 plastic discarded water bottles, discarded plastic containers, plastic carry bags, and pop bottles.

We decided that we would:

- use more reusable bags for carrying shopping
- use reusable bags for fruit & veg

- try not buy fruit and veg that is sold in plastic containers
- use refillable water bottles
- whenever we can, drink tap water to lessen the demand for plastic bottled water

Education Campaigns and Activities - Priorities April to September 2024

It is a lot easier to establish a habit in children and young people than to teach them a new habit as they get older.

Recycling

We intend to get more children and young people involved in recycling as much as possible, by having a clear system of easily accessible boxes with labels/pictures on them, and making sure that everyone understands what goes where. This includes food waste after meals/snacks. We will continue to talk about why recycling is important, what can be recycled, and what happens once it's been collected. We will use examples of products made from recycled materials).

Growing Vegetables In Small Spaces

Children and young people will enjoy opportunities to gain experience of growing their own vegetables and herbs, exposing them to new nutritious choices that can help them set up positive life-long habits, as well as having positive outcomes for the environment, not just now but long into the future. They will be involved in the planning and organising from the start which will help them feel more invested in their small spaces gardens based at Blue Watch Youth Centre.

Plastic Pollution

Through a range of engaging activities, children will learn to identify plastic in their everyday lives and think about how this can be reduced. Through learning about the impacts of plastic pollution on the environment, children will understand why reducing the amount of plastic in our everyday lives is important.

Outputs

Healthy Smart City Outputs	
number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	2
number of NEW adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	15
number of individual adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)- footfall	80
number of items purchased	10
number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	60
number of individual children and young people benefiting from this project- footfall	340
number of individuals signposted into Public/VCS services e.g. information, advice and guidance	16
number of litter picks/community cleans up carried out	60
Number of bags of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	360
Issues reported via www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it	2
Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
number of safety measures installed/delivered to improve neighbourhoods	8
number of NEW volunteers recruited	75

number of volunteers participating	100
number of volunteer hours delivered	260
number of residents participating in decision making	75
number of cultural, heritage and community events supported and delivered	1
number of visitors footfall at neighbourhood events	30

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Project management, risk assessment etc. 60 hours @ £20 p/h	£1,800	£600	£1200
Promotion including social media hours 6 @ £15	£90	-	£90
Task days, litter picks, education campaigns 382 hrs @ £16	£6,112	-	£6,112
PPE, litter pick sticks, disposable sacks	£200	£102	£98
Admin hours 39 @ £14	£546	£546	-
Smart Cycle Project	£1300	£1300	-
Reward activities	£300	£300	-
Resources for education campaigns	£800	£800	-
Transport costs	£150	£150	-
Total	£11,298	£3,798	£7,500

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland priority to receive information on the Rangers projects and consider future delivery

Application No 5

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	East Area Rangers Extension – Hendon
Lead Organisation	Back on the Map

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£7,500	£0	£7,500
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	April 2024	September 2024

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

The extension period for the East Rangers programme is so valuable that we are still able to deliver this vital service. We have employed a dedicated Street Ranger who is the lead for the East Rangers programme.

Within the Hendon Ward we find that the amount of rubbish across the area has increased more than ever now and without this project it would be detrimental to the area for the environment and people's outdoor spaces.

We will continue with the programme that covers the whole of the Hendon Ward where rotate on a weekly basis East End Middle Hendon South Hendon. With the long track record we have in the Hendon Ward residents in the area now report to us any fly tips or concerns in their neighbourhood. Our street ranger will continue to support the local residents and volunteers to complete a range of tasks in the Hendon Ward.

We will carry out litter picks, task days and weekly neighbourhood walkabouts. Doing this on a regular basis we can identify grot spots fly tipping alongside bulky waste and contaminated bins. We can also talk to local residents when doing the street walks promoting the services and explaining to them about how to report issues in the SCC report site or through us at Back on the Map. This has worked in the past and is getting more recognition for this work. We are aware that visual impact is important both in terms of the task days themselves and the removal of litter which is extremely popular, generates good publicity and receives positive feedback from residents. We also carry out daily litter picks on Villette Road and the surrounding areas. Alongside the daily litterpicks we will continue to work in the following areas , Railway Sidings, New Park and Church Walk, Hendon Beach Barley Mow Park and Sans Street area. Some areas are regular grot spots which need intense work, we will have these continued on our programme. Carrying on from last year's successful programme we will continue to improve responsiveness to the identified needs including requests from councillors, residents, partner organisations and SCC who will notify us of any concerns raised across the Hendon Ward.

One day a week our Yes Rangers will be out in the community with young volunteers. This programme will cover working in the local schools doing educational sessions alongside taking the children outdoors doing litter picks. The worker from Next Door Nature (Durham Wildlife Trust) will support in some of the sessions and also a worker from Groundworks will be doing recycling workshops.

We will carry out two corporate volunteer days on the Villette Road area. Tasks would be to refresh all planters, paint railings, deep cleaning of the high street from Barley Mow Park down to the Hendon Allotments.

When we carry out our neighbourhood walk about we will report any issues on the Sunderland City Council Report It. In the 6 months we anticipate doing 50 reports with photographic evidence. Alongside

Please see below a six month programme of delivery. These may change if we have had a fly tip in the community that needs addressing straight away.

02/04/24 Litter Pick	The Quadrant/Church Walk
02/04/24 Daily Litter pick	Villette Road x 4
08/04/24 Litter Pick	Athol Road/Hendon Burn Avenue/Suffolk St
08/04/24 Daily Litter pick	Villette Road X 5
15/04/24 Task Day	Hendon Beach
15/04/24 Daily Litter pick	Villette Road X 5
22/04/24 Task Day	Sans Street/Hope Church
22/04/24 Daily Litter pick	Villette Road X 5
29/04/24 Litter Pick	Ivy Leaf area
29/04/24 Daily Litter Pick	Villette Road X 5
06/05/24 Litter Pick	Barbara Street
07/05/24 Daily Litter pick	Villette Road X 4
13/05/24 Task Day	Trinity Park/New Park
13/05/24 Daily Litter pick	Villette Road X 4
20/05/24 Litter Pick	Manila Capulet Hendon Valley
20/05/24 Daily Litter pick	Villette Road X 5
28/05/24 Task Day	Hastings and Cairo Street
28/05/24 Daily Litter pick	Villette Road x 4
03/06/24 Task Day	Six Streets
03/06/24 Daily Litter pick	Villette Road x 5
10/06/24 Task Day	Amberley/Harrogate Street
10/06/24 Daily Litter pick	Villette Road x 5
17/06/24 Task Day	Hendon Beach
17/06/24 Daily Litter pick	Villette Road x 5
24/06/24 Litter Pick	Hudson Road/Flats Area around waste land
24/06/24 Daily Litter pick	Villette Road x 5
01/07/24 Litter Pick	Deerness Estate

01/07/24 Daily Litter pick Villette Road x 5

08/07/24 Task Day Barbara Street

08/07/24 Daily Litter pick Villette Road x 5

15/07/24 Litter Pick East Vines & St Johns

15/07/24 Daily Litter pick Villette Road x 5

22/07/24 Task Day Railway Sidings

22/07/24 Daily Litter pick Villette Road x 5

29/07/24 Litter Pick Corporation Rd long streets area

29/07/24 Daily Litter pick Villette Road x 5

05/08/24 Task Day Trinity Park/New Park

05/08/24 Daily Litter pick Villette Road x 5

12/08/24 Litter Pick Athol Rd/Hendon Burn Avenue/Suffolk St

12/08/24 Daily Litter pick Villette Road x 5

19/08/24 Litter Pick Hastings and Cairo Street

26/08/24 Daily Litter pick Villette Road x 4

26/08/24 Litter Pick St Johns Eastvines

02/09/24 Daily Litter pick Villette Road x 5

02/09/24 Litter Pick Ridley Noble Street

09/09/24 Daily Litter pick Villette Road x 5

09/09/24 Litter Pick Victoria gardens Manila St Cuba St

16/09/24 Daily Litter pick Villette Road x 5

16/09/24 Task Day Sans Street/Hope Church

23/09/24 Daily Litter pick Villette Road x 5

23/09/24 Litter Pick Deerness Estate

30/09/24 Daily Litter pick Villette Road x 5

In addition, monthly Rangers Teams meetings will be held and representatives from each of the Partner VCS Organisations, Local Services and Cllrs to ensure that the Rangers work programme and Service Delivery Programmes complement each other.

Outputs

Healthy Smart City Outputs	
number of litter picks/community cleans up carried out	44
Number of bags of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	150
Issues reported via www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it	50
Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
number of NEW volunteers recruited	50
number of volunteers participating	100

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Salaries	£5,900	-	£5,900
Management fee	£750	-	£750
Equipment & consumables	£500	-	£500
Insurance contributions	£100	-	£100
Promotion& Publicity	£250	-	£250
Total	£7,500	-	£7,500

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland priority to receive information on the Rangers projects and consider future delivery

Application No 6

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	East Area Rangers Extension - Millfield
Lead Organisation	Groundwork NE & Cumbria

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£9,250	£1,750	£7,500
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	April 2024	September 2024

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

We will deliver a continued East Rangers project from the 1st April 2024 to 30 September 2024. This project will follow on and develop from the current East Rangers project which has run for the last 5 years. Our community consultation and evaluation work has helped to learn about what is working and what needs to improve in Millfield, we are constantly asking for new ideas and ways to deepen our engagement opportunities. As such, we've set up a gardening club and small community kitchen gardens for herbs which we would develop further in 2024.

We will continue the weekly task days working in areas around Millfield. These weekly sessions have proven beneficial for the area and community. The improvements to sites have generated good publicity for the project. Positive feedback from residents appreciating the work being done have been reported via Facebook and verbally to East Rangers during the sessions.

Residents recognise the staff and volunteers as well as the project name.

These weekly task days will be in locations across Millfield, predominantly in the main parks and green spaces – Diamond Hall Pocket Park, Lime Street Pocket Park, Burn Park and the Mineral Lines. We will liaise with the Councillors and Council Officers to help target any hot spot areas. On these task days we will work with volunteers from the local area to improve and maintain these sites. Activities such as litter picking, edging paths, bulb planting and removing overgrowth will be the main tasks. We will work with the Councils Parks team to help and benefit their ongoing maintenance to ensure we work efficiently and collaboratively to achieve the best outcome for all sites.

In addition to the weekly task sessions, Groundwork will run community clean ups across Millfield. We will work with children and adults, from youth groups, schools, resident's association and social clubs. These events help encourage community engagement in the local area and project. We use the national events – such as Great British Spring Clean and other events, to promote the work East Rangers are doing. We will continue to work with such groups as Scouts, Thornholme Residents Association and school groups to help maintain and improve their local areas.

We will continue to produce Facebook and social media posts about the works completed and planned during the East Rangers sessions – linking in the Council and East Area pages.

In addition to the physical improvements we will continue to work with local schools and community groups to run engagement, educational and craft sessions. These engagement and education sessions will focus on issues around littering, recycling and dog fouling. We will also look to add value to the project, by drawing on our expertise of the Project Managers in the Wild Oyster Project, Energy from Waste Plant and Green Doctors Services, to run workshops, activities and events. We will also continue running regular activities

sessions in Diamond Hall Park Pocket – which has proven greatly appreciated by the local families in the area. Activities such as recycled craft, Easter Activities, bug hunting and bulb planting are a few examples. Within these activities we will use this time to help engage with the local residents about issues and improvements they might want to see at Lime Street and Diamond Hall parks.

CMS will provide our Risk Management, Health and Safety guidance to Groundwork to ensure compliance of the equipment use.

Outputs

Dynamic Smart City Outputs	
number of NEW people accessing digital support	2
Healthy Smart City Outputs	
number of activities or services delivered that support residents to achieve a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	25
number of individual adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)- footfall	25
number of NEW children and young people benefiting from this project	40
number of individuals signposted into Public/VCS services e.g. information, advice and guidance	60
amount of highway, cycle, pathways, greenspace improved by area (m2)	20
number of litter picks/community cleans up carried out	22
Number of bags of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	240
Issues reported via www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it	4
Vibrant Smart City Outputs	
Number of activities or services delivered that support residents to become more resilient (financially)	25
number of NEW volunteers recruited	20
number of volunteers participating	80
number of volunteer hours delivered	400
number of residents participating in decision making	20
number of cultural, heritage and community events supported and delivered	2

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Staffing	£6,400	-	£6,400
Travel	£100	-	£100
Management	£250	-	£250
Activities	£500	-	£500
Tools	£500	£250	£250
Green Doctor	£500	£500	-
Energy from waste	£500	£500	-
Wild Oyster	£500	£500	-
Total	£9,250	£1,750	£7,500

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland priority to receive information on the Rangers projects and consider future delivery

Item 4, Annex 2

East Sunderland Area Committee

25th March 2024

Community Chest Awards September to March 2024

Doxford Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Doxford Park toddler group	17.07.2023	-	£1,429
Benedict Biscop	17.07.2023	-	£2,077
SAPS	16.09.2023	-	£1,529
Friends of Doxford Park	17.11.2023	-	£1,500
Remaining balance - £3465			£6,535
Hendon Ward Budget			
	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
We Make Culture	26.06.2023	-	£2,900
Sunderland LGBT+ Network	15.09.2023	-	£891
Chance	17.11.2023	-	£1,000
Sing for the Soul	17.11.2023	-	£660
Keep Active NE	05.02.2024	-	£1,840
Remaining balance - £2709			£7,291
Millfield Ward Budget			
	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Kalanekehan Dance	17.04.2023	-	£441
Deptford and Millfield Community Centre	19.09.2023	-	£4,050
Remaining balance £5,509			£4,491
Ryhope Ward Budget			
	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
St Patricks School	26.05.2023	-	£577
Sunderland RCA	20.07.2023	-	£1,000
St Patricks School	05.02.2024	-	£350
SCC	05.02.2024	-	£625
Regeneration NE	12.03.2024	-	£979

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Bobby Richardson Memorial Fund	12.03.2024	-	£1,850
Friends of St Pauls	12.03.2024	-	£1,000
Remaining balance - £3,619			£6,381
St Michaels Ward Budget			
	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Bethany Church	19.07.2023	-	£620
Hill View Infants	19.07.2023	-	£1,000
Remaining balance - £8,380			£1,620