

Item 2 Annex 1

North 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 North 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 North Neighbourhood and Community Board

Priority	Progress Update
Dynamic Smart City We Will Have	
North Ward Based Raising Aspiration Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Meetings Held <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castle – 4th August 2023 • Redhill – 4th August 2023 • Southwick – 18th September 2023 • St. Peters – 25th October 2023 • Fulwell – 20th September 2023 • Ward Based Raising Aspiration Projects which end December 2023 have been successful with funding applications via the Links for Life Programme until 31st December 2024 • Southwick, St. Peters and Fulwell Ward Based Raising Aspiration Projects are now fully delivered and complete with full updates on the projects provided to Members In February 2024.
North Communication Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Newsletter Circulated May 2023 • Currently developing content for Newsletter to pick up celebrating projects awarded funding June – Dec Area Committee and delivery of funded projects

<p>Benefit Advice/Guidance for Residents Focusing on Digital Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital Inclusion linked to UKSPF Digital Hubs in the North (funding in place) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go Online Sunderland 1st Edition Digital Inclusion Newsletter shared with Area Committee 1st September 2023 UKSPF (UK Shared Prosperity Fund) Digital Health Hubs Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites across the North are currently undergoing surveys to identify upgrades required which will include enhancing wifi capabilities, upgrade of digital devices/furniture, upskilling of staff/volunteers Locations shown in Amber are on a waiting list for future investment, subject to future funding being secured. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwick Community Project: The Salvation Army, Southwick Roker Life Church, Roker Thompson Park Community Centre, Southwick Friends of Fulwell / NE Sports, Monkwearmouth Academy, Fulwell Downhill Community Hub, Downhill Castle Ward Hub, Castle February 2024 Board received a presentation on Digital Dashboards for the Wards and members agreed the development of a Task and Finish Group to explore the support available for residents and the potential of adding value.
<p>Regular Updates on the Delivery of Low Carbon Initiatives in the Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on Low Carbon initiatives received June 2023 Ward Tree Planting Suggestions across the North submitted for consideration Ward Tree Planting scheme expected Winter 2023 is at Roker Park with plans to plant 50 heavy standards subject to further checks and discussions with Natural England Further tree planting schemes to be reported on for 2024 - 2025
<p>Healthy Smart City We Will Have</p>	
<p>Provision of a Wide Range of Youth Activities Particularly in Areas Suffering from Anti-Social Behaviour</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £20,000 ring fenced for Youth Feb Board received evaluations and an update on the 2022 – 2023 delivery of youth activities funded by Area Committee, members agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-invigorate the Task and Finish Group Develop an updated Call for Projects

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend an alignment of £4,000 per ward to add to the remaining ward balances to March 2024 Area Committee • April 2024 Board to consider Call for Projects and release to the VCS Network • June 2024 Area Committee to consider applications
A North Quarry Run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park run is due to commence the end of September 2023 • Set up fees have been now paid to parkrun • Volunteers have been engaged and have begun to undertake core training • The project has received support from the parkrun ambassador in establishing the route and other areas of the required / necessary for the set up. • The volunteer project team have undertaken the required training • Equipment is purchased and routes finalised with run planned to be operational March 2024
Supported the Delivery of a Play Zone Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work has progressed and the design has been informed by a community engagement exercise. Residents want to see the new facility as a safe space with the opportunity play sports such as football, basketball and netball. Football Foundation have approved application in principle and £50,000 secured from Health City Fund as match. Construction is hoped to start before the end of 2023 – currently in the planning process. • Planning application successful
Health Related Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £10,000 ring fenced for future health related projects- potentially air quality monitoring therefore on hold for now to be discussed at future Board
Wildlife, Walking, Cycling and Running Destinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hylton Dene 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward members currently meeting with Environmental Services and feedback has been provided
Wide Range of Social Prescribing Services and Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UKSP Funded Links for Life Call for Projects circulated to North VCS Network members 4th September 2023. The programme will build on the learning from the warm and welcoming spaces, ensuring we are able to offer services and support within our communities – support and activities which bring residents together, enable active engagement and improve health, wellbeing and financial resilience. • Successful projects within the North:

- Roker Life - Establish a portfolio of activities at the community hub - including specialist exercise, cookery, gardening, food growing, creative crafts, community fridge project, family activities, volunteer training, digital support (digital hub), to promote wellbeing and reduce the impact of the cost of living crisis, whilst bringing the community together and offering the opportunity to make new social connections. Activities will be open to local adults and families and will be free to all. Quarterly blocks of delivery approx. 20 hours per week
- Sunderland Community Action Group - By working with local young people from all backgrounds we will engage and support them to make better informed choices, enabling them to take advantage of a range of positive opportunities made available to them. We want young people to become happier, healthier, safer and more linked for life. 4 x Youth Sessions per week 1 x Sports & Cycle Session per week
- Redby Community Centre - Links for Life will support the regeneration of Redby Community Centre as a fully inclusive community venue that will actively meet/target the needs of the most vulnerable within the community. Providing a cohesive approach via a range of programmes that will proactively improve holistically the health and wellbeing of local residents. 4 Sessions per week Jan - Dec. Exercise, Arts & Crafts, Walking, Talking, Sport, Family targeted activities and exercises, offer of transport of those that may find it difficult to get to the Centre
- Community Opportunities for Castle and Redhill Wards - A range of activities will be available including coffee afternoon, finance/benefit advice, household support, keep warm packs, employability, arts & crafts, walking, trips, parent and toddler groups, bingo etc from warm and safe spaces in Downhill Hub (Digital Hub), The Castle, Redhouse CA and Castletown Church. We will help residents to improve their health and well being and will signpost and work with external partners to access additional support as required. Weekly session (2hrs) alternating from 4 venues within Castle and Redhill Wards
- Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project - Using three themes we aim to improve the lives of the residents of Southwick; to do this we will address issues around the cost of living crisis; provide a community support hub and deliver a youth work programme. 12.5 hours per week. In partnership with Thompson Park CC (Digital Hub) Foodbank and Community Fridge Project,

	<p>Cooking/Recipes, Benefits Advice, Support, Careers, Health & Wellbeing Activities - Exercise, Dance etc, Youth Work Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North East Sport Fulwell Links for Life - Providing a Family/Community Wellness Hub offering a wide range of services and activities to the local community - youth support, digital inclusion/literacy, health and wellbeing, cultural & community events, family support & community outreach, healthy lifestyle initiatives, volunteer engagement. 12 hours per week • Projects have commenced January 2024 and regular updates and promotion provided via project lead social media pages and North Sunderland social media page
<p>Vibrant Smart City We Will Have</p>	
<p>Delivery of a Wide Range of Heritage and Culture Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hylton Castle – Current NF Project • Crossley Project • Southwick Illumination Project – Current NF Project up to 2024 • Fulwell Christmas Lights • Redhill Community Christmas • Cenotaph Area in Redhill • Castle Mural Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Committee June 2023 funding awarded for Crossley Project • Area Committee June 2023 funding awarded Fulwell Christmas Lights Project • Culture House – Leanne attended July 2023 Board • Redhill Community Christmas – Ward members currently developing proposals via the Ward Improvement Budget. Decision on funding made via responsive decision with a Santa is Coming to Redhill event to be held on 30th November 2023 and lighting to be installed early December 2023. Successful Redhill event delivered and lighting installed on living tree December 2023 • Successful Southwick Switch on Event held on Friday 24th November 2023 • Castle Mural Project – Ward Improvement Project - November Board agreed for full application to be presented to December 2023 Area Committee. Area Committee December 2023 awarded funding for the Castle Mural Project
<p>North Events programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battle Re-enactment • Thompson Park Event • Future Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful Battle Re-enactment Event delivered 29th and 30th July 2023 with over 10,000 visitors • Thompson Park Event unfortunately cancelled twice due to the weather – expected to be rescheduled Spring 2024
<p>Regeneration of Thompson Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thompson Park Refurbishment – Current NF Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new play areas and refurbishment complete July 2023

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible Kit 	
<p>Support to VCS & Community Hubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downhill Hub – Current NF Project • Hylton Castle Community Hub • Redhouse Community Association • Community Warden Project to support community hubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redhouse Community Association Expression of Interest for Neighbourhood Fund to be presented to November Board • November Board agreed for Redhouse Community Association full application to be presented to December 2023 Area Committee • December 2023 Area Committee awarded funding for Redhouse Community Association Refurbishment Project.
<p>Redevelopment of Downhill Wheeled Sports Park Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of site into a Great North Forest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Committee June 2023 funding aligned for the development of a project which regenerates the site. Meeting held 7th August to commence discussions and planning • Property Services are currently securing a cost for demolition of the Skate Park and an update will be provided to Ward Members
<p>Delivery of Roker & Seaburn Washing Facilities Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Committee June 2023 funding awarded for the delivery of the project
<p>Delivery of a Project which Addresses Motorcycle Disorder</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2023 Board received a report on a Motor Cycle Disorder Taskforce Pilot and considered proposals to support Sunderland City Council with an additional ASB Officer, preventative measures and electric bikes for Northumbria Police – Board agreed full application to be presented to December 2023 Area Committee –December 2023 Area Committee awarded funding for the Motor Cycle Disorder Taskforce Pilot project