

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday 20 September 2023 at 5:30pm

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

Membership

Cllrs Laverick (Chair), Haswell, (Vice Chair), Ayre, Burnicle, Crosby, Dunn, Edgeworth, Haque, Hunter, Mc Donough, Mullen, Nicholson, O'Brien, Peacock, G. Smith, P. Smith, Tye and Watson.

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ELAINE WAUGH
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

12 September 2023

At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, on WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE 2023 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Laverick in the Chair

Councillors, Ayre, Burnicle, Crosby, Dunn, Edgeworth, Haque, Hunter, Mullen, Nicholson, Peacock, G. Smith, P. Smith, Tye and Watson.

Also Present:-

Vicky Gamblin	Head of Operations, Gentoo
David Noon	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Steven Passey	Neighbourhood Inspector, Northumbria Police
Gilly Stanley	Partnership & and Community Resilience Manager, Sunderland City Council
Liz St. Louis	Director of Smart Cities and Enabling Services
Scott Wilson	Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Haswell, O'Brien and Watson.

Declarations of Interest

Item 2b Report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service.

Councillor Tye made an open declaration in the item as Chair of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 14th March, 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Report of Northumbria Police

Inspector Passey provided the Committee with a verbal report on behalf of Northumbria Police which updated members on key performance information in relation to the Sunderland West area.

Inspector Passey informed the Committee that there had been a 34% increase in anti-social behaviour compared to the previous reporting period. This was largely down to

the onset of the lighter nights and when compared to the same reporting period for last year represented only an 8% increase. Hotspots included Thorney Close, Eden Vale, Ford Estate and Pennywell. Motorcycle disorder had increased by 54% with hotspots in Thorney Close, Ford Estate and Pennywell. There had been no significant rise or fall in figures for general crime with rates remaining fairly constant. A 13% decrease in theft and a 22% decrease in vehicle crime being balanced out by rises in other crime categories. Priorities for the summer included tackling motorcycle disorder, shoplifting in Pennywell and ASB in King George's Park.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Mullen regarding his definition of 'Eden Vale', Insp. Passey replied that he was referring to the corner of the West Area that bordered Ashbrooke. The ASB had taken the form of congregations of adults and young people and instances of drug dealing. The issue had been tackled but there was always the prospect that it had been simply displaced elsewhere.

Councillor Tye highlighted issues in respect of garages at Cambridge Road and Hill Street which he had referred to LMAPS with a view to seeking a partnership approach in developing a solution.

Councillor Peacock welcomed that the Police had identified King George's Playing Fields as a priority moving forward. He placed on record that local Councillors had historically been active in looking for solutions to the problems in the park, seeking to make improvements to security gates and the installation of CCTV but progress had been slowed through the time taken to receive quotes back from Council Officers.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chair thanked Inspector Passey for his report and it was:-

2. RESOLVED the report be received and noted.

Report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Station Manager Scott Wilson presented a report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on the Service's performance indicators for the period 1st April, 2023 to 4th June 2023 with particular reference to the L133 Incidents (all deliberate fires).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

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

In response to an enquiry from Councillor P. Smith regarding which street in Silksworth had been the location for the recent attack on Fire Officers, Mr Wilson advised that he would investigate following the meeting and report back.

Councillor Tye stated that it would be remiss of him not to mention the work undertaken on behalf of the Committee by Mr Wilson's predecessor Station Manager Andy Nelson and asked that a letter of thanks was sent to Andy on behalf of the Committee. With regard to the issue of attacks on Fire Fighters, he suggested that the use of peer

pressure could help address the issue and cited the successful use of the tactic in tackling ASB in the skate park.

Councillor Ayre referred to the Ward Breakdowns detailed in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 and stated that the figures in relation to St Chad's appeared to be missing.

Councillor Peacock referred to discussions at previous meetings regarding the site of the former Farringdon Hall Police Station and advised that the Council's Planning and Highways Committee had recently approved proposals to develop the site.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Haque, Mr Wilson confirmed that Members could contact him via the contact details outlined at the foot of the report.

There being no further questions or comments for Mr Wilson, it was:-

3. RESOLVED the report be received and noted

Report of Gentoo

Vicky Gamblin, Head of Operations, Gentoo Group presented a report, (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities for the period April 2023 to June 2023 together with a schedule of the planned property development programme for 2023/24

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chairman thanked Ms Gamblin for her report and invited questions and comments from the Committee.

In response to enquiries from Councillor Crosby Ms Gamblin described the upgrade to the Gentoo fire alarm systems and explained the operation of the waiting list in respect of the allocation of bungalows with adaptations for the disabled.

Councillor P. Smith welcomed the work of the Gentoo Money Matters Team as described in paragraph 3.3 of the report and commended the Team for the support they provided for families in crisis.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman thanked Ms Gamblin for her attendance and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Report of the West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

The Network submitted a progress report (copy circulated) which briefed members on issues pertinent to the Committee and the Voluntary and Community Sector.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chair advised that in the absence of a member of the network to present the report, the Committee were asked to note the information it contained and that if they had any questions, they should be directed to Ms Stanley, in the first instance, who would seek an answer from the Network and report back.

Councillor Peacock having asked to receive an update in respect of the Hub in King George's Park, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

Ms Gilly Stanley, Partnership & and Community Resilience Manager, presented a report of the Assistant Director of Housing and Communities, (copy circulated) which presented for the Committee's consideration and approval, the West Area Committee Area Plan for 2023-26 together with an update on the Area Committee Area Plan Governance arrangements and the terms of reference for the Neighbourhood and Community Board.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Edgeworth referred to the final bullet point on page 10 of the Area Plan ("Receive updates on Walk and Talk Projects and consider opportunities for multi ward working") and moved a minor amendment to the wording so it would now read "Delivering a Walk and Talk programme and consider opportunities for multi ward working." This was agreed accordingly.

The Chairman having thanked Ms Stanley for her report, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that:-

i) the draft Area Committee Area Plan for 2023 – 2026 – External Priorities (as amended) be agreed for referral to Cabinet for approval.

ii) the Internal priorities, as discussed and agreed at the Area Committee Workshop in May, be shared with Council Service Leads and Partners to consider the feasibility of delivery and provide feedback. (the priorities are currently proposals where Area Committee wish to influence/add value to existing service provision).

iii) discussions on Service Plans continue with Sunderland City Council Service leads, and a list of Area Priorities for the West area be developed (and to be appended to the Area Committee Area Plan) and that arrangements are made for quarterly updates.

iv) collaboration be continued with key partners (currently including Gentoo, Police, TWFR, West VCS Network and the Voluntary Sector Alliance) to provide their plans for future activity in the West area (and to be appended to the Area Committee Area Plan) and that arrangements are made for quarterly updates; and

v) the Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood and Community Board as detailed in Annex 2 of the report be noted.

West Area Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Housing and Communities submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Gilly Stanley, Partnership & and Community Resilience Manager, presented the report highlighting the Committee's financial statement, together with details of projects approved under delegated powers for support from the 2022/23 and 2023/24 Community Chest budgets.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement as detailed in paragraphs 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be received and noted; and
- (ii) the approval of the Community Chest applications from the 2022/23 and 2023/24 budget as detailed in Annex 2 of the report be noted.

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

(Signed) J. LAVERICK,
Chairman.



Area Committee Report – September 2023

1. Anti-Social Behaviour

1.1. Since the last Area Committee Anti-Social across Sunderland West has decreased by 13%, which is also a 10 % decrease when compared to the same period in 2022. The current hotspot areas according to the latest data are Thorney Close, Eden Vale and South Hylton.

2. Motorcycle Disorder

2.1. Motorcycle Disorder accounts for 25% of the total ASB calls within Sunderland West and receives the highest number of motorcycle-related calls in Sunderland. However, since the last Area Committee Motorcycle Disorder across Sunderland West has decreased by 33%.

3. Crime

3.1. Since the last Area Committee overall crime has fallen by 7%, which is also a decreased when compared to the same period in 2022. There have been notable reductions in the following crime types; Criminal Damage (-15%), Theft (-18%) and Public Order (-22%).

4. Seasonal Planning

4.1. The Sunderland West Summer Seasonal Plan focussed on Motorcycle Disorder, Shoplifting and the area of Pennywell. The Sunderland West Neighbourhood Team have worked 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.

4.2. Operation IMPACT took place in July and focused on the area of Pennywell. The operation focussed on engaging the community and targeting those engaged in criminality and anti-social behaviour. The results of the operation were communicated in local press.

4.3. Over the School Holidays the Summer Serious Violence and ASB Initiative took place and came to Sunderland West in mid-August. The initiative saw the co-deployment of local authority and Police resources mainly in the area of Pennywell in addition to the deployment of the Together For Children's prevention bus.

5. Northumbria Connected

5.1. 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.northumbriacconnected.co.uk and start to help shape policing in your area.

20th September 2023

REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for Sunderland West Committee area from 04th June - to 22th August 2023.

2 Background

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

3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

3.1 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires

0 deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles

Ward Name	Incident Count
Barnes	1
Pallion	1
St Anne's	1
Sandhill	0
Silksworth	0
St Chad's	0
Total	3

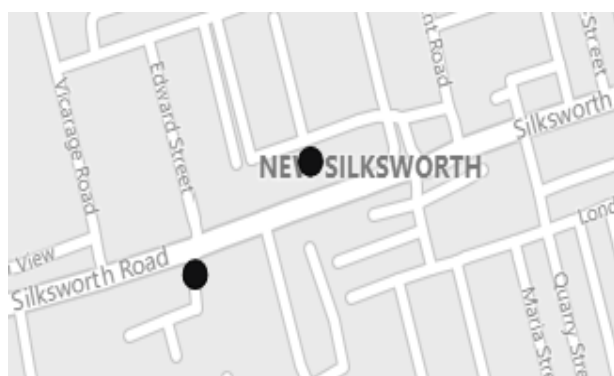
Property Type Breakdown

Property Level 4	Incident Count
House - single occupancy	2
Public toilets	1
Total	3

3 deliberate property fires, compared to 4 in the same period last year (25% decrease). Hot strikes from operational crews and Safe and Well targeting has been conducted by the TWFRS Prevention and Education department. Partnership work with the Police, Gentoo and Sunderland city council continues where appropriate to reduce repeat incidents using a joint approach.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

Ward Name	Incident Count
Barnes	1
Pallion	2
Sandhill	1
Silksworth	2
St Anne's	3
St Chad's	0
Total	9



9 vehicle fires reported during this period compared to 16 last year. A decrease of 44%. Out of the 9, 2 occurred in close proximity to each other.

TWFRS continue to work with Northumbria Police and report all suspected malicious vehicle fires and shall continue to monitor any patterns identified.

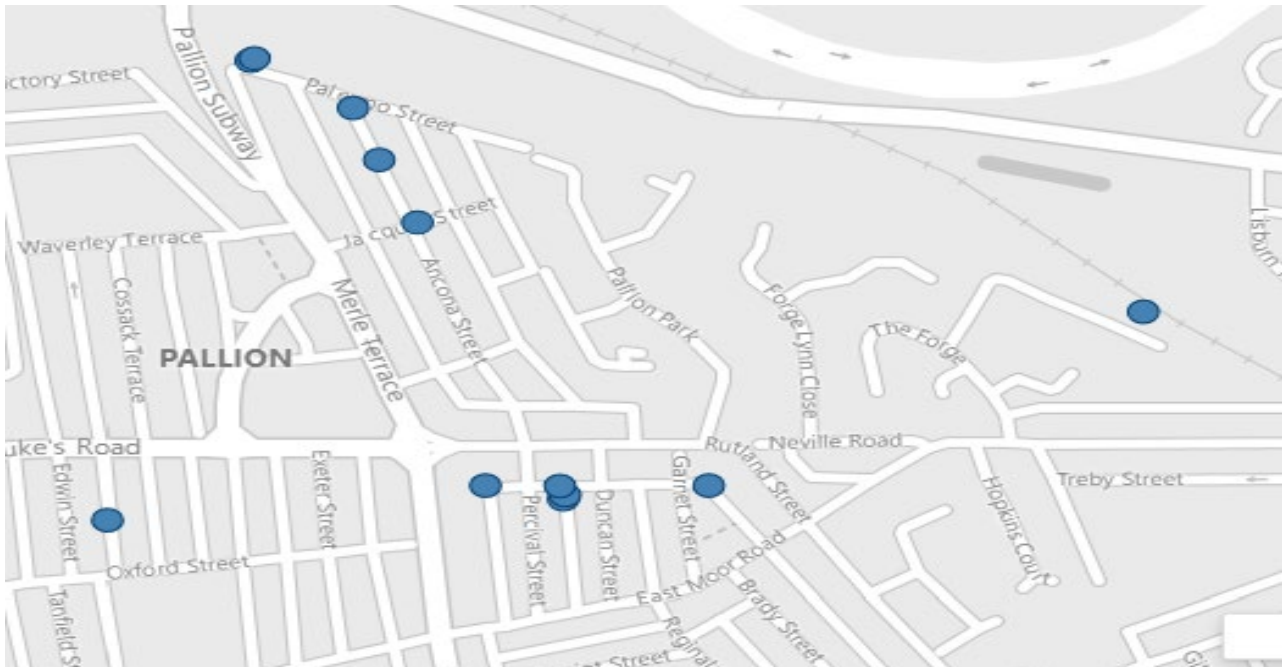
3.4 LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately

Ward Name	Incident Count
Barnes	4
Pallion	31
Sandhill	16
Silksworth	25
St Anne's	17
St Chad's	7
Total	100

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	35
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	22
Wheellie Bin	15
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	7
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	6
Public admin, security and safety	3
Refuse/rubbish tip	3
Hedge	2
Roadside vegetation	2
Scrub land	2
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)	1
Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area	1
Private/Domestic garden/allotment (vegetation not equipment/building)	1
Total	100

There have been 100 deliberate secondary fires over this period compared to 233 in the same period last year, a decrease of 57%. Large Improvements across all wards seeing a 40 - 80% reduction with the exception of Pallion ward, which has seen an 82% increase, this is due to a spike in wheelie bin fires over this period compared to last year.

Pallion ward - Wheelie bin fires



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

Ward Name	Incident Count
Pallion	34
Silksworth	27
St Anne's	21
Sandhill	17
St Chad's	7
Barnes	6
Total	112

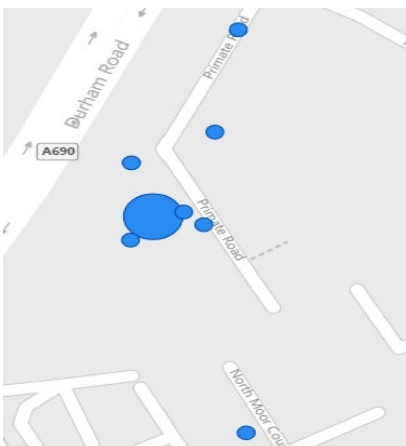
There were a total of **112** deliberate fires in this reporting period, down from **253** last year, a decrease of **56%**. The weather this year has been a contributing factor in the reduced number of incidents, the extended periods of rainfall over the summer has assisted with reducing the numbers. All wards with the exception of Pallion ward have seen a decrease of over **50%**. 35 fires involved loose refuse and 22 fires involved grassland.

Pallion ward **55%** increase



A fire Stoppers leaflet drop and a Safe and Well Check initiative has been complete by WM Errington's G/W around Palermo Street and adjoining streets. Youth engagement has been attempted whilst conducting ASB patrols and rubbish uplifts but youth were not willing to engage. There has been a rise in wheelie bin fires across the Pallion ward.

Silksworth ward **71%** reduction



There has been an increase in incidents at the former Farrington police station. **13** incidents have occurred within the reporting period. Otis security have revisited the site with the police on the 23/08/2023 to board up access into the building as this had been damaged following ASB. Nathan Stonehouse (TWFRS Arson Liaison Officer) is on standby to work with Sunderland Council to apply further pressure to the site owners, should the security measures fail. Fire crews continue to monitor this site when travelling to and from Farrington Station and continue to report uplifts within their allocated wards using the Report-It tool.

St Annes ward 52% reduction

No identified hotspot areas to report.

Sandhill ward 51% reduction



A mixture of 5 grassland and wheelie bin fires to the west of Tay Road. WM Davison's R/W have been conducting Fire Stoppers leaflet drops in this area and Safe and Well Visits.

St Chads ward 63% reduction

No identified hotspot areas to report. No concerns.

Barnes ward 85% reduction

No identified hotspot areas to report. No concerns.

3.6 Community Involvement

Throughout the summer period, crews have attended several events put on by local community groups. Barnes Park Community fun day had fire service representation for the duration of the 3 days. Community education and fire safety information was delivered alongside our chip pan demonstration unit. TWFRS representatives educated hundreds of children over the course of this event and an operational appliance also attended on the Saturday to conduct youth engagement at all ages.

The TWFRS Diversionary Activities Manager, John Anderson still has intentions of collaborating with youth provision groups, Youth almighty and together for children, during the summer months he has been operating at full capacity delivering sessions aligned with the TWFRS targeting strategy. Operational crews will attend and support all activities providing the resources are available at the time of the engagement.

Our Safe and Well targeting system has recently been updated and improved, ensuring we target our most vulnerable members of the community. Operational crews from Farrington continue to provide this service and will aim to deliver 1200 Safe and Wells visits across all wards before April 2024. Hot strikes continue to proactively reduce fires and support the delivery of fire safety in the home across the Sunderland West area.

Early planning has started for our darker nights campaign 2023 and TWFRS are in the process of identifying specific schools.

The next cohort of the Prince's Trust based at Farrington Community Fire station is due to start on the 18th September.

TWFRS Recruitment is also currently open and positive action events have been running throughout the summer at the TWFRS headquarters to recruit underrepresented groups from the community.

3.7 On-going Issues

Collaboration with Northumbria police and local authority partner's continues to reduce hotspot incidents such as the derelict Farrington Police station as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Scott Wilson, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action/address with my crews. My watches continue to work close within their respective Ward areas to create links through community engagements. The watches continue to deliver ASB initiatives – uplifts, premises security, and educational interaction.

The educational and engagement activities are key to reduce ASB and prevent attacks on emergency services.

Over this reporting period there were 0 attacks on crews in the West area.

Any questions please feel free to contact on the details below.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of this report.

St Chads and Sandhill Ward -Watch Manager Ian Davison – ian.davison@twfire.gov.uk

Silksworth Ward - Watch Manager Jade Makarski jade.makarski@twfire.gov.uk

St Annes Ward - Watch Manager Jon Gradwell jon.gradwell@twfire.gov.uk

Barnes and Pallion Ward - Watch Manager Steve Errington steven.errington@twfire.gov.uk

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20 September 2023

REPORT OF GENTOO

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the West Area Committee for the period June to September 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 **An Invitation from Louise Bassett, CEO of Gentoo Group.** The relationship between Gentoo and Sunderland City Council is very important to Gentoo's CEO and she would welcome the opportunity to further strengthen this and has arranged dates (which you should have received), to meet with you in each of the City's localities. The dates for West ward councillors are:

Tues 26 September	City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, SR1 3AD
Tues 17 October	Emperor House, 2 Emperor Way, Doxford International Business Park, Sunderland, SR3 3XR

- 3.2 **Estate walks** are now all arranged within the wards, and invitations sent to you all should you wish to attend. The dates for the wards are as follows:

Sandhill ward	Thorney Close & Springwell, 25 October 2023
St Chads ward	Farrington, 27 September 2023
Barnes ward	Humbledon, 28 September 2023
Pallion ward	Low Ford, 21 September 2023
Millfield ward	as above
Silksworth ward	28 September 2023
St Annes ward	27 September 2023

- 3.3 **Tenancy Sustainment Fund.** In July 2023, Gentoo Board approved several measures to support tenancy sustainability. These measures include 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.

In addition to these measures, we have increased resource in the Money Matters Team and now have four Support Coordinators working with our customers who have complex financial needs across the city. We will also be recruiting for two 'Pre-Tenancy Coordinators', who will work with new applicants to the Gentoo housing register, their aim will be to provide support and advice across a range of issues, these include assessing any priority needs, identifying vulnerability issues, offering money management and the costs of

running a home support advice, income maximisation, energy advice and signposting to low-cost furniture and fittings, to ensure we prepare and support applicants to have the best possible start to tenancies.

3.4 **Recruitment Activity.** In the coming months, we will be looking for passionate, engaged tenants to join a brand-new paid Tenant Committee. The Committee will be made up of 6 Gentoo customers and it will form an important part of our governance structure. It will be chaired by Group Chair – Emily Cox - and it will fulfil a critical role, advising Group Board on all tenant-related matters.

The Committee will help us to better understand the challenges facing tenants and it will drive purposeful, positive change across the Group.

3.5 **Springwell Secret Garden.** Gentoo have been working with the sandhill Ward Councillors and residents backing onto a large area of land to the rear of Simonside Road. Over years many of the residents have extended their rear gardens into this space and the area has become unmanageable due to pockets being created. Consultation has now been completed and a meeting at Emperor House has been arranged for the residents to come along and discuss the next steps to legally transfer the land.

4. **Investment & Renewal** – see attached report

Roof Repairs (Australia Tower)

Hodgson & Sayers (contractor) have now erected the system scaffold to the full external of the building and are now on carrying out the repairs to the upper roof.

Pennywell Regen

Regen is the contractor on site carrying out external works including roof replacements, windows, canopies, outbuilding upgrades, external decoration, and replacement boundaries to over 1000 Gentoo properties, the scheme currently programmed to complete September 2024.

City Wide Schemes

Windows (City Wide)

Sekura is on site in various locations carrying out window replacements.

Low Rise Fire Alarm Removals (City Wide)

Isoler are currently carrying out the removal of fire alarms from 80+ low rise blocks scattered city wide. At last committee Councillors questioned why we were removing them and what safety measure where in its place. The fire alarms in the communal areas of several low-rise blocks are being removed and replaced with individual smoke detection within the flats themselves.

Loft Insulation Top Ups (City Wide)

Regen Solutions are due to start next month on a scheme of over 1000 properties where we are providing loft insulation or loft insulation top ups.

5. **Recommendations**

5.1 Note the content of this report.






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Property Investment Programme 2023/24 - South Area

<u>Programme Type</u>	<u>Principal Contractor</u>	<u>Estate</u>	<u>Properties</u>	<u>Low Rise Blocks / Pairs of Flats</u>	<u>Medium Rise Blocks</u>	<u>High Rise Blocks</u>	<u>Sheltered Blocks / Supported Living</u>	<u>Customers Benefitting From Works</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Windows		Grindon	7					7	
		Pennywell	10					10	
		East Herrington	1					1	
		Farringdon		6				36	
		Hall Farm	2					2	
		Hollycarrside	1					1	
		Mill Hill	1					1	
		Ryhope	3					3	
		Silksworth	5					5	
		Springwell	5					5	
		Totals	35	6			71		
Regeneration Programme - Works as required Inc Roofs, Canopies, Windows, Brickwork Repairs, External Decoration and Boundaries		Pennywell	1049	13				1121	Programme Oct 22 - Sep 24
		Hartley Wood	1					1	
		Totals	1050	13				1122	
Environmentals - Garage Demolitions		Farringdon	64					64	
		Totals	64					64	
Australia Tower Roof Repairs		Lakeside				1		96	
		Totals				1		96	
Fire Alarm Removal Scheme		Grindon		2				8	
		Pennywell		1				6	
		Hall Farm		2				16	
		Totals		5				30	

20th September 2023

REPORT OF WEST AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

2. Background

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.

- 2.2 West Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

- 2.3 The West VCS Network is made up of over 70 local groups and strategic local/national/regional partners. The network meets on a regular basis to share good practice, support one another and receives regularly updates as part of an information share e bulletin distributed via the Sunderland VS Alliance.

3. West Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN) Progress Report

- 3.1 The West VCS Network met in person in September

- 3.2 The meeting included the following agenda items:

- Health Screening Programmes
- Financial Wellbeing
- Royal Society for the Blind
- Network and Information Share Opportunities

- 3.3 Members of the Network joined Sunderland Council and the Sunderland Integrated Care Board (Health) for breakfast on Thursday 15th June 2023, to discuss future opportunities to work together in the city, developing community hubs and our community support offer for residents. The following themes were consistently discussed at each table with a high amount of consensus over the challenges or opportunities associated with the themes. Members of the network were asked to sign the pledge for Links for Life

In summary they were:

- Funding,
- Opportunities to network and collaborate,
- Potential and challenges of Links for Life,
- Capacity in the sector
- Attitudes to the NEPO portal.

- 3.4 Moving forward from the Warm and Welcoming spaces, we are working closely with the sector to extend and co-produce the 'welcoming warm spaces'. Members of the network have been informed there will be launch for a new call for projects in September, to enable the community support offer to move into 'Links for Life' – Sunderland's social prescribing community support programme. 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.
- 3.5 The West Area Event in Barnes Park funded by West Area Committee delivered by Youth Almighty Project took place 29th June 23 – 1st July 23. 735 School Children attended from 14 West area schools. On the Saturday over 9000 people attended the family fun day. Various organisations had stalls to fundraise or promote their services.
- 3.6 At the September meeting the network will consider the nominees for the 2 vacant roles of West VCS Network Rep. Area Committee will be updated at the meeting.
- 3.7 Members of the network continue to welcome funding opportunities and social value opportunities from SVSA. The Area Arrangements team are working in collaboration with the Sunderland VCS Alliance (SVSA) and wider Council services and partners to bring forward social value from investments and from businesses delivering in the city, to support the voluntary and community sector. The Area Arrangements team and the SVSA are also working together to understand where local community services are currently being delivered within the area, to support resident community resilience and wellbeing.
- 3.8 The Network representatives regularly consult with the Network to ensure that the agenda items reflect their requirements.
- 4. Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance (SVSA) update August 2023**
- 4.1 Since securing charitable status in April, the Sunderland VS Alliance asked the sector across Sunderland for a view on current needs and gaps in service offer. Following the completion of the surveys and further work with the Alliance Strategic and Operational Boards, funding priorities have been agreed which will inform future funding applications as follows:
- Older peoples' services
 - People with disabilities
 - Young people (the need for more youth services)
 - Veterans
 - People affected by the cost-of-living crisis
 - People furthest from the job market,
 - Refugees
 - Mental health services
- 4.2 The Alliance has secured £45,000 ICB funding via VONNE to employ a Capacity Mapping Officer as part of a regional piece of work to review social prescribing and look at best practise for Sunderland and the Northeast region. The Alliance are working hand in hand with the Links for Life programme team to provide recommendations which will improve communities and prevent escalation of specialist services, to benefit the outcomes for local people.
- 4.3 The Alliance is part of the Community Foundations Participatory Grant process developing funding opportunities for grass roots voluntary and community groups. Launch date to be confirmed.

4.4 The Alliance will launch their membership scheme in October and will be promoting to all of the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations in Sunderland, asking them to register.

The Alliance will also be:

- Recruiting, inducting, and training new staff
- Re-launching their website (with a membership hub)

4.5 The Alliance working hard to secure the following members for the Alliance:

- A Treasurer
- Trustees
- Operational Board members

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested

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

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20th September 2023

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WEST SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023-2026

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report is to provide an update of progress against the Area Committee's Area Plan priorities, which will be the focus for the West Area Committee during 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 Attached as **Annex 1** is the West Area Committee Delivery plan which highlights progress against the Area Committee plan. Good news stories and promotion of projects are shared at every opportunity.
- 3.2 Attached as **Annex 2** is an update on Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, specifically relevant to the area, including a quarterly update on progress **for information purposes only**.

4. Recommendations - Members are requested to:

- 4.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to West Area Committee Area Plan 2023- 2026.
- 4.2 Consider the progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, for information purposes only.

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West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023 - 2026

Updated September 2023



The Area Plan commits the Area Committee to a number of priorities, which will be delivered within the West of Sunderland. This Delivery Plan provides an update on progress on the Area Committee's Area Plan and will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the West Neighbourhood and Community Board

Priority	Progress Update
Dynamic Smart City	
We will have	
Improved small neglected shopping and enterprise areas	
Young people with raised aspirations and increased training opportunities.	
More fruit orchards, trees and improved electric vehicles at home infrastructure	Presentation on Low Carbon initiatives received June 2023. Options for fruit and tree planting submitted for consideration with locations suggested across the West
Updates on employment support projects	Project update circulated to members August 2023 The West REACT CLLD match funded project ended in March 2023 with the Neighbourhood Funded element continuing. The current case load of active clients is 25. Recruitment has taken place and a new employment mentor is starting Summer 2023.
Improved access to digital support	Project update circulated to members August 2023 Project continues to deliver session fortnightly across the 6 wards in the main hubs, a further 2 sub hubs are being planned with over 130 individuals attending sessions since April 2023. 8 digital champions have been recruited as well as 63 data sims distributed
Healthy Smart City	
We will have	
Safer and improved green spaces	Bishopwearmouth Cemetery - Designs and costs are being developed for improved parking. Silksworth Ski Slope - Complex Designs and costs are being developed for improved parking. Task and Finish group organised for September 2023

A scheme of environmental improvements	Task and Finish group organised for September 2023
A map of defibs across the West	
Additional Heritage walks	
Initiatives to reduce child poverty and child obesity	
A project to tackle ASB	
Improved community assets	
Improved cultural and enrichment activities for young people	Task and Finish group organised for October 2023
An improved social prescribing offer across the West	
A Walk and Talk project	<p>A number of ward-based initiatives have been delivered across the West, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Chad's - improvements to play facilities in Farringdon and school/community events. • Barnes - improved CCTV in Barnes Park as well as improved toilet facilities at Broadway Youth and Community Centre. • Pallion - improved banners at St Luke's Terrace and a replacement cycle stand • Sandhill - highway improvements in Sandhill as well as a defib at Hastings Hill. • Silksworth – Memorial clean and improved festive lights. • St Anne's - Increased CCTV in King George Playing Fields and St Anne's in bloom.
Regular updates on Clean and Green/Rangers projects and consider future options	<p>Project update circulated to members August 2023</p> <p>6 projects delivered in each ward continues to support environmental improvements. Over 40 community cleans up have taken place which over 1200 volunteer hours delivered in the Areas. Litter picks and planting continue to be delivered regularly improving the Wards.</p>
Regular updates on Environmental Enforcement project	<p>Project update circulated to members August 2023</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Enforcement Warden Enforcement continues to carry out proactive patrols across the West with over 1000 enforcement actions delivered since April 2023. Recruitment continues for the Neighbourhood Wardens.</p>
Regular updates on the Youth Activities Projects and consider future options	<p>Project update circulated to members August 2023</p> <p>Youth activity session continue to be delivered in all wards, some centre based, some activities delivered in parks and open green spaces. Over 2500 attendees since April 2023 supported by over 600 volunteer hours.</p>

Regular updates on The Welfare Rights Project	Project update circulated to members August 2023 Project continues to offer additional support to residents in the West of Sunderland. Nearly 200 residents supported with better off calculations resulting in weekly gains of £16k and £200k back dated money. 63 residents were supported with specialist support with 13 being supported with appeal tribunals.
An evaluation on Mental Health and Wellbeing in Young People and consider future options	Project update circulated to members August 2023. Project continued to deliver in schools across April to June with over 600 young people accessing the support bringing the overall total to just less than 3000 pupils. Final evaluation due October 2023.
Vibrant Smart City	
We will have	
An increased knowledge of recycling	
A young people access fund	
Support in place to help the VCS to grow their capacity including growing more community groups	
An evaluation of the West Area event and consider future delivery	The project lead has prepared a video to be shared at the September Area Committee. Area Committee are asked to consider the event delivery and consider options for 2024.
Regular updates on the Stephenson Trail	Presentation from Steering group shared with Committee August 2023
A project to tackle school parking	

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

ADULT SERVICES: Strategic Commissioning Team and Strategic Safeguarding Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Waverley Terrace	In partnership, with Strategic Housing redevelopment of Supported Living Accommodation for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs	12/22	8/23	Improvement works are progressing with an expected completion date at the end of September 2023.

City Development: Regulatory Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Enforcement Project (currently AC funded)	1 x Enforcement officer 2 x Neighbourhood Wardens Enforcement signage 7 x Streetwatch cameras Proactive approach to tackle environmental issues and increase function of prevention and enforcement across all 6 wards.	09/21	09/23	AC update submitted July 2023 via agreed reporting

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	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
Smart Cities	Opportunities for a range of digital and data solutions e.g. interactive play, smart bins etc	4/23	tbc	Significant work ongoing, further information can be found across our website and in the Innovation Challenges section: www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Bereavement Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Cemetery Improvements	Prioritisation of improvement measures within area cemeteries according to an assessment of risk, need and local demand	June 22	Ongoing	<p>Meetings: The Cemetery Improvement Boards are now established and convene bi-monthly bringing together representatives from local Ward Members and managers from relevant Council departments. These meetings serve as a platform to identify pressing issues and local concerns in each cemetery and to reach agreement on the priority attached to each.</p> <p>Key improvements: Through site visits and local knowledge key areas of improvement have been identified in each cemetery developed into an action plan.</p> <p>Our immediate focus relates to Regulatory compliance for lawn section graves and the requirement to remove unauthorised grave surrounds and install formal</p>

				<p>personalisation areas where personal items are placed on graves. This uniformity and standardisation of grave sizes will enable us to achieve a higher standard of maintenance which will contribute to an overall enhancement of these areas.</p> <p>Additionally, to protect public safety within all cemeteries we have launched a dedicated memorial testing programme to assess the stability of all memorials. Upon receipt of the stock condition report in September, the Cemetery Improvement Boards (CIB) will review the findings, determine necessary works, establish a public communication strategy and prioritise tasks accordingly until the programme is adopted and forms part of standard operations</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	The 2023 trial which commenced on the 1st of April which is due to conclude on the 30th of September 2023 is enabling Local Services to ensure we capture a full weed season. The process is allowing us to monitor the impact of using alternative methods to Glyphosate, understand how effective other weed control methods can be, the impact these treatments have on the effectiveness of maintenance, resource, costs, equipment/training requirements, environmental and

				<p>visual impact, and importantly the views of our residents.</p> <p>To date detailed records on all aspects of the trial are being gathered and analysed. Aspects such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application process • Environmental Impact • Cost • Effectiveness • Resident Feedback <p>We are continuing to engage with residents, our wider council colleagues, key city stakeholders and neighbouring authorities.</p> <p>We are also engaging with several other Authorities and organisations such as Cardiff Council, South Lanarkshire Council, Brighton Council the Amenity Forum and APSE.</p> <p>A final report will be produced and published following the conclusion of the trial.</p>
Tree Surveying	A citywide tree inspection and mapping project.	May 2023	2027	<p>Tree inspections and mapping commenced in May 2023. Starting in the East area to date we have surveyed and digitally mapped over 5000 trees. The survey will move into the West area over the coming weeks. The survey will enable SCC to fully understand our tree stock, which will in turn increase our ability to manage the risk more effectively. The survey will also facilitate a much more proactive approach to tree planting and replacement, establish how much carbon as a city our trees can sequester, it will also inform us</p>

				of the overall impact of Ash Dieback disease. The data base as it grows will provide a deeper case by case record of each tree and its inspection record which will improve member and customer journeys as the information held will provide more detailed information when responding to customer requests and complaints.
E Technology Trials	Trialling alternative Electric equipment to replace petrol fuelled kit to reduce carbon emissions.	May 2023		We continue to trial alternative kit not only to reduce carbon emissions but to reduce the hand arm vibration some kit exposes our workforce to. To date we have tested Electric hedge trimmers, chainsaws, strimmers and grass cutters. We are hoping in the coming weeks to explore hybrid chipper technology. We are also working with our fleet team to future proof our kit replacement programme factoring in the feedback we capture as part trials and are confident that over a period of time to further reduce our reliance upon petrol tools and equipment.
Bin Replacement	Barnes Park replacement bins.	April 2023	March 2024	Presently in the quotation period, awaiting information from contractors on supply and fit 35 Park Bins.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Winter Maintenance

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Winter Smart Solutions	Trials of several infrared road surface sensors across the highway network.	Continue through the winter of 2023/2024	Testing of various options remains ongoing through the	The selection, trial, and testing of additional Smart Road Surface Temperature measuring equipment supplied by the Smart City Team, remains ongoing. It is hoped that the additional equipment options being trialled will accurately enhance existing road monitoring and weather forecasting service provided by the Environmental Services, Winter Maintenance gritting

			winter of 2023/2024	team, and give the team are greater insight into the condition or road surfaces across the city during periods of cold.
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HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Area Arrangements

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Warm spaces – developing into Community Hubs	The current warm spaces which were funded to support residents during the cost-of-living crisis will be supported to develop their offer, to support residents longer term, with five permanent community hubs established linked with social prescribing	April 2023	March 2024	Links for Life delivery plan developing, working closely with the VCS. Call for projects will be circulated in September to support VCS to enhance delivery within communities.
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 services within communities	April 2023	March 2025	As above
VCS Alliance – growing capacity of voluntary and community sector	Continue to work in partnership with the voluntary sector Alliance to maximise resources into the sector via external funding and grow social value resources	April 2023	March 2025	VS Alliance developing their offer to support the sector.

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Delivery of Financial Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan	Supporting residents within areas to improve their resilience	April 2023	March 2025	<p>Using household data and intelligence to identify issues and inform support across services.</p> <p>Establishing partnerships to deliver support to communities, including the VCS through Links for Life Sunderland</p> <p>Working through the Partnership Task Force Group to share knowledge and insights, leading to collaborations, such as a working arrangement with Gentoo on Cost-of-Living issues, including workshops to develop information and ensure the best support is provided to residents across all services.</p> <p>The team continues to talk to residents in Welcoming Spaces about their experience and report on issues and themes from the conversations.</p> <p>The work is facilitated by excellent relationships already established with local VCS organisations. We are combining quantitative and qualitative data to provide context and a deeper understanding of the Lived experience of residents. We are currently refining a recording and reporting system to manage both statistical and anecdotal information so that if a service or partner organisation requires some contextual information we can find and provide it.</p>

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Strategy

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
<p>The following wards show a high prevalence of empty properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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</p>	<p>This is not a specific project</p>	<p>Progressing</p>	<p>Initial presentation complete</p> <p>Future reports presented for Area Committee Information quarterly</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>

prevalent. Work to tackle empty properties is targeted in these areas				
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HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Active Sunderland

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Parks Tennis Court Programme	Refurbish Tennis Courts in Barnes Park	5/23	7/23	Complete and operational
Parks Tennis Court Programme	Develop Tennis activation programme	6/23	10/23	Complete - taking place
Regular Physical Activity Opportunities	Consultation and development of Bid for Playzone in West - location tbc	7/23	10/23	Engagement session in member diary 12 th Sept
Weight Management Service	Establish 1 delivery site for the targeted offer	5/23	6/24	Complete and operational

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

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Development of Social prescribing physical hubs	To deliver a Social Prescribing 'hub' to allow for localised presence of the offer	4/23	3/25	Progressing model development
Stop Smoking Clinics	To deliver stop smoking clinics in the wards with the highest smoking rates.	4/23	12/23	SSSS are actively investigating clinic/drop in sites within the high prevalence wards. The following

			<p>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 (planned to start mid September)</p> <p>Pallion: St Luke's Neighbourhood Centre (planned to start early September)</p> <p>Redhill: Bunnyhill Centre (established)</p> <p>Castle: Bunnyhill Centre (established)</p> <p>Southwick: Salvation Army – Austin House (in discussion)</p> <p>SNIP (in discussion)</p> <p>Sandhill: Grindon Primary Care Centre (established)</p> <p>St Anne's: Grindon Primary Care Centre (established)</p> <p>Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre (planned to start soon)</p> <p>Washington North: Galleries Health Centre (established)</p> <p>The Millenium Centre (planned to start mid-September)</p> <p>Central Sunderland: Betsy Jenny Wellbeing Café (established).</p>
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**WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE
20 SEPTEMBER 2023
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

Title of Report:

West Sunderland Area Budget Report

Author(s):

Assistant Director of Housing and Communities

Purpose of Report:

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

Description of Decision:

Committee are requested to:-

(a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1.

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

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £540,905 (inc Youth allocation and c/f) 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

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

20 September 2023

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING and COMMUNITIES

West Sunderland Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

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

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2023 / 2024 (£447,428 and £93,477 c/f and any returns)					£540,905
					£540,905

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2023 / 2024

- 2.2 West Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £540,905 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects for 2023/2024
- 2.3 There are no application(s) to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration.

3. Community Chest

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

Ward	2023/2024 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Barnes	£10,000	-	£6,998	£3,002
Pallion	£10,000	-	£0	£10,000
Sandhill	£10,000	-	£545	£9,455
Silksworth	£10,000	-	£1,500	£8,500
St Annes	£10,000	-	£5,886	£4,114
St Chads	£10,000	-	£9,488	£512
Total	£60,000	-	£24,417	£35,583

Table Two: Community Chest Funding Statement 2023 / 2024

4. Recommendations

- a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1
- b) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 as set out in **Item 4 Annex 1**

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West Area Committee**20 September 2023****Community Chest Awards April to September 2023**

Barnes Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Plains Farm Academy	15/05/2023	-	£1,010
Red Machine Allotment	18/07/2023	-	£1,013
Red Sky Foundation	14/08/2023	-	£4,680
Broadway Youth & CC	14/08/2023	-	£295
Remaining balance		£0	£3,002
Pallion Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Remaining balance		£0	£10,000
Sandhill Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Choice Wellbeing CIC	18/07/2023	-	£545
Remaining balance		£0	£9,455

Silksworth Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Silksworth Banner Group	03/06/2023	-	£1,000
Silksworth & Hall Farm FC	15/05/2023	-	£500
Remaining balance		£0	£8,500
St Annes Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Pennywell Comrades FC	24.05.2023	-	£1,785
NE Dementia Care CIO	24.05.2023	-	£906
2 ND South Hylton Guides	18.07.2023	-	£1,200
Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre	18.07.2023	-	£1,000
Bellingham House tenants Cub	14.08.2023	-	£995
Remaining balance		£0	£4,114

St Chads Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
East Herrington Primary	08.05.2023	-	£2,000
FY&CC Supporting Friends of Herrington Village	08.05.2023	-	£2,620
Farrington & Detached Youth & Community	23.06.2023	-	£980
Herrington Flower Club	07.07.2023	-	£1,165
Farrington Academy	07.07.2023	-	£565
Farrington Badminton	01.08.2023	-	£426
St Chads Parent & toddler group	01.08.2023	-	£1,090
Herrington Women's Institute	14.08.2023	-	£642
Remaining balance		£0	£512

Current Planning Applications(West)

Between 01/07/2023 and 23/08/2023

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/01527/TEX	Land At Durham RoadSunderlandSR3 3LQ	The installation of a 15m high slim-line monopole, supporting 6 no. antennas, 3 no. equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto.	05/07/2023	24/08/2023
23/01335/FUL	71 Padgate RoadSunderlandSR4 0HH	Erection of garages to be available for rental.	07/07/2023	01/09/2023
23/00916/SUB	MeadowgateHylton BankSunderlandSR4 0LJ	Extension to existing detached garage to form granny annexe.	11/07/2023	05/09/2023
23/01579/FUL	Land AdjacentHair We GoSilksworth LaneEast HerringtonSunderlandSR3 3PP	Erection of new take away coffee shop including associated access and landscaping.	12/07/2023	06/09/2023
23/01026/FUL	Barnes Infant SchoolMount RoadSunderlandSR4 7QF	Proposed brickwork repairs to elevations and replacement windows.	12/07/2023	06/09/2023
23/01027/LBC	Barnes Infant SchoolMount RoadSunderlandSR4 7QF	Proposed brickwork repairs to elevations and window repairs/replacements.	12/07/2023	06/09/2023

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/01538/FU4	Car Park AtPallion WayPallion Trading EstateSunderland	Change of use of car park to car and van hire including siting of two modular buildings, storage container, wash bay facility and CCTV pole. Provision of pedestrian access gate and increase in height of existing palisade fencing and vehicular access gate to 2.4m.	17/07/2023	11/09/2023
23/01706/TEX	Land AtPortsmouth RoadSunderland	Proposed 20m High Pole on new T9 root foundation, 1No. GPS Module, 6No. Antennas, 2No. 300 Dishes, 1No. York and 1No. Shire Cabinet and associated ancillary works.	28/07/2023	17/09/2023
23/01648/FUL	Ferry Farm HouseOfferton LaneSunderlandSR4 0NH	Erection of new cattery facility. (Retrospective)	28/07/2023	22/09/2023
23/01721/FUL	47 Friar RoadSunderlandSR4 0BN	Single storey side and front extension.	31/07/2023	25/09/2023
23/01685/PRI	78 Killingworth DriveSunderlandSR4 8QX	Erection of single storey rear extension (Extends 4m from original dwelling, 3m in height and 3.00 to the eaves)	31/07/2023	12/09/2023
23/01714/PRI	38 Hawthorn AvenueSunderlandSR3 1DR	Erection of single storey rear extension (Extends 3.5m from original dwelling, 3.30m in height and 2.30m to the eaves)	31/07/2023	12/09/2023

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/01709/FUL	44 Partick Road Sunderland SR4 9BQ	Single storey side and rear extension.	31/07/2023	25/09/2023
23/01768/FUL	10 West Mount Sunderland SR4 8PY	Ground floor rear extension, to the rear of the kitchen dining room.	07/08/2023	02/10/2023
23/01715/PRI	17 Beckwith Road Sunderland SR3 3NE	Erection of single storey rear extension (Extends 4.6m from original dwelling, 3.45m in height and 3.0m to the eaves)	08/08/2023	20/09/2023
23/01737/FUL	3 Hillingdon Grove Sunderland SR4 9NX	Single storey rear extension, side extension and new light weight roof to existing conservatory.	08/08/2023	03/10/2023
23/01349/FUL	Northumbria Ambulance Service 29 - 32 Luxembourg Road Pallion West Industrial Estate Sunderland SR4 6SJ	Replacement of external building fabric	10/08/2023	05/10/2023
23/01739/ADV	Car Park At Pallion Way Pallion Trading Estate Sunderland	Installation of x3 fascia signs to modular buildings.	11/08/2023	06/10/2023

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/01635/TPA	HeadteacherGrindon Hall Christian SchoolNooksideSunderlandSR4 8PG	Carry out the following works: Tree 480 - Mature Sycamore- re-trenching to upper canopy, pruning back to sound wood and shaping to balance. Tree 484- Mature Sycamore - Fell tree, Tree 506/507 - Dead wood prune, Tree 552 - Mature Sycamore - re-trench crown by pruning to sound wood, Tree 555 - Mature Sycamore - Fell tree, Tree 566 - Norway Maple - Fell tree, Tree 567 - Norway Maple near tree 566 - Dead wood and tip die back in upper canopy - Reduce sound wood, C. 3 meters, pruning out dead centre limb, Large mature Sycamore situated to rear of the northern school boundary in grounds of nursing home- reduce on side overhanging play equipment to	14/08/2023	10/10/2023
23/01759/FUL	7 Windsor DriveNew SilksworthSunderlandSR3 1JQ	Two storey front and side extension.	14/08/2023	09/10/2023
23/01718/FUL	20 Wolseley TerraceSunderlandSR4 7HU	Erection of dormer window to rear.	15/08/2023	10/10/2023
23/01817/ADV	B&M BargainsUnit BPallion Retail ParkWoodbine TerraceSunderlandSR4 6TZ	New illuminated main flex face fascia signage above shopfront in existing signage zone	15/08/2023	10/10/2023