

**Applications for Coalfield Neighbourhood Fund****Application No. 1**

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Name of Project</b>	Tackling Motorcycle Disorder
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Sunderland City Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
<i>Awaiting final costs</i>	<i>Awaiting final costs</i>	£25,000 Coalfield
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
12 months	December 2023	November 2024

**Project Description:**

The Council in partnership with Northumbria Police will pilot a motorcycle disorder taskforce commencing in the autumn to provide a dedicated response to any antisocial or criminal use of motorcycles or e-bikes across South Tyneside and Sunderland. The Motorcycle Disorder Taskforce Pilot seek agreement from all 5 Area Committee's to jointly fund the ASB Officer dedicated to this new team, at £10,000 per area.

The dedicated ASB Officer will be a pivotal role in the team. The officer will support Northumbria Police on enforcement tactics utilising all powers available but will also drive forward the education and prevention strand of the Partnership action plan. ASB officer duties include:

- Target those young people that are disengaged who in the main are carrying out the motorcycle disorder by going out to areas where young people congregate and linking with youth projects.
- Develop a hard-hitting education package for delivery in schools/colleges and universities.
- Proactive visits to both primary and secondary schools to educate children on the importance of road safety and the consequences of riding off road vehicles illegally (work with families who have been impacted negatively by the illegal use of motorbikes and get permission to share their story)
- Devise, Manage and monitor relevant parts of Partnership Action Plan
- Liaise with fuel stations and put something in place for them to be able to report off road/suspicious vehicles being fuelled up to try get perpetrators identified off their CCTV footage alongside limiting where bikes can be fuelled.
- Train allotment teams and any other agencies on intelligence submissions and information on how to report re storage of bikes etc
- Become an admin on all the Sunderland City Councils Local area Facebook pages to be proactively posting about what the team is doing and how the public can help us tackle the issues.
- Speak with other local authorities to discuss what powers they use to help tackle motorcycle disorder.
- Victims follow up and feedback.
- Issue ABA's, CPW's CPN's where applicable.
- Prepare case files for Injunctions/CBO's were appropriate.
- Community Engagement days raising awareness of the laws around Motorcycles/Quads/Electric scooters to both adults and children.

- Attend resident meetings.
- Be actively involved in the “Back on Track” programme running in the primary schools in the coalfields and explore how this can be rolled out across the city
- Identify hotspot areas by reports made to the council ASB team.
- Organise site visits to problematic locations and consider the installation of preventative measures for identified areas such as A frames, boulders, gates and CCTV.
- Manage area budgets and prepare reports to Councillors.
- Review customer journey for reports to the council and develop new mechanism dedicated to this issue.
- SPOC for links to all council departments such as highways, planning, environmental services.
- Makes links and work closely with commissioned youth services and voluntary and community sector agencies in identified areas.
- Working closely with wardens and review BWC footage, download stills, engagement with schools for ID, social media etc.
- Proactive patrols to hotspot areas to gather information and intelligence.
- Leaflet drops in hotspot areas to inform residents how to report vehicle ASB.
- Support/assist in applications by completion of appropriate statements or required paperwork in support of an application for a search Warrant requested by Police on evidence obtained.
- Engage with local Councillors to promote the team and encourage reporting. Obtain dates of appropriate resident meetings and encourage social media post sharing via Councillors.
- Collate all actions on a daily/weekly basis for required Area Committee reports.

Reporting measures (list not exhaustive):

- Number of bikes seized
- No of drone deployments
- No of section 59 notice issued
- No of arrests
- No of intel submissions
- No of proactive operations
- No of tenancy enforcement actions
- No of ASB tools and powers actions e.g. home visit, ABA, CPW etc
- No of victims contacted
- No of victim referrals
- No of design out measures
- No of school inputs
- Offender referrals (YOLO etc or adult pathways)
- No of voluntary offenders
- Number of summons – there will be traffic matter (e.g. no insurance) which won't be arrestable offences
- No Media submissions and Social Media Posts
- No Premises search

The proposed initial resourcing for the taskforce is 1 x Sgt, 8 x PCs & 1 PCSO and 1 X ASB Officer from Sunderland and 1 x ASB from South Tyneside. The team will be co-located at Washington Police Station.

The team will work both proactively and reactively on a range of preventative, educational, disruption and enforcement tactics.

The current approach to motorcycle disorder is mainly led by Neighbourhood Police Teams and the Council's Neighbourhood Enforcement Team. The consistency and efficacy of this response has been inhibited by capacity issues, officers' remit being spread across all aspects of anti-social behaviour and the cross-sector nature of offending. The team will provide a dedicated and flexible response to any issues identified.

The current response to motorcycle disorder has been identified as a source of victim dissatisfaction. The taskforce will guarantee follow-up with clear communication around action taken. The impact of the taskforce on ASB satisfaction will be monitored throughout the pilot. There will be an opportunity to engender trust and confidence through a 'we asked, you said, we did' approach.

Coalfield area Neighbourhood and Community Board has considered allocation of £15,000 additional funding for design out/ preventative measures, including boulders etc..

<b>Output</b>	<b>Target</b>
Number of safety measures installed/delivered to improve neighbourhoods	<i>tbc</i>
Number of Enforcement actions	<i>tbc</i>

**Recommendation – Approve**

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Coalfield Sunderland Area Plan Priority – Tackling Motorcycle Anti-Social Behaviour.

**Application No. 2**

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Name of Project</b>	Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Sunderland City Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£23,342	£0	£23,342
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2 years 3 months	January 2024	March 2026

**Project Description:**

As part of the Coalfield Area Committee commitment to supporting the reduction of speeding vehicles within the community, the priority 'Vehicle Activated Signs' is included in the 2023-26 Area Plan.

There are currently 13 VAS in the Coalfield which are rotated around each ward every quarter, being installed in a different location each time. The moving of the signs is undertaken by Aurora/Balfour Beatty. This project will continue to fund rotational costs until the end of 2025/26. Data is collected from each sign at the end of the rotation and used to produce a

report which is circulated to elected members and used by highways colleagues to monitor traffic speeds.

<b>How much Neighbourhood Fund is requested?</b>		
<b>Itemised list of all costs</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>NF Contribution</b>
10 x rotations of 13 signs	£22,842	£22,842
1 x infrastructure for additional sign	£500	£500
	£23,342	£23,342
<b>How much match funding has been/will be secured? (please include funding sources)</b>		
£0 – however officer time for managing the rotations are provided as match		

<b>Output</b>	<b>Target</b>
Safety measures installed to improve neighbourhoods	13

**Recommendation – Approve**

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend Approval of this project, which delivers to the Coalfield Sunderland Area Plan Priority – Road Safety – Vehicle Activated Signs.