

## Item 2 Annex 2

### Sunderland City Council Service Plans – North 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
Bodmin Assessment Service	Development of an assessment service for adults with mental health needs, in partnership with the Registered Social Landlord	TBC	10/23	The consultations with current residents and families have been completed. New accommodation / service provision has been identified for the residents and work with SCAS/ASC Social Work teams to progress these moves is ongoing.
Rotherham Road	Development of Supported Living Accommodation for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs, in partnership with the Registered Social Landlord	2/23	10/23	All building works are complete. Residents have been identified and work with SCAS/ASC Social Work teams to progress these moves is ongoing. Property will be handed over to SCAS from Bernicia early September. New residents will start a phased move into the service from September 2023.  All 3 tenants have moved in. Service fully operational
Fulwell Community Resource Centre	Redevelopment of building-based day care services	4/23	TBC	Building surveys have been undertaken by Property Services and improvement works have been identified. Discussions are ongoing in relation to the implementation of the improvement works.  Due to the implications around Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and the immediate need for SCC to prioritise surveys/inspections across the Council's building assets in the short term, Property Services are unable to take forward the required works in the day

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				centres. Commissioning are continuing the discussions within the council in relation to options that can support Adult Services Directorate to take development work forward.
Brunswick Rd Assessment Service	Development of an assessment service for adults with mental health needs, in partnership with the Registered Social Landlord	TBC	4/24	<p>Internal refurbishment has been identified and work is ongoing with Gentoo Housing to take forward actions which are classed as standard landlord responsibilities following a viewing by Gentoo Repairs and asset Teams.</p> <p>Once agreed planned work will follow a phased approach covering repairs and development work with an estimated start date of June 2024; The estimated completion date is set for September 2024. At this point no start date has been confirmed for the development work.</p>

#### **City Development: Economic Regeneration**

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North East Community Forest 2023/24 planting	Tree and hedgerow planting at a series of individual sites as part of Low Carbon Framework. Options for sites in each area to be assessed and then discussed with Neighbourhood & Community Boards	9/23	3/24	Individual planting schemes developed in further detail, with some requiring further consultation before the overall programme is finalised. Seven sites currently have in principle funding approval: Holmeside Phase 2 (East); Hetton Primary School (Coalfield); Rickleton Primary School (Washington); Roker Park (North), Silksworth Ski Slope and Pit Wheel (West); Doxford Park (East); Ryhope Junior School (East).

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				<p>An additional 3-4 sites are also being considered and are currently at the feasibility stage.</p> <p>Ten tree planting sites will be delivered by the end of April 2024, by an external contractor. This will deliver around 17 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 (park); Diamond Hall Junior Academy; Ryhope Junior School (East).</p>
Low Carbon Framework and Action Plan	Range of city-wide low carbon programmes and projects across the seven strategic priority areas to include implementation within individual Area Committee areas			<p>Additional green-infrastructure projects (over and above NE Community Forest activity) include 'Tiny Forests' schemes to be planted at Sandhill View Academy (West) and Hudson Road Primary (East) subject to feasibility and final approvals; Link Together Heritage Lottery bid for £915,000 has been submitted – if successful it will support greenspace uplift to 13 sites across the Coalfield.</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 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</p>

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				<p>ECO4 scheme was launched in October 23 and is available to residents in all areas of Sunderland (city-wide). 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 to 2026 across the city.</p> <p>In addition to the 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>

**City Development: Regulatory Services**

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<p>Sara (currently national lottery funded) (09/20 – 08/21 funded by VRU)</p>	<p>1 x Community Engagement Worker and office costs, volunteering expenses and training, provision for events.</p>	<p>09/20</p>	<p>08/25</p>	<p>Project continues to deliver agreed aims and outcomes via the SARA Strategic Board. External Evaluation is in year 2 of a 3-year evaluation. more in depth update can be given to forthcoming AC meetings if required.</p> <p>Feb 24 - Currently reviewing SARA Action Plan and priorities.</p>

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				<p>Moving forward; we will also be looking towards sustainability options and future planning for the project.</p> <p>Year 2 of SARA Evaluation Report to be taken forward to SARA Board for discussion / agreement.</p> <p>Since Sept 2020; SARA has directly secured and / or supported to secure nearly £1.2 million additional investment into the Southwick Ward area via actual funding or donations.</p> <p>A paper will go to November Board meeting outlining the new Motorcycle Disorder team and the ask of AC</p> <p>MD taskforce went live Dec 23. snapshot of results so far:  Patrols: 52  Leaflet drops:52  Multi-agency meetings:0  Nights of action:2  Drone deployment:0  Social media posts:1  Call backs:15  Home Visit:2  ABA:1  CPW:1  Vehicle Seizures:1  Arrests/summons:2</p> <p>Regular updates are being provided through area funding processes, neighbourhood and community boards</p>

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Thompson Park Event	Community Event		8/24	Postponed twice due to inclement weather therefore expected delivery Spring 2024  Event planned for 15 June 11-3pm 24
Hylton Castle Battle Re-enactment	Hylton Castle event		8/23	Event successfully held – supported by events funding

**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: <a href="http://www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com">www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com</a>  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 North Board outlining specific opportunities and further meetings can be arranged as appropriate.  Stats for the year are included below.
Smart Cities	Opportunities for a range of digital and data solutions e.g. interactive play, smart bins etc	4/23	?	Significant work ongoing, further information can be found across our website and in the Innovation Challenges section: <a href="http://www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com">www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com</a> In addition, any specific briefings can be arranged as required.

# Stats delivered during 2023–24



**16**  
Databanks operating and distributing free data SIM cards



**5,900+**  
People accessing free Wi-Fi in the first quarter of opening 22 Digital Health Hubs



**385**  
People with improved basic digital skills and confidence



**96**  
Digital events supported or delivered



**1,900+**  
People attended digital events



**70+**  
Tech Mate volunteers supporting people to go online



**320+**  
Digital Inclusion Network members



**£600,000**  
funding secured, matched with an extra £60,000 on in-kind contribution



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**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>As part of the ongoing cemetery improvement works led by the Cemetery Improvement 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, safety 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</p>

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				<p>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 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>

**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 <sup>st</sup> 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,

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				<p>environmental and 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"> <li>• Application process</li> <li>• Environmental Impact</li> <li>• Cost</li> <li>• Effectiveness</li> <li>• Resident Feedback</li> </ul> <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. 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>The trial has now concluded, findings are currently being compiled into a detailed report.</p>

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				<p>A market feasibility study via procurement is also now underway to establish costs and availability of alternative weed control equipment.</p> <p>A report will be going to cabinet on 20 June to provide updates on progress with biodiversity promotion and effective sustainable weed management</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 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.</p> <p>As of 9<sup>th</sup> of November 9,353 trees have been surveyed.</p> <p>As of the 20<sup>th</sup> of February 12,757 trees have been surveyed.</p>

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				<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> <p>As of the 29<sup>th</sup> May 19,699 trees have been surveyed.</p> <p>Moving on from the Feb update the North Area is now complete and Survey work is now underway in the Coalfields.</p> <p>All work identified as part of the survey is prioritised in line with the Council's tree Policy and scheduled/ carried out accordingly.</p>
Plantation Programme	Plantation Maintenance Scheme	March 2023	April 2026	<p>Sunderland City Council are responsible for the management of approximately 185 hectares of plantation across the city. Over several years plantation management has been limited meaning they have become dense and unmaintained leading to the overall health and diversity of the plantation being negatively affected. The location of many of the city's plantations mean they grow relatively close to property boundaries and in some cases encroach gardens and fence lines. As a result, the Council receive high volumes of requests and complaints related to plantations. The Council are aware that in order to manage the potential adverse impact upon the health and lifespan of the plantations that a programme of works is required in some locations. The locations in which work is planned have been prioritised by considering condition, the risk posed whilst taking into account member and resident feedback.</p>

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				<p>The work will comprise of thinning operations, which refers to the practice of selectively removing some trees from a woodland or plantation to promote the growth and health of the remaining trees.</p> <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> <p>The plantation programme is progressing well with over 60,000 sqm of woodland maintained.</p> <p>Activity has decreased during the nesting season in order that we remain compliant with legislation, we can continue to deliver works but the pace of works is vastly reduced as we have to continually survey to woodland for nesting activity, leaving exclusion zones where nests are found. When the nesting period subsides later in the year our planation programme will pick up pace once again</p>
E Technology Trials	Trialling alternative Electric equipment to replace petrol fuelled kit to reduce carbon emissions.	May 2023		<p>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.</p>

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				<p>Trials are continuing with appropriate tools being considered as part of our fleet replacement capital programme.</p> <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 trialling a E Mechanical Sweeper.</p> <p>We are continuing to explore other E solutions.</p>
Bunny Hill Fencing	Fencing project to prevent ASB motor bike and quad access.	April 2023	July 2023	Fencing has been installed and positive feedback received
Blue Flag Information Boards	Information Map Boards to meet Blue Flag eligibility.	April 2023	June 2023	New Display Cases and Map Boards are erected and look really good. Positive feedback received.
Park Signage	New Park Signage at Roker Park & Hylton Dene	April 2023	March 2024	New boards are erected and look really good. Positive feedback received.
War Memorials	Improvement of GM offering at Fulwell War Memorial	October 2023	November 2023	Reduction of hedges and opened up the memorial with the thinning out of the surrounding bushes, to improve appearance and help reduce ASB.
Waste Bins	New Free Standing Waste Bins Dovedale Road Shops & Southwick Green	June 2023	October 2023	<p>New bins requested at Dovedale Road Shops by residents and local members.</p> <p>New bins at Southwick Green arranged to replace existing units that were old and beyond economical use. New bins will enhance The Green visually and</p>

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				help the presentation of future Britain in Bloom entries led by the SARA Project with support from Local Services
Waste Bins	Replacement of damaged, rusted, and unfit for purpose post mounted bins. Coastal / Riverside gateway route including Dame Dorothy Crescent from Harbour View to the Wearmouth Bridge	November 2023	March 2024	<p>Multiple post mounted bins are damaged, corroded, or are faulty beyond repair, or missing doors for example.</p> <p>Program of replacement to occur ahead of Spring 2024.</p> <p>Program of assessment and replacement to be completed by April 30<sup>st</sup> 2024</p> <p>Now complete</p>
Wildflower Introductions	Craigavon Road – outside the Castle Blackwood Road – Community Centre. Keir Hardie Way – Halfway House. Redhill – St Cuthbert’s Church. Fishermen’s Cottages – Whitburn Bents. Dovedale Rd – Fulwell Methodist Church. Torver Crescent – Mere Knolls Cemetery Entrance. Roker Park. St Peter’s - Churchyard.	March 2024	May 2024	<p>Repeat introductions of Annual Native Species &amp; Euroflower Wildflower planting at Key High Profile Locations in all 5 wards of Sunderland North.</p> <p>Rotavating and re-seeding to be completed by May 2024</p> <p>Seed purchased to facilitate further scheme rollouts.</p> <p>Rotavation re-seeding / overseeding all completed.</p>
Seaburn & Roker Beach Promenades, Blue Mixed-Recycling Shroud Bins	Seaburn Beach Blue Flag & Seaside Award Promenade  Roker Beach Blue Flag & Seaside Award Promenade	Jan 2024	March 2024	Introduction of 6 new 240 litre blue coloured shroud bins, marked for Mixed-Recycling use, with 3 to fit on the Blue Flag stretch of promenade at Seaburn and a further 3 for Roker Blue Flag promenade at Roker

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				<p>As part of feedback for suggested enhancements received from Keep Britain Tidy Blue Flag &amp; Seaside Award judging in 2023, Sunderland have invested in the provision of recycling bins at key access and exit points on to Seaburn and Roker beaches. The chosen colour for the clearly marked bins matching the colour of the city's household recycling bins that are easily recognisable.</p> <p>Bins will be installed ahead of the upcoming summer season.</p> <p>6 x Blue 240 litre shroud recycle Bins fitted at Roker and Seaburn promenades.</p>
Seaburn & Roker Beach Promenades, Display Boards	Beach Code of Conduct Signage	Jan 2024	April 2024	<p>Introduction of new Code of Conduct notices to compliment the recently installed Blue Flag display maps and cases at Seaburn and Roker.</p> <p>As part of feedback for suggested enhancements received from Keep Britain Tidy Blue Flag &amp; Seaside Award judging in 2023, Sunderland continues to work hard to meet and exceed the suggested enhancements identified by visiting judges.</p> <p>Signage is currently in production and will be introduced ahead of the 2024 Bathing Season.</p> <p>Completed May 2024</p>

**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, development, and evaluation of technology and installation options remains ongoing through the winter of 2023/2024	<p>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.</p> <p>Installation of the new Vaisala weather monitoring &amp; forecasting equipment at 5 key sites around the City, will commence as planned from May 26<sup>th</sup> 2024, with completion expected in late June 2024</p>
Winter Service Review	Comprehensive review of the Winter Maintenance Service	Spring 2024	Autumn 2024	<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 be 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</p>

				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 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

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
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	<p>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.</p> <p>The platform is now live here: <a href="http://www.linksforlifesunderland.co.uk">www.linksforlifesunderland.co.uk</a></p> <p>Useful information includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Meet the Links for Life team</i></li> <li>• <i>Discover the digital hub</i></li> <li>• <i>Become a member or use the hub for referrals</i></li> <li>• <i>See the difference Links for Life activities are already making in communities</i></li> <li>• <i>Get involved – help us promote Links for Life within your network and let us know about opportunities that the team could link in with.</i></li> </ul>
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	April 2023	March 2025	The Council continue to support the VS Alliance in Sunderland, who are now an independent Charity as a member of their strategy board, alongside other VCS partners, Gentoo and the ICB.

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	funding and grow social value resources			
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 nearing completion. From Jan 22 to date 170 of 175 actions in the delivery plan have been completed or mainstreamed as BAU – outstanding actions are expected to complete by June 24.</p> <p>Arrangements to close the project are in place, including revised governance arrangements. Also the relocation of the project into Strategic Advice Services to further embed Financial Wellbeing as BAU – post project.</p> <p>The project end date is 30/06/24.</p>

## HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Strategy

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<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>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> <p>Work to further analyse council tax data has been undertaken following a small increase in empty homes was shown in the data received. It is acknowledged that the increase be attributed to more homes tipping from 0-3 months empty into 6 months + showing a need for more early intervention and preventative work. A revised loans and grants scheme has been launched which will assist in some way with this prevention work. Monthly analysis on empty homes officer caseloads has been undertaken and priority properties are under senior management scrutiny with clear plans of action regarding enforcement.</p>

## HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Development

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Housing Delivery and Investment Plan 2020-26 – approved to deliver 574 new Council owned homes for letting, broken down into three workstreams: Empty Homes - 210 Bungalows - 193 Supported - 171	Empty Homes - 38 Bungalows - 40 Supported – 34	February 2020	March 2026	Empty Homes - 12 Bungalows - 23 Supported – 19

## HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Welfare Reform Service and Business Development

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion by	Area Committee quarterly update
Foodbank Support	Council currently supporting range of foodbanks / food aid organisations in all area of the city – majority in East / West via fresh food and FareShare – will be refining offer / support during the year	N/A	N/A	<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 .</p> <p>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</p>

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				Information continues to be made available for residents to access via website and also voluntary sector and partners such as housing, health, etc.

#### HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Active Sunderland

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Parks Tennis Court Programme	Refurbish Tennis Courts in Thompson Park and Roker Park	5/23	7/23	Roker park - complete and operational from 25/8/23 Thompson park - practical completion scheduled for 12/9 – complete and operational  Both complete and operational
Parks Tennis Court Programme	Develop Tennis activation programme	6/23	10/23	Complete - taking place
Swim Bike Run programme	Develop new adult parkrun in Fulwell Quarry	9/23	Ongoing	Operational – over 200 runners taking part weekly
Swim Bike Run programme	Create new opportunities to participate in SBR and Go Tri – Seafront	4/23	Ongoing	Ongoing – new opportunities in place - will develop further
Swim Bike Run programme	Develop SBR Hubs from Adventure Sunderland	7/23	Ongoing	Opportunities not progressed at Adventure Sunderland - North offer is linked to Bike hub in place already adjacent to NGC
Regular Physical Activity Opportunities	Development of 1st Playzone in Southwick	2/24	4/24	Planning approved - awaiting start date for works to commence – expected to be June

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

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Cycle scheme	Walking and Cycling activities for families in Southwick and Redhill	5/23	3/25	<p>July – Sept delivery started positively with good numbers of engagement.</p> <p>Sept to December focussing on more targeted work. Information has been shared with Links workers, TfC family hubs etc working in the north for referral routes.</p> <p>Engagement with residents carried out to identify barriers to engagement that will be used to inform the programme moving forward.</p>														
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				Coalfield	Hetton New Dawn	
				Coalfield	Philadelphia Cricket Club	
				Coalfield	Community Opportunities	
				Coalfield	Easington Lane Community Action Point (ELCAP)	
				Coalfield	ShARP	
				Coalfield	Space4	
				East	St Michaels Community Centre	
				East	The Bunker	
				East	The Box Youth & Community Project	
				East	Ryhope Community Association	

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				East	Back On The Map
				North	Roker Life
				North	Southwick Community Action Group
				North	Redby Community Association
				North	Community Opportunities
				North	Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project (SNYP)
				North	North East Sports
				Washington	Crafting Connection
				Washington	The Little Onion Club
				Washington	Active Families
				Washington	Building Blocks Day Centre CIC
				Washington	Community Opportunities
				West	Community Opportunities
				West	Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre

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				West	Pallion Action Group
				West	Youth Almighty Project
Targeted substance misuse related death prevention	Development of targeted substance misuse related death prevention interventions	6/23	03/24	<p>Targeted Outreach and identification of additional space including, Caring Changes (Southwick), 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</p>	

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				outreach posts for targeted interventions based on DRD/Near Miss trend analysis.
Stop Smoking Clinics	To deliver stop smoking clinics in the wards with the highest smoking rates.	4/23	12/23	<p>SSSS are actively investigating clinic/drop in sites within the high prevalence wards. The following clinics are either established, planned to start or in discussion:</p> <p>Hendon: Riverview Health Centre (established) Back on the Map (in discussion)</p> <p>Millfield: The Salvation Army (established)</p> <p>Pallion: Lambton Street Youth Centre (established)</p> <p>Redhill: Bunnyhill Centre (established)</p> <p>Castle: Bunnyhill Centre (established)</p> <p>Southwick: SNYP (established)</p> <p>Sandhill: Grindon Primary Care Centre (established)</p> <p>St Anne's: Grindon Primary Care Centre (established)</p> <p>Washington North: Galleries Health Centre (established) The Millenium Centre (established)</p>

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				Central Sunderland: Betsy Jenny Wellbeing Café (established).

**HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Public Health – Starting Well and Health Protection**

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Healthy Settings (Schools) - Castleview Enterprise Academy	School and key partners working together on identified priorities of mental health and RSHE	4/23	3/24	<p>Castleview has undertaken significant efforts to foster a healthy settings approach, with a primary focus on RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) and Mental Health.</p> <p>They have taken part in the Health Related Behaviour Survey 2023, completed with Y8 and Y10 pupils. The results have been shared with relevant staff to understand the results and to inform priorities.</p> <p>They have a dedicated governor and staff member have been appointed and five staff members have undergone training to serve as health advocates. Regular surveys are conducted with staff to understanding and addressing staff needs.</p> <p>25 staff members have completed Mental Health Champion Training, while three staff members have undergone Mental Health First Aid training. They also have additional training plans including Youth Mental Health First Aid and scheduled</p>

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				<p>MIND training for staff in December 2023.</p> <p>The school has organised various wellbeing activities, such as Wear Yellow Day, and has integrated mental health topics into the curriculum for PSHE education, ensuring a comprehensive focus on mental health across different age groups.</p> <p>A nutrition action group has been established to work on promoting healthy meals, and the school proudly achieved the Food and Nutrition Charter Mark in May 2023.</p> <p>Additionally Castleview has achieved RSHE bronze charter mark. They are focusing on three key themes including Healthy relationships, Body image, and Contraception identified from the student voice survey.</p>

#### TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN: Early Help Systems and Family Hubs

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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 Department for Education (DfE) and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).	2022	2025	<p><b>Bunnyhill Family Hub</b></p> <p>Bunnyhill was launched in June 2023 offering a play space and several groups for early years such as baby massage, baby weaning. Bunnyhill runs a pregnancy yoga</p>

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	<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 were one of the 14 local authority areas who were awarded trailblazer status.</p> <p><a href="https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/27857/Start-for-Life">https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/27857/Start-for-Life</a></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 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>group. Co-Delivery with ante-natal services is well underway. Early years CAMH's worker sits within the hubs. A SALT worker will be working from the hubs in the new year. Pregnancies can be booked in at the hub. All of the hubs also deliver at least one session a week within other community organisations across the city.</p> <p>There are 5 peer support health workers across the hubs, aligned to support the delivery of services around peri-natal mental health and infant feeding.</p> <p>Young people's groups for primary and secondary age RISE are delivered weekly from all of the Family Hubs. The groups are based on a social prescribing model focused on improving mental health and well-being, improving the life chances of children and young people.</p> <p>There are 12 Family Champions trained so far across the hubs and two parent carer panels made up of 9 and 10 members.</p>

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	<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 now over all school holidays (not just Easter, Summer and Winter) due to enhanced funding from Public Health.</p>			<p>The Parenting Team have co-produced a new parenting Course with Sunderland University and delivery has started of these courses within the hubs and there are new digital parenting seminars being launched.</p> <p>There are benefit and employment advice officers seconded to Early Help from DWP as part of the Supporting family's agenda and based in the Family Hubs. These workers offer benefit and employment advice to all families open to an Early Help or Social Care plan. Plans are currently being developed to offer "drop in" advice sessions, provided by the workers, to all families accessing the Family Hubs.</p> <p>Early Help Strategy 2024/28 – final draft is under consultation. To be launched by Easter 2024.</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>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> <p>Phase two of My Best Life website was launched at the beginning of May it now hosts SEND local offer and Family Information Service information. 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 being able to access immediate support and book sessions online.</p> <p>As part of the Family Hub Community Grants, Sunderland Family Hubs have commissioned three providers from the Voluntary and Community Sector to further expand the wellbeing support for new mams through specific baby massage, baby yoga, 'mam and me' sessions.</p>

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				<p>Launch of Ha'way the dads' Monthly activities session informed by consultation of dads. In addition to weekly dads' session being run through the hubs by Northeast Young dads&amp; lads.</p> <p>MMR vaccinations are now being offered within the family hubs.</p> <p>Summer HAF offer will be supported by extension of funding via Household Support Fund Grant Funding.</p>