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REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF EAST SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

East Sunderland Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report: -

- a. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan, which will be the focus for the East Sunderland Area Committee during 2022-2023.
- b. Provides an update on Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2022 -2023.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the East Sunderland Area Committee has worked together to finalise their Delivery Plans. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland.

3. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.

- 3.2 The Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans were approved at Cabinet in March 2020.

- 3.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Area Committee Delivery Plans have been developed to enable this to happen.

- 3.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board (N&CB) will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. Neighbourhood and Community Board meetings will be held in July, November, February and April and dates are included in the council diary. If required, the Board may convene a further meeting(s) should there be a business need to do so and essential to ensuring delivery of the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan. All Committee members are invited to attend all board meetings.

- 3.5 Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body, and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committee for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in May 2022.

4. Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023- Areas of Key Action/Progress

- 4.1 The Plan, which includes an introduction from the Chair of the Area Committee, commits to a significant number of priorities, which are being delivered within the East Area of

Sunderland, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan is monitored by the Area Committee and actions will continue to be addressed up to 2023, via the East Sunderland Neighbourhood and Community Board.

4.2 Residents will be able to review the Area Committee Delivery Plan and monitor delivery of the plan via the Council's website which is available to access at www.sunderland.gov.uk, as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. Funding to support delivery of the plan has been allocated and further information can be found at **Item 4 Area Budget Report**

4.3 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board between September to November 2022.

Priority/Issue	Update
East Rangers (Priority 5)	The Rangers will provide Members with an update on the Programme at Area Committee. The Programme is due to be reviewed at the N&CB in February 2023.
Walk and Talk (Priority 5)	Members were provided with a position statement on outstanding projects and discussed new proposals for approval from the 2022 / 2023 financial year.
Enforcement (Priority 6)	<p>Ryhope Task Group's last meeting was held in the Spring 2022. Since then, the City Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Team and Northumbria Police's Neighbourhood Policing Team have been working directly with residents and Councillors to tackle youth disorder in and around the ward, along with historical issues relating to nuisance vehicles.</p> <p>An update on Featherbed Lane Allotments and Allotments in general is due to be discussed at the N&CB in February 2023.</p> <p>The delayed work to install a fence around Ryhope Recreational playing fields have been resolved. Currently planning permission is being sought, if secured, the fence should be installed by the Summer 2023.</p> <p>An interim update on the performance of the East's Enforcement Team is due to be discussed at the N&CB in February 2023. Since May 2022, the Team have carried out 163 environmental crime investigation; issued 1,110 written warnings to households; served 68 Section Notices and deployed streetscene cameras across the East to capture incidents of fly tipping, dog fouling, etc. and take appropriate action.</p>
In Bloom (Priority 7)	<p>£42,000 was approved by Area Committee in September 2022 to install WoW features at identified sites via the In Bloom Task Group, across the wards and the City Centre.</p> <p>An induction meeting was held with Local Services, who will start the work in January 2023 and liaise directly with ward Councillors on the progress throughout the lifetime of the project.</p>
Low Carbon (Priority 8)	Members received an update on the Low Carbon agenda, which provided an overview on the City Council's commitment to the carbon neutral target, the Shadow Board and the Low Carbon

	Framework. It was noted how elements of achieving a Low Carbon City run throughout the East's Delivery Plan, examples provided: Stephenson Trail, In Bloom, Rangers and many more.
Invest in Highways (Priority 9)	<p>Members received an update on six traffic calming projects currently being delivering in the East area and noted that a representative from the Tyne and Wear Road Safety Partnership will be attending the N&CB in February 2023.</p> <p>In addition, members discussed proposals for the Highway's Maintenance Programme for 2023 / 2024 which will be discussed further, ready for ratification by full council in March 2023.</p>
Invest in Parks (Priority 10)	Members received an update on the Invest in Parks Programme, with 10 projects due to be delivered between now and March 2023 to enhance the Area's Parks.
Review community Buildings: Taking Stock (Priority 12)	Members received an update on 358 sessions being delivered across 20 community buildings within the East area. Information was also shared on poverty, population and deprivation data obtained from the Office for Health Improvements and Disparities: Public Health. Members were requested to note the information to inform future decisions relating to social prescribing and developing a local offer in partnership with All Together Better and the Integrated Care Board.
Job Clubs (Priority 13)	Members received an overview of support available to residents to assist with securing employment and improving digital and basic skills.
Social Prescribing (Priority 15)	<p>The Director of Public Health for Sunderland published the Annual Report entitled Same Storm, Different Boats. The report outlines a set of key recommendations. A summary and full report can be accessed here</p> <p>https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/article/19968/Director-of-Public-Health-Annual-Reports</p>
Improve local green space (Priority 16)	Members reviewed the position of the aligned funding to support the concept of developing a community sports centre at Sunderland MIND Wellbeing Hub. Further information is referenced in the Area Budget report.
Support the VCS (Priority 17)	<p>Members approved £43,340 to provide Ryhope CA with running costs for a family and older people's programme, as well as funding strategic support the sustainability of the Centre. A short-term action plan has been agreed focusing on leasing arrangements, volunteers and funding strategy with a future update due in April 2023.</p> <p>Members considered and discussed a proposal from Sunderland MIND which focused on several elements to support children and young people with complex mental health issues. A funding application will be considered at the N&CB in February 2023.</p>

	Members were provided with an update on the expansion plans for the Sunderland Bangladesh International Centre, with a further update due in the New Year.
Affordable Credit (Priority 25)	Members discussed Bed poverty, based on a model developed in Leeds called Zarach (Eat, Sleep, Learn). After considering information from across the authority, Members supported the recommendation to carry out further research by connecting to Groups connected to the Household Support and Warm Spaces Schemes, and invite Love, Amelia to a future meeting to discuss Bed Poverty from their perspective and identified ways in which the Area Committee may contribute towards tackling it.
More than Food (Priority 26)	The East VCS Area Network discussed Warm Spaces and agreed to update the Poverty Support Guide for 2022 which provides a directory of services and contact details for all Services and Support which is available to access by residents facing financial difficulties in the East area up until April 2023. This was shared across the Network in October 2022.
Celebrating heritage (Priority 28)	The bi-centenary anniversary event for the Stephenson Trail was held in City Hall, with over 180 children attending from primary schools, along with representatives from the East, West and Coalfield Area Committee. The Right Worshipfulness the Mayor of the City of Sunderland delivered a speech acknowledging the success of how three Area Committee's have worked together to carry out an educational programme and environmental works along the route. This was followed by Marty Longstaff singing a bespoke song he wrote about the Trail.

5. Recommendations - Members are requested to: -

- 5.1 Consider the progress and performance update regarding East Sunderland Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1.

Annex 1 East Sunderland Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

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