

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Monday 16th March, 2020 at 5.30pm

VENUE – Committee Room No. 1, Civic Centre

Membership

Cllrs E. Gibson (Chair), C. Marshall (Vice Chair – People), L. Scanlan (Vice Chair – Place), S. Bewick, M. Dixon, M. Essl, H. Fagan, N. Hodson, P. Hunt, B. McClennan, M. Mordey, R. Oliver, J. Potts, A. Wood and P. Wood

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ELAINE WAUGH
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

6th March, 2020

At a meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on TUESDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 2019 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor E. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors M. Dixon, Fagan, Hodson, Hunt, Marshall, McClennan, Oliver and P. Wood.

Also Present:-

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| Alan Duffy | - | Head of Operations, Gentoo |
| Matthew Jackson | - | Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council |
| Shaun Makin | - | Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service |
| Julie Maven | - | East Area VCS Network Representative |
| Nicol McConnell | - | Area Community Development Lead, Sunderland City Council |
| Allison Patterson | - | Area Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council |
| Jon Ritchie | - | Executive Director of Corporate Services, Sunderland City Council |
| Nicky Rowland | - | Environmental Services Manager, Sunderland City Council |
| Jamie Southwell | - | Neighbourhood Inspector, Northumbria Police |

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Councillors Bewick, Essl, Potts, Scanlan and A. Wood together with Joanne Cooper, Trish Cornish, Ram and Sarah Reed.

Declarations of Interest

Item 7 – Area Budgets: Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest

Councillor Hunt declared that she worked for Ryhope CA and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the funding applications.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 23rd September, 2019

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd September, 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

VCS Area Network Progress Report

Julie Maven provided the Committee with an update on the work of the VCS Area Network since the last meeting of the Committee. There had been three meetings of the network which had all been well attended. There had been a number of presentations received at these meetings including presentations from ICOS, Citizens Advice, NBC Arts and Wellbeing, Lets Talk Sunderland, the Bangladeshi Centre and Change for Life. There had also been discussions take place with regard to Oral Health, especially among young people. Two new network representatives had been appointed which were Ram from Young Asian Voices and Trish Cornish from Sunderland MIND. The Lets Talk Sunderland event had been well received and Ms Maven thanked Ms McConnell for the information that had been provided at the event.

Councillor Hunt commented that it was good to see that oral health was being focused on as this was a huge issue. Councillor McClennan added that the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee was doing a review of oral health which included an investigation into fluoridisation of water supplies. She asked that dental hygiene be included in all health discussions.

2. RESOLVED that the update from the East Area VCS Network be noted.

Northumbria Police Update

Inspector Jamie Southwell provided the Committee with an update on the work of the Police within the area. He advised Members of the crime statistics for the area, broken down into the A1 (City Centre, Millfield and Ashbrooke) and A2 (East) areas.

Total crime in the A1 area had reduced by 6 percent on last year which was 301 fewer crimes. Theft from motor vehicles had reduced by 8 percent which was 16 fewer offences. Burglary of dwellings had increased by 6 percent which was 9 additional crimes; burglaries other than dwellings had reduced by 39 percent which was 71 fewer crimes. Antisocial behaviour had reduced by 3 percent which was 357 fewer reports.

Within the A2 area total crime had reduced by 4 percent which was 70 fewer crimes. There had been an increase of 26 offences of thefts from motor vehicles due to there being a spate of offences in the Long Streets area

however arrests had been made and this spate of offences had now stopped. Burglary of dwellings had increased by 18 percent which was 18 more crimes while burglary other than dwellings had reduced by 55 percent which was 31 fewer offences. Antisocial behaviour had reduced by 3 percent which was 98 fewer reports.

There had been a successful operation targeting burglaries of student dwellings and this had been successful with no burglaries of student properties taking place in the first two weeks of the new university year.

The Christmas Lights switch on event had passed without any significant incidents.

There had been an issue around adult antisocial behaviour in the city centre; action had been taken which had seen the ringleaders arrested and since then antisocial behaviour had reduced again. Operation Kraken was continuing until Christmas and there were no aggressive beggars in the city centre as a result of the operation.

There was a knife crime operation underway; there was not a serious issue with knife crime in Sunderland however work was being done with schools to ensure that young people were not drawn into knife crime.

The Leisure Watch scheme had now started; this built on the existing Shop Watch and Pub Watch schemes and the first meeting had been well attended.

The Chairman commented that for policing purposes Doxford Ward was considered to be in the West area and asked whether the figures for the ward could be provided to the East Area Committee. Inspector Southwell agreed to speak to Inspector Pollock, his counterpart in the West Area to identify the best way to get the information. Ms Patterson added that there was a West Area Members meeting with the police; she would look into sharing the information from these meetings with the East Area Members.

Councillor Marshall commented that she was the East Area LMAPS representative and there had not been any information received about the West LMAPS which included information on Doxford Ward. She was concerned by the lack of information and felt that the LMAPS were an important channel for Members to take residents concerns to. Inspector Southwell agreed that communication was important and agreed to look into it.

Councillor Wood commented that it was good to see the reductions in crime. He stated that there would always been antisocial behaviour in the city centre and advised that at the PACT meetings there had been discussions around placing cameras on the problem streets. He advised that residents had been complaining about speeding traffic and asked whether there could be an increase in police action to target speeding. Inspector Southwell advised that speeding traffic was a roads policing issue rather than a Neighbourhood policing issue; he had spoken about the matter with the relevant officers who

had advised of how it was determined whether speed camera vans could be used at a location; he had been advised that it was not possible to use them in 20mph zones currently. CCTV camera locations were discussed at the LMAPS meetings; it was important to consider that there were a limited number of cameras so the requests needed to be prioritised.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Southwell for his report and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the update from Northumbria Police be noted.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

Station Manager Shaun Makin presented the Committee with an update on the number of fires in the area and the other work that was being done in the area by the fire service. He advised of the figures for quarter 2 which was to the end of October. For deliberate fires there had been 99 in Hendon last year compared with 84 this year which showed that the multi agency work that had been undertaken was having an impact. Millfield had gone from 71 to 72. Doxford had seen a reduction from 21 to 16. In Ryhope there had been 41 last year compared with 54 this year. Overall there had been a reduction from 239 to 226 since last year.

He thanked partners for their hard work over the bonfire night period; there had been police escorts provided and there had been no attacks on firefighters in the East Area. During that period there had been 20 deliberate refuse fires compared with 13 during the same period last year.

Councillor Hunt queried the cause of the increase in Ryhope and Mr Makin advised that he would look into this and provide information via Ms McConnell including a breakdown of the fires in the ward.

Councillor Oliver commented that Hendon had the largest number of deliberate fires in the region and asked what caused this. Mr Makin advised that there had been an issue around wheelie bin fires however this had reduced following proactive work in the area. Flytipping in the area had reduced however since the daily targeted action had ended the problem had started again. During the targeted action the problem had been pushed into surrounding areas.

4. RESOLVED that the update from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service be noted.

Gentoo Update

Alan Duffy, Head of Operations, Gentoo, presented the Committee with an update on the work done by Gentoo. There were changes being made to the neighbourhood services which would see the offices now open 9am to 4pm Monday to Thursday and 9am to 12 noon on Fridays. The allocations system

would be changing with bidding for properties opening on Wednesday instead of the current Friday. The repair service would be open until 2pm on Fridays. These changes were to reflect changes in the way people contacted Gentoo.

Phase 6 of Doxford Park had been approved and would provide affordable homes; there would be a section 106 agreement to provide funding for schools and the underpass was now closed. The site compound was being installed and groundworks on the site had commenced.

Councillor Hodson queried the cleansing schedules for Gentoo land; there was an issue in the flower courts area of Millfield which was not cleaned regularly and there was a build up of litter in the area. There had been litter there since prior to when the grass had last been cut. Mr Duffy advised that the cleansing schedule was normally when the grass was cut; there was a sweeper and he agreed to direct this to the area in question.

5. RESOLVED that the update from Gentoo be noted.

Resident Engagement and Neighbourhood Investment Plans

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience Submitted a report (copy circulated) which presented Members with an update on resident engagement programme 'Lets Talk Sunderland' and how the engagement was informing the development of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans. The priorities within the Neighbourhood Investment Plan would be presented to Area Committee for approval in March 2020.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms McConnell introduced the report and asked Members whether there were any opportunities that had not been included and also whether there were any groups that should be contacted or events attended.

Councillor Hodson queried where the funds for the Neighbourhood Investment Plan had come from and how much there was. Ms McConnell advised that there was £500,000 aligned to each area; in addition to the Council there would be partners involved in delivering the plan and they would be putting in funds as well. The Area Committee would have control over the allocation of the funding. Mr Ritchie added that the fund was intended to cover three years.

Councillor Hodson then queried whether the funds could be used to top up existing budgets to enhance services such as cleansing. Mr Ritchie advised that the fund was intended to be used to support long term investment rather than being used to fund services.

Ms Patterson advised that there was information being gathered currently and information would be brought to the next area committee meeting and the plan would be taken to Cabinet in March. Ms McConnell added that after the

consultation had ended there would be information provided on what the fund would be able to be spent on.

Councillor M. Dixon commented that he was concerned that the consultation responses would be around refuse collection, highways maintenance and flytipping as the issues such as homelessness would not be in people's minds. Ms McConnell advised that the early indications were that streetscene was a major focus of the responses. There had been a steering group meeting where representatives of the responsible authorities had been in attendance; the plan would not just be based on what residents suggested but also on the needs of the responsible authorities.

Councillor McClennan commented that this was a large sum of money which could be used to do a lot of good work; Council budgets were being stretched and she asked for assurances that the funds would be used for what Councillors wanted rather than for what departments wanted. Ms McConnell advised that the funds would be controlled by the Area Committee and that Councillors would be able to bring forward projects through discussion at the boards.

Councillor Hodson queried whether the resident engagement strategy had come from Cabinet and also asked whether the Assistant Director of Community Resilience could come to a future meeting of the Area Committee to provide information on the strategic aims of the project. Ms McConnell confirmed that this was a citywide strategy which had been through Cabinet; 'Lets Talk' would be the brand used for all consultation. It would be possible to invite the Assistant Director if necessary however Ms McConnell together with Ms Patterson were in attendance on her behalf and Helen Peverley had presented the strategic information on the matter at the last meeting. Mr Ritchie advised that this was a devolved budget which could be used for capital development; the scheme could be rolled forward to future years if it worked well.

In response to Councillor M. Dixon, Mr Ritchie advised that the Area Committees were well established and had been able to grant revenue funding; this development was to allow Members to have a capital budget available to them.

Ms Patterson added that the Neighbourhood Investment Plans were a reiteration of the local area plans which were set a number of years ago in consultation with residents and partners. There was a need to look at how to improve engagements with communities and there was also an additional £100,000 available to the area this year.

Councillor Hunt welcomed the suggestion that there would be increased consultation with residents. She expressed concerns that funding bids would likely be revenue driven rather than being for capital investment; she felt that there was a need to be mindful of the questions that were asked of applicants.

6. RESOLVED that the report be noted and further discussions on how Members would wish to support and monitor delivery of their Neighbourhood Investment Plan take place at a future People/Place Board.

Environmental Enforcement Update

Nicky Rowland, Area Response Manager, presented the Committee with an update on the work done around Environmental Enforcement. There had been a number of vacancies within the team however these had now been filled and the new recruits would be starting in January. The enforcement officers would now not be geographically based but would be responding to issues.

Previously there had been an emphasis on education rather than enforcement however now there would be a zero tolerance approach taken and fixed penalty notices would be issued in the first instance and if it was in the public interest then prosecutions would be brought forward.

The press and public had been supportive of the enforcement actions; recently there had been prosecutions for dropping cigarette ends and a vehicle had been seized after being used for flytipping; these had been reported in the Sunderland Echo and there had been a positive response from readers. There were further cases pending.

Where people were caught littering they were offered a fixed penalty in the first instance as this was a cheaper course of action for the council than prosecution and the income from the fixed penalty remained within the council.

There was a flytipping strategy in place which focused on flytipping of domestic waste within rear lanes; residents wanted to see rear lanes cleared of waste. Large flytips took months of investigation and this took resources away from other investigations.

There was enforcement action taking place around bins; commercial premises had a duty to know the regulations and ensure that there were disposal contracts in place for their waste. There were no excuses for not complying with this duty and action would be taken against offending businesses. Where residents were encountering difficulties with disposal of domestic waste the council would offer support where possible. There was a legal requirement for everyone to ensure that their waste was disposed of correctly and this was part of the public space protection order. There had been problems within Hendon ward however there had been targeted work undertaken and there had been positive results.

The figures had shown that the biggest issue for flytipping was black bags of domestic waste being left in back lanes.

The area committee would influence what enforcement action was carried out and if Members desired this could be made a standing item on the agenda.

Councillor Oliver welcomed the more robust approach to enforcement; people should know not to litter or flytip. He asked how people reacted to getting caught. Ms Rowland advised that people were not happy when they were caught; they did not want to be told off or humiliated so the process was kept discreet and she was proud of how the team conducted themselves; they treated people with respect and ensured that people knew about the appeal process. People were surprised to be fined for dropping cigarette ends; people commonly suggested that they thought that they were biodegradable; it seemed that there was an attitude that people thought they would not get caught.

Councillor Hodson queried why the figures for 2014/15 and 2015/16 were so much lower and also commented that in Millfield there was an issue with customers from takeaways littering; he queried what was done to hold shops to account. Ms Rowland advised that it was difficult to say why the figures had changed; the figures were the number of reported incidents and multiple reports of one incident would skew the figures; there had been an increase in reporting at the time of Responsive Local Services being introduced. Enforcement could be taken against shops and they could be required to clean land within 100m of their shop if it was proven that they were contributing to litter; there was a desire to work with business owners before enforcement action was taken and there was currently engagement taking place with businesses on Hylton Road. There was a need to ensure that long term sustainable solutions were put in place rather than just carrying out enforcement action.

Councillor Hodson stated that it was good to see the barrowmen and asked how many there were any when they would be expected to be in each ward. Ms Rowland advised that they came under cleansing rather than enforcement; she believed that there was a full complement of staff. There were schedules in place however it was not possible to keep to the schedules at all times. There was a push to move away from set schedules to ensuring that minimum standards were met at all locations.

Councillor Hodson then queried how many enforcement officers there were. Ms Rowland advised that there were six enforcement officers and four support officers; there was also an additional enforcement officer for the North Sunderland Area which was funded by the North Sunderland Area Committee. Ms Patterson added that the North Area Members had supplied cameras as part of a SIB project and as part of this project had also provided the funding for an enforcement officer who would be in post from January. Ms Rowland then advised that the officer had been required as it would not have been possible to support the management of the cameras without having additional staff resources.

Councillor Fagan queried whether it would be possible to receive information on a ward basis. Ms Rowland agreed to provide this.

7. RESOLVED that the update on environmental enforcement be noted.

Place Board Interim Update Report

The Chair of the East Sunderland Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Area Committee with an update on the Place Neighbourhood Plan.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms McConnell, presented the report and advised Members of the work that had been done by the board which included a presentation on the Heritage Action Zone; Bishopwearmouth Townscape Heritage Scheme; and the Highways Maintenance Programme 2020/21.

8. RESOLVED that the updates on the Heritage Action Zone; Bishopwearmouth Townscape Heritage Scheme; and the Highways Maintenance Programme 2020/21 be noted.

People Board Interim Update Report

The Chair of the East Sunderland Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Area Committee with an update on the People Neighbourhood Plan.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

The Chair of the People Board, Councillor Marshall, presented the report and advised Members of the work that had been done by the board which included Homeless Crisis Support; and the Health and Wellbeing project themes of More Males and Positive Parenting.

9. RESOLVED that the updates on the Homeless Crisis Support and the Health and Wellbeing Programme be noted

Area Budgets: Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with a financial statement as an update on the position on progress in relation to allocating Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms McConnell presented the report and advised Members that there were 12 applications for Neighbourhood Funding totalling £102,449 under the Health

and Wellbeing priority for consideration by Members at this meeting which were set out in paragraph 2.4 and in annex 1; the budget aligned to this was £50,000; within paragraph 2.4 there were three of the applications recommended for approval; totalling £14,570; six recommended to be deferred and three recommended for rejection.

There had been Community Chest awards made which were set out in annex 2 to the report and paragraph 3.1.

Councillor McClennan referred to the work the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee was doing around Oral Health and asked that this be integrated into the Positive Parenting workstream. Ms McConnell advised that this could be added as a condition of the funding approvals.

10. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The recommendations set out at paragraph 2.4 and annex 1 be endorsed.
- b. The financial statements set out in tables 1 and 2 be noted.

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the East Sunderland Area for the period 1st November to 30th November, 2019 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

11. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the Meeting.

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Chairman.

Item 3

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

16 March 2020

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOODS

NEIGHBOURHOOD INVESTMENT PLANS

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise East Sunderland Area Committee of the next steps, subject to Cabinet Approval of the Article 10, area Neighbourhood Investment Plans.

2. Introduction / Background

- 2.1 The Council's constitution states that Area Committees will lead the delivery of local area plans (now known as Neighbourhood Investment Plans), which include the main priority themes for improvement of the area, following approval by the Cabinet. The five area Neighbourhood Investment Plans (North, Coalfield, East, West, Washington) are Article 10 plans.
- 2.2 The area Neighbourhood Investment Plans, subject to Cabinet approval on 24th March 2020, will be directly aligned with the Area Committee priorities and delivery plans moving forward. The plans are also aligned to the City Plan. The plans focus on capital improvements and investments as well as service and neighbourhood solutions.
- 2.3 Residents, elected members and partners will be able to easily track progress via the Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan Activity Tracker, which will be available on the Council's website. This tracking facility will enable everyone to be aware of the action taken, developments and investments within their local neighbourhood.
- 2.4 Through the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans, alongside a bespoke and intensive communications campaign, Sunderland has a real opportunity to transform its Neighbourhoods, developing a joint pledge alongside communities and partners to regenerate and create more resilient communities and to influence and enable positive community behaviours. Area Committees will be at the heart of this transformation journey.

3. Resident Engagement

- 3.1 Understanding the views of residents was vital to inform the development of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans. In September 2019, Sunderland Council launched the Let's Talk Sunderland Engagement Strategy, demonstrating its commitment to strengthen, consistently, engagement with residents – the strategy has been adopted for all resident engagement undertaken by the Council moving forward. It was first used for the resident engagement required to develop the Neighbourhood Investment Plans.

- 3.2 The brand 'Let's Talk Sunderland' was used to promote the Neighbourhood Investment Plan consultation as widely as possible across the city, offering the opportunity for all residents to get involved and share their views. This is the first-time resident engagement of this magnitude has been arranged by the Council. The consultation was undertaken alongside focused and themed consultation in relation to health, housing, young people, neighbourhood solutions, investment, crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 3.3 The detailed breakdown of the resident consultation undertaken at an area / neighbourhood level, supported by partners including the voluntary and community sector and elected members has directly informed the Neighbourhood Investment Plans.

4. East Sunderland Neighbourhood Investment Plan - Themes

4.1 Subject to approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans by Cabinet on 24th March 2020, the main themes for the East Sunderland Neighbourhood Investment Plan are as follows, as requested by the residents from the area:

- Traffic, transport and infrastructure
 - Reduce potholes and improve pavements and drainage systems
 - Tackle dangerous parking and a lack of parking bays
 - Reduce speeding and dangerous driving
- Support the development of a thriving city centre, and local shopping centres
- Create safer streets
 - Improve lighting and CCTV coverage to create safer streets
 - Take a stronger stance against nuisance neighbours
 - Challenge housing issues around private hostels, empty houses, rogue landlords and tenants not getting vetted
 - Reduce crime, ASB and youth disorder
 - Re-introduce a modern take of Neighbourhood Watch – not just reporting issues and listening to stats, but encourage community spirit and action i.e. Neighbourhood Spirit
- Invest in the voluntary and community sector
 - specifically crisis or core running costs
 - Deliver more communities activities and events that bring people together
 - Celebrate heritage, culture and diversity in our neighbourhoods
 - Provide digital facilities in and for the community
 - Prevent poverty – fuel, food, furniture, cloths, etc.
 - Contribute and support mental health and wellbeing opportunities
- Improve the feel and look of neighbourhoods
 - Improve Parks, planters and shrub beds
 - Provide more benches and bins
 - Carry out deep cleans to remove broken glass, graffiti, litter, dog fouling, fly tipping, drug paraphernalia on the streets
 - Clean up the environment by reducing noise and smell pollution, and increase pest control
 - Increase recycling opportunities
 - More enforcement (wheelie bin waste, dog fouling, littering, fly tipping, planning, parking, etc.)

- 4.2 Delivery of the priorities and tracking achievement of outcomes, informing residents and partners, over the coming years, will be crucial to maintain the momentum secured through the resident engagement undertaken to develop the plans.
- 4.3 It will also be vital that the Council feeds back to residents at a neighbourhood level regarding the issues raised which the Council may not be able to fully rectify through the delivery of the plans, using lack of parking places in residential areas, by way of an example. A separate piece of work will be undertaken alongside the relevant Council or partner service to understand the cause of issues and where the Neighbourhood Investments Plans are able to assist.

5. Neighbourhood Investment – Detailed Delivery Plans and Activity Tracker

5.1 Following Cabinet approval in March 2020, Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plans will be finalised. The delivery plans will include the following and will be presented at June 2020 Area Committee:

- Investments (capital & revenue) to address issues raised through resident consultation
- Service solutions to address issues raised through resident consultation
- Large-scale investments including leisure and housing
- External funding opportunities
- Cultural services and activities
- Highways Infrastructure
- Environmental Services and low carbon commitments
- Community offer and capacity
- Health and Wellbeing
- Digital Neighbourhoods
- Jobs and skills growth
- Financial wellbeing

5.2 Residents clearly stated during the Let's Talk consultation that they wanted to know more about what the Council was doing within neighbourhoods on a day to day basis. The Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plans must therefore also be available to view via the Council's website. Residents will be able to track delivery of priorities as well as investment within the neighbourhoods from across Council services. This tracking facility will not only keep residents informed but also enable them to see where they could also get involved to support community efforts or projects.

6. Neighbourhood Pledge

- 6.1 To enable delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans, the Council must continue to engage with residents and partners to work together. Only through a change in behaviour and joint commitment, can the plans be delivered, particularly in relation to maintaining a clean, healthy and safe city.
- 6.2 The residents of Sunderland must play their part – delivering the outcomes of the Neighbourhood Investment plans will only be possible if residents support delivery. Therefore, an intensive communications campaign will support the launch and delivery of the detailed delivery plans, as we further galvanise a commitment to a Neighbourhood Pledge with all residents.

8. Financial Implications – Neighbourhood Renewal

- 7.1 Financial provision for the delivery of the East Sunderland Neighbourhood Investment Plan is included within the Council's budget for 2021 / 2022 and the Medium-Term Financial Plan. Provision was made for Neighbourhood Renewal investment to commence in 2019 / 2020, however this was reprofiled to commence spend from 2020 onwards, as significant resident engagement activity was required prior to investment being agreed.
- 7.2 Area Committees each have an allocation of Neighbourhood Funding per annum, which can be utilised for both capital and revenue projects. All priorities and projects delivered by the Area Committees will directly link with delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans, as the plans are Article 10 and informed by residents at a Neighbourhood Level.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1 To note the East Sunderland Neighbourhood Investment Plan themes, subject to approval at Cabinet on 24 March 2020.
- 8.2 Agree to support delivery of the priorities within East Sunderland Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan, which will be presented to People / Place Area Boards prior to June 2020 Area Committee.

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16 MARCH 2020

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PLACE BOARD**Place Board Interim Update Report****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report provides Area Committee with an update on Area Place Neighbourhood Plan, as set out in Annex One.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the beginning of each municipal year, East Sunderland Area Committee agrees its Neighbourhood Plan priorities associated with Place and refers the priorities to the East Sunderland Area Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The Area Place Board presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence and achievements during that period.

3. Key Areas of Influence / Achievements

- 3.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland Area Place Board up to February 2020.

Area Priority	Progress Report
Influence and shape services	<p>Highway Maintenance Programme 2020 / 2021</p> <p>Each Area Committee in the city influences £100,000 (subject to full council approval) of the Highways Maintenance capital programme. The capital allocation is used to improve the highways infrastructure and has usually resulted in larger scale road surfacing or footway reconstructions being undertaken.</p> <p>Members submitted highways they wished to be considered for inclusion in the programme and Highway Officers collated a list of condition surveys, customer reports, complaints and insurance claims. The information informed a list of roads which were inspected to identify the appropriate treatment for the type of repair needed and determined accurate estimates.</p> <p>In January 2020, Area Board discussed and have recommended a list of proposed highways, as set out in Annex 2. Area Committee are requested to approve the recommended list from the Area Board as part of the Highway Maintenance Programme 2020 / 2021.</p>

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested to:-

(a) Agree the Highway Maintenance Programme 2020 / 2021, as set out in Annex 2.

Annex 1 East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan 2019 / 2020

Annex 2 Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2020 / 2021

Background Papers East Sunderland Area Place Board Agendas, Reports and Action List

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Shaded sections = actions are completed

2019 / 2020			
NO.	AREA PRIORITY	ACTIONS	PROGRESS REPORT
1	Positive Place	a) Community Engagement: Host neighbourhood events i.e. Meet Your Neighbour to showcase what is happening in the Area / Ward.	Scheme was superceded by the Let's Talk campaign, which engaged with residents from across the East area to develop Neighbourhood Investment Plan. COMPLETED.
		b) Speak to residents, carry out walk and talks, polls and surveys to find out what the neighbourhood issues are, but also what is good about living their.	16 walkabouts have been held, with 124 local issues reported and 21 projects funded. ONGOING
		c) Create or complement existing communication channels to keep residents informed of progress.	East area launched a Facebook page (@east Sunderlandcommunity) in July 2019, which has 706 followers. Discussion on whether or not to continue with VIBE articles, have a dedicated Area Newsletter or neither continue. ONGOING
2	Better Neighbourhood Environment	a) Promote enforcement action taken in neighbourhoods, i.e. fixed penalty notices to deter shameless behaviour of perpetrators	Enforcement Update being shared on social media. COMPLETED
		b) Address dissatisfaction from residents by carrying out small scale solutions via the Walk and Talk programme.	In October the Let's Talk Campaign was launched to engage with residents to find out what they think would improve their neighbourhood. Intelligence from the campaign has been used to inform the Neighbourhood Investment Plan being discussed at Area Committee. ROLL OVER 2020 / 2021

3	Influence and shape services and strengthen partnerships	a) Invite key services and partners to the Area Board meetings to discuss what improvements need to be made and how we can share intelligence and resources to achieve said improvements. Invitees identified too date are: Sunderland BID, University and College; City leads on empty residential and commercial properties, City Centre regeneration, Local Services - cleansing and enforcement; Museum and Arts; Heritage Action Zone, etc.	A tour of the University's new medical centre was held in September, with updates provided by the Council on the HAZ and Townscape Scheme. The Halloween Parade was delivered in partnership with Sunderland BID in October with hundreds of people enjoying the event. In January, Cllrs were invited to a tour of the Beam and received an update on Riverside Sunderland. CLOSED
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CARRIED OVER FROM 2018 / 2019

NO.	AREA PRIORITY	ACTIONS	PROGRESS REPORT
4	Cleaner streets	NEW: Think BIG, Act Local: Maximise opportunities to develop projects which enhance the unique characteristics of each ward.	All projects have ended. CLOSED
5	Improve housing	Improving Lives Together	Homelessness Crisis Support pilot funded from Feb-Dec 2019. Progress report was presented to the People Board in November 2019. Funding ended in December 2019, however, additional funding has been secured to continue and expand the crisis support across the city. COMPLETED
6	Maximising community assets	Carry out a call for projects to fund diversionary activity which develops resilience to youth offending and risk / or ASB behaviour in a positive setting.	11 VCS Groups funded to deliver activities on a Friday and Saturday night between Jan - Dec 2019. Programme ended, discussion to be held under area budget report about extended some elements of the project. COMPLETED

ITEM 4, ANNEX ONE

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE
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HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

East Capital Programme 2020-2021

STREET NAME	Area (m2)	Treatment	Estimate Footway £	Estimate Road £
DOXFORD WARD				
Canonsfield Close	1240	Overlay with Micro Asphalt		9000
Glanville Road (Bus Link)	320	Resurface Road		6400
Merrington Close	1000	Overlay road with Micro Asphalt		7400
Midhurst Close	600	Overlay road with Micro Asphalt		4300
HENDON WARD				
Beaumont Street	800	Resurface Road		9200
Percy Terrace (East Back)	600	Resurface Road		6400
Regent Terrace-Barbara Street	770	Kerb and Footway Works (Slurry Seal)	10000	
Villette Road (South Back)	620	Resurface road		6820
Windsor Terrace (East Back)	440	Resurface road		4500
MILLFIELD WARD				
Ashwood Street	1200	Resurface road		13000
Ashwood Terrace (East Back)	1400	Resurface road		15200
Cromwell Street (Part)	350	Resurface road		3650
Dene Street (Part)	900	Resurface road		9900
Otto Terrace (West Back)	360	Resurface road		3960
RYHOPE WARD				
Bevan Avenue	200	Slurry Seal footway edge margins	4000	
Moir Terrace (West Back)	265	Resurface road		3000
Rye View Road	680	Resurface road		11900
Smith Grove	620	Overlay road with Micro Asphalt		4340
ST MICHAEL'S WARD				
Brookside Gardens	180	Resurface Road		1980
Gorse Road	365	Resurface road		4050
Leighton Road	470	Resurface road		5190
Loughborough Avenue	600	Resurface road		6670
Queen Alexandra Rd	350	Slurry Seal Footway	1400	
Stannington Grove	765	Resurface road		8800
AREA TOTAL			15400	145 660
SELECTION TOTAL			14000	87130
GRAND TOTAL			101130	

16 MARCH 2020

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PEOPLE BOARD

People Board Interim Update Report

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides an update on Area People's Neighbourhood Plan for 2019 / 2020, as set out in Annex one.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the beginning of each municipal year, East Sunderland Area Committee agrees its Neighbourhood Plan priorities associated with People and refers the priorities to the East Sunderland Area People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The Area People Board have presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence and achievements during that period.

3. Key Areas of Influence / Achievements

- 3.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland Area People Board up to February 2020.

Area Priority	Progress Report
Health and Wellbeing	<p>Safe Haven</p> <p>As agreed at the December Area Committee, Members invited Sunderland Street Pastors along to the Area Board to understand more about the Safe Haven project being driven by the Street Pastors.</p> <p>The Street Pastors started in 2010, based on a model used in City's across England. The Team consists of 13 volunteers, who walk around the City Centre on a Saturday night between 10pm and 4am supporting people who are vulnerable, for example, offering them bottled water, flip flops, someone to talk to whilst their lift arrives, etc. In addition, they remove glass bottles or other potentially dangerous items off the street to reduce the risk of injuries, if an altercation occurs, and administer basic first aid. The majority of people who benefit from the work carried out by the Team covers all age groups, but the majority are adults either intoxicated or on some sort of substance and need help. With emergency services being stretched, the Street Pastors provide additional support 'on the ground'.</p> <p>The Team have outgrown their current base at Sunderland Minster</p>

	<p>and have recently leased a property in Mary Street. The Team want to use the building as a Safe Haven. A place to take people who need extra support, a place to warm up and keep safe whilst arranging the journey home or a place to talk to someone.</p> <p>The building has five workable rooms. The ground floor will host the Street Pastors and St John's Ambulance volunteers. The 1st floor will be used for an office, training room and storage.</p> <p>It was noted that the 1st floor is independent from the ground floor. This allows the potential for the building to be used for other service provision.</p> <p>Members recognised the important roll the Team of volunteers deliver on behalf of the wider public sector and residents in supporting a dynamic, healthy and vibrant City Centre. It was agreed that each ward would be requested to contribute towards the running costs for the building. All East Members were contacted and a total £8,000 was awarded from the East's Walk and Talk budget, subject to further information being received on a business plan and sustainability strategy for the Safe Haven.</p> <p>Members are requested to note the update and agree to receive future updates.</p>
<p>Health and Wellbeing</p>	<p>More Males and Positive Parenting</p> <p>In December 2019 Area Committee deferred five project proposals relating to More Males and Positive Parenting. Each lead agent was contacted, with feedback being shared from the consultation and assessment exercise. An invitation was extended to re-submit their funding bids based on the feedback. All East Councillors were re-consulted on the proposals in February, with four projects being endorsed using the responsive decision-making procedure. These were:</p> <p>More Males</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Back on the Map, seeking £5,000 2. Raich Carter, seeking £10,000 <p>Positive Parenting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ryhope Community Association, seeking £4,992 2. Raich Carter, seeking £5,000 <p>An addition £800 was approved to Sunderland Maritime Museum using underspend from the Community Connectors 2019 Hendon budget.</p> <p>Members are requested to note the updates under the Health and Wellbeing area priority.</p>
<p>Support the Sector</p>	<p>Sunderland Community Lead Local Development Programme (C.L.L.D)</p> <p>In January 2020, Members received an update on the C.L.L.D. programme. It was noted that a Local Action Group was formed in August 2016 to agree the Local Development Strategy and delivery arrangements relating to the European funding stream. The</p>

	<p>Programme was launched in November 2017 and runs to September 2022. The City secured external funding to the value of £3.05m with a requirement to secure a further £2.45m match funding.</p> <p>The aim of the Programme focuses on three objectives, these are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhancing employment and skills provision 2. Boosting enterprise and entrepreneurship 3. Improving community capacity, partnership working and social innovation <p>Targeting certain communities across the City. The geographical area covered in the East area is Hendon and Millfield ward, and the North area of St Michael's ward.</p> <p>There are fifteen live projects currently funded who are delivering activities to support objectives one and two above. Information was shared about the six projects which direct provision in the East area. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunderland Home Grown • FISCUS • Young Asian Voices • B Active N B Fit • Foundation of Light • Sunderland People First <p>At the mid-way point in the programme, next steps include encouraging applications to the current call against objective three, developing future calls and commissioning, securing match funding opportunities, and continue to performance monitor existing projects with a year two impact evaluation due by April 2020.</p> <p>Members are encouraged to raise awareness about the support available to people who want to progress in employment, training and skills development and refer them onto the organisations listed above.</p>
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4. Recommendation

4.1 Members are requested to:

(a) Note the updates against the Health and Wellbeing area priority.

Annex One Background Papers	Area People Board Neighbourhood Plan 2019 / 2020 East Sunderland Area People Board Agendas, Reports and Action List
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Shaded sections = work is completed.

2019 / 2020

NO.	AREA PRIORITY	ACTIONS	PROGRESS REPORT
1	Health and Wellbeing	a) More Males and Positive Parenting: carry out a call for projects using the aligned £50,000 Public Health/Neighbourhood Fund to increase older males participation in community life, and teach parents how to engage in play and development.	Call for project has closed. £45,000 was allocated against the Area Priority, with deliver happening during January 2020 to March 2021 across the East area. COMPLETED
		b) Strengthen relationships with the CCG, Public Health, Commissioned Services and the University (Medical Centre).	£40,000 has been accepted from the CCG to develop health and wellbeing within the East area. ONGOING
2	Community Connectors	a) Support young volunteers, people who are housebound, provide bereavement support for families suffering from suicides, and young people facing crisis.	29 projects have been approved to deliver a variety of community engagement activities across the East area with an investment of £110,000 Neighbourhood Funding. A performance update was shared with Members in January. No concerns. Potential to extend the programme into 2020. See Area Budget Report. DECISION PENDING
		b) Use the Fancy A Day Out model to deliver activities which increase social inclusion.	£28,000 was awarded to 12 community groups to deliver daily activities during the school holidays throughout July 19 - April 2020, which are fun, educational and provide access to a tasty meals. Evaluation due May 2020. ONGOING.
3	Economic Wellbeing	a) Provide a mixture of tools to support people preparing or maintaining universal credit. Such as, mental health support, translators, basic qualifications, diagnoses for learning disabilities.	September People Board received an information report in relation to the commissioning of the 1st Tier Welfare Rights contract to ensure other providers across the area are supporting this service wherever possible. NOTED
4	Support the Sector	a) Identify funding opportunities via Grantfinder and co-ordinate submissions of bids to secure funding to deliver projects with complement the City Plan at a Neighbourhood level.	Grantfinder searches have been carried out for the Royalty Theatre and Portland School NOTED

CARRIED OVER FROM 2018 / 2019

NO.	AREA PRIORITY	ACTIONS	PROGRESS REPORT
5	Develop a digital infrastructure network	Provide appropriate technical support (e.g. telephone hotline, site visits, training, etc.) to IT Hubs across the East.	£60,000 Neighbourhood Fund approved to provide up to 15 IT hubs in the East, along with technical support and capacity training. Ends March 2020. Potential to extend the programme into 2020. See Area Budget Report. DECISION PENDING
6	Build digital skills, capacity and confidence	Develop an outreach multi skilled team to deliver a variety of participation tools and activities to capture people's interest in using IT. Specially focusing on households effected by universal credit, adults with mental health and visual impairments, or learning difficulties to use the internet to pay, report and apply online.	£70,000 Neighbourhood Fund approved to employ a dedicated IT outreach Team to work in the main and smaller hubs, deliver outreach sessions and carry out home visits, helping people prepare for universal credit, or use IT for the first time. In addition, to providing support to people with visual impairments and learning difficulties. Ends March 2020. Potential to extend the programme into 2020. See Area Budget Report. DECISION PENDING
7	Valuing volunteers	Enable volunteer to help others by finding out what is out there for families, children, young people, special educational needs, disabilities, adults and older people by improving use and access via the Sunderland Information Point.	Recommendation to approve £30,000 Neighbourhood Fund to top up the EDIT phase two contracts to enable existing organisations to promote the usage, enhance content, raise awareness with volunteers about the Info Point and strengthen web development and social media marketing skills in the VCS Sector. Ends March 2020. Funded rolled over to host an Award Ceremony in 2021 ONGOING.

**EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE
16 MARCH 2020
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

Title of Report:

Area Budgets: Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest

Author(s):

Assistance Director of Community Resilience

Purpose of Report:

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement and update on progress in relation to area funding, Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest and presents funding proposals for Members consideration.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to note the following:

- i) Note the financial statement set out in Tables one and two.
- ii) Endorse the recommendations set out in Section 2.6 and Annex One.
- iii) Note the Community Chest funding approvals for 2019 / 2020, as set out in Annex Two.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £393,456 Neighbourhood Fund and £50,000 Community Chest for 2019 / 2020 to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood 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

16 MARCH 2020

ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Area Budgets

Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the neighbourhood plans, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Neighbourhood Fund and Community Chest.

2 Area Budgets

2.1 Area Committee are requested to note the financial statement, as set out in Table One.

Project Name	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
2018 / 2019				
Neighbourhood Fund				£283,456
Fancy a Day Out (youth activities - top up)	10.06.19		£8,490	£274,966
Walk and Talk	10.06.19		£75,000	£199,966
Community Connectors (4)	10.06.19		£110,000	£89,966
Additional Resource				
Health and Wellbeing Budget (NF/public health)	10.06.19	£50,000	£39,562	£10,438
Fancy a Day Out (youth activities)	10.06.19		£20,000	£0
CCG Improve Health Outcomes	10.06.19	£40,000		£40,000

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund financial statement 2019 / 2020

2.2 Since December 2019, table one indicates that there is:

- £89,966 Neighbourhood Funding remaining to be allocated, a further
- £10,438 remains against the Health and Wellbeing programme, following on from the call for projects which ended in February 2020, with
- £40,000 Clinic Commissioning Group funding, which is aligned to improving health outcomes

2.3 The total budget to allocate is £140,404.

- 2.4. All Members will be aware that in January both Area Boards discussed a performance report to consider and evaluate which area projects are successful and worth funding further, using the unallocated area budget to continue existing provision.
- 2.5 60 area funded projects, totalling £557,496 of neighbourhood investment were studied. The projects which were deemed to have the biggest impact on the community were shortlisted and resulted in the lead agent from each organisation being contacted and requested to submit an application to extend the project.
- 2.6 Following a consultation exercise with all East Councillors, Area Committee are requested to approve the following funding requests, with further detail set out in Annex One.

Maximising Community Assets	
The Box Youth and Community Project	£4,962
Sunderland East End ABC	£3,500
Sunderland Boxing Hub	£3,500
Blue Watch (St Michaels)	£5,000
Total	£21,962

Digital Inclusion Project	
Media Savvy – Technical Support	£5,000
Back on the Map – Community Partnership Support	£35,000
Total	£40,000

Fancy a Day Out 2020 / 2021	
Bethany City Church	£6,000
Blue Watch Youth Centre	£3,150
CHANCE	£7,050
Millfield Salvation Army	£1,000
More Than Grandparents	£3,350
Hendon Salvation Army	£600
Sunderland Community Action Group	£4,000
Sunderland MIND	£900
The Box Youth and Community Project	£3,325
<i>Young Asian Voices</i>	£1,000
Total	£30,375

East Rangers	
Conservation Management Services	£15,000
The Box Youth and Community Project (Doxford)	£6,692
Back on the Map (Hendon)	£6,700
Groundworks Cumbria and North East (Millfield)	£7,900
Blue Watch Youth Centre (Ryhope)	£6,653
International Communities of Sunderland (St Michael's)	£6,028
Total	£48,973

2.7 The total cost of the grant request is £141,310. The budget to allocate is £140,404 leaving a gap of £906. It is proposed to use an element of the budget from the equipment and training grant for the East Rangers (Phase One Scheme) to increase the allocation budget to £141,310, enabling Area Committee to approve all project proposals within the financial year of 2019 / 2020.

3. Community Chest

3.1 Area Committee are requested to note the Community Chest funding awards made between December and February 2020, as set out in **Annex Two**. and note the financial position for end of year.

Ward	Budget	Awarded	Returned	Remaining
Doxford	£10,000	£7,492		£2,508
Hendon	£10,000	£6,596		£2,904
Millfield	£10,000	£2,707		£6,978
Ryhope	£10,000	£7,390		£1,010
St Michael's	£10,000	£7,390		£3,119
Total	£50,000	£31,575		£16,519

Table Two: Community Chest financial statement 2019 / 2020

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested to:

- (a) Endorsed the recommendations as set out in section 2.6 and Annex one.
- (b) Note the financial statements set out in tables one and two.

Background Papers Neighbourhood Fund applications, consultation and assessment results, financial records
 Community Chest applications and financial records
 Companies House and Charity Commission Registers

Annex One: Continuing Good Practice
 Annex Two: Community Chest Awards: April 2019 to March 2020

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**Area Budget:
Executive Summary of Neighbourhood Funding requests**

MAXIMISING COMMUNITY ASSETS

Organisation	Multiple Partners
Start date	April 2020
End date	March 2021
Grant requested	£21,962
Declarations	Cllr Marshall, Chair of The Box

Overview of project

An area priority delegated to the Place Board was to maximise community assets which could deliver diversionary activity for children and young people to reduce youth disorder on a Friday and Saturday evening. During January to December 2019 over 400 young people, who were at risk of offending were diverted from risky behaviour into positive youth provision.

It is proposed to continue to support organisations to keep their doors open over a weekend to provide a safe place for young people to visit and hang out in, instead of wandering the streets, as shown in the timetable below:

Fridays

- 6.30pm – 10pm, Blue Watch Youth Centre, Ryhope (fortnightly)
- 6.30pm – 10pm, Blue Watch Youth Centre, St Michael's (fortnightly)
- 8pm – 9.30pm, The Box Youth Project, Doxford (weekly)
- 6pm-8pm, East End ABC, Hendon (weekly)
- 6.30pm-8.30pm, Sunderland Community Hub, Millfield (weekly)

Saturdays

- 6.30pm – 10pm, Blue Watch Youth Centre, Ryhope (fortnightly)
- 6.30pm – 10pm, Blue Watch Youth Centre, St Michael's (fortnightly)
- 8pm – 9.30pm, The Box Youth Project, Doxford (monthly)

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Organisation	N.F.
Blue Watch Youth Centre (Ryhope)	£5,000
Blue Watch Youth Centre (St Michaels)	£5,000
The Box Youth and Community Project	£4,962
East End Amateur Boxing Club	£3,500
Sunderland Community Hub	£3,500
Total	£21,962

OUTPUTS

A Healthy Neighbourhood: Access to the Same Opportunity and Life Changes no Matter Where they are Born or Live	Target:
Children (0-10) participating in area activities	150
Young people (11-18) participating in area activities	150

EAST DIGITAL INCLUSION PROJECT: GET ONLINE – Technical Support

Organisation	Media Savvy
Start date	April 2020
End date	March 2021
Grant requested	£5,000
Declarations	Nil

To continue the work of the East's Digital Inclusion Network by providing members of the Area Network with appropriate advice and technical support by having a dedicated telephone support help line, to provide information, advice and guidance on all things which enable Groups to 'Get Online' if issues cannot be resolved over the phone a site visit will be carried out.

During the 1st phase of developing a Digital Network across the East area, 19 community buildings have received equipment and specialist technical support to enable them to become digitally savvy and establish an infrastructure to support the roll out of Phase 2 of the Digital Network – community support.

A timebank will be introduced to fund the project, which means a pool of hours 210 hours will be purchased by Area Committee, for Groups to access as and when needed. This equates to approximately 30 days of 1-2-1 support. Based on 2 days per Group, the funding could support up to 15 Groups.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Budget Heading	Total
IAG expert consultancy Fee @ £21.43 p.h. x 210 hours	£4,500
Co-ordination and management fee	£500

OUTPUTS

A Dynamic Neighbourhood: a lower carbon area with great digital connectivity for all	Target:
Digital community hubs created / supported	15

EAST DIGITAL INCLUSION PROJECT: GET ONLINE – Community Support

Name of Organisation	Back on the Map
Start Date	April 2020
End Date	December 2020
Grant requested	£35,000
Declarations	Cllr Marshall, The Box Youth Project

Although Back on the Map act as the lead agent, each ward in the East has a dedicated organisation who delivers weekly activities in each of the five wards (Doxford: The Box; Hendon: BoTM; Millfield: Media Savvy; Ryhope and St Michael's: Blue Watch). Each organisation employees a dedicated Community Worker to support and upskill people with digital skills, ranging from maintaining unversal credit to trying to save money by using compare the market websites. Engagement methodls include workshops, 1-2-1 sessions and home visits.

During October 2018 to December 2019 the following data was captured from all five partners:

- 505 people accessed the service. The most popular services were 1-2-1 support, improving digital skills and training, accessing the internet (many could not afford it at home), dealing with universal credit cases, making referrals to crisis support for food and fuel, enhancing employment opportunities by gaining confidence on computers and carrying out job searches / completing CVs.
- In addition, 36 workshops were delivered, 108 outreach sessions were delivered and 29 IT Buddy volunteers were recruited and supply daily support across the East.

Following the successful delivery of Phase Two of the East Digital Inclusion programme where over 500 (target was 200) residents have been supported, at the request of the Area Boards the partners are excited to continue with the project in its successful format, subject to approval.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Budget Heading	Total
Management fee (BoTM)	£3,500
Staffing costs @ £6,000 per ward x 5	£30,000
Publicity and resources	£1,500
Total	£35,000

OUTPUTS

A Dynamic Neighbourhood: a lower carbon area with great digital connectivity for all	Target:
People who are digitally connected	150

FANCY A DAY OUT 2020

Name of Organisation	Multi Partners
Start Date	July 2020
End Date	April 2021
Grant requested	£30,375
Declarations	Cllr Marshall, The Box Youth Project; Cllr Scanlan, CHANCE and Cllr Atkinson, More Than Grandparents

At the January 2020 the Area Boards discussed the feasibility of continuing to fund the Fancy a Day Out scheme during 2020 / 2021 to include:

- Summer Holidays - July – August 2020
- Autumn Holidays – October 2020
- Half Term – February 2021
- Easter Holidays – April 2021

During the Summer and Autumn holidays 123 sessions were delivered, involving 1,641 individuals, with 185 volunteers supporting the Programme, which is the equivalent of £44,646 in kind funding contribution. Half-term figures for February 2020 will be shared shortly.

The budget is calculated at £5 per head and based on previous grants awarded. If Members are agreeable Grants would be awarded to the following organisations to continue this good practice in the East area, these are:

Partners	Number of Sessions	Number of Individuals	NF Requested
Bethany City Church	5	400	£6,000
Blue Watch Youth Centre	14	90	£3,150
CHANCE	47	60	£7,050
Millfield Salvation Army	5	40	£1,000
More Than Grandparents	36	30	£3,350
Hendon Salvation Army	4	30	£600
Sunderland Community Action Group	20	80	£4,000
Sunderland MIND	12	30	£900
The Box Youth and Community Project	19	100	£3,325
Young Asian Voices	10	40	£1,000

If approved, a full programme of activity will be published and posted out to every household in the East whose children are eligible for free school meals, in addition to booklets being shared at public venues across the East to ensure maximum take up. As well as sharing information via the East Area Community Facebook page.

OUTPUTS

A Healthy Neighbourhood: Access to the Same Opportunity and Life Changes no Matter Where they are Born or Live	Target:
Children (0-10) participating in area activities	600
Young people (11-18) participating in area activities	300
More people living healthier longer lives	
Carers receiving support and connecting to their community	20
People supported through a crisis - foodbank, suicide, homelessness	50
More people living healthier longer lives	
People signposted into neighbourhood services	50
People receiving information, advice and guidance	25

EAST RANGERS

Multi Partners	The Box Youth Project (Doxford)	£6,692
	Back on the Map (Hendon)	£6,600
	Groundwork North East (Millfield)	£7,900
	Blue Watch Youth Centre (Ryhope)	£6,653
	I.C.O.S. (St Michaels)	£6,028
	Conservation Management Services (East)	£15,000
Start / End	June 2020 – December 2020 *CMS starts April 2020	
Declaration	Cllr Marshall, The Box	

Project Description

It is proposed to continue the work of the Rangers in the East area which is due to end in March. An underspend in the existing project has allowed all the ward partners to extend their project up until May 2020, therefore it is proposed to extend the project up till December 2020 which will allow time for the new arrangements for Area Committee to be agreed and settled and continue to deliver the good practices ongoing within the area.

During the evaluation of the project two improvements are been proposed for 2020, these are:

- Set task days should be more flexible to allow for unforeseen factors. For example, bad weather results in some days being cancelled and it becomes difficult to catch up on 'missed' days due to the set schedule (Monday – St Michaels; Tuesday – Doxford; Wednesday – Ryhope; Thursday – Hendon and Friday – Millfield). To address this Rangers will reserve equipment one week ahead of schedule. If the Supervisor is aware of what equipment will be needed and the day is cancelled, it might be that Rangers can double up and delivery can take place in two wards on the same day. Allowing 'catch ups' to happen.
- Reduce the number of sites. We know that volunteers prefer to work on larger sites (in Parks), not grass verges on the side of roads or streets. However, when Rangers are working in Parks it might be difficult to make a big visual impact on the quality of work because they can only visit the Park once every 4 / 5 weeks, which is disheartening for volunteers. By the time they revisit the site all the hard work previously carried out cannot be seen because the vegetation has grown back, or the litter has returned. This prevents the Rangers from progressing to new areas in a Park because they need to start from the beginning again. Therefore, it is proposed that Cllrs identified either one or two core sites which will be visited regularly. This will also enable Rangers to responsively carry out 'one-off' clean ups/task days in grot spots identified by local Cllrs within a shorter timescale, for instances, if identified via a walk and talk.

Between June 2019 and December 2019, the following data was captured from all six partners:

- 124 Tasks days were carried out, involving 456 volunteers which is equivalent of £28,524 of in-kind funding
- 118 litter picks were carried out, involving 1,156 volunteers which is equivalent of £35,326 of in-kind funding, with 12.5 tonnes of street waste being removed
- 32 educational campaigns were delivered, involving 969 people.
- 8 upskilled volunteered secured employment

Each lead agent will employ a dedicated worker to deliver and monitor the project which will include a series of Task Days, Litter picks and education campaigns. In Doxford, Hendon and Ryhope the lead agents will deliver fortnightly task days, however, CMS will continue with weekly tasks days in these wards to ensure that environmental sessions are delivered daily across the East area.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Ward	Staffing	Materials	Totals
Doxford	£4,862	£1,830	£6,692
Hendon	£6,480	£220	£6,700
Millfield	£7,560	£340	£7,900
Ryhope	£3,527	£3,126	£6,653
St Michael's	£4,680	£1,348	£6,028
East	£13,422	£1,578	£15,000
Total	£40,531	£8,442	£48,973

OUTPUTS

A Healthy Neighbourhood: Cleaner and more attractive neighbourhood	Target:
Environmental projects delivered (124 task days, 114 litter picks and 28 educational campaigns)	266
% of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	TBC
Issues reported via www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it	TBC
Children (0-10) participating in area activities	TBC
Young people (11-18) participating in area activities	TBC
A Vibrant Neighbourhood: more residents participating in their communities	
Volunteers recruited and participating	TBC
Volunteer hours delivered	TBC
Value (in-kind contribution @ £12 p.h) delivered	TBC
External organisations involved in neighbourhoods	TBC

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East Sunderland Area Committee

16 March 2020

Community Chest: Financial Statement
April 2019 to February 2020

Doxford Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Sunderland Sikh Association (joint application across East Wards)	08.04.19	-	£375
Doxford Park Security Scheme	02.05.19	-	£1,000
Silksworth Banner Group	12.07.19	-	£750
Conservation Management Services	08.10.19	-	£2,993
Doxford Park Tiddlers	08.10.19	-	£633
Doxford Park CA	19.11.19	-	£954
The Box Youth Project	19.11.19	-	£786.59
Remaining balance			£2,508.41
Hendon Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Hendon Community Allotment	13.06.19	-	£514
Sunderland Heritage Forum	13.06.19	-	£560
Sit N B Fit	13.06.19	-	£952
East End and Hendon Festival	24.06.19	-	£1,560
Hudson Boating Club	14.08.19	-	£800
Assign	14.08.19	-	£710
Life Kitchen Social	24.09.19	-	£800
Keep Active	14.10.19	-	£700
More Than Grandparents	14.02.20	-	£500
Remaining balance			£2,904
Millfield Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Sunderland Sikh Association (joint application across East Wards)	08.04.19	-	£375
Indian Welfare Association	21.05.19	-	£1,077
City Juniors	21.05.19	-	£294
TFC - Elwin Terrace	18.11.19	-	£461
Deptford and Millfield CA	18.11.19	-	£500
Sunderland Samba FC	06.01.20	-	£200
Thornholme RA (joint with St Michael's Ward)	17.02.20	-	£115
Remaining balance			£6,978

Ryhope Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
St Aidan's Guides Unit	15.05.19	-	£1,000
Bobby Richardson Banner Group	11.07.19	-	£1,000
Ryhope Community Spirit	11.09.19	-	£920
Wadham Court	11.09.19	-	£500
Sunderland RCA (UNO) Football Club	11.09.19	-	£900
Ryhope Seaview Angling Club	11.09.19	-	£900
Sunderland City Council	05.11.19	-	£508.80
Robert Wheatman Social Committee	25.11.19	-	£445
Ryhope Bowls Club	25.11.19	-	£500
Ryhope St Pauls Rainbows	25.11.19	-	£716
St Paul's Primary School	16.12.19	-	£1,300
1st Ryhope Brownies	16.12.19	-	£300
Remaining balance			£1,010.20
St Michaels Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Sunderland Heritage Forum	22.05.19	-	£900
Blue Watch Youth Centre	22.05.19	-	£500
Ashbrooke Sports Club	22.05.19	-	£500
Sunderland Ladies Probus Club	22.05.19	-	£750
St John's Methodist Church	10.09.19	-	£1,000
St Michaels Residents Association	09.10.19	-	£560
Ashbrooke Vets Bowling Club	09.10.19	-	£750
Sunderland St Georges Rainbows	11.11.19	-	£606.10
Sunderland Samba – (Joint application with Millfield)	17.12.19	-	£200
Sunderland Floral Art Club	14.02.20	-	£1,000
Thornholme RA (joint with Millfield Ward)	14.02.20	-	£115
Remaining balance			£3,118.90