

22 September 2020

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WEST SUNDERLAND
NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD**

West Sunderland Area Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:

- a. Presents the West Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023; and
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan.

2. Background

2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the West 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. The Council also undertook further consultation with residents, during June 2020, to ensure the priorities were still relevant post COVID-19.

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 will be the working group for the Area Committee and the Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. 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 and 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 June 2021.

4. Areas of Key Action and Progress

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action and/or progress of the Board, up to September 2021, with greater detail set out in **Annex 1**, which informs the Area Activity Tracker to allow residents to monitor Area Committee's progress throughout the year.

Issue / Area Priority	Action / Update
Invest in Street Furniture including additional bins	At the March Area Committee funding was approved to replace 48 110ltr bins, 4 dog bins, 19 post mounted and 6 benches. Bins have been installed over the summer and will continue into September. Benches are due to arrive soon.
Develop a plan for Green gyms – consider locations and equipment across the West	The Area Committee approved the funding for the Outdoor gym equipment. Due to the market conditions the project has seen some delays. Installation is now expected Autumn 2021.
Parks and Open Green Spaces	The Assistant Director of Community Resilience attended the July board and provided an update on Parks and Open green spaces and the capital investment proposals. Work has begun to deliver the improvements and updates will be provided to future Board meetings.
Launch 'Love where you live' campaign and In Bloom	Neighbourhood and Community Board received an update on the Enforcement measures and progress made across the West and invited a full application for a 2 year project for an additional Enforcement officer, 2 Neighbourhood wardens, CCTV and signage. This proposal was considered using the responsive decision making process and £229,977 was approved from the Neighbourhood Fund.
Develop plans for a West wide in bloom delivery	The Neighbourhood and Community Board launched a Call for Projects, Applications have been received from all wards within the West. Details of the applications can be found in Item 4 Annex.
Communicate heritage assets and delivery heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion	Members received an update from the Stephenson Trail Task Group who identified the need for educational and recreational activities to be available to promote and celebrate the route. An outline proposal for Schools Resource Pack, and Art Project Ideas has been developed and shared with Members. The feedback received agreed to recommending approval of £30,000 (£10,000 West) from the previously allocated £150,000 joint funding (Coalfield, East and West Area Committees), for delivery of the project. It is further recommended that the remaining £120,000 (£40,000 West) is approved to deliver information boards/signage and environmental improvements, detail to be agreed by the Task and Finish Group.

Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting	A Task and Finish group took place in July 2021, each ward submitted suggestions for highways work. This detail will be developed and costs and proposals will be presented to a future board and Area Committee.
Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be safe together	An Expression of Interest was received and considered from If U Care Share to deliver Metal Health and Wellbeing sessions in Secondary schools across the West, the project was invited to full application and Area Committee are being asked to consider this application for £56,592, details in Item 4 Annex 1.
Create job clubs and education centres within local community venues including digital skill training and basic skills	An Expression of Interest was received from Sunderland North Community Business Centre and was then invited to full application. The Area Committee are being asked to consider the match funding of £42,500 from Neighbourhood Fund for the West REACT project 2, details in Item 4 Annex 1.

5. Recommendation(s)

5.1 Members are requested to:

- i. Consider the progress and performance update with regard to West Sunderland Neighbourhood and Community Board Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1.
- ii. Support the recommendation to approve the Keep Sunderland West Tidy
- iii. Support the recommendation to approve the Stephenson Trail Project Proposal
- iv. Support the recommendation to approve the Mental Health and Wellbeing Project proposal
- v. Support the recommendation to approve the CLLD Match for the West REACT project

Annex 1

West Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023

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