

25th March 2021

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF NORTH NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

North Sunderland Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:-

- a. Presents the North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023
- 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 North 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 Following the approval of the Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans at Cabinet in March 2020, the Neighbourhood Investment Plans replaced the former Article 10 Local Area Plans.

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 Boards 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 / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in June 2020.

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 11th March 2021

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the North Neighbourhood & Community Board up to 11th March 2021

Priority	Update
<p>Invest in Parks, Play Areas, Cycle and Walking Routes in Consultation with Residents and Users</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a plan for the regeneration of Thompson Park as an activity and destination park for all ages in partnership with Friends of Thompson Park 	<p>Task and Finish Group met October 2020 priority agreed due to short timescale of funding opportunity for a group to develop a Places to Ride funding application to deliver cycling skills area in park and education/ training, match funding required to deliver project</p> <p>November Board agreed to recommend to December Area Committee an alignment of £200,000 for the regeneration of Thompson Park and £25,000 of this to be a match to Places to Ride application with full applications to be presented to future Board and Area Committee.</p> <p>December Area Committee agreed the alignment of £200,000 for the regeneration of Thompson Park. Task and Finish Group met January 2021, Design Services to update Regeneration Plan based on feedback from Group, discussions to be held with Lottery regarding potential funding opportunities. Places to Ride application passed Expression of Interest Stage with full application submitted 5th February 2021</p> <p>February Board agreed the formation of a smaller group to develop the plans to be considered for the Park and ensure input from the SARA project and linkages to potential Lottery funding applications</p>
<p>Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events, activities and nurture family learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the development of former Downhill School into a community hub 	<p>Task and Finish Group met October 2020, agreed for leaseholder of the venue to pull together costs for capital and revenue to develop the Hub into a resource for the Community</p> <p>November Board agreed to recommend an application be presented to December Area Committee to provide security measures at Downhill Hub with a total of this application and alignment for future applications to be submitted to Board and Area Committee of £100,000.</p> <p>December Area Committee agreed £14,970 for Security Measures and £85,030 alignment for refurbishment project. Task and Finish Group met February 2021 to discuss the refurbishment proposals and the services and activities proposed for the Hub. Full application to be considered in the Finance Report Item 3, Section 3.2, Annex 2</p> <p>February Board considered an Expression of</p>

	<p>Interest from Fulwell Community Library for funding to support the installation of a new roof and solar panels. Board agreed to recommend full application to be presented to March Area Committee. Details included in Item 3, Section 2.2, Annex 1</p> <p>The VCS has continued to be supported by the Area Committee, the Community hubs receive daily on-going support and the VCS network continues to be supported to ensure they have access to all funding opportunities. Members receive weekly performance reports detailing the support provided by the Community Hubs.</p>
<p>Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Funding in place for School Holiday delivery 2020 • £20,000 Neighbourhood Funding in Place for youth activities 2020 - 2021 	<p>£20,000 funding in place for youth activities 2020 – 2021 November Board agreed the development of a Call for Projects to be considered by future Board. February Board considered the proposal to utilise the £20,000 youth funding and add to the £20,000 for 2021 – 2022 for a full application to be developed by current North School holiday providers to cover school holidays 2021 – 2022 including Beach Camp to be presented to a future Area Committee.</p> <p>£10,000 remaining in the school holiday funding budget due to non-delivery of beach camp. November Board agreed to recommend to December Area Committee that this funding be utilised in Christmas and Feb Half Term School Holidays with the project leads for each Ward delivering activities for young people. December Area Committee agreed November Board recommendation.</p> <p>February Board agreed to recommend an extension to existing school holiday providers to provide a 2021 – 2022 school holiday programme utilising the £20,000 Neighbourhood Funding in place for youth activities 2020 – 2021 and adding the 2021 – 2022 £20,000 youth allocation subject to a full application being developed and presented to future Area Committee. Details of which are included in Item 3 Section 2.3</p>
<p>Increase safety through the improvement of CCTV and additional enforcement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the feasibility of additional CCTV/Masts/Airtime Project 	<p>Task and Finish Group met October 2020 with Officers, Northumbria Police, TWFR tasked to identify hotspot areas and CCTV solutions within a budget of £100k.</p> <p>November Board agreed to recommend to December Area Committee an alignment of £100,000 for delivery of this project with a full application to be presented to future Board and</p>

	<p>Area Committee.</p> <p>December Area Committee agreed the alignment of £100,000.</p> <p>Task and Finish Group met January 2021 discussed hotspot areas which are currently in the process of receiving a site visit to identify the relevant camera solution for the area to be then developed into a fully costed up application to be presented to future Area Committee. Full Neighbourhood Investment Capital Application to be considered in the Finance Report Item 3, Section 3.2, Annex 2</p> <p>February Board agreed to recommend to March Area Committee an increase in overall budget be aligned for delivery of the CCTV project to £200,000. Details included in Item 3 Section 2.2 and 2.3 and Annex 2</p>
<p>Communicate heritage assets and deliver heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a project which provides access to event space at Hylton Castle in order to support bringing the community together and future sustainability of the Project 	<p>Task and Finish Group met October 2020, project is awaiting a decision on a Heritage Lottery Fund Application which will include elements of outside space. Trust to obtain costs for fence, matting to cover grass to protect archaeology and internal marquee refurbishments with a view to presenting to future Board for consideration of recommendations to Area Committee</p> <p>November Board agreed to recommend to December Area Committee an alignment of £100,000 for delivery of this project with a full application to be presented to future Board and Area Committee.</p> <p>December Area Committee agreed alignment of £100,000. Task and Finish Group to meet March 2021 to discuss next steps for project</p> <p>February Board considered an Expression of Interest from The Fans Museum for funding to support the development of Architectural Design, Videography, Photography and a Digital Tour Project. Board agreed to recommend full application to be presented to March Area Committee. Details included in Item 3 Section 2.2, Annex 1</p>
<p>Celebrate local heritage:</p> <p>Southwick Green Redevelopment Phase 2</p>	<p>February Board agreed for Southwick Ward Councillors to consider the original proposals for the Southwick Green Redevelopment and develop phase 2 proposals taking into consideration a local voluntary and community sector organisation proposals for heritage signage and potential of external funding to support project. Full proposals to be presented to future Board and Area Committee for consideration</p>

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to: -

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 as contained within **Annex 1**.
- Consider and agree the recommendations of the Neighbourhood & Community Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes for the North for 2021/2022 attached at **Annex 2**.
- Note the Area Committee Video detailing performance over the year.

Annex 1 North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

Annex 2 Highways Capital Maintenance Programme 2021/2022

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