

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Tuesday, 20th September, 2022 at 6.00pm

VENUE – Council Chamber, City Hall

Membership

Cllrs M. Herron (Chair), M. Dixon (Vice Chair), U. Ali, S. Bewick, A. Curtis, H. Fagan, P.W.L. Gibson, N. Hodson, M. Mordey, C. Morrissey, J. Potts, L. Reed, L. Scanlan, A. Wood and P. Wood

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12th September, 2022

At a meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL on MONDAY, 27th JUNE, 2022 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Herron in the Chair

Councillors Ali, Curtis, Bewick, Dixon, Fagan, Mordey, Morrissey, Potts, Reed, Scanlan, A. Wood and P. Wood

Also Present:-

Victoria Gamblin	-	Gentoo
Matthew Jackson	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Julie Maven	-	East Area VCS Network Representative
Nicol McConnell	-	Area Community Development Lead, Sunderland City Council
Andrew Nelson	-	Station Manager, TWFRS
Lisa Riddell	-	Community Support Worker, Sunderland City Council
Graham King	-	Director of Adult Services & Chief Operating Officer of SCAS, Sunderland City Council
Jamie Southwell	-	Neighbourhood Inspector, Northumbria Police
Pat Johnston	-	Go! Get Online Project
Cllr P. Walker	-	Observing

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Councillors PWL Gibson and Hodson together with Shaun Makin (TWFRS) and K. Ramanathan (Young Asian voices)

Declarations of Interest

Item 4 – Budget Report

Councillor Scanlan declared that she was a board Member of Chance and withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of the application for Chance.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 14th March, 2022

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th March, 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

VCS Area Network Progress Report

Ms Maven presented the update from the VCS and advised that there had been 2 meetings since the last meeting of the Area Committee. The April meeting had taken place at Hope Church and there had been presentations received from the church; Oasis Housing and the George Hudson Charity. The June meeting had been held at Raich Carter Centre and presentations had been received from Back on the Map and on the Community Buildings Review. There had been discussions around the possibility of a shared resource centre. there had been a workshop and presentation around the UK shared funding and also a city wide event on the VCS Alliance which looked at how the VCS wanted the alliance to work in the future.

The Chair thanked the VCS organisations and their volunteers for all of their hard work.

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

Go! Online Project Update

Pat Johnston delivered the update presentation on the Go! Get Online Project and advised of the reasons that had been identified for why people did not use the internet and detailed the services provided by the project. There had been over 600 residents supported by the project and over 2000 attendances at drop-in sessions in the East Area.

Councillor A. Wood commented that the work done was good and that he hoped the scheme could be extended. He stated that there were groups in Millfield who had been providing support to young people who did not have access to a computer at home. He queried the 6.8percent digital confidence identified by the survey and asked whether the survey would be undertaken again in future to see whether this score had improved. Ms Johnston advised that the survey had been carried out through the Council's website and Ms McConnell agreed to find out whether the survey would be carried out again and if so, who would be surveyed.

Councillor Reed referred to the online booking system for the household waste reception centre and asked whether people had been coming to the

project to make these bookings. Ms Johnston advised that the project had continued during covid but staff had been working from home. There had been work done with older residents to help them do online shopping which had increased their trust in technology.

3. RESOLVED that the update from the Go! Get Online Project be noted.

Northumbria Police Update

Neighbourhood Inspector Jamie Southwell provided the Committee with an update on the crime statistics for the East area and of the work done by Northumbria Police. In the A1 area which covered the City Centre, Millfield and Ashbrooke there had been a low number of residential burglaries with no obvious pattern. Burglaries other than dwellings had increased due to a hotspot of offences in the city centre; there had been targeted work done and 5 arrests had been made.

There were no hotspots of concern for vehicle crime and the figures were currently low.

Antisocial behaviour had reduced 38percent with adult antisocial behaviour in the city centre being the main issue; the main perpetrator had been identified and convicted of offences. An 8-week prison sentence had been received. Youth antisocial behaviour had reduced by 14percent. Backhouse Park was the main hotspot including fires being set in the park; work had been done in conjunction with the Council's antisocial behaviour team and TWFRS and incidents had reduced.

In the A2 area which covered Hendon, Grangetown and Ryhope there had been a low number of burglaries however there had been three offences within the long streets area of Hendon. Burglaries other than dwellings had also been low. There had been 14 incidents of vehicle crime over the last 12 weeks with 4 offences taking place in Ryhope. Middle Hendon had been the hotspot area for antisocial behaviour however the overall number had still been low. Work was being done to plan for tackling the anticipated increase in youth antisocial behaviour during the school holidays.

Operation Flintstone had continued. This had been tackling antisocial behaviour in the city centre; there had also been Operation Iris targeting youth antisocial behaviour and a long term approach to youth antisocial behaviour was being developed; this was intended to divert young people away from antisocial behaviour.

There had been a number of warrants executed in respect of supply of illegal drugs.

Councillor Bewick referred to the issue of motorcycle disorder and asked whether any bikes had been seized. Inspector Southwell advised that rather than engaging in pursuits retrospective action was taken to identify riders

including use of cameras and drones. He did not have up to date information on the number of seizures but would get this information and report back.

Councillor Potts queried whether there had been a noticeable increase in shoplifting; she was aware of a resident who worked in a shop who had said that it was now a daily occurrence. Inspector Southwell advised that he was not aware of any issue; there was the shopwatch scheme and all shops were welcome to attend. He asked for details of the shop in question so that he could ensure that someone could attend to give advice on crime prevention.

Councillor P. Wood queried the youth antisocial behaviour on the Metro. Inspector Southwell advised that work was done with Nexus and British Transport Police. The sea front was a priority area; there had been large numbers congregating in the area.

Councillor Ali queried whether the reduction in crime had been due to arrests of offenders or other reasons. Inspector Southwell advised that there were multiple factors which included some offenders being given custodial sentences. Displacement of offenders could have both positive and negative impacts. There had been good successes including an injunction being issued against a main perpetrator of anti social behaviour.

Councillor Ali then referred to the issue of off road motorbikes; it was his understanding that Durham Constabulary had an off road bike team and that they were permitted to chase offenders who were using motorbikes. He queried whether Northumbria would be able to chase bikes if they worked with Durham. Inspector Southwell advised that he could not comment on this as it would be a decision for the Chief Constable. Councillor Ali then stated that Sunday was the main day for issues and that it was the same offenders in the same locations.

Councillor Mordey referred to the antisocial behaviour issues in Hendon. At the PACT meetings there had been concerns raised by residents over a gang of youths who were causing issues in the area including kicking balls at windows and verbally abusing residents. There had also been issues around vandalism in Mowbray Park. He felt that there was a need for better information sharing with the PACT meetings. Inspector Southwell advised that he was aware of the antisocial behaviour issue and work was being done to encourage the youths to access youth groups and other provision. information sharing was difficult as there was a need to ensure that there was not any identifying information given. There was a lot of work going on which was not advertised including around drug offences

Councillor Reed expressed concerns over refugees coming to the city suffering from antisocial behaviour. Inspector Southwell advised that there was a community engagement team who did daily checks of the incident logs to identify where there had been racial discrimination to ensure that any issues were dealt with as a priority.

Councillor Dixon referred to the concerns that had previously been raised regarding LMAPS. He was looking forward to hearing the results of the investigation into the concerns. He also referred to the PACT Meetings and stated that the St Michael's PACT Meeting was joined with the residents meeting which was working well. Inspector Southwell advised that outright numbers attending was less important than having healthy discussion with those who did attend; he wanted attendees to engage and to ask meaningful questions. There was a lot of positive interaction with residents on a day to day basis.

Councillor A Wood referred to the ongoing concerns around parking at the garage on Durham Road at Burn Park; Inspector Southwell advised that the Police were unable to do anything about parking and road layouts as this was a Council matter however it was a long term priority and the Police were working with the Council.

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

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

Station Manager Andrew Nelson was in attendance at the meeting to provide an update to the Committee. there had been 177 deliberate fires compared with 97 in the same period last year. 17 of these had been primary fires which was an increase compared with the 13 in the same period last year.

The primary fires could be broken down as follows:-

Van fires – 2

Car fires – 6

Building fires – 6 (3 Dwellings, up 100percent; and 3 non-residential, up 50percent)

The ward breakdown for deliberate fires was:-

Hendon – 88 – up from 29 last year

Millfield – 45 – up from 43 last year

Doxford – 16 – up from 4 last year

St Michael's – 20 – up from 12 last year

Ryhope – 8 – down from 9 last year.

There had been 160 deliberate secondary fires compared with 84 last year. Work was done with the Police and Partners to ensure that all deliberate fires were monitored and investigated. There was proactive work done in identifying fly tipping and waste build up to ensure removal to reduce the risk of fires.

There had been 255 safe and well checks undertaken in the area which included the installation of smoke alarms. The visits to schools were also restarting.

Councillor Reed commented that at the last meeting there had been a document shared which showed the locations of incidents; this had the potential to be useful for Members and he asked whether it was possible for Members to have access to the system. Mr Nelson agreed to find out if this was possible, the Area Community Development Leads did have access to the system.

Councillor Reed then stated that there was a need to ensure that people reported incidents and he asked whether the increase was due to an actual increase in incidents or an increase in reporting. Mr Nelson advised that it was a bit of both. The weather did have an impact on fires such as increased grass fires in warm weather.

Councillor Fagan asked what type of incidents were most common in Doxford. Mr Nelson advised that there was no real pattern; as there were a lot of open spaces in the ward there had been a number of grass fires.

Councillor Mordey queried the significant increase in Hendon and asked what types of fires they were and the reasons for the increase. Mr Nelson agreed to find out and report back.

Councillor Ali referred to fires which had occurred on land behind Asda. Mr Nelson stated that the system had shown a pattern of grass fires. Ms McConnell added that it was private land and the issue had been raised previously. The land owners had been written to and instructed to clear the land which had been done; it may be that this needed to happen again.

Councillor Dixon referred to the visits to schools and asked what feedback there had been and also whether it could be extended to other schools. Mr Nelson advised that there were visits to schools planned. There were generational differences in how people reacted to uniforms. When there had been budget cuts around 10 years ago there had been less education work undertaken and this had then coincided with there being an increase in attacks on crews. There had been visits to schools in Washington and Coalfield Areas and there had been a positive response to these.

5. RESOLVED that the update from Tyne and Wear fire and Rescue Service be noted.

Gentoo Update

Vicky Gamblin was in attendance to present an update from Gentoo. Detail of the performance against the targets was provided; all of the targets had been met other than the relet times which had been impacted by Covid-19. Detail of the renewals and investment programme was also provided.

Councillor Reed commented on the Warm Homes Grant and asked whether Gentoo received funding through this to insulate homes. Ms Gamblin agreed to find out.

Councillor Fagan referred to the fences that still needed to be fixed following the storm damage; this was leading to neighbour disputes. Ms Gamblin advised that there were not enough fencing teams within Gentoo to tackle the entire backlog so external contractors were being used; she asked that Members contact her directly if there were any exceptional circumstances to be considered.

Councillor Mordey commented that there had been a positive walkabout with Gentoo in Hendon and he asked whether there could be meetings arranged with the Hendon Councillors to discuss the renewals programme for the East End. Ms Gamblin agreed to do this.

Councillor Curtis asked whether there was a breakdown of the arrears. Was this impacted by people waiting for benefits payments. Ms Gamblin advised that there was a neighbourhood level breakdown and there were around 370-400 properties per area. There were a lot of tenants who were in receipt of universal credit and the old style benefits had impacted on levels of arrears.

6. RESOLVED that the update from Gentoo be noted.

Nexus Update

No representative from Nexus was in attendance.

Members expressed concerns that Nexus had again not attended the Area Committee and the Chair agreed to speak with the other Area Committee Chairs and with Nexus.

East Sunderland Area Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020 - 2023

The Chair of the East Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the East Area Committee Delivery Plan for 2020/2023.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor M. Dixon introduced the report and advised of the work that had been undertaken against the delivery plan since the last meeting of the Area Committee which was set out in the report. He also suggested that the Neighbourhood and Community Boards should now be held face to face again and asked for Members views on this. The terms of reference and governance arrangements for the Committee and the Board were also set out in the report.

Councillor Fagan commented that there was not any feedback from the LMAPS for Doxford Ward and the ward Councillors would go to the police directly rather than going through the LMAPS.

Councillor Reed referred to the Connor Brown Trust in relation to priority 7. The original plan had been to cover the city centre and St Michael's Ward. Members had put in funding for the work; the trust would be carrying out the work. There was now a go fund me project in place with the aspiration to expand the scheme to cover the entire city. The project was close to being underway and he would report back with further updates.

Discussions then took place around the Highways priority. Councillor Bewick stated that consultation had taken place around Black Road and only one objection to the proposals had been received. A funding application had been made for the proposals for Hollycarrside Road. Councillor Dixon stated that humps had been installed along Tunstall Vale.

Councillor Mordey queried who should be contacted regarding locations for the Vehicle Activated Signs. Councillor Dixon advised that Alexander Crowther or Joanne Gibson could be contacted. Ms McConnell added that the East Area was the first to have funded the signs and since then a number of other areas had also followed. Colleagues in Highways had asked about the possibility of further funding bids; there was the opportunity to discuss this at a future meeting of the board.

Ms McConnell advised that there had been 24 returns from 60 groups approached regarding the review of community buildings priority.

The jubilee celebrations had seen a number of events take place including an excellent event on the Town Moor organised by Chance and events held by the Bangladeshi Centre and the Community Allotment.

Councillor Mordey asked that there be discussions at a future board meeting regarding the funding of accessible play equipment. He had also been approached by a local history group who wanted to add to the Victoria Hall disaster memorial a list of the names of the children. Councillor Dixon stated that he was actively involved in the anniversary event for the disaster and agreed that this should be considered by the board.

7. RESOLVED that:-

- a. Consideration be given to the progress and performance updates with regard to the East Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board Delivery Plan 2020-23 and the proposals outlined for future delivery in Annex 1 be agreed
- b. The Area Committee Governance Arrangements for 2022-23 outlined in Section 3 and Annex 2 be noted.
- c. The year in numbers outlined in section 4 and annex 3 be noted.
- d. The Communications plan outlined in section 4 and annex 4 be noted.

East Area Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided financial statements in respect of the Area Committee's delegated budgets and presented proposals for funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms McConnell presented the report and drew Members attention to the financial statements set out in the report and the applications for funding totalling £26,980 from the Neighbourhood Fund as set out in Annex 1. There was also an application recommended for deferral set out in annex 2. There was an application for £40,000 of NICP funding set out in annex 3. There had been community chest grants approved from the 2021/22 budget and these were set out in annex 4 and approvals from the 2022/23 budget set out in annex 5.

Changes were being made to the Community Chest application process with an online form being made available rather than the previous paper form. Assistance could be given to applicants if they could not complete the online form.

Following discussion of the applications discussions took place around the process for applications being brought to Members and Ms McConnell advised that any change would involve process changes which would affect all areas. The timescales would also be affected. There had previously been concerns that the decision making process had been officer led and the current process had been implemented to address this. She would discuss the matter with the other Area Community Development Leads.

8. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The financial statements set out in tables 1, 2 and 3 be noted
- b. Approval be given to request for funding from the Neighbourhood Fund, as set out in section 2.3 and annex 1, of:-
 - i. £26,980 to deliver the Fancy a Day Out programme
 - ii. The applications totalling £39,800; as detailed in section 2.7 and annex 2; be deferred for further information and clarification to be sought and submitted by 27th June 2022.
- c. Approval be given to £40,000 of NICP funding to build an outdoor Community Garden Room at the Box Youth and Community Project as detailed in section 3.5 and annex 3
- d. The approved Community Chest grants from the 2021/22 budget, as set out in Annex 4 and the approved grants from the 2022/23 budget as set out in Annex 5 be noted.

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the East Sunderland Area for the period 1st May to 31st May, 2022 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

9. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

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

(Signed) M. HERRON,
Chairman.

20 September 2022

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 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 June to August 2022.

Priority/Issue	Update
Tackle Empty Properties (Priority 1) and Private Landlords (Priority 3)	<p>Following on from the Ward 1-2-1 discussions held in June 2022. Representatives from Regulatory Services and the Private Sector Housing Team attended the July Area Board to discuss and answer questions from members around long term (6 months+) empty properties, the linkages between empty properties and private landlords, next steps for a further engagement event on the Accreditation Scheme, and how the public can support the Council to identify ‘rogue’ landlords and encourage them to become accredited, to improve housing standards in the private rented sector.</p> <p>Information and guidance was provided to Councillors by Officers, with additional information outside their scope to follow.</p>
Walk and Talk (Priority 5)	<p>In July 2022, Members discussed the feasibility of re-introducing a Walk and Talk Programme for the East area and proposed a budget of £75,000 split evenly across the five wards. Further information is outlined in the Area Budget Report.</p>
Environmental Enforcement (Priority 6)	<p>In July 2022, the Environmental Enforcement Team provided an update on the Area funded project. Three staffing appointments have been made. The additional resource is dedicated to adding value to the existing staffing structure by targeting areas identified by locality hotspot mapping. So far, hi-visibility proactive patrols are taking place, with regular posts being made on East’s Facebook page. A fly tipping and litter campaign has been rolled out.</p> <p>The top five issues, per ward, are the focus of the Team’s daily workload, such as, overflowing bins, fly tipping, littering, dog fouling, bin fires, dog control orders, etc.</p> <p>Results in the first quarter are: 85 x investigation; 722 x written warnings; 62 x Section Notices served and 5 streetscene cameras deployed.</p> <p>Members supported the proposal to fund a broken streetscene camera. Further information is outlined in the Area Budget Report.</p>
In Bloom (Priority 7)	<p>It has been confirmed that Local Services have approved the ‘adopt a planter scheme procedure’ which has been rolled out across the City for all Areas to utilise.</p>

	<p>In August 2022, the judging of the In Bloom entries was held. Visits took place across six categories (Best Garden, Yard, Commercial Premises, School, Community Effort and Container Display). Councillors selected the overall Winners, Highly Commended and Commended entries.</p> <p>Winners were invited into City Hall to meet each other, take part in a media call and receive their certificates and prizes.</p> <p>During Spring and over the Summer discussions have been held with all East Councillors to identify and agree a list of potential sites which could host a WoW feature. Based on feedback a funding proposal has been submitted, which is outlined in the Area Budget Report.</p> <p>The final Task Group meeting was held in early September. The Group reviewed the remit of the Group, which has successfully delivered against all the actions put forward by Area Committee. Based on the good practice identified and the relationships built between Environmental Service Managers and representatives from each of the five wards a proposal was submitted to create a new Joint Officer and Councillor working group. It was agreed to discuss the idea at Area Committee to see if there is wider interest. If it proved positive, a further discussion could be held at a future Board meeting to finalise the details and practicalities.</p>
<p>Go! Get Online (Priority 11)</p>	<p>In June 2022, Members received an update on the performance of the area funded Go! Programme which focuses on improving digital inclusion. Based on the success of the model Members held a further discussion at the July Board and agreed to continue the Go! Programme for another year. Further information is outlined in the Area Budget Report.</p>
<p>Support the Voluntary Sector (Priority 17)</p>	<p>In July 2022, Members requested that a site visit was carried out by the Chair/Vice Chair at Ryhope Community Association to discuss how the Committee could support the Centre moving forward.</p> <p>An open and honest discussion was held about the struggles in managing an old building by keeping it modern and safe for people of all ages to use, and how it was a tricky balancing act between investing in the bricks and mortar or providing sessions and support to people in need. It is proposed to provide support to the Centre by investing in a family and older peoples programme, and by developing a funding and volunteers strategy. Further information is contained in the Area Budget Report.</p>
<p>Maximise Community Assets (Priority 20)</p>	<p>In July 2022, Members received information on the performance of the Maximising Community Asset's scheme. Members proposed to continue to fund the projects for a further year. Further information is outlined in the Area Budget Report.</p>
<p>Preserve Heritage (Priority 27)</p>	<p>Over the Summer, three voluntary groups have agreed to support environmental improvements along the Stephenson Trail in partnership with Local Services to improve the</p>

	appearance, this includes the redesign of the subway near The Toby. A celebration event is being planned for City Hall on the 4 November. All Groups, schools and volunteers involved too date will be invited, along with East Councillors.
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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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Item 3, Annex 1: East Area Committee's Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

Updated September 2022 (Q2)



The Plan is a working document, which will include addition information from other public sector partners and VCS Area Network, where relevant.

The Plan commits the Area Committee to a significant number of priorities, which will be delivered within the East of Sunderland, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the East Neighbourhood and Communities Board.

Residents will be able to monitor delivery of the plan via the online activity tracker which will be available to access at www.sunderland.gov.uk as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The East Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

1. Tackle empty properties
2. Derelict land
3. Private landlords
4. Affordable homes
5. Love Where You Live
6. Enforcement
7. Bloom activities
8. Carbon and plastic pollution
9. Highways, pavements and street lighting
10. Parks, play, cycle and walking routes
11. Digital technology and 5G
12. Use of existing and vacant properties
13. Job clubs and educational centres
14. Community cohesion
15. Social prescribing
16. Enhance local green space
17. Support voluntary and community sector
18. Volunteer platform
19. Local events
20. Youth clubs and spaces
21. Reduce fear of crime
22. Support local organisations
23. Fuel poverty
24. Credit solutions
25. More than a Foodbank
26. Heritage assets and activities
27. Preserve heritage

It is now the responsibility of East Sunderland Area Committee to deliver Year Two of the Delivery Plan and will form the work programme for the Area Committee and the Neighbourhood and Community Board for the coming months. NB: numbers are for reference only, they do not list them in priority order.

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
1. Tackle Empty Properties		
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City <i>More and better housing</i>		
Action	Next Steps	Update
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to East Neighbourhood and Community Board	East Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the East area.	<p>The Assistant Director of Housing attended the November 2020 Board meeting and provided an update on the Council becoming a Registered Provider in November 2019, and an Investor Partners with Home England which involved the Council approving the Housing Delivery and Investment Plan of £59m in February 2020 to deliver new social housing across three areas: i) Empty Properties; ii) Bungalows and iii) Support Accommodation.</p> <p>A recent restructure has strengthened the focus on dealing with empty properties. Over the last year 106 empty properties have been brought back into use in the East, from the 362 across the City. The majority of the empty properties were privately owned and a blight on local communities. The Housing Team are currently targeting empty property acquisitions and undertaking enforcement in the Hendon ward, working with Back on the Map and Thirteen Group. This work is supported by Environmental Health and Enforcement Officers, dedicated to improving housing standards by addressing concerns, mainly in the privately rented sector by tackling rogue landlords.</p> <p>In the East area the majority of empty properties fall within the Hendon, Millfield and St Michael's wards. Concerns were raised at the amount of empty properties, which were formerly used by students that now stand empty, as the City has seen a surge in higher spec student accommodation. 'Older' properties i.e. cottages in the Millfield ward, are left empty having a negative impact on the local community. Currently the Empty Properties Team are working on 18 empty properties in Millfield alone.</p> <p>In the short term, to support local Councillors deal with queries, a named Officer has been identified who Members can contact directly with housing related issues.</p> <p>In August 2021, Members received an update on Empty Properties (empty for 6m+) and Private Rented Sector (PRS). Between Jan-Jun 21 there were over 3,000 empty properties across the city, with over a third being located within the East area. (Hendon 494; Millfield 247; St Michael's 252; Ryhope 86 and Doxford 56). They are numerous</p>

		<p>challenges faced by the Council, here are a few: no control over properties becoming empty; owner may have gone into the care system, prison, or property may have become repossessed (lengthy legal process); Houses of Multiple Occupation being vacant, results in 'spikes'; Poor engagement from some Landlords; Absent owners living outside the City. Action and activities being delivered to address the problem are: providing advice and guidance; implementing the EH Strategy and Action Plan; providing financial support; effective Partnerships (Thirteen, Gentoo, Back on the Map); Using enforcement powers; the Council buying empty properties to bring them back into use; linking to national programmes i.e. Mears; Matching potential tenants via the Accreditation and leasing models.</p> <p>Following on from the Ward 1-2-1 discussions held in June 2022. Representatives from the Housing Team attended the July Area Board to discuss and understand what is happening with long term (6 months+) empty properties and the linkages between empty properties and private landlords. Officers answered questions and provided additional information.</p> <p>Contact details for the Team are: empty.properties@sunderland.gov.uk or telephone 0800 234 6084 Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm.</p>
<p>Request an update from the University regarding any future plans for Clanny House and The Precinct.</p>	<p>Area Community Development Lead (ACDL) to provide elected members with the update. In order to keep the community informed of any potential developments.</p>	<p>Representatives attended the November 2020 Board meeting and provided an update on the One Campus Master Plan (downloaded from: https://my.sunderland.ac.uk/display/aboutus/2018/04/01/one+campus+masterplan)</p> <p>Clanny House: the site is earmarked for long term disposal, but due to a long term lease it makes the disposal of the site more difficult.</p> <p>The Precinct: the site is earmarked for long term disposal.</p> <p>The University agreed to discuss their ideas and suggestions with Area Committee at a future meeting.</p> <p>The University confirmed that they are consulted on planning applications relating to proposals for larger scale student accommodation and would welcome the opportunity to be consulted on all planning proposals relating to student accommodation, in the city, regardless of the number of units involved.</p> <p>Was discussed in year one. Watching Brief, no further action required.</p>

2. Review all derelict land and properties and develop plan to address each site with partners and residents to further create green and cultural communities

Links to: A Healthy Smart City *Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods*

Action	Next Steps	Update																		
<p>Executive Director Economy and Place to provide an update on derelict land and properties to East Neighbourhood and Communities Board.</p>	<p>East Area Committee to consider update and how they can support the development of sites within the East area e.g. potential future development of Athol Road / Middle Hendon area.</p>	<p>The Assistant Director of Housing attended the November 2020 Board meeting and provided an update Middle Hendon area development at Harrogate and Amberley Street.</p> <p>In partnership with Thirteen Housing Group, Cabinet approval to enter into agreement to finalise the feasibility of a housing development project which will deliver 100 affordable new homes for rent. Housing will be a mixture of bungalows for older people and two- and three-bedroom family homes. An update on the timescale was received at the January 2021 Board and is outlined below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="902 643 2128 1134"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="902 643 1451 719">January - February 2021 (arrange licences for certain works)</td> <td data-bbox="1451 643 2128 683">Feasibility works underway</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="902 719 1451 759"></td> <td data-bbox="1451 683 2128 719">Pre-app meetings</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="902 759 1451 799">February to March 2021</td> <td data-bbox="1451 719 2128 759">Reports and surveys</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="902 799 1451 839">April 2021</td> <td data-bbox="1451 759 2128 799">Planning submission</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="902 839 1451 879">September/October 2021</td> <td data-bbox="1451 799 2128 839">Finalise Tender evaluation</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="902 879 1451 919">October 2021</td> <td data-bbox="1451 839 2128 879">Anticipated Planning Approval</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="902 919 1451 986">November 2021</td> <td data-bbox="1451 879 2128 986">Board approval to: enter into contract, complete land acquisition and allow start on site</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="902 986 1451 1062">December 2021</td> <td data-bbox="1451 986 2128 1062">Acquire land, enter contract/appointment of contractor, Health and Safety approval</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="902 1062 1451 1134">January 2022</td> <td data-bbox="1451 1062 2128 1134">Start on site</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Was discussed in year one. Watch and Brief, no further action required.</p>	January - February 2021 (arrange licences for certain works)	Feasibility works underway		Pre-app meetings	February to March 2021	Reports and surveys	April 2021	Planning submission	September/October 2021	Finalise Tender evaluation	October 2021	Anticipated Planning Approval	November 2021	Board approval to: enter into contract, complete land acquisition and allow start on site	December 2021	Acquire land, enter contract/appointment of contractor, Health and Safety approval	January 2022	Start on site
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3. Work with private landlords by ward and proactively deal with issues using all available enforcement powers

Links to: *A Dynamic Smart City More and better housing*

Council Activity	Next Steps	Update
<p>Assistant Director Housing to present full update on the Private Rented Sector to East Neighbourhood and Community Board</p>	<p>East Neighbourhood and Community Board to receive an update in August 2021 and consider next steps.</p>	<p>In August 2021, Members received an update on the Council's Accreditation Scheme which is free to access and open to Private Landlords. Benefits of joining include: free marketing, tenant searches and referencing / vetting scheme; advice and support; free waste permit and access to training and links to national webinars, surveys, newsletters, etc. to keep up to date with legislation. The Scheme host's an online Private Landlords Forum. From a tenant's perspective, they receive improved housing standards; improved behaviour, less of a negative impact on the neighbourhood, reduced issues with dumped waste and better trained landlords. The Council deliver an Eviction Prevention Support Services (EPSS), created as a result of Covid-19 Eviction Ban. Since inception 130 cases have been opened, with 97 relating to rent arrears, resulting in repayment plans being developed, revoking eviction notices and developing an educational programme for both landlords and tenant(s) to avoid future disruption through mediation, awareness of rights, benefits and support services.</p> <p>Broader PRS inventions relating to: proposed Tenant Passport – matching tenants, providing a deposit guarantee, housing and legal standards achieved; reviewing access to grants and loans; enhanced cross department co-ordination (Environmental Health; Planning Compliance; Council Tax; Housing Options; ASB Team, etc.); Proactively monitoring and targeting the top 10 most problematic empty properties and associated landlords; updating and reviewing the Communication Plan; Carrying out area renewal interventions and engaging with Landlords, and developing a proposed lease scheme.</p> <p>Contact details for the Team are: privatesectorhousing@sunderland.gov.uk or telephone 0800 234 6084 Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm.</p> <p>In November 2021, Members discussed and agreed to seek approval from Area Committee for £2,000 to host a series of roadshows and publicity campaigns to raise awareness about the Council's Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme. The fund would enable the Private Rented Sector Team to deliver a mixture of face to face and</p>

		<p>virtual sessions on the benefits of joining the scheme. A key challenge will be identifying and contacting Private Landlords and getting them to sign up to a workshop, then the Accreditation Scheme but the Team are keen to try new ways to increase membership numbers in the East area. If approved in December, the Team will start the Roadshow campaign in January 2022 and report back the results in July 2022. Members approved £2,000 at the December 2022 Area Committee.</p> <p>In January 2022, the Private Sector Housing Team (PSHT) meet with the ACDL to organise the first Roadshow. The hybrid Roadshow was held in City Hall, with over 71 attendees. The event targeted private landlords and estate agents who manage portfolios, who received information on the Council's accreditation scheme; dealing with nuisance tenants and vetting systems; energy efficiency grants and environmental health standards.</p> <p>In July 2022, representatives from PSH Team attended the Board, to answer questions which were raised at the ward 1-2-1 discussions in June, which related to: hosting a further Accreditation roadshow; how can Members, the public, support the PSH Team identify 'rogue' landlords and encourage them to become accredited and how can we improve housing standards in the private rented sector. Information and guidance was provided by the Team, with further information to follow.</p>
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4. Create more affordable homes

Links to: A Dynamic Smart City *More and better housing*

Action	Next Steps	Update
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to East Neighbourhood and Community Board	East Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the East area.	In October 2020 it was noted that Partners (Gentoo, Thirteen, Home Housing, etc.) deliver affordable homes to residents in the City. The Council will bring added value to the social housing market by specialising in bungalows and supported accommodation. A good example of this, is the Council's first new build development in nearly 40 years at Cork Street, which is estimated at £4m investment. Providing 17 bungalows, 16 fully adapted bungalows and 1 general needs bungalow. Supported by a new Day Centre for those with physical disabilities, which replaces the existing North East Disability Resource Centre based in the old Cork Street Nursery building. The development is currently ongoing with completion due early 2022.

Was discussed in year one. Watching Brief, no further action required.

5. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign

**Links to: A Vibrant Smart City *More residents participating in their community*
 A Healthy City Smart City *Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods*
 Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy *Community empowerment, engagement and involvement*
 Low Carbon Framework *Consumption and Waste***

Action	Next Steps	Update
<p>Continue with litter picks and support the Rangers to continue to organise and advertise opportunities for residents / schools, etc to get involved.</p>	<p>ACDL to organise a Teams meeting in August with Rangers and extend invitation to Area Cllrs to discuss existing programme and potential improvements.</p>	<p>Performance management meetings have been held in August and November 2020 with the six partners. Although Covid has impacted on the amount of volunteers being enabled to engage in the projects, and no visits have been able to take place in local primary schools the Rangers projects has continued to deliver daily litter picks across the East, environmental task days and virtual educational campaigns. Recently, the Rangers contributed information into the 'Invest in Park's' report. The project is due to end in December 2020.</p> <p>In December 2020, the East Neighbourhood and Community Area Board received an evaluation on the East Rangers project, along with updates from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement Teams. Members unanimously agreed to extend the funding on the Rangers project, but were keen for the Rangers to work closely with council services, and support the characteristics of the ward, for instance, in Doxford and St Michael's wards the Rangers should focus more on Parks and open spaces, whilst the Rangers in Hendon, Millfield and Ryhope should focus more on tidying up back lanes and open spaces.</p> <p>In March 2021, Area Committee approved £95,913 to continue the Rangers programme between April 2021 and March 2022.</p> <p>In August 2021, a data log of activities was presented to Councillor on the achievements delivered on the Programme, since April, these are:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 257 children and young people, and 191 volunteers have been involved in 46 environment community clean ups and 63 litter picks removing 13.75 tonnes of street waste. • 2,659 hours of voluntary work has been clocked up, equating to £32,298 of in-kind funding. • 14 other organisations have benefited from the Programme. • 25 community cleans have been completed on behalf of Local Services • The top ten streets with the highest number of complaints relating to dog fouling, poor waste management, fly tipping and litter have been targeted, with 100s over warning letters and stickers on wheelie bins, warning tenants to change their behaviour or face a fine. <p>In February 2022, Members received an evaluation on the East Park Rangers programme, which outlined the support provided, locations targeted, a SWOT analysis, and outputs delivered between April – December 2021, these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 838 children and young people, and 461 volunteers have been involved in 252 environment community clean ups and 168 litter picks removing 44.1 tonnes of street waste. • 5,070 hours of voluntary work has been clocked up, equating to £62,151 of in-kind funding. • 47 other organisations have benefited from the Programme. <p>The Programme ended in March 2022. Based on a discussion, members approved a further £95,560 to continue the project up until March 2023. During the evaluation it was noted that the training and equipment budgets may need further consideration.</p> <p>Members agreed to receive a future report in the new municipal year.</p>
<p>To continue Walk and Talk programme, but with the understanding that requests for improvements / community solutions do not need an organised walk but</p>	<p>ACDL to follow up on outstanding works from lockdown period and provide Cllrs with an update position.</p>	<p>A review of the Walk and Talk programme was discussed in September. Area Committee approved a further £75,000 to be split evenly across each ward and added onto existing budgets. Based on experiences from year one, requests for projects: i) can be submitted via a street walkabout with residents, or ii) directly from Councillors which relates to feedback based on the Let’s Talk resident’s consultation exercise, or concerns raised by residents to Councillors. iii) all projects must have the majority of ward Councillors approval and support from the relevant Services area, iv) with the</p>

<p>will need three Cllrs to agree to proposal along with service provider.</p>		<p>main objective being to resolve local issues impacting on the quality of life for residents.</p> <p>The financial position of the ward budgets was reviewed in December 2020, with the agreement that the project will continue as is, with a review of budgets being discussed in the new financial year.</p> <p>In July 2021, the Neighbourhood and Community Board reviewed the Walk and Talk Programme. In September 2021 Area Committee approved a further £75,000 which was split evenly across each ward and added onto existing budgets.</p> <p>Will be discussed across the full three years of the Plan.</p> <p>In December 2021, Members were requested to note that at March's 2022 Area Committee, unallocated funding from the Walk and Talk Programme will be returned with a view of re-allocating the grant to other area priorities. In February 2022, 27 applications were approved, allocating all funds. Programme is now Closed.</p> <p><i>In July 2022, Members discussed the feasibility of re-introducing a Walk and Talk Programme for the East area and proposed a budget of £75,000 split evenly across five wards. Further information is contained in the Area Budget Report.</i></p>
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6. Ensure all available enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood

**Links to: A Healthy City Smart City *Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods*
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy *Community empowerment, engagement and involvement*
Low Carbon Framework *Consumption and Waste*
Low Carbon Framework *Low Carbon and Active Transport***

Action	Next Steps	Update
<p>Look into the possibility of establishing a Multi-agency team approach to addressing ongoing fly tipping on church commissioners land across</p>	<p>ACDL to organise a Team's meeting with those officers initially to consider the feasibility of this action.</p>	<p>Monthly Task Groups arranged up until October 2021.</p> <p>At the March Board a list of key actions was presented, which were delivered from November 2020 onwards. Environmental Enforcement</p>

<p>Ryhope ward. Including securing boundary's and entrances to prevent unauthorised access by motor vehicles.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 investigations in relation to fly-tipping have been carried out • 3 x Section 46 notice issued to residents mis-presentation of household waste • 510 Advisory notices reminding residents of their reasonability in presenting household waste for refuse collection, targeting Beechbrooke, Lynthorpe, Edgmond Court, Grey terrace, Dinsdale Cottages, St Pauls Terrace (work undertaken by East Rangers) • 2 Fixed Penalty Notice for failure to have a dog on a lead (Dog Control Order) in Sunderland Cemetery • 3 Fixed Penalty Notice for littering in Ryhope Ward • 1 Fixed Penalty notice for failure to ensure household waste was transferred to an authorised waste carrier which subsequently was fly-tipped • new fly-tipping signage now been erected throughout the Ryhope ward. • CCTV camera to be relocated from Ryhope Road to Thomas & Smith Street within the next couple of weeks. • 1 written warning issued • 4 Community Protection Warnings issued to land owners requiring clearance of waste from private land • 19 Community Clean Ups • 33 Litter Picks • 8 other organisations involved (schools, groups, etc) <p>In November 2021, the Task Group reviewed the activities of the Group against its Terms of Reference. It was noted that since November 2020, the Enforcement Team have developed strong partnership relationships, embedded themselves and expanded the Team and implemented numerous achievements across the ward.</p> <p>Unfortunately, a minority of people will continue to commit environmental crime. It was agreed to continue to promote the key messages around enforcement and encourage residents to report information and incidents, but due to outstanding issues which have not yet been address by the Group, it was agreed to remove environmental crime, as part of the review of the Terms of Reference, allowing time for the Task Group to focus on other ward priorities.</p>
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Reinstating Featherbed Lane Allotments

- Capital bid submitted to Medium Term Financial Plan to carry out works to recover and reuse up to 20 starter plots. Potential to renew 10-year lease with Church Commissioners. Update pending.

Set up a Sub Group to focus on Ryhope Dene to address issues relating to trespassing, fly tipping and nuisance vehicles

- Sunderland City Council, Northumbria Police and Sustrans have mapped out problem hotspots in and around the Ryhope Dene area, indicated above.
- Invitations letters have gone out to the Landowners asking them to join the Task Group. Two Farmers have replied and expressed an interest in joining the Task Group.
- Site visits will be arranged in March to assess each site and consider what the next course of action will be to tackle trespassing, fly tipping and nuisance vehicles.
- Church Commissioners have funded a large operational which resulted in over 25 burnt out cars being removed from the Dene and a deep clean being carried out.
- A meeting was held in November to see if there was public appetite to set up a Friends Group of the Dene. Five residents confirmed that they are interested in joining a Friends Group. Discussions are ongoing between the land owners to understand the best way to progress the matter. Update pending.

Additional Outcomes

- Ryhope Cemetery: removal of 20 tree stumps , all trees whiskered and full tidy up of graveyard, with Winter bedding planted.
- Introduction of approximately 12 new bins, both post mounted and free standing.
- Southern Relief Road: increased maintenance - weekly litter pick carried out.
- Ryhope Street: back lane removal of fly tipping / litter from Church land.
- Ryhope Recreation: supply and installation of kickabout goals.

- Ryhope Park: improvements to grounds, reduction of hedges, maintenance and opening up of shrub beds, once house is demolished then area around old bowling green to be revamped.
- Over Winter bird and visitor surveys have been carried out along the coast.

Ryhope Recreation Park: Confirmation has been secured that the disused caretakers house, which has stood empty for over a decade will be demolished in October 2021. The deadline for this has been pushed back until May 2022.

Set up in year one and rolled over into year two. Review due October 2021.

In October 2021, a review of the Task Group was held. It was agreed to continue with the Task Group but refresh the Membership and the Scope of the meeting. A refreshed Terms of Reference and Membership List was discussed and agreed, the Task Group will focus on the following, up until June 2022.

- Motorcycle / vehicle nuisance impacting on known hot spots across the ward
- Co-ordinating resources across the ward to tackle youth disorder and ASB
- Promote and raise awareness on the National Cycle Route
- Set up a Friend's Group of Ryhope Dene
- Demolishing the old Caretakers property in Ryhope Recreation Park and aim to make good the access road leading into the Park
- Reinstating Featherbed Lane Allotments

National Cycle Route

In February 2022, Sustrans updated the Group on £1m+ recently secured to develop and enhance the National Cycle Network Route 1, which runs through the Ryhope ward. Engineers are drawing up designs which will consider how best to manage out nuisance vehicles and use of the route. No planning permission will be required. The location of a compound is yet to be agreed. Aiming towards advertising a tender in March / April 2022. The Team are currently working with Blue Watch Youth Centre on community engagement, for instance, Ryhope Junior School have been getting involved in tree planting along the route.

<p>Look into the possibility of a Multi-agency approach to address motorcycle disorder across Ryhope. Action Plan has already been developed in partnership with Local Neighbourhood officer, Local Councillor and Tim Ducker. Meeting to be established with Partners including landowners and stakeholders to establish way forward</p>	<p>As above</p>	<p>In October 2020 Ryhope Task Group identified sites across the ward, which are targeted by motor bikes, quad bikes and vehicles and have carried out the following actions to prevent and / or deter nuisance vehicles, these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 18 x boulders installed at Paddock Lane, Venerable Bede and Tunstall Hope Road to prevent access onto Tunstall Hills ○ 6 x Drop down bollards installed at Blyton Avenue, entrance onto the Store Fields at Tecaz and Wraith Terrace. Since February no reports have been received, whilst during December and January it was happening daily. ○ 1 x Beechbrooke barrier has been installed and well received by local residents. This has stopped quad access to the area which was a major safety issue. ○ 22 x 'No motor bike / vehicles signs' installed on lamp posts around the Store Fields, Beechbrooke and Ryhope Recreation Field ○ Street Wardens and Neighbourhood Police patrolling areas on a weekend with bodycam's to obtain IDs, registrations, pics for social media, etc. ○ Promotional material posted to households in and around the locations ○ Force wide Local Multi Agency Problem Solving Group established to look at developing a designated site for off road vehicles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concrete barriers have restricted access to cliff tops and reduced areas where 4 wheel drives can get onto coastal path. From a police perspective this has reduced significantly although, the problem has moved down towards the junction box, towards Hendon. ● Operation Eagle, delivered by Northumbria Police has resulted in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 24 Section 59 notices being served ○ 1 x CPW Issued ○ 10 x Bikes seized ○ 1 x Quad bike seized ○ 4 x 4x4 seized ○ 10 x cars seized for disorderly driving
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		<p>NEW: In July 2021, the Environmental Enforcement Manager provided Members with an update on the city wide / force approach on tackling nuisance vehicles (off road bikes, quad bikes, 4x4 vehicles, etc). One meeting has been held between Sunderland and South Tyneside local authorities and policing teams. Visitors from Scotland will attend a future meeting to share best practice and explain how they have tackled the issue. Discussions are on going about establishing a Petrol Watch scheme in the City, which is a partnership between the Police, the council and Petrol Stations to work together to prevent nuisance drivers accessing fuel. Update pending. A further discussion was held in August, on how best Area funding can be used to bolster the Enforcement Team covering the East and City Centre areas, with a future reported due in October 2021.</p> <p>In November, Members discussed investing in the Environmental Enforcement Team by providing a grant which would enable three full time members of staff to be employed to focus on environmental crime, such as, fly tipping and issuing fines for dog fouling. Further information is outlined in the Budget Report. In December 2021, Members approved £115,145 to bolster the East's Environmental Enforcement Team for 12 months, with a view of considering a second allocation of funding in the new financial year.</p> <p>In February 2022, the Heritage Coast provided an update on the work Durham Constabulary are carrying out to tackle nuisance vehicles, and it was noted that the City Council's ASB Team are purchasing drones to deploy across hotspots to assist with identifying drivers. Currently the Team are receiving training. Unfortunately, the Neighbourhood Police Team have had little resource to deliver action under Operation Eagle. Once staffing levels stabilise the campaign, which uses a long lensed camera to capture images and identify drivers, will return.</p> <p>Set up in year one and rolled over into year two.</p>
<p>Look into the restriction of access to motorcycles onto King George the 5th playing field and the feasibility of reinstating the football pitches.</p>		<p>Following the December 2020 Area Committee, a proposal was submitted to carry out a community asset transfer. Feedback indicated that the field has been aligned to the Playing Pitch Plan with a view to, explore the feasibility of bringing the site back into use. If the site is not a sustainable location and in which case no amount of money will make it desirable the site could become public open space to meet a need identified in the Green Space Audit; or redeveloped as an</p>

alternative use, using the capital receipt to invest in existing sites in the locality or potentially transferred to a local organisation as a community asset. Further information is expected in the Summer 2021.

During October and November 2020 informal discussions have been held Local Services and Property Services to understand the process involved in reinstating the football pitches. During this time frame local Councillors identified a local group who are interested in supporting the council with bringing this under used area of land back into use. The group is Ryhope Community Association Junior Football Club. Discussions have been held with representatives from the Management Committee who are interested in maintaining the land and using the playing fields as a sporting community hub to expand their Club to attract female coaches and players, as well as, working with other Sport Clubs in the area (cricket, boxing, rugby, fishing, etc) to encourage people outdoors, improving their health and wellbeing.

The Scheme could be the first in the East area to deliver action against the Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy since being approved in March 2020 by Cabinet. Demonstrating the Council's commitment to link asset management to neighbourhood plans by identifying how to support local people to take over council assets for the benefit of their communities.

In June 2021 the football club submitted a Grass Pitch application to secure their first season on the pitch from September 2021. This has been successful. Therefore the fields are getting reinstated as a football pitch.

In August 2021, a 12m knee high barrier has been installed at the West side of the field, to prevent motor bike access.

In November 2021, the Council received the results of a public consultation that the Football Club carried out in relation to carrying out improvements to the site, including fencing off an area of land surrounding the playing fields. The results are currently being considered.

		<p>In December 2021, the Football Club submitted the results of the public consultation, which were favourable to a fence being installed around the pitch to protect it from nuisance vehicles. The City Council have committed £40,000 towards the fence installation, which will be installed Spring/Summer 2022.</p> <p>Set up in year one and rolled over into year two. Review due October 2021</p>
<p>Funded an Environmental Enforcement Programme to tackle environmental crime.</p>	<p>Receive regular performance updates on progress.</p>	<p>In July 2022, the Environmental Enforcement Team provided an update on the Area funded project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 appointments have been made. One Enforcement Officer and two Enforcement Support Officers. All are on 12 month contracts. • Areas of responsibility: Enforcement Officer will tackle fly tipping, unauthorised transportation of waste, duty of care offences, vehicles for sale/repair on the highway, fly posting and graffiti. Support Officers will act as a rapid response team to clear fly tipping and tackle waste presentation. • The Team will identify targeted areas by locality hotspot mapping, officer knowledge, Cllrs feedback and customer requests. Hi-visibility proactive patrols are taking place, with regular posts being made on East's Facebook page, a fly tipping and litter campaign being delivered • The top five issues, per ward, are the focus of the Team's daily workload, such as, overflowing bins, fly tipping, littering, dog fouling, bin fires, dog control orders, etc. • Action taken to date: 85 x investigation; 722 x written warnings; 62 x Section Notices served and 5 streetscene cameras deployed. <p>Members supported the proposal to fund a broken camera, further information is outlined in the Area Budget Report.</p>
<p>Thing BIG, Act Local Millfield. Following on from the Reclaim the Lanes project resident's pledged to keep their back lanes tidy, manage their bins correctly and report fly tipping. In return, the Council would carry out a deep clean of the back lanes to bring them up to standard. Once the works have</p>	<p>ACLD to arrange a site visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to agree works and timescales.</p>	<p>In October 2020 a site visit was held to discuss the deep clean project between Area Arrangements, Local Services and Environmental Enforcements in the back lanes around the Lime Street area. However, a change in the project was discussed and presented to the Millfield Councillors for consideration, who agreed to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tidying up the raised beds and the gable ends of the terraced houses, near Lime Street Pocket Park. • removing the shrubs and bushes and planting a tree, as a focal point. • repointing the brickwork and cleaning the moss off the paths.

<p>been carried out Environmental Enforcement Officers will monitor the lanes, taking relevant action against residents if standards fall.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • painting the metal perimeter railings surrounding the Park, and the goal posts. • install a bench and new bin. <p>If the budget allows, a few small play features could be added to the site i.e. exercise trail. This will create a bigger impact and last longer than a deep clean of the back lanes.</p> <p>In January 2022, Groundworks North East confirmed that they have started a community consultation exercise focusing on potential usages for the Park and are hosting a naming competition with a local school. Update pending.</p> <p>Discussed in year one, rolled over into year two.</p>
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7. Take part in In Bloom activities and support residents and volunteers to grow their own to bring plants and flowers into communities

**Links to: A Dynamic Smart City *Lower Carbon and Stronger City Centre*
A Vibrant Smart City *More residents participating in their community*
A Healthy City Smart City *Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods*
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy *Community empowerment, engagement and involvement***

Action	Next Steps	Update
<p>Work with Local Services to encourage residents to 'adopt a planter'.</p>	<p>Invite a representative from Local Services Team to the August meeting to discuss options.</p>	<p>In August, Members received a report on 'In Bloom Activities'.</p> <p>The East Area has funded three planter schemes recently which have involved installing a street planter. Planters have been funded from either Walk and Talk or Community Chest and installed with the understanding that Local Services would supply and fit a planter, fully planted up and ready to be cared for by local volunteers, with the Council requiring no further involvement. The role of the community volunteer(s) would then involve general weeding, watering and replacing seasonal plants, as and when required.</p> <p>Initially planters are tendered to and brighten up a sparse area resulting in positive feedback from the public, but inevitably lifestyles change over time and the planters go uncared for. Unkept planters look tired and displeasing, leading to the public complaints which are referred to Local Services. However, this is an unfair demand placed on the Service, as it falls outside their remit and</p>

control. An uncared for planter then becomes a 'grey' area. As volunteers cannot be held to account, but neither can the Council, but the public's expectations point towards the Council being responsible.

Based on lesson's learned from previous projects, Members are keen to progress with the Scheme, and establish an 'In Bloom Task Group' which will carry out further work, check legal requirements and agree a process to enable the Scheme to programme.

The inaugural Task Group meeting was held and it was agreed to pull together a draft policy on adopting plantings, with an option to widen the scope to include flower beds and highway barriers. As well as considering members of the public adopting certain areas of land / planters, information will also be shared on expanding the existing sponsorship scheme for roundabouts to include flower beds, etc. The outcome of the discussion would have city wide implications, and not just benefit the East area. The information will be considered at the December Task Group, with a view of updating Members in the New Year.

In February 2022, Members received an update. The Task Group meeting in December 2021 was postponed due to the level of storm damage Local Services had to deal with. The draft application and guidance notes for the 'adopt a planter scheme' were shared with the Group. A meeting is scheduled with Local Services Senior Management Team to consider the feasibility of a corporate approach across the city. Information was shared with the Service on the adoption scheme and the sponsorship scheme for consideration and action.

In addition, an Estate Management Company and Residents Association has been identified and willing to act as a critical friend to look at the process from a customer's perspective and feedback their views, if required.

In August 2022, it was confirmed that Local Services have approved the 'adopt a planter scheme' which has been rolled out across the City for all Areas to utilise.

<p>Look into the possibility of establishing an East in Bloom competition to acknowledge our beautiful gardens and landscapes.</p>	<p>Invite a representative from Local Services Team to the August meeting to discuss options.</p>	<p>In August, Members received a report on 'In Bloom Activities'.</p> <p>Based on the original Northumbria in Bloom campaign which runs every year to recognise, encourage and reward community groups who work together to transform their village, town or city through gardening, environmental awareness and community support. Members are proposing that the 'In Bloom' Task Group consider how best to launch a 'mini' East in Bloom completion in the July and August 2022.</p> <p>Further details will be announced in Autumn 2021 to allow time for people to plan, plot and plant their entries between Autumn and Spring, ready to apply and be judged in the Summer.</p> <p>To contribute towards the running of the competition, it was agreed that the underspend relating to the OSCAR's Volunteer's Award scheme totalling £5,682 is used.</p> <p>The item was added into the scope of the remit for the In Bloom Task Group. Currently the ACDL is designing a webpage, with support from the Communication Team, which will include all relevant information. A prototype will be shared with the Task Group in December, which a view of launching the competition in the New Year. Update pending.</p> <p>In February 2022, Members received confirmation that the East In Bloom Competition has now been launched, and is live. Entries can be submitted via East in Bloom 2022 competition - Sunderland City Council. Deadline for nominees is the end of June. With judging and winners to be announced in the Summer 2022. All East Area Committee members and Partners are encouraged to promote entries to the competition.</p> <p>In August 2022, the judging of the In Bloom entries was held. Visits took place across six categories (Best Garden, Yard, Commercial Premises, School, Community Effort and Container Display). Councillors selected the overall Winners, Highly Commended and Commended entries.</p>
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<p>Receive an update on Local Services Improvement Plans for East and City Centre.</p>	<p>Invite a representative from Local Services Team to the October meeting to discuss options.</p>	<p>In October 2021, Members received an update from the newly appointed Environmental Service Manager for the City Centre on the Team's existing maintenance routines for ground maintenance and cleansing standards which was very informative and well received. Future updates will be presented as and when required.</p> <p>In addition to discussing Local Services, the topic of Bleed Bags was discussed. Following on from a number of stabbing incidents, such as the tragic loss of Connor Brown. It was noted that Pub Watch in the City Centre considered installing a Bleed Control Kit, which is a similar concept to installing defibrillators, whilst these help people who have suffered a cardiac arrest, the bleed control kit are designed to treat wounds which cause traumatic bleeding in the short term, allowing time for blue light services to gain access to the patient which can make the difference between life and death. Further information can be found from the Daniel Baird Foundation: Bleed Control Kits By The Daniel Baird Foundation Campaign by Lynne Baird - Control The Bleed </p> <p>St Michael's Councillors awarded a Community Chest grant to The Connor Brown Trust, who are leading on the introduction of Bleed Control Kits into the City Centre. Awareness of the Scheme has been shared with Northumbria Police, Sunderland BID, Pub Watch and the Sunderland Safety Partnership to ensure everyone is aware of this project. The Daniel Baird Trust, based in Birmingham introduced a scheme in the West Midlands, and the founder has been sharing templates of policies and procedures with the City Council, to support the initiative. If the initial introduction is successful, there could be scope to establish the Bleed Control units on a similar scale and concept as community Defibrillator units. Both of which save lives. Work is ongoing.</p> <p>The final Task Group meeting was held in early September. The Group reviewed the remit of the Group, which has successfully delivered against all of the actions put forward by Area Committee. Based on the good practice identified and the relationships built between Environmental Service Managers and representatives from each of the five wards a proposal was submitted to create a new Joint Officer</p>

		and Councillor working group. It was agreed to discuss the idea at Area Committee to see if there is wider interest. If it proved positive, a further discussion could be held at a future Board meeting to finalise the details and practicalities.
Look into the possibility of improving the gateway into the city by maintaining the grass verge from St Benedict's Hospice roundabout all the way along to Ryhope Village, then onto Toll Bar	Invite a representative from Local Services Team to the August meeting to discuss options.	In August, Local Services confirmed that the route has the road closed twice a year to enable a Summer and Winter pruning, along with litter picks being carried out. The verge has a hedge row, which contributes to the 'green' corridor allowing birds and insects to move around the area. Options are limited, no further action required.
Look into the possibility of developing Wildflower roundabouts to enhance the visual appearance and enhance biodiversity.	Invite a representative from Local Services Team to the October meeting to discuss options.	In October 2021, a specialist in Wildlife Planting from Rigby Taylor Limited was invited along to provide Members with an overview on wildflower and urban meadows. It was agreed that a wildflower meadow is being established in Backhouse Park, and Members will be invited along to a site meeting to see the results of the Scheme in the Spring/Summer 2022. After which further consideration will be given as to whether or not to roll out a Wildflower Planting Scheme across the East area. During Spring and over the Summer discussions have been held with all East Councillors to identify and agree a list of potential sites which could host a Wildflower Planting Scheme and / or a WoW feature. Based on feedback 26 wildflower sites have been identified, and currently Local Services have secured a budget to fund the scheme. An additional budget would be required to install the WoW features, further information is outlined in the Area Budget Report.

8. Reduce the carbon footprint and create green solutions within neighbourhoods to reduce plastic pollution

**Links to: A Dynamic City Low Carbon
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement
Low Carbon Framework Green Economy and Consumption and Waste**

Action	Next Steps	Update
Encourage VCS Groups and Residents to plant a tree for the	Invite a representative from Local Services	In August, Members received a report on 'In Bloom Activities', which referenced Plant a Tree for the Queen's Jubilee 2022.

<p>Queen's Jubilee in June 2022. (Links to Local Events)</p>	<p>Team to the August meeting to discuss options.</p>	<p>The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Everyone across the UK is being invited to plant trees from October 2021, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. The QGC will create a network of individual trees, avenues, copses and whole woodlands in honour of The Queen. Creating a green legacy, with every tree planted.</p> <p>The Woodland Trust have launched a Plant a Tree for the Jubilee - Woodland Trust which encourages neighbours, community groups, schools and organisations to apply for a Tree Pack. To be eligible trees should be planted on land that is regularly accessed by the public i.e., School grounds, or public land. The landowner must provide permission for the tree to be planted, as they will become responsible for its future care and maintenance.</p> <p>Members are proposing to Area Committee that the opportunity to partake in the initiative is promoted, and work is carried out by the 'In Bloom' Task Group, with interested organisations to apply to the Woodland Trust to plant a tree in suitable and agreeable locations across the five wards by working with Local Services, Land and Property and Planning and Regeneration, where appropriate.</p> <p>In November 2021, all East Councillors received a request from the Chair of the Committee, asking Members who act as School Governors to discuss the Woodland Trust plant a tree scheme at a future Governor's meetings with a view of encouraging schools to submit an application and plant trees on their grounds, reporting back any good news stories. Update pending.</p>
<p>Investigate the feasibility of developing a Uniform Recycling Scheme across Schools in the East area.</p>	<p>Work with Partners across the East area to present an update to the October meeting.</p>	<p>Originally the Area Committee were considering the feasibility of establishing a Uniform Recycling Scheme, but research provided information which showed there are three existing processes in existence across the East area, these are: i) Schools receive uniforms back off parents at the end of the term/year, which are then passed onto families in need of clothing; ii) Parents advertise uniforms / school wear using word of mouth or social media and pass on clothing to other parents or friendship groups; iii) charity shops receive items which are then offered at a low cost price to families.</p>

		<p>At the October 2021 Board meeting, Love, Amelia was invited along to provide Members with an update on their role in the community in supporting families who are living in poverty and suffering by providing vital items for babies and children to flourish, and to keep them happy and safe. Members gained an understanding about the Charity, why they were formed, their mission, vision and values. It was noted that the Group receive large volumes of pre-loved cloths, baby equipment (push chairs, cots, etc) and toys, which are cleaned and safety checked by the Team before distributed to families who have been referred by Partner Agencies i.e. Together for Children. The largest cohort of beneficiaries relate to families living in poverty and families living in domestic abuse households. Items provided include cloths, toiletries, sleeping, home safety and feeding equipment, toys and books, prams and pushchairs. The majority of which are diverted from going to the Recycling Centres and contribute towards reducing carbon footprint. Based on the information received, Members would like to recommend the approval of £10,000 to contribute towards a Project Co-ordinator who would focus on increasing the level of donations to complement the Low Carbon agenda, supporting volunteers and distributing the items to families in need across the East area.</p> <p>Members approved £10,000 at the December 2022 Area Committee.</p>
<p>Receive an update from the East Coastal Ranger and the Heritage Coast on the environmentally friendly and sustainable programme work ongoing in the East area.</p>	<p>ACDL to invite representatives along to the July 2021 meeting.</p>	<p>The Coastal Ranger and Heritage Coast Partnership attended the Board meeting and provided Members with an update on a variety of work and projects which have, or are getting delivered along the coastline of Hendon and Ryhope. Key points raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halliwell Banks: major concerns being expressed around the length of time it is taking to resolve Halliwell Banks (18 years and still ongoing), which is a former landfill site that was used by Durham decades ago, but moved into Sunderland's boundary. With cliff erosion aspects of waste are now exposed and leaking into the sea. A Task Group between Durham, Sunderland authorities and The Environmental Agency are discussing actions to manage the site. • Tyne and Tees Shore and Seas Programmes – agreed to invite a representative from the Programme to a future Board meeting to understand the 23 projects being delivered, funded by a £4m investment.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hendon Beach – The Coastal Ranger and the Heritage Coast were invited to submit a list of potential projects which would complement the location, taking into account, the need to protect the wildlife, flora and fauna along the cliff tops to a future meeting. <p>In February 2022, Members received feedback from the Heritage Coast relating to potential projects which could complement and enhance the coastline. They included: installing an art feature at Hendon and developing disability access on the trail which runs adjacent to the exit of Ryhope Beach tunnel. The discussion was deferred to a later meeting.</p> <p>Discussed during year two.</p>
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9. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting

Links to: *A Vibrant Smart City People feeling safe in their neighbourhoods*
A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods

Action	Next Steps	Update
Consider possibility of replacing grass verge with concrete at Laurel Grove.	Arrange site visit.	<p>A site visit was carried out in October 2020, and St Michael's Councillors carried out consultation with the residents who reside in properties 2-44 Laurel Grove. It was unanimously agreed to concrete over the grass verges outside their properties. Works are due to be completed over the Winter.</p> <p>Discussed during year one.</p>
Infrastructure and Construction Services to provide performance updates on the 'Invest in Highway's' capital funded project.	Interim update due in January 2022	<p>In March 2021, Area Committee approved £214,800 to carry out a series of capital works to reduce speeding and dangerous driving at identified sites listed below, along with associated works.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Junction on Tunstall Vale road - install two sets of speed cushions. Nov 21: Estimates of works are being finalised, ready to start the public consultation. Feb 22: Public consultation ended, no objections. Construction start date being scheduled. May 22: Construction scheduled for May 2022. ii. Essen Way - installation of fixed spot speed camera. Nov 21: Operation Mordero has proven the need for a camera at this site. Partnership agreement and tendering process to replace all force wide cameras remains outstanding. Timescale unknown. Update due in 2022. May 22: a representative from the T&W Road Safety Partnership attended March's Area Committee and provided Members with an update. iii. Commercial Road near Blue House Pub - install one set of speed cushions and speed table to complement priority give way junction. Nov 21: Scheme has been designed, costs are getting finalised then public consultation will proceed. Feb 22: Public consultation ongoing on proposed works along Corporation Road, outcome will dictate next steps. Update pending. May 22: one objection received, working towards a resolution. If successful, legal processes will start for speed humps and due to be completed by July 2022. iv. Hall Farm Road - install two speed tables at the junctions of Aylesbury Drive and Aylsham Court. Nov 21: Road calming measures are agreed, costs are getting finalised then public consultation will proceed. Feb 22: Drawings and

		<p>designs completed. Key partner consultation ongoing, outcome will dictate next steps. Update pending. May 22: Stakeholder event held in March, results of which may mean that original designs are updated. A further meeting with Cllrs to explain next steps to be arranged.</p> <p>v. Haddington Vale - carry out further investigations on this site. Nov 21: Finalisation of the feasibility study will be completed soon and shared with Councillors. Feb 22: Feasibility study completed and shared with Councillors. Closed.</p> <p>vi. Stockton Road - installation of fixed digital speed camera. Nov 21: Partnership agreement and tendering process to replace all force wide cameras remains outstanding. Timescale unknown. Update due in 2022. Mar 22: a representative from the T&W Road Safety Partnership attended March's Area Committee and provided Members with an update.</p> <p>vii. Black Road - installation of up to two priority give way junctions. Nov 21: Meeting organised with local Councillors but no attendance, designs will be shared online, once feedback received costings will be finalised and public consultation commenced. Feb 22: Drawings and designs completed. Public engagement ongoing, outcome will dictate next steps. Update pending. May 22: 1 objection raised, which has been resolved. Works scheduled in, due for completion by September 2022.</p> <p>viii. Hollycarrside Road - carry out further investigations on this site. Nov 21: Study is near completion and will be shared with local Councillors, along with costings. Feb 22: Designs and drawings are completed and Councillors are due to be consulted. Update pending. May 22: Costs have been shared with Cllrs, along with report on the summary of designs and surveys. Update pending.</p> <p>NEW: Derby Street, Thornhill – a one-way system has been introduced but drivers continue to access the 'no entrance' junction. Refer to Engineers to consider and prepare an update. Nov 21: Not a priority, only one solution worth considering and that will be to close off the road completely and make it into a feature area i.e. pop up seating / outdoor space.</p>
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		<p>NEW: Speeding loop (Thornholme Road, Durham Road, Beechwood Terrace and Ashwood Terrace). Refer to Engineers to consider implementing a traffic speed survey to assess problem.</p> <p>Discussed during year one and rolled over into year two.</p>
<p>Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme.</p>	<p>Highways Maintenance Programme for 2022 - 2023 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion in January with recommendation to March's East Area Committee.</p>	<p>Will be discussed throughout the full three-year Plan.</p> <p>Year One: proposal discussed and agreed in March 2021.</p> <p>In November 2021, Members reviewed the work carried out in Year One and were requested to submit requests for roads or paths to be considered as part of Year Two by the end of November 2021 to enable Engineers to carry out site visits and assess the works required. A future update will be presented in the New Year.</p> <p>In February 2022, Members received an outline of the proposed Highways Maintenance Programme 2022-2023, which included options relating to road resurfacing schemes at an estimated cost of £100,000. In March 2022, Members approved the Highways Maintenance Capital Programme 2022-2023.</p>
<p>10. Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users</p>		
<p>Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i></p> <p><i>A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i></p>		
Action	Next Steps	Update
<p>Area Committee approved £205,886 of capital investment to carry out improvement works across Barley Mow, Backhouse, Burn, Doxford and Ryhope Recreational Parks.</p>	<p>Monitor the implementation of the improvement works, with an interim update due in October 2021.</p>	<p>In July 2021, Members received an update on Time to Talk and Time to Walk initiative.</p> <p>The proposal supports the aspirations to become an Ageing Well City by identifying current walking routes, heritage trails, parks and open spaces which have or may require seating. Once a bench/seat has been identified, a simply sign will be installed (which reads 'Sit here if you don't mind someone stopping to say hello'). The aim is when people are out and about, they can sit down on a bench and people are encouraged to say 'hello' and be friendly. This will help to combat</p>

		<p>loneliness for many who do not have anyone to talk to at home. The benches may also be painted a different colour and communities may wish to link with local art groups / projects to deliver a small art project.</p> <p>The East have funded 29 new benches via the Invest In Parks programme. Once benches have been installed it is proposed to link this initiative to the Time to Talk proposal, and invite Members of the VCS Area Network to get involve in designing and painting a bench in their community. Funding maybe sourced via the Community Chest or Walk and Talk budget.</p> <p>In October 2021, Members received an interim update on the Invest in Parks Programme which covered Local Services park improvements scheduled for the Winter months, as well as, the area funded enhancements which collectively covers over 70 actions ranging from clearance of shrubs and planting, carrying out deep cleans to installing new bins and benches. The aim is to complete all works by March 2022. A future report in due in Spring 2022.</p>
<p>Fixed play improvements comprising of new installation and refurbishment work will continue in areas which have 106 Developer contributions aligned. An update will be provided this Summer on sites and locations that have funding aligned and available to spend.</p> <p>A survey is to be undertaken of all fixed play sites to identify condition, age appropriateness, accessibility and play value. This will be used to inform discussion on which sites</p>	<p>Invite the Assistance Head of Community Resilience to the July meeting to discuss the Open Spaces, Parks and Play equipment update.</p>	<p>In August 2021, Members received an update on the 14 fixed play areas across the East area, which are located at: St Matthews Field and Hall Farm, Doxford; Spelterworks Road, Barley Mow Park, Hudson Road, Town Moor and Mowbray Park, Hendon; Diamond Hall Pocket Park, Millfield; Ryhope Recreation, Willow Grange, Beechbrooke, Black Road, Bankside Close, Ryhope and Backhouse Park, St Michael's.</p> <p>It was proposed to add Lime Street Pocket Park to the list, even though there is no fixed play equipment installed currently, however, it is an aim of the local Members to invest in the site.</p> <p>It was noted that initial remedy works costing £110,000 are ongoing following a condition survey been carried out, and in September a designated Officer will lead on all fixed play equipment installations, repairs and general maintenance. Their first task will be to re-visit each site and carry out a further audit, to identify the condition of the play equipment, landscape (flooring, matting, etc) and site boundary (i.e. fencing) to grade them from good, acceptable to poor. Further consideration will be given to age appropriateness, accessibility and play value.</p>

should be targeted for further investment.		In February 2022, Members received an update on the condition survey of the Parks across the East Area. Minor repairs have been carried out and equipment has been painted. Several Parks across the Area are receiving new play equipment, which will replace old equipment. It was confirmed that if Members wanted to contribute towards additional items, approval would need to be sought as ongoing revenue and maintenance costs need to be addressed, as well as, ensuring that there is sufficient space around the equipment to install and use it safely.
Establish a Friends Group of Galley's Gill / Festival Park to support the development of Riverside Sunderland.	CSW to liaise with local VCS Groups within the area and consider the best way forward to set up a Friends Group.	To be discussed during year three.
11. Increase 5G access across all neighbourhoods and support people with digital learning resources		
Links to A Dynamic Smart City A lower carbon City with greater digital connectivity for all A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience		
Action	Next Steps	Update
Invite Back on the Map along to a future Board meeting to provide Members with an update on the Go! Get Online Project.	Interim performance update due in November 2021 meeting.	<p>In March 2021, Area Committee approved £99,250 to implement the Go! Get Online project, which involves The Box Youth and Community Project, Back on the Map, Sunderland Bangladesh International Centre, St Marks Community Association and Blue Watch Youth Centre delivering a mixture of community development methods to target people most excluded due to the digital divide, these are: young people, low income families, unemployment, people with learning disabilities and BAME communities. In addition, the City Council's first Recycling Tech Appeal was launched, enabling all Sector's (including resident's) to donate old desktops and laptops which will then be upcycled and moved onto the Voluntary Sector at low prices.</p> <p>In July 2021, Members received an update on Go! Tech Appeal, with was a pilot developed in the East as part of the Go! Get Online project which received donated old desktops and laptops from members of the public or businesses to be</p>

		<p>restored, upcycled and prepared to be re-circulated into the community for use via the VCS Area Network. Members discussed the Digital Inclusion ICT Troubleshooting project, and agreed to change the provider to Protech, further information is set out in the budget report.</p> <p>In August 2021, Members received an update on performance of the Programme between April to July 2021. The programme has created 15 fully accessible Digital Community Hubs in the East area, 198 new individuals have access 1-2-1 digital support, 5 volunteers have been recruited, with 7 organisations benefiting from the Scheme.</p> <p>A variety of 130 laptops and desktops have been provided to 16 Partners, under the GO! Digital recycling scheme.</p> <p>In June 2022, Members received an update on the performance of the area funded Go! Programme which focuses on improving digital inclusion. Information was supplied on what the main reasons are for people not using the internet, what services were provided to encourage digital inclusion based on needs, and what the benefits of being online are, along with case studies to explain the impact the investment has made in the East area. Members held a further discussion at the July Area Board and agreed to continue the Go! Programme for an additional 12 months. Further information is outlined in the Area Budget Report.</p>
<p>Carry out research to understand the digital divide within the East Sunderland community.</p>	<p>Consider the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment produced by Public Health, and other publications. Pull together a report to present to the November 2021 meeting.</p>	<p>In February 2022, the City Council's Project Transformation Team have started a desk top research exercise to understand what the Council is currently delivering to support digital poverty across the City.</p> <p>The East report has been placed on hold until the city-wide perspective has been published.</p> <p>To be discussed during year three.</p>

12. Review opportunity to utilise existing and vacant properties to create cultural hubs, leisure activities and safe places to bring communities together

Links to *A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities*
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy *Socially productive asset management*
Low Carbon Framework *Policies and Operational Practices*

Action	Next Steps	Update
<p>Review Community Buildings and Assets owned and leased by the Council within the East Area, and support the Management Committee's to operate at full capacity.</p>	<p>Identify premises, their governance, leasing arrangements, and programme of activity to enabling a position statement to be presented to a future Board meeting.</p>	<p>In November 2021, Members received an update on the Community Buildings and Assets review. It was noted that 62 VCSE buildings have been identified within the East area and mapped out on the Council's GIS Link. From the list approximately 30 are leased by the Council. Over the next three months, each property will be contacted and a diagnostic will be completed. The diagnostic will identify the governance arrangements including the trustees, volunteers and staffing support, income and expenditure, weekly attendance, timetable of activity and services delivered from the building and how these fit within the East's Delivery Plan, and the needs and wants of the organisation for the future. The information gathered will be collated and analysed, with a view of sharing the findings with Councillors in April 2022. Update Pending</p> <p>In February 2022, the ACDL has contacted 62 organisations who operate a building within the East area, which provides a community offer requesting them to complete a Taking Stock Survey. The ACDL and CSW are continuing to encourage applications. The survey results will be analysed in March 2022, to enable the report to be shared with Members at a future meeting.</p> <p>In April 2022, Members received an update on the Taking Stock Survey. 20 VCS Groups who operate a community building within the East area completed the Survey. The information was shared with Members, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about the Governance of the Group, if they leased, owned or rented the building; the contact details of the Executive Committee, how many volunteers and members of staff were employed and if the Employer paid a 'Real Living Wage'. • The weekly footfall, along with target audience and a timetable of activity.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How the Group contribute towards the East's Delivery Plan, what help and assistance the Management Committee need, along with repairs or upgrades required to the building. <p>This information will be used to provide a Pen Profile of the existing community offer within each neighbourhood, and assist with mapping out what activities and services are available to support with social prescribing to help tackle health inequalities, as well as, identify where investment is required in buildings, places and people to enable the Area's most vulnerable residents to continue to access quality services and provision within the East.</p>
Consider the findings from the Review and where feasible, support the development of cultural hubs, leisure activities and safe places to bring communities together.	Pending review.	<p>See action update above.</p> <p>To be discussed during year three.</p>
13. Create job clubs and education centres within local community venues including digital skill training and basic skills		
Links to: <i>A Dynamic Smart City More and better jobs</i> <i>A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i>		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		To be discussed during year three.
14. Development community cohesion to allow all people of different social backgrounds, ethnicities, faiths, and generations to interact with and relate to each other in a positive way		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant City Resilient People</i> <i>Healthy City Plan Starting Well: Give every child the best start in life</i> <i>Healthy City Plan Ageing Well: Strengthen the role and impact of prevention for older people</i>		
Action	Next Steps	Update

<p>Consider inviting guest speakers to the Board to discuss any issues and potential solutions in the area</p>	<p>If possible, invite to January 2021 Board.</p>	<p>An invite has been sent to the Sunderland Partnership to provide an update on the Migration Fund project.</p> <p>Discussed during year one. No further action.</p>
<p>East's More Males project is funded until May 2021. It involves three VCS Groups encouraging men over 50, who are socially and mentally isolated to interact in their local community in positive activities.</p>	<p>Performance update due in January 2021</p>	<p>The three organisations which were awarded the grant are CHANCE, Back on the Map and Raich Carter Sports Centre.</p> <p>The original purpose of the call for project was to target males over 50 years old and encourage a healthier lifestyle by reducing levels of smoking and drinking alcohol and getting out and about more. Due to the pandemic the project proposals were changed to focus on providing emotional and wellbeing support. CHANCE and Back on the Map have both delivered successful project and were quick to react and provide pandemic support to residents in their neighbourhoods. Unfortunately, Raich Carter has remained closed since April 2020, with all staff furloughed. Once restrictions ease discussions between Area Arrangements and Raich Carter will need to be held to understand and agree next steps.</p> <p>Due to the pandemic the project's start date was postponed until July 2021. 1st quarter report due in October 2021. The Project was postponed again and restarted in January 2022.</p> <p>Discussed during year one, rolled over into year three.</p>
<p>East's Positive Parenting project is funded until March 2021. It involves four VCS Groups working with families who have children under the age of 5 who need support helping their children reach the development stages and</p>	<p>Performance update due in January 2021.</p>	<p>The four organisations which were awarded the grant are Groundwork North East, Keep Active, Ryhope Community Association and Raich Carter Centre.</p> <p>The original purpose of the call for project was to target parents and carers of 0-5 year olds, along with the child(ren) to look towards improving key development milestones. Due to the pandemic three of the four projects have not commenced and are on hold. Ryhope Community Association did re-start in September 2020 and have continued to support parents and children. Once restrictions ease discussions between Area Arrangements and Keep Active, Groundwork North East and Raich Carter will need to be held to understand and agree next steps.</p>

<p>milestones associated to age abilities.</p>		<p>Due to the pandemic the project's start date was postponed until July 2021. 1st quarter report due in October 2021. The Project was postponed again and restarted in January 2022.</p> <p>Discussed during year one, rolled over into year three.</p>
<p>15. Social prescribing – develop local offer to improve health and wellbeing and access to services locally to reduce social isolation, improve mental health and support long-term health conditions, and ensure physical activity sessions are accessible and not cost or time prohibitive, in partnership with All Together Better</p>		
<p>Links to A Healthy Smart City <i>Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i> A Healthy Smart City <i>People enjoying independent lives</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Improving community resilience</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Business growth and investment in VCS</i></p>		
Action	Next Steps	Update
<p>Consider inviting a guest speaker from the Sunderland GP Alliance, to share information about the Social Prescribing team and the Service provided.</p>	<p>ACDL to invite a representative to a future meeting. Potentially for the October meeting.</p>	<p>In October 2021, Members received an update from the Sunderland GP Alliance on what Social Prescribing means, which is looking at people as people not patients, and to consider how the person or family can be helped to be more resilience by connecting to their community and make informed choices about their lives. This could relate to helping someone to stop smoking, lose weight, improve their mood or develop healthier habits. The scope is wider and varied. A key challenge is finding out what support or activities are happening within neighbourhoods, and signposting people onto this provision. Many VCS Groups provide vital services and sessions but on occasions funding streams are restricted, or sessions are full to capacity which places a 'hidden' pressure on VCS Groups to provide access to their facilities. Sunderland GP Alliance has offered to write letters of support for Groups who are applying to funding streams to lever in external funding, where feasible but this can take between 6-9 months, and in the meantime the 'gap' in provision prevents the Team from being able to support their customers and connect them to a local Group/Service. Recent discussions have highlighted the need to work in collaboration, by the Sunderland GP Alliance using local intelligence to identify gaps in the Service. Once gaps are identified, the VCS Alliance may be able to identify suitable funding</p>

		streams and promote the gaps and funding opportunities to the VCS Sector, with the aim of VCS Sector then securing and attracting external funding into the City to bridge the gap. Work is ongoing to develop this cycle for Social Prescribing. Update pending.
Public Health Practitioner to provide an update on the Health Inequalities Strategy from an East perspective.	Date TBC	To be discussed during year three .
Evaluate Community Connectors programme, with a view to fund a new programme for 2021 / 2022	Review Programme and share findings at the October meeting.	<p>During August 2020 information was gathered against all 29 projects funded under the 2019 Community Connectors Programme. It was noted that seven projects have ended, as they had continued to deliver throughout lockdown. Eight projects had been extended due to the building closing down, with staff being furloughed or volunteers being over 70 and having to self-isolate. Fourteen projects needed the end date of the project to be revised as the building still remains closed and discussions are pending.</p> <p>Several projects were highlighted as performing well and have been extended, with £49,900 being approved by Area Committee in September 2020.</p> <p>In August 2021, Members noted there is an underspend of £6,100 to be returned to budget. The programme will end in September 2021, with an evaluation due to be carried out and presented to Members in October.</p> <p>The evaluation due in October did not proceed due to other conflicting priorities and will be considered in the New Year.</p> <p>Discussed during year one and rolled over into year two.</p>
16. Enhance local green spaces to encourage wider use including sports equipment, refurbishment of existing equipment and delivery of activities which support health and wellbeing		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i>		
Action	Next Steps	Update

Look into the possibility of developing Panns Bank, using Ousburn in Newcastle as a model, ensuring proposals complement the Riverside Sunderland, One Campus Masterplan and Port of Sunderland expansion plans.	Investigate the feasibility of enhance the quay side between Panns Bank and the Port of Sunderland and provide an update at the February meeting.	To be discussed during year two. The action was not discussed. No further action.
Look into the possibility of changing the use, or tidying up the land next to Grangetown CA, Stannington Grove.	Invite a representative from Property Services along to the February meeting to discuss options.	To be discussed during year three.
Executive Director Economy and Place to provide an update on the future of the Civic Centre building and surrounding land and car parking, which is due to close in the Autumn 2021.	East Area Committee to consider update and how they can support and shape the development of the site.	In August 2021, it was noted that the closure of the Civic Centre has been pushed back to December 2021, and a Partnership has been created between Linden and Bovis Homes to develop the site. Public consultation was held in August 2021, with a planning submission due by the end of September. Update pending.
Carry out a review, audit and capital improvements across Sunderland Cemeteries.	Invite the Bereavement Service Manager along to a future meeting to discuss.	In January 2022, Member were informed about a new joint working group being established across the City, between Officers and Councillors to improve the appearance and design of cemeteries. There was an opportunity to nominate representatives from the East onto the working group. Cllr Scanlan, Cllr Reed and Cllr Bewick were proposed as the East representatives. Update pending.
17. 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		
Links to <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in the VCS</i>		
Action	Next Steps	Update

<p>The importance of Blue Watch to St Michael's ward was recognised, especially in relation to support to children in need from the Grangetown and Hill View area. Support and invest in Blue Watch to establish a community hub in St Michael's ward.</p>	<p>ACDL to look into potential opportunities for a base in the area and discuss feasibility at a future board.</p>	<p>In March 2021, Grangetown Community Association was highlighted as the ideal site to develop a community hub. Discussions were held with the existing Management Committee to discuss next steps.</p> <p>In July 2021, an AGM was held with a new Management Committee being elected. Several meetings have been held to agree and scope out what is required to transform the Centre into a vibrant and friendly Community Hub, that will deliver a broad range of diverse and inclusive activities. The initial focus has been on reopening the Centre for Groups and the public to access, and they have set a date for early October 2021.</p> <p>A number of practical exercises have been carried out, including: Renaming the Charity and Building to St Michael's Community Centre; Carrying out building and fire safety inspections; Organising a deep clean and painting of the building 11 September 2021; Updating the constitution, policies and bank account details; Renewing insurances and updating contact details; Issuing job tickets for repairs and setting up waste management processes and Securing a tenancy for the building.</p> <p>Area Committee approved an investment of £50,000 to develop the Centre over the next two years. Quarterly updates will be received on the progress, with any relevant information being shared with the Area Committee.</p>
<p>The Box are currently preparing a business and funding strategy to justify the expansion of the building, if favourable, invite representatives along to discuss future plans and consider allocating capital funding to support the initiative.</p>	<p>August 2021 receive an update.</p>	<p>NEW: Redwood Grove, Doxford Ward, is a community building owned by Bernicia, is their scope for The Box access the building for outreach sessions.</p> <p>In August 2021, The Box Youth and Community Project presented a overview of their background, work delivered before lockdown, how the pandemic has shaped their existing community offer, and the need to change the size of the building due to: established and ongoing demand for services; the building operating at full capacity; new housing developments increasing the population resulting in additional request to provide: school holiday activities; afterschool clubs; Counselling for young people; working with adults 16+ who have learning disabilities; supporting vulnerable adults with a hot meals service, weekly lunch club and foodbank; supporting independent living via the Lend a Hand Project and</p>

		<p>supporting the Area Delivery Plan via the GO! Get Online; East Rangers and Covid-19 Community Hub.</p> <p>Preliminary ideas were shared with Members, who were keen to support the proposal, but it was recognised that further work needed to be carried out, which includes: securing a 25 year lease; securing land from Gentoo; producing plans and calculating costs for the re-development and producing a business plan. Subject to this work showing favour, members are considering awarding funding to the scheme.</p> <p>In April 2022, The Box provided further information on the proposed additional community space behind their building, which explained the rational for the proposal, results from a feasibility study along with the preferred options and costs. Based on the discussion, Members invited The Box to submit an application to cover the costs of the installation of a garden room to the rear of the building. An application has been submitted and assessed, with the Neighbourhood and Community Board recommending approval. Further information is outlined in the Area Budget report.</p> <p>To be discussed during year two.</p>
<p>Support CHANCE to turn the disused car park into a community play area.</p>	<p>Invite the Centre manager along to the January 2022 meeting.</p>	<p>At the March 2021 Board, CHANCE's Centre Manager presented plans on how the organisation would like to transform an under used car park into a safe play space, based on consultation carried out with children and residents.</p> <p>Area Committee approved £16,500 to install a climbing wall, multi-use play station, seating and an art feature. The Centre Manager will be invited along to a future meeting to provided members with an update.</p> <p>Discussed during year one and rolled over into year two.</p>
<p>Look into the possibility of supporting Ryhope Community Association save energy and money on heating bills by</p>	<p>Invite the Centre Manager to the October meeting.</p>	<p>An energy efficient survey was carried out in November 2021. The results will be shared at a future meeting for consideration.</p> <p>In December 2021, the ACDL worked with the City Council's Energy Efficiency Team and the Community Centre on the findings of the energy efficient survey carried out in December 2021. Further site visits have been conducted in</p>

<p>improving their currently heating system.</p>		<p>February 2022, and future options are being considered on how to upgrade the heating system.</p> <p>In July 2022, Members requested that a site visit was carried out by the Chair/Vice Chair and the Community Association to discuss how the Committee could support the Centre moving forward.</p> <p>An open and honest discussion was held about the struggles in managing an old building by keeping it modern and safe for people of all ages to use, and how it was a tricky balancing act between investing in the bricks and mortar or providing sessions and support to people in need. It is proposed to provide support to the Centre by investing in a family and older peoples programme, and by developing a funding and volunteers strategy to provide strategic support to the Centre. Further information is contained in the Area Budget Report.</p>
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18. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities

Links to A Vibrant City People Participation

Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement

Action	Next Steps	Update
<p>Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS.</p>	<p>Update volunteer platform to enable matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.</p>	<p>In July 2020, as the country moved towards the recovery stage of the pandemic, volunteers who were registered on the Covid-19 Volunteering Platform were contacted and asked whether or not they would like to continue to volunteer in their neighbourhood post Covid-19. From a pool of 232 volunteers, 72 residents said yes.</p> <p>Information was gathered from the East VCS Area Network on the latest volunteering opportunities available and a catalogue was produced and shared with the 72 residents.</p> <p>To support the Covid 19 Hub volunteers link with VCS Groups, Area Committee approved a Project which would enable VCS Groups to apply for a small grant up to £500 to cover the costs of items, such as, DBS Checks, training, workwear, etc. if they successfully recruit any of the East Covid-19 Volunteers from the Platform. This funding opportunity was shared with the VCS Area Network and updates will be presented to the Board, as and when appropriate.</p> <p>To date 9 Covid volunteers have been matched up with Little Company of Calm, The Box Youth and Community Project and Young Asian Voices.</p> <p>The project has been closed, and an underspend of £3,568 remains which will be returned to Area Committee's Neighbourhood Fund budget.</p> <p>Discussed in year one.</p>
<p>Following on from the OSCARS Volunteering Awards Members were keen to host an event every two years to celebrate and acknowledge the</p>	<p>Members need to discuss and agree further details, i.e. dates, categories, etc.</p>	<p>The OSCARs event is due to be held in 2021. Due to covid-19 it will be unrealistic to expect the event to be face to face. Ideas are being discussed on how to host a virtual celebration, with a future report due to be presented.</p>

<p>extraordinary commitment of East volunteers.</p>		<p>In May 2021, the Council launched the Sunderland Shining Stars award. There are seven categories and two rounds. The first round will have an Area perspective, with applications being presented to a judging panel made up of East Area Cllrs. The Councillors will select winners and highly commended individuals from each category. The winners of each category will then compete during the second round, against all other areas for a city wide title.</p> <p>In July 2021, the East Judging Panel selected the Winners, who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation of the Year: Sunderland Area Parents Support (SAPs) • Outstanding Contribution to the community (over 18s): Graeme Riddle • Young Person’s Outstanding Contribution to the community (under 18) Harvey Gordon and Charlie Lamb • Sunderland’s most Neighbourly Neighbour: Mandy Brown • Best use of Digital Technology: Media Savvy CIC • Community Group that has supported resident’s Mental Health: MBC Arts Wellbeing • Community Fundraising Champion: Mark Allison <p><i>Links to Priority 7:</i> To contribute towards the running of the East’s In Bloom competition, it was agreed that the underspend relating to the OSCAR’s Volunteer’s Award scheme totalling £5,682 is used.</p> <p>Discussed in year one and rolled over in year two.</p>
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19. Support communities to deliver local events

**Links to A Vibrant City People Participation
A Vibrant City Events and Visitors**

Action	Next Steps	Update
<p>Support residents, schools, places of worship and VCS Groups to organise small local events which celebrate the Queen celebrate her 70th Jubilee in June 2022.</p>	<p>Members to discuss a suitable model at the December meeting.</p>	<p>In February 2022, Members discussed the Queens Platinum Jubilee year, which marks 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom. There will be a four-day bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022, meaning Brits will be given two days off work to celebrate 70 years of service by Her Majesty the Queen.</p>

		<p>Members discussed and are seeking approval from Area Committee for a budget of £10,000, to allow a call for projects to be carried out and invite project proposals which deliver neighbourhood events, such as: Scarecrow trails; Street Parties; Jubilee Lunches; Platinum Pudding competitions; Sporting events, etc. With a maximum of £500 per award. Further information is outlined in the budget report.</p> <p>In May 2022, Members agreed a total of £4,443 and funded ten Platinum Jubilee events across the East, with approximately 1,200 people attending the events. Funding contributed towards food, entertainment, decorations and marketing costs.</p>
Keep a watch and brief on potential events for 2021 / 2022 which maybe postponed due to covid restrictions.	Provide Board updates as and when.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Action Zone – premises being opened up and accessed. • 17-19 aka Holy Trinity Launch in 2022 • East End Carnival / Trafalgar Square Tea Party • Ryhope Pump House <p>In December 2021, Members felt that the future was too unpredictable to consider contributing towards a Local Events Programme for 2022 / 2023, due to the pandemic. It was agreed that requests to support local events would be considered at a ward level, via Community Chest.</p> <p>To be discussed in year three.</p>
20. Support Youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe – young people just want to hang out and don't always want organised activities – they just want to be together in a safe and flexible environment		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Access to equitable opportunities and life chances</i> A Vibrant Smart City <i>More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Improving community resilience</i>		
Action	Next Steps	Update
Fancy a Day Out aka holiday hunger school holiday programme to be considered at the June Area Committee meeting.	Grant requests to be considered at the June 2021 Area Committee meeting. Interim	In June 2021, Area Committee funded the Fancy a Day Out Programme, which funds holiday activities which are supplemented with access to a nutritional meal.

	<p>update due October, subject to approval.</p>	<p>In September 2021, a short video was been produced, and was shared with members during Area Committee and afterwards on the East's Facebook page to promote the valuable work delivered by members of the East VCS Area Network.</p> <p>At the March 2022 East Area Committee it was agreed to carry out a Call for Projects and invite interested local voluntary sector groups to submit proposals to deliver regular sessions in the local community which provided children and young people, who are eligible for a free school meals, with access to a session which is educational and provides access to a nutritional meal. Sessions could be delivered during one or more 'blocks' / 13 weeks of school holiday provision.</p> <p>Applications have been submitted, assessed and consulted upon, with further information outlined in the Area Budget report, for further consideration.</p>
<p>Maximising Community Assets: Sunderland Community Hub and East End ABC restarted in May 2021, providing access to the boxing club for children and young people, instead of hanging around the streets.</p>	<p>Interim update due November 2021</p>	<p>The four organisations which were awarded the grant are The Box Youth and Community Project, Blue Watch Youth Centre, Sunderland Community Hub Boxing Club and East End ABC.</p> <p>The Programme was to enable community buildings to open their doors on a Friday and Saturday night to young people to reduce the risk of youth disorder. Due to the pandemic two project proposals were changed and adapted from being centre based to providing outreach, detached and crisis support these projects were delivered by The Box Youth and Community Project and Blue Watch Youth Centre who complied with Youth Federation guidance relating to covid restrictions.</p> <p>The remaining two project proposals were unable to change, based on guidance from the Amateur Boxing Association and restarted in May 2021.</p> <p>In August 2021, Members received an update on the Maximising Community Assets Programme and based on the success of previous projects, proposed to recommend approval of £15,000 to extend the work being delivered in Doxford, Ryhope and St Michael's, by The Box and Blue Watch, and proposed a further £10,000 for Hendon and Millfield. If secured the ACDL will work with local members to see any previously funded Groups warrant an extension, or advert a call for projects (Hendon and Millfield only).</p>

		<p>In October 2021, an application was received from St Marks Community Association to open up the building on a weekend for youth people in the Millfield Ward, and in November 2021, an application was received from Young Asian Voices to work with the local Neighbourhood Police Team in the Hendon ward to open up their building on a weekend and provide positive activities for young people to get involved in, instead of hanging around the streets. Both Centres will start from December 2021, up until November 2022.</p>
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In July 2022, Members received information on the performance of the Maximising Community Asset's scheme from projects which had either ended in quarter one, or will be ending soon. Members proposed to continue to fund the projects for a further 12 months. Further information is outlined in the Area Budget Report.

21. Establish a Neighbourhood watch/help scheme in partnership with the Police and residents

Action	Next Steps	Update
<p>During Covid-19 residents developed support groups via social media to help each other out. Harness this community spirit to develop structures to develop Neighbourhood Watches or Resident Associations to continue the ethos of communities helping each other post Covid-19. i.e. Alexandra Park Residents Group.</p>	<p>ACDL to bring information to future board meeting re neighbourhood watch schemes.</p> <p>Update to December 2020 Board meeting.</p>	<p>The Force were due to review re-establishing a 'new look' Neighbourhood Watch scheme, but unfortunately Covid has superseded work demands and there is no plans to restart this in the next two years. On that basis the action has been removed from the plan. REMOVED</p>

22. Reduce fear of crime by working in partnership across neighbourhoods to bring communities of all ages together

Links to: A Vibrant Smart City *More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhood*

Action	Next Steps	Update
<p>Joint patrols between Police/ASB Team and Cllrs to develop action plans to address substance misuse, ASB and youth disorder in Blakeney Woods.</p>	<p>ACDL to set up Task group(s) to address hotspot.</p>	<p>An internal meeting was held with colleagues from ASB Team, Environmental Enforcement and Eco Team. A key issue that was flagged up during discussions was around the lack of reports coming through the council's 'Report it' system. It seems the public prefer to talk about issues that impact their community on social media, instead of notifying the authority's. This results in Services not being aware of local concerns and problems being left unaddressed.</p> <p>Contact details of key officers have been shared with local Cllrs, who do receive reports from residents that are actioned, but it was felt many might be 'hidden'.</p> <p>Area Arrangements are currently working with the Communications Team on a social media marketing campaign to get the message out to the public about to report concerns and the many different channels they can use to do this.</p>

		<p>In July 2021, a site meeting was held with Partners, Council Officers and Cllrs to walk around Blakeney Woods and pull together an action plan. An update on the Operations and activities delivered during the Summer's is pending.</p> <p>Discussed in year one and rolled over into year two.</p>
Black Path / Mineral Line – repeatedly cleared and cleaned, but ASB remains an issue – consider what else can be done.	Check with West Area Committee priorities and consider setting up a joint Task Group. Proposals from which to come to future board meeting for consideration.	There has been no reports of ASB along the mineral line, however the route does form part of the Stephenson Trail. Proposed to keep a watch and brief on this Section, but refer the development of the Mineral Line to the Stephenson trail Task Group.
Strengthen relationships between West Neighbourhood Policing Team and Doxford Cllrs	ACDL to co-ordinate through LMAPs and specific update meetings.	<p>The West Neighbourhood Team have shared contact details with the Doxford Councillors to strengthen relationships, and a written report from the West Inspector is now provided to East Area Committee.</p> <p>Discussed in year one.</p> <p>In January 2022, Cllr Dixon and Cllr Scanlan (East LMAPs representatives) raised awareness about the purpose of LMAPs and what sort of issues warrant referrals to the Group. Examples of issues that meet and do not meet the criteria were shared and discussed.</p>
23. Support local organisations to grow capacity to support those who require additional support within communities to ensure they access services which are available to them		
Links to Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Developing the role of Anchor Institutions</i>		
Action	Next Steps	Update
The City is establishing a Sunderland VCS Alliance	Invite the VCS Alliance Manager to the September 2021 Board	In September 2021 an update was provided to Members on the Sunderland VCS Alliance. It was noted that currently the VCS Area Networks have a membership of over 230 organisations who engage with the Council's via the Area

		<p>Committee's. Greatest pressure faced by the Sector relates to securing funding to cover core costs, as opposed to activities. A number of key messages were shared, such as, the need to develop diverse and sustainable income streams, cross-sector collaboration, encourage and support volunteering, and Sector Leaders to share and support others. In terms of the future, the presentation covered the role of the Alliance; steps taken so far; key issues and challenges; designing proposals for future arrangements including benefits, structure and strategic fit with existing or emerging strategies and plans.</p> <p>Future updates will be shared through the VCS Update Report.</p>
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24. Publish our Statement of Intent in relation to fuel energy measures that positively impact on fuel poverty

Links to *A Vibrant Smart City Resilient People*
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy *Improving Community Resilience*
Healthy City Plan *Strengthen the role and impact of prevention*

Action	Next Steps	Update
An updated Statement of Intent has been agreed by Cabinet and work is underway to establish the Sunderland Delivery Framework.	Invite a representative along to provide an update on the framework. Date TBC.	<p>In January 2022, Members received an update on how the City Council is supporting fuel poor households across the City, under the Energy Company Obligation Regulations which allowed local authorities to set their own criteria for eligibility for funding domestic energy efficiency measures. The most recently available figures for fuel poverty details that 11,533 (2018) of Sunderland's 125,184 properties are classed as being in fuel poverty. Between January to November 2021, 287 fuel poor households have received investment equal to £613,000. Not only does the investment create warmer homes, but by upgrading the heating system and installing insulation the homes are producing less carbon which is better for the environment.</p> <p>People struggling to top up prepayment meters are being supported directly by the Council and 15 VCS Groups. People struggling with fuel costs who are not on prepayment meters are being assisted by the voluntary sector via the City Council's Enhanced Winter delivered between October and March 2022.</p>

		<p>Between October and November the request for fuel support increased by 400%. It is expected to increase further during January and February 2022, when the weather usually turns colder.</p> <p>As part of the update, information was shared on the Credit Union (priority 25) and the 'More Than Food' Model (priority 26).</p>
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25. Launch an affordable credit solution for residents

Links to *A Vibrant Smart City Resilient People*
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving Community Resilience
Healthy City Plan Strengthen the role and impact of prevention

Action	Next Steps	Update
<p>Moneywise Credit Union is now working with Sunderland City Council to develop a media campaign to promote the Credit Union as a place to save but also as a place to access affordable credit targeting staff and residents as part of the wider financial resilience activity.</p> <p>This will target residents across the city but will work in areas with a range of local providers. The service will also work alongside the Illegal Money Lending Team</p>	<p>Invite a representative along from Moneywise Credit Union to provide members with an update at the November meeting on their service, and understand how Committee can encourage more community buildings to act as payment hubs.</p>	<p>In January 2022, Members received an update on the City Council partnership with Moneywise Credit Union, to bring affordable credit and secure savings to Sunderland residents and employees. Last financial year 730 residents were or became members of Moneywise Credit Union, and so far this year a further 141 new members have joined.</p> <p>The City Council are developing a city-wide approach to financial wellbeing and financial resilience project 'Being in Control'. It's a three-year programme delivered by Strategic Advice Services within Community Resilience and is based around delivering improved outcomes in relation to three key areas:</p> <p>Priority 1 - Financial Inclusion Awareness / Information (Audience: Households / Businesses)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be Informed: Managing your money (budgeting), maximising your money (Money MOT tool), Bank Accounts explained, how to keep on top of your bills (direct debits) 2. Be Prepared: Pension planning, Insurance 3. Be Safe: Being safe online, avoiding scams, illegal Money Lending <p>Priority 2 - Financial Wellbeing (Audience: Households)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Know your rights

		<p>2. Assert your rights and get help and advice 3. Make your money go further</p> <p>Priority 3 - Financial Resilience (Audience: Households) Focusing on longer term Financial Resilience which can be described as the extent to which financial assets can cover an income shock or change in circumstances. Life events such as losing a job or having working hours cut, splitting-up with a partner, falling ill, or becoming a carer are common and evidence shows that people who had experienced a life event in their household in the past two years were three times as likely to be in problem debt compared to those who had not.</p> <p>National the Money Advice & Pension Service (MAPS) have their own national strategy for Financial Wellbeing to deal with large increases in those needing support. 5 key priorities around financial education, saving skills, reducing credit, accessing advice and planning for retirement.</p> <p>As part of the update, information was shared on Fuel Poverty (priority 24) and the 'More Than Food' Model (priority 26).</p> <p>Members wanted to discuss developing a project which focused on Bed poverty, based on a model developed in Leeds called Zarach (Eat, Sleep, Learn). A school teacher realised that some of her pupils did not have beds and therefore could not concentrate or learn in the classroom because of their tiredness. Members are requested to consider this as an additional action in the Delivery Plan in 2023.</p>
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26. Ensure a 'more than food' offer is built into foodbank provision

**Links to A Vibrant Smart City *Resilient People*
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy *Improving Community Resilience*
Healthy City Plan *Strengthen the role and impact of prevention***

Action	Next Steps	Update
This has been successfully embedded during the Covid-19	Invite representatives from Welfare Rights to	In February 2022, Members received an update on the concept around 'more than food' which was developed by the Trussell Trust. Its ethos is to offer help beyond

<p>crisis with welfare checks and information being provided to anyone accessing crisis food support either via the council or partners.</p>	<p>the February meeting to provide an update on the More Than Foodbank model.</p>	<p>a food parcel by finding more out about the individual's or family circumstances to see what additional services and support can be provided to help people address the underlying issues behind their crisis, this includes debt and money advice being provided at Foodbanks, or referrals being made onto specialist Welfare Right Providers. Free financial resilience checks are offered to anyone accessing food support via the Community Food Network / Sunderland Foodbank.</p> <p>In addition, the Council have collated information from across the city and uploaded it onto www.sunderland.gov.uk/get-support. By having the information located in one place, it enables Advocates in the Customer Support Network to advise residents about what is available in their communities to ensure they access the right support tailored to their needs. Whilst allowing the public to help themselves and find out useful information to share with their friends and family.</p> <p>As part of the update, information was shared on Fuel Poverty (priority 24) and the Credit Union (priority 25) feedback was provided by the East VCS Area Network, who held a workshop in December 2021 which considered the definition, the causes and consequences of poverty. East VCS Area Network identified that most people relate poverty to money and debt and do not see the 'bigger picture' and complexities of how the environment, the beliefs your brought up on, the level of education you receive, the opportunities you are provided with and the power to make a choice all contribute and shape poverty, and the prejudices that go with it.</p> <p>The Network identified gaps in support Services and identified which Services are struggling to cope with high levels of demand. The key issues that were identified during the discussion in East Sunderland were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of appropriate funding for VCS Sector who are picking people up in crisis • Services seem disjointed or unaware of what is happening across the Public and VCS Sector. • An urgency to share resources, skills and knowledge and highlighted. • Organisations need to signpost individuals with problems they are not experts in onto the appropriate Service Area – not 'hold' onto them, 'it's not a competition, think about the person, not targets.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More innovation and avoid duplication and competition between Groups. • Groups should not be swayed by funding, stick to their core business – no ‘poaching’. <p>Members discussed the information set out in the report and Annexes, and suggested that a Financial Resilience Directory was produced, as a short term solution to provide information on resources, skills and support available in the East area, to be shared across the Network for information. In addition, it was agreed that where the Network feel it is appropriate the monthly scheduled meetings could be used to act as an informal ‘Poverty Network’ to host workshops or discussions on future emerging issues.</p>
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27. Communicate heritage assets and deliver heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion

**Links to: *A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities*
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy *Community empowerment, engagement and involvement***

Action	Next Steps	Update
Celebrate heritage assets, but also be forward thinking and consider new art projects, introducing an open tender process to attract or retain Sunderland artists.		To be discussed in year two.

28. Preserve and celebrate local heritage

**Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement**

Action	Next Steps	Update
<p>Stephenson Trail opened on the 18 September 1822. Look into the opportunity to improve the trail (info points, app, etc.) and host a celebration event in partnership with Coalfields and West Area Committees, if agreeable in 2022 at the turn of its 200th 'birthday'.</p>	<p>To consider alongside Coalfields and West Area Plans. Look into the potential of a Multi Area Task group to develop proposals to come back to a future board.</p> <p>Update February 2021 Board</p>	<p>In November 2020, Area Committee agreed the Membership of the Task Group for the Stephenson Trail, this was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doxford ward: Cllr Heather Fagan • Millfield ward: Cllr Andrew Wood • St Michael's ward: Cllr Peter Wood <p>In January 2021 the inaugural Task Group meeting was held with representatives from the Coalfields, East and West Sunderland Area Committees, Council Services, Hetton Colliery Railway 200 Trust and Sustrans. A vibrant discussion was held, with suggestions coming from all attendees which assisted in the development of an Action Plan with ideas and actions being formed under the following headings.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Information boards and signage b) Sculptures along the trail/ Iconic art at beginning and end c) Environmental improvements (cutting down vegetation etc..) d) Enhance cycle route options e) Walking maps/guides f) Educational programme g) Install rest spots h) Raise awareness of route i) Promote historic importance j) Promote health benefits/encourage use k) Hold celebration event/s in Summer 2022

In June 2021, East, West and Coalfields confirmed that they have aligned £150,000 to the Task Group.

In August 2021, 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 Area Committee awarded £50,000 to the Stephenson Trail Task Group to allocate to identified projects and actions outlined in the multi area plan.

In February 2022, the Task Group received an update on the Walking the Routes results, which has been shared with key Council Services and Partners to identify what actions they can deliver against. This will identify outstanding tasks which will need additional resources to be completed. Area funding will contribute towards the resources required.

The Cultural Spring secured the contract to deliver the Educational programme and are aiming to engage with seven primary schools, whose location is near the Trail. The Schools will work with specialists from the creative sector to produce an Education Pack which will be shared with other Primary Schools within the City. In addition, there is an array of community activities on offer during 2022, which include: way markers competition; song writing; banners and flags project; photo competition; oral history recordings; pop up gigs across the Summer months; the West Area Committee will promote the Trail at their hugely successful annual Barnes Park event, as well as, the Hetton 2000 Group promoting it at the Hetton Steam Carnival.

Discussions are being held with Highways about the feasibility of exploring options to connect the Trail to other routes (e.g. Laura's Loop / Lambton route), making it more varied and accessible. The Events Team are considering if the Trail should be used as part of the annual BIG bike or walk event in 2022 and have added the route to the Step Up app.

The Task Group are liaising and co-ordinating plans with the Elemore Greenspace Project, including the installation of an iconic art feature at the beginning of the

		<p>route, and the River Sunderland regeneration scheme and events programme and carrying out environmental works along Galley Gill and have expressed an interest in delivering joint events to promote the trail.</p> <p>Three local community organisations (one from each of the Coalfield, East and West areas) are supporting the project by carrying out environmental and physical improvements with the support of volunteers. The groups will also assist in the design of interpretation boards for each area, at relevant points along the route. The groups will work in partnership with colleagues from Local Services who are also carrying out work to improve the trail. A celebration event is being planned to take place in November at City Hall. All groups, schools and volunteers who have contributed so far will be invited. The Steering Group will meet in September at Hetton Lyons Country Park to discuss progress and agree future actions, including plans for the celebration event in November 2022, and future maintenance of the trail.</p> <p>A graffiti artist has been commissioned to redesign the Barnes subway, proposed design works include outlining a map of the Stephenson Trail along one side, highlighting key points of interest, with the opposite side possibly depicting a historical timeline of the route from the industrial age to date</p>
<p>To support the Heritage Action Zone initiative, an interpretation board has been funded to enhance the brown sign directing people to Old Sunderland.</p>	<p>Receive a future update from HAZ on the initiative. Update to be arranged.</p>	<p>During 2020/21 Sunderland's Heritage Zone (HAZ) initiative progressed key building projects at Mackie's Corner and 170-175 High Street West with funding from a Partnership Grant Scheme set up by Sunderland City Council and Historic England. The restoration works have transformed the high street, brought significant historic buildings back in to use and also helped to create a more attractive street scene. New businesses have already opened at Mackie's Corner with more new tenants joining in the spring. 170-175 will operate as a social enterprise providing a new home for Pop Recs as well as a gig venue and support for aspiring young musicians in the city.</p> <p>The Sunshine Co-operative, a food wholesaler, will also be moving into the building. Further restoration projects under the HAZ Partnership Scheme are planned for later this year, including a new shop front for the Elephant Tea</p>

		<p>Rooms. Alongside this activity, the wider HAZ programme continues to engage residents, schools and the general public through its Heritage Skills Programme and promotional activities. This includes new wayfinding which will be installed in Old Sunderland, thanks to East Area Committee funding, to encourage visitors to explore this part of the city and promote the area as a heritage destination.</p>
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Discussed in year one.

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE
20 September 2022
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

East Area Budget Report

Author(s):

Assistant Director of Community Resilience

Purpose of Report:

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan, 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 updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.

Description of Decision:

Committee are requested to: -

- i) Note the financial information detailed in Table One, Two and Three.
- ii) Consider the approval of NF funding of:
 - a) £3,795 to purchase a Streetscene camera and relocation costs for a camera to the Environmental Enforcement Team,
 - b) £70,000 to deliver the Go! Get Online Programme as Back on the Map acting as the Lead Agent on behalf of an East Partnership,
 - c) £75,000 to deliver the Walk and Talk Programme, as Area Arrangements acting as the Lead Agent on behalf of East Area Councillors,
 - d) £42,000 to deliver the WoW Features, developed by the In Bloom Task Group, to Local Services,
 - e) £5,000 to deliver the Maximising Community Assets to The Box Youth and Community Project,
 - f) £3,500 to deliver the Maximising Community Assets to the Sunderland East End ABC,
 - g) £5,000 to deliver the Maximising Community Assets to Blue Watch Youth Centre (Ryhope),
 - h) £5,000 to deliver the Maximising Community Assets to Blue Watch Youth Centre (St Michael's), and
 - i) £43,340 to deliver Support to the CA to Ryhope Community Association, as detailed **Item 4, Annex 1.**
- iii) Note the five Community approvals supported from 2022/2023, as detailed **Item 4, Annex 2.**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £433,836 (inc. £34,745 from 2021 / 2022 aligned to Sunderland MIND's Sport Hub and a return to budget of £5,557 from the Platinum Queen's Jubilee Call for Projects) from the Neighbourhood Fund, £67,814 remaining in the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and a further £50,000 in the Community Chest budget to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant

Neighbourhood Investment Delivery 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

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**
East Sunderland Area Budget Report
1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan, 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 Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of the Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund 2022 / 2023:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Action's from March 2022, Rolled over into the new financial year 2022 / 2023					
Sunderland MIND	14.03.22	-	£34,745	£0	£34,745
Platinum Queen's Jubilee	18.05.22	-	£10,000	£4,443	£5,557
Starting Balance for 2022 / 2023					£433,836
Fancy a Day Out – Part 1	27.06.22	-	-	£26,980	£406,856
Fancy a Day out - Part 2	14.07.22	-	-	£36,626	£370,230
Ranger's Wish List	02.08.22	-	-	£12,208	£358,022
Maximising Community Assets	20.09.22	£5,000	-	-	£363,022

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2022 / 2023

- 2.2 Since June's Area Committee the emergency protocol to approve funding outside the cycle of Committee meetings was operated twice. The first, related to the four organisation's who were invited to resubmit deferred applications to the Fancy a Day Out Programme. All four resubmitted, with Members approving a recommendation for a further £36,626 towards the delivery of the Fancy a Day Out Programme which delivers educational and fun sessions to children who are eligible for free school meals during the school holidays. The second, enabled the East Ranger's to purchase a variety of key equipment and tools to allow seasonal work to be delivered over the Summer to improve the visual appearance of greenspaces across the East area totalling £12,208.
- 2.3 East Sunderland Area Committee has a remaining budget of **£363,022** Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects.

2.4 There are nine applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration to approve, detailed at **Item 4, Annex 1.**

1. Environmental Enforcement Services, SCC	£3,795
2. Back on the Map	£70,000
3. Area Arrangements, SCC	£75,000
4. Local Services, SCC	£42,000
5. The Box Youth and Community Project	£5,000
6. Sunderland East End ABC	£3,500
7. Blue Watch Youth Centre	£5,000
8. Blue Watch Youth Centre	£5,000
9. Ryhope Community Association	£43,340
Total	£252,635

2.7 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£252,635**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£110,387** to allocated by March 2023.

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme

3.1 The table below shows the financial position of East Sunderland Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme for 2020 / 2023.

Project Name	Committee Date	Budget Returned	Budget Aligned	Budget Approved	Budget Remaining
Starting Balance for 2020/2023					£500,000
East LMAPS CCTV	30.11.20	-	-	£11,500	£488,500
Invest in Highways	15.03.21	-	-	£214,800	£273,700
Invest In Parks	15.03.21	-	-	£205,886	£67,814
Garden Room	27.06.22	-	-	£40,000	£27,814

Table Two: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023

3.2 East Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members will be responsible for allocating the funding through a majority decision at Area Committee.

3.3 The Capital Programme can be allocated in one year, or across more than one, depending on what proposals come forward throughout the year(s). The Area Committee have up to three years to allocate the full amount (March 2023).

3.4 There are no funding applications presented to Area Committee for consideration from the 2020 / 2023 Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme.

3.5 East Sunderland Area Committee has a remaining budget of **£27,814** Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme to allocate for capital projects by March 2023.

4. Community Chest

4.1 Each ward has been allocated a ward budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate

Community Chest is online, and can be access via [Area Committee Funding - Sunderland City Council](#). Ward Councillors will continue to lead on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it become difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.

- 4.2 The table below details the Community Chest awards starting balances, returns and approvals for 2022 / 2023, **Item 4, Annex 2** shows the approvals supported up until August 2022.

Ward	2022/2023 Allocation	Budget Returned	Budget Approved	Budget Remaining
Doxford	£10,000	£166	£762	£9,404
Hendon	£10,000	-	£0	£10,000
Millfield	£10,000	-	£500	£9,500
Ryhope	£10,000	-	£1,995	£8,005
St Michael's	£10,000	-	£3,150	£6,850
Total	£50,000	£166	£6,407	£43,759

Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2022 / 2023

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in Table One, Two and Three.

- 5.2 Consider the approval of NF funding of:

- a) Approve NF funding of:
- i) £3,795 to purchase a Streetscene camera and relocation costs for a camera to the Environmental Enforcement Team,
 - ii) £70,000 to deliver the Go! Get Online Programme as Back on the Map acting as the Lead Agent on behalf of an East Partnership,
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 - iv) £42,000 to deliver the WoW Features, developed by the In Bloom Task Group, to Local Services,
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 - viii) £5,000 to deliver the Maximising Community Assets to Blue Watch Youth Centre (St Michael's), and
 - ix) £43,340 to deliver Support to the CA to Ryhope Community Association, as detailed **Item 4, Annex 1**.

- 5.3 Note the five Community Chest approvals supported from 2022 / 2023, as detailed **Item 4, Annex 2**.

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Annex 1 NF Approval Proposals
Annex 2 Community Chest Grant Approvals 2022 / 2023

Background Papers Neighbourhood and Community Board Update Reports
Neighbourhood Funding Applications, Consultation feedback and
scoring matrix
Community Chest Funding Applications and Schedules

Application One

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Streetscene Camera
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council: Environmental Enforcement

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£3,795	Nil	£3,795
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	October 2022	March 2023

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**Project Description:**

At the East N&C Board the Environmental Enforcement Team indicated that one of the Streetscene camera needs renewing. A discussion was held. It was agreed to look at the existing funded project to see if any underspend could be used to contribute towards the cost of a camera, however, there is no underspend as the budget awarded is fully committed to funding the three posts recently appointed to tackle environmental crime in the East Area.

In addition, the Team have delivered a successful fly tipping and littering campaign deploying streetscene cameras across the East. There is a request to provide costs towards funding the relocation of cameras between now and the end of the financial year to support the Team carry on the good work.

In the meantime, the Team will submit a request into the Council's Financial Plan for next year, to ensure operational budget costs are covered by corporate budgets.

Area Outputs

A Vibrant City Output	Target
Number of safety measures installed/delivered to improve neighbourhoods	1

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
1 x streetscene camera	£2,795	£0	£2,795
Relocation costs of 5 cameras every 6-8 weeks	£1,000	£0	£1,000
Total	£3,795	£0	£3,795

Recommendation: Approve

Complements the Area Priority 6: Ensure all available enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood.

Applications for East Sunderland Neighbourhood Fund

Application Two

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	EDIT: Go! Get Online 2022/2023
Lead Organisation	Back on the Map

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£76,000	£6,000	£70,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	October 2022	September 2023

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

The Get Online (GO) digital inclusion project will address digital isolation by building digital skills, capacity and confidence of people across the East area. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment identified that there were five main at risk groups, who prone to digital exclusion, these are: .

- Low income families
- People with physical and learning disabilities
- Unemployed
- People over 65
- BME communities

The East Delivery partnership has successfully delivered a robust programme of support across the East area for a number of years, providing service to all those who reside in the East of the city. The service is well established and known to local residents. The main partners and locations for service delivery are below:

- Hendon: Back on the Map
- Doxford: The Box Youth and Community Centre
- Millfield: St Marks Community Association/Pallion Action Group
- Ryhope: Blue Watch Youth Centre
- St Michaels: St Michaels Community Association

In addition to the main 'East Delivery Partnership' partners we have engaged with other VCS organisations to widen the reach of the programme and further engage local people most at risk of digital poverty:

- Sunderland International Bangladeshi Centre – to provide targeted support to BAME residents
- Pallion Action Group – to provide support to residents in Millfield from outreach locations including Deptford and Millfield Community Association
- Sunderland Women's Centre – to provide one session per week to support vulnerable women currently accessing their services.

Through a combination of hub based and outreach session we seek to remove the barriers to digital poverty by:

- Creating access points for those without, or with minimal, internet access
- Providing access to quality up to date equipment which is connected

Factors such as low literacy and income levels, geographical restrictions, lack of motivation to use technology, lack of physical access to technology, and digital illiteracy contribute to the digital divide. Through 1-2-1 support from dedicated staff and trained IT Buddy volunteers we provide support for a number of digital services and use this engagement to identify other issues such as financial, skills and food poverty and signpost to other services where appropriate and relevant.

The project will continue the good practice delivered and established by locally rooted organisations, employing multi skilled staff who will proactively identify and engage local people and provide access to IT equipment and the internet. Bangladesh Sunderland International Centre who have an existing IT Hub in their building will actively target BME communities across the East area, bridging the digital divide.

To strengthen the existing model, it is proposed that in Millfield ward the work is split between three partners in order to have a wider reach into the community. St Marks Community Centre, who will deliver one day a week from their base. We proposed to bring in Pallion Action Group this year to deliver two outreach sessions from Deptford and Millfield CA and another location to be identified. The Womens Centre will deliver a 2 hour drop from their base.

The programme timetable will be finalised with partners and provided to elected members should the application be successful. However, the broad outline of service available to residents will be:

- Doxford ward: The Box Youth and Community Project – 1-2-1 support available daily from staff at their Centre and two outreach locations
- Hendon ward: Back on the Map – daily drop in (9.30am-5pm) staff and volunteer support available
- Millfield – St Marks Community Association – twice weekly staffed sessions from their based via drop in; Pallion Action Group – twice weekly staffed sessions from Deptford and Millfield CA; Sunderland Women’s Centre – weekly 2 hour staffed drop-in from their Centre
- Ryhope: Blue Watch Youth Centre – daily 1-2-1 staff support available by appointment and drop-ins
- St Michael’s – Blue Watch Youth Centre - daily 1-2-1 staff support available by appointment and drop-ins at St Michael’s Community Centre

Outputs

Data Field	Target
A Dynamic Smart City Output	
Number of digital hubs created / supported	8
Number of people accessing digital support	300
A Vibrant Smart City Output	
Number of volunteers recruited and participating	10
Number of volunteers hours delivered	1500

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Project Management Costs 10% of programme costs	£7,000		£7,000
Staff Salary - Hendon £14.50 x 50 x 16hrs	£11,600		£11,600
Staff Salary - Doxford £14.50 x 50 x 16hrs	£11,600		£11,600
Staff Salary - Ryhope £14.50 x 50 x 16hrs	£11,600		£11,600
Staff Salary - St Michael's £14.50 x 50 x 16hrs	£11,600		£11,600
Staff Salary - Millfield			
St Marks - 7 hours x 50 weeks	£5,000		£5,000
PAG - 7 hours x 50 weeks	£5,000		£5,000
SWC - 2 hrs x 50 weeks	£1,600		£1,600
BAME Support Staff Costs £15 x 300 hours	£4,500		£4,500
Comms and Marketing	£6,500	£6,000	£500
Total	£76,000	£6,000	£70,000

Recommendation: Approve

Subject to:

Confirmation being provided that all Partners work with a wider range of delivery partners. For instance, if the target audience is low-income families; people with physical and learning disabilities; unemployed,

you'd expect to see reference to how the voluntary sector would work alongside Together for Children; Sunderland Care and Support and DWP.

Complements the Area Priority 11: Increase and support people with digital learning resources.

Applications for East Sunderland Neighbourhood Fund

Application Three

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Walk and Talk
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council: Area Arrangements

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£75,000	£0	£75,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	October 2022	September 2023

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

To provide ward Members with an allocation of funding to find solutions to environmental issues and community-based issues at a ward level. The funding will be split equally across each ward at a value of £15,000, total amount requested £75,000.

- Elected members (per ward) will identify issues and projects to address local concerns. Examples of this could be gaps in social prescribing/improving a community asset/environmental improvement.
- Proposals will be submitted by Cllrs throughout the lifetime of the programme.
- If the project is eligible, on a monthly basis, submitted proposals will be shared with the three elected members for that ward, similar to the community chest schedule, with a majority decision deciding the outcome.
- Area Arrangements will monitor expenditure.
- All programmes and activities will be reported to future Neighbourhood & Community Boards, for information.

Each ward is expected to deliver at least three schemes; encourage partner involvement. The Project is based on lessons learned from previously funded Walk and Talk Schemes.

Outputs

TBC – as and when Projects are identified. However, projects must contribute towards the Area Delivery Plan's standardised outputs list which focuses on a Dynamic, Healthy and Vibrant City.

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Walk and Talk Budget (5 x £15,000 per ward)	£75,000	£0	£75,000
Total	£75,000	£0	£75,000

Recommendation: Approve

Complements the Area Priority 5: Love Where You Live

Applications for East Sunderland Neighbourhood Fund

Application Four

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	WoW Features
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council: Local Services

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£42,000	£0	£42,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	October 2022	September 2023

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

To install a series of WoW features, to improve the landscape and visual beauty of the East Area.

The In Bloom Task Group have consulted with East Cllrs and agreed a list of identified locations to install a WoW feature. Each ward and the city centre will have a proposed budget of £7,000 each. This budget will include up to one large scale feature at £5,000, and a small-scale feature at £2,000. The budget will include costs towards grounds maintenance salaries and materials for one year to maintain the site. The proposed sites confirmed too date are:

Large Scale Sites

1. City Centre: Roundabout at the end of A690, near Boughton Street Car Park – design and works TBC
2. Doxford: Tunstall Village Green: install trees and bulbs (bench and plants on order)
3. Hendon: TBC
4. Millfield: no large-scale scheme proposed, instead proposed to use the budget to support the development of smaller schemes.
5. Ryhope: Ryhope Road from Grangetown to cemetery and onto Toll Bar junction: install a series of planters with herbaceous and sustainable planting.
6. St Michael's: Ryhope Road from Grangetown to Backhouse Park. Install bulbs and wildflowers in central reservation or planters.

Smaller Scale Sites

1. City Centre: TBC
2. Doxford: Roundabout at Mill Hill / Hall Farm – installation of bulbs
3. Hendon: TBC
4. Millfield: Lime Street Pocket Park: improvements to the raised beds: mini shrubs, lavender and heathers.
5. Millfield: Booth Street along Hylton Road: install planters with herbaceous and sustainable planting
6. Millfield: Hume Street along Hylton Road: install planters with herbaceous and sustainable planting.
7. Ryhope: no smaller schemes proposed, instead proposed to use the budget to support the development of the larger scheme.
8. St Michaels: Roundabout at Stannington Grove / Hellvelyn: install two planters will Hill View written on, similar to Thornhill Park.

Outputs

Data Field	Target
A Healthy Smart City Output	
Number of greenspace sites improved by area (m2)	135
Number of street furniture / equipment funded (planters)	10

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Doxford	£7,000		£7,000

Large Scale £5,000 / Small Scale £2,000			
Hendon Large Scale £5,000 / Small Scale £2,000	£7,000		£7,000
Millfield Small Scale £7,000	£7,000		£7,000
Ryhope Large Scale £7,000	£7,000		£7,000
St Michael's Large Scale £5,000 / Small Scale £2,000	£7,000		£7,000
City Centre Large Scale £5,000 / Small Scale £2,000	£7,000		£7,000
Total	£42,000		£42,000

Recommendation: Approve

Complements the Area Priority 7: Take part in In Bloom activities and support residents and volunteers to grow their own to bring plants and flowers into communities.

Applications for East Sunderland Neighbourhood Fund

Application Five

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Maximising Community Assets: Doxford
Lead Organisation	The Box Youth and Community Project

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£5,000	£0	£5,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	October 2022	September 2023

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

We will deliver a youth work session on a Friday evening 6.30-8.30pm. The aim of the session is to provide older young people with a positive alternative to congregating in Blakeney Woods, the park and subways on Friday evenings where they are more likely to be consuming alcohol/other substances and increasing the risk of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour.

The session will be an open access session with free choice activities to ensure there is something for everyone to do. Young people will have access to wifi, games consoles, pool, table football. In addition we will incorporate different activities such as cookery and art workshops, sports activities utilising the outdoor MUGA, movie nights etc.

The activities offered will reflect what young people tell us they are interested in, with the aim of maximising participation and attracting new young people that wouldn't ordinarily access mainstream youth work activities on Friday evenings.

The sessions will be staffed by a Senior Youth Worker, a qualified youth worker and a minimum of two youth work volunteers. Experienced staff will be able to provide support, advice and guidance across a range of issues and will actively encourage young people to develop new interests and get involved in other activities across the area. During the session youth workers will promote C-Card and offer chlamydia screening to young people who request such services. In addition to the Friday night youth club, we will offer one Saturday night activity each month.

The out of centre activities will provide young people with opportunities to access leisure facilities/activities in other parts of the City/region, try out activities that they may not have had the opportunity to experience i.e. ice skating, climbing, kayaking etc. The activities would be planned in conjunction with young people and would reflect their interests. If the cost of an activity exceeded £7, the young people would be asked to make a contribution towards the cost, take part in a fundraising activity or complete a Key project to meet the costs.

We will publicise the Maximising Community Assets Programme through outreach work and via our contacts within Farringdon Community Academy (year 10's and 11's who we know regularly congregate in the woods) Opportunities will also be regularly publicised on our Facebook page.

Data Field / Output	CODE	Target
Number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	80
Number of volunteers recruited and participating	304	2
Number of volunteer hours delivered	305	220

Itemised list of all costs	Cost	Neighbourhood Fund Contribution
Salaries (Fridays)	2hrs x £30 x 44 weeks	2640.00
Salaries (Saturdays)	3 hours x £30 x 10 outings	900.00
Transport	10 outings x £40	400.00
Out-of-Centre activity costs	10 trips x 12 young people x £7 (activity subsidy)	840.00

Equipment/resources	Console games, art materials, cookery ingredients	220.00
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Recommendation: Approve

Complements the Area Priority 20: Support Youth Clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe.

Applications for East Sunderland Neighbourhood Fund

Application Six

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Maximising Community Assets: Hendon
Lead Organisation	Sunderland East End ABC

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£3,500	£0	£3,500
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	October 2022	September 2023

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

To continue and support the Area Committee maximise the use of community buildings within the East area to reduce youth disorder the Club are proposing to open up the building on a Friday evening between 6-8pm.

- 6-7pm: target 13-15 year olds
- 7-8pm: target 15+

The Club is located in Middle Hendon, the majority of young people attending will be from the Hendon ward, but sessions are open to any young person living in the East area. Attend levels will average between 25-30 young people at each sessions. There will be a minimum of three qualified coaches on site, plus additional volunteers (up to 3), to ensure the ratio of coaches/volunteers supporting the young people is adequate.

Young people will be able to take part in fitness exercises, such as, circuit training to increase stamina and confidence levels as was as training techniques in the art of boxing. Local young men who have transformed their lives by taking up boxing as a hobby will be on site to offer peer support and talk to young people about discipline, self-respect and respect for others.

Boxing strengthens mind, body and soul, and can help young people to face the challenges in their lives. We'd also provide the opportunity to talk about struggles and hopes to trusted coaches, which can only improve the mental health of our future generation – our young people.

Girls will be encouraged to attend the sessions, just as much as boys. Since Nicola Adams there is an increased in females wanting to get involved, and our Club would welcome the opportunity to work alongside them.

Data Field / Output	CODE	Target
Number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	70
Number of volunteers recruited and participating	304	6
Number of volunteer hours delivered	305	648

Itemised list of all costs	Cost	Neighbourhood Fund Contribution
Running costs	2 hr x room hire; wear and tear of kit contribution towards subs @ £72.91 per night x 48 weeks	£3,500

Recommendation: Approve

Subject to:

- Since the last award the Club has change status from a constituted sports club to a CIC, with only two Directors. The City Council's eligibility for CICs outlines that three unrelated Directors are required to secure funding.

- The Club have confirmed that they are in the process of adding a third Director. Approval is subject to confirmation of this action being confirmed by Company House.

Complements the Area Priority 20: Support Youth Clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe.

Applications for East Sunderland Neighbourhood Fund

Application Seven

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Maximising Community Assets: Ryhope
Lead Organisation	Blue Watch Youth Centre

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£5,000	£0	£5,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	November 2022	October 2023

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

Following on from the successful of Maximising Community Assets (MCA), we propose to deliver the same programme on weekends which will consist of centre based, leisure, sports, arts and cultural activities, outreach and detached. The sessions will primarily attract young people from Ryhope, however, they will be open to any young person living in East Sunderland.

MCA will increase usage of community assets including local workers, volunteers, and buildings by providing educational and diversionary activities to young people who are at risk of social exclusion, building their resilience against negative behaviour choices.

MCA will have a flexible approach with a combination of methods to engage, and then support young people into lifestyle changes. Opportunities for young people to engage with workers will occur during centre based, outreach and detached provision. Activities and visits will take place to a range of locations including cinema and bowling venues, Raich Carter Centre and other sporting and leisure facilities.

Activities delivered by MCA will help young people break links with negative peer hierarchies. It will enable them to learn for themselves that they can follow and put into practice new social norms in terms of their attitudes and behaviour.

MCA will develop young people's leadership skills and will provide opportunities to define and develop services that most effectively meet their needs and those of their peers. It will be a universal service, with an additional targeted approach.

MCA will target young people whose needs are not met effectively, efficiently, equitably and in a sustainable way. Peer leaders, supported by outreach and detached youth workers will publicise the new service through engaging young people in locations where they meet including schools and outreach areas i.e. recreation parks as well as via social media.

We will continue to take referrals of young people from partners and other professionals to access our Good Vibes Counselling service. We will also support young people to access other funded services such as Fancy A Day Out and Holiday Activity Food programme. We know through experience that some young people become bored during school holidays and by providing them places to go and positive things to do is an excellent way of diverting them from negative behaviour choices.

We will continue to provide resourced volunteering and social action opportunities. We know that volunteering gives young people the opportunity to work through challenges and make meaningful change while facilitating various forms of respect. Through engaging children at the earliest opportunity, we provide them the greatest opportunity to gain experience, and to develop a more refined sense of self-awareness and an awareness of others. We are experiencing positive returns from previous investment. In support of our 2022 Summer Holiday programme, we have employed 5 young people aged 16 to 18, and 5 volunteers aged 14 to 16. All these young people first attended Blue Watch when they were much younger, with many accessing our services for many years including Community Connectors and Peer Mentoring Programmes.

Data Field / Output	CODE	Target
Number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	80
Number of volunteers recruited and participating	304	8
Number of volunteer hours delivered	305	312

Itemised list of all costs	Cost	Neighbourhood Fund Contribution
Staff Costs (239 hrs @ £15 per hour)	£3,585	£3,585
Resources & activity costs	£500	£414
Food & refreshments	£300	
Counselling support	£2000	
Transport Costs	£200	
Building Costs	£1000	£1000
Total	£7585	£4999

Recommendation: Approve

Subject to additional information being received on:

- Providing a list of partners
- The budget needs to be broken down further so you can see clearly how the total figure were reached.

Complements the Area Priority 20: Support Youth Clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe.

Applications for East Sunderland Neighbourhood Fund

Application Eight

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Maximising Community Assets: St Michael's
Lead Organisation	Blue Watch Youth Centre

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£5,000	£0	£5,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	November 2022	October 2023

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

Following on from the successful of Maximising Community Assets (MCA), we propose to deliver the same programme on weekends which will consist of centre based, leisure, sports, arts and cultural activities, outreach and detached. The sessions will primarily attract young people from St Michael's, however, they will be open to any young person living in East Sunderland.

MCA will increase usage of community assets including local workers, volunteers, and buildings by providing educational and diversionary activities to young people who are at risk of social exclusion, building their resilience against negative behaviour choices.

MCA will have a flexible approach with a combination of methods to engage, and then support young people into lifestyle changes. Opportunities for young people to engage with workers will occur during centre based, outreach and detached provision. Activities and visits will take place to a range of locations including cinema and bowling venues, Raich Carter Centre and other sporting and leisure facilities.

Activities delivered by MCA will help young people break links with negative peer hierarchies. It will enable them to learn for themselves that they can follow and put into practice new social norms in terms of their attitudes and behaviour.

MCA will develop young people's leadership skills, providing opportunities to define and develop services that most effectively meet their needs and those of their peers. It will be a universal service, with an additional targeted approach.

MCA will target young people whose needs are not met effectively, efficiently, equitably and in a sustainable way. Peer leaders, supported by outreach and detached youth workers, will publicise the new service through engaging young people in locations where they meet including schools and outreach areas i.e. recreation parks as well as via social media.

We will continue to take referrals of young people from partners and other professionals to access our Good Vibes Counselling service. We will also support young people to access other funded services such as Fancy A Day Out and Holiday Activity Food programme. We know through experience that some young people become bored during school holidays and by providing them places to go and positive things to do is an excellent way of diverting them from negative behaviour choices.

We will continue to provide resourced volunteering and social action opportunities. We know that volunteering gives young people the opportunity to work through challenges and make meaningful change while facilitating various forms of respect. Through engaging children at the earliest opportunity, we provide them the greatest opportunity to gain experience, and to develop a more refined sense of self-awareness and an awareness of others. We are experiencing positive returns from previous investment. In support of our 2022 Summer Holiday programme, we have employed 5 young people aged 16 to 18, and 5 volunteers aged 14 to 16. All these young people first attended Blue Watch when they were much younger, with many accessing our services for many years including Community Connectors and Peer Mentoring Programmes.

Data Field / Output	CODE	Target
Number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	80
Number of volunteers recruited and participating	304	8
Number of volunteer hours delivered	305	312

Itemised list of all costs	Cost	Neighbourhood Fund Contribution
Staff Costs (239 hrs @ £15 per hour)	£3,585	£3,585
Resources & activity costs	£1000	£914
Food & refreshments	£300	
Counselling support	£2000	
Transport Costs	£200	
Building Costs	£500	£500
Total	£7585	£4999

Recommendation: Approve

Subject to additional information being received on:

- Providing a list of partners
- The budget needs to be broken down further so you can see clearly how the total figure were reached.

Complements the Area Priority 20: Support Youth Clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe.

Applications for East Sunderland Neighbourhood Fund

Application Nine

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Support for the CA
Lead Organisation	Ryhope Community Association

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£50,360	£7,020	£43,340
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	October 2022	September 2023

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

In the East Area Delivery Plan, under area priority 17 'support the voluntary sector' an agreed action was to look into the possibility of supporting the Centre save energy and money on heating bills by improving their current heating system. The City Council's Energy Efficiency Team carried out site visit in November 2021, and supplied a copy of the results in July 2022 and concluded that whilst the heating system does need to be replaced, in order to have the greatest impact, other capital works must be delivered alongside the improvements to the heating system to ensure the building is running efficiently, this includes: installing LED lighting; loft and cavity wall insulation, upgrading the double glazed windows, commissioning the heating controls. The costs of these additional works, running in parallel to the heating system is in the circa of £100k which exceeds the budget provisionally suggested in Area Committee.

At the East N&C Board in July 22, information was received about concerns of the Centre's future. It was agreed to carry out a site visit to gather further information. A meeting was held with the Chair, Vice Chair, ACDL and the Community Development Work at the CA.

Based on the discussion it was agreed to change the request from capital to revenue, to provide the Centre with financial support in the short term to deliver a programme which focuses on supporting low-income families and their children, as well as, older people who are socially isolated by delivering the following programme:

- 2 x Toddler and Family Sessions per week
- 2 x Baby and Family Sessions per week
- 1 x reminiscence session three times per month
- 1 x Afternoon Tea session once a month
- 1 x lunch club session per week

The target audience for the Family sessions will be households on low incomes. It is expected that:

- Up to 20 children (0-5 years old) and 20 parents/carers will attend each session. The overall output figure will increase as families dip in and out of sessions over the period of 12 months. Therefore the target is 40 individual children and 40 individual parents and carers will engage in the programme.

The Family element will be delivered to a similar standard as the Fancy a Day Programme, in terms of:

- children who would be eligible for free school meals / live in economically deprived households will be invited to attend activities that are fun and educational and enables them access to healthy snacks/refreshments.
- Food preparation will take into account allergies, dietary, religious and cultural requirements.
- Sessions will be responsive to change and reach the target audience (lessons learned from the pandemic – doorstep engagement, if required);
- sessions need to be age appropriate
- positive parenting techniques on developing the child's movement, talking, playing and co-ordination skills will be delivered across the whole programme.

Family sessions will be delivered by the Community Support Worker in the main hall downstairs, one hour is required to set up the room and then derig afterwards (30 minutes either side) two hours of actual face to face activity will be delivered. Sessions includes messy play, arts and crafts, sensory items, music, dance and interaction. The aim is to recruit volunteers to lend a hand and support deliver of the sessions as well.

Sessions will be advertised via social media, word of mouth, via the local primary schools/GP surgeries and through the Early Help Team in TfC.

The target audience for the Reminiscence, Afternoon Teas and Lunch Club will be older people. It is expected that:

- Up to 15 individual older people will attend the Reminiscence session, 35 individual older people will attend the Afternoon Teas and 20 at the Lunch Club. The overall output figure could be more by the end of the year, but to remain realistic it has been set at 70.

The Older People element will be delivered to a similar standard as the previously funded Community Connectors model, in terms of:

- delivering activities to engage older people who a socially isolated and who are vulnerable to loneliness;
- sessions will encourage older people to be healthy in body and mind to reduce risks for hospital (re-) admissions and falls.

Older people sessions will be delivered by the Community Support Worker in the main hall upstairs, one hour is required to set up the room and then derig afterwards (30 minutes either side) two hours of actual face to face activity will be delivered. Sessions includes guest speakers, entertainment, arts and crafts, music, dance and interactions, two course meal. The aim is to recruit volunteers to lend a hand and support deliver of the sessions as well.

Sessions will be advertised via social media, word of mouth, via the network of voluntary groups in Ryhope, GP surgeries, Sunderland Care and Support, the Council's Adult Services and Social Prescribing Team.

In addition to delivering 'face to face' activities. There is a need to future proof the Centre by generating income to carry out capital works on the building, whilst continuing to deliver needed support to the community. It is proposed to seek support from Sunderland City Council and the Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance to work with the Management Committee for focus on three future actions, these were:

Short term (0-3 months)

- Property Services to identify leasing arrangements from the Community Association and Cricket Club to identify roles and remits of all parties relating to repairs/refurbishments, insurance, maintenance and risks assessments.
- Alliance to work with CA on a Funding Strategy which looks at revenue (salaries/building operational costs) and capital costs (heating, windows, etc) – Social Action register, Breeze, Npower, Crowdfund, etc.
- Alliance to ask other established charities in the Area if they have any experienced volunteers that can help the Centre out in the following months with delivering the programme, and consider alternatives i.e. academic placements for students who need to complete placement hours to secure a qualification i.e. Nursery nurse students would be idea to assist at the toddler sessions (four times a week)

Medium term (3-6 months)

- Develop a Volunteer's strategy (advertise, recruit, train up)
- Implement funding strategy (write and submit a mixture of revenue and capital bids)

Long term (6+ months)

- Outcome of funding bids known
- Review position

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
Seeking clarity on Leasing Arrangements	August – September 2022
Secure funding – decision pending	September 2022
Launch new programme / marketing campaign to recruit members	October 2022
Set up and establish monitoring arrangement to track expenditure, footfall and quality of family and older people sessions	October 2022
Attract new volunteers to assist in the delivery of the Programme	October – December 2022
Develop a Funding Strategy and Volunteers Strategy	October – December 2022
With support from the Alliance write and submit a series of funding applications	Winter/Spring 2023
Outcome of funding applications known / review position	Summer 2023
Evaluate Programme	Autumn 2023

Data Field	Code	Output Target
A Healthy Smart City Output	CODE	
number of adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently) (<i>parents and carers</i>)	201	40
number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	40
number of people benefiting and enjoying independent lives (<i>older people</i>)	204	70
A Vibrant Smart City Output	CODE	
number of people more resilient and able to help themselves in a crisis	301	20
number of volunteers recruited and participating	304	3
number of volunteer hours delivered	305	208

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Baby and Toddler Sessions			
Room Hire 3hrs per session x @ £15 p.h. x 4 sessions/week x 48 weeks	£8,640	£1,000	£7,640
Salaries 3 hrs per session x @ £20 p.h. x 4 sessions/week x 48 weeks	£11,520	£1,000	£10,520
Refreshments £30 per session x 2 sessions/week x 48 weeks for Toddler Group, plus £5 per session x 1 sessions/week x 48 weeks for Baby Group	£2,880 £280	£1,000 £280	£1,880 £0
Materials £20 per session x 4 sessions/week x 48 weeks (includes messy play, arts and crafts, new equipment, sensory items)	£3,840	£500	£3,340
Reminiscence Sessions			
Room Hire 3hrs per session x @ £15 p.h. x 36 weeks (3 per month)	£1,620	£220	£1,400
Salaries	£2,160	£500	£1,660

3 hrs per session x @ £20 p.h. x 36 weeks (3 per month)			
Refreshments £30 per session x 36 weeks (3 per month)	£1,080	£80	£1,000
Materials £10 per session x 36 weeks (includes craft materials, papers, event materials)	£360	£60	£300
Afternoon Tea			
Room Hire 3hrs per session x @ £15 p.h. x 12 weeks (1 per month)	£540	£200	£340
Salaries 3 hrs per session x @ £20 p.h. x 12 weeks (1 per month)	£720	£200	£520
Refreshments £30 per session x 12 weeks (1 per month)	£360	£60	£300
Materials £10 per session x 12 weeks (includes craft materials, papers, event materials)	£120	£20	£100
Luncheon Club			
Room Hire 3hrs per session x @ £15 p.h. x 1 a week x 48 weeks	£2,160	£500	£1,660
Salaries 3 hrs per session x @ £20 p.h. x 1 a week x 48 weeks	£2,880	£500	£2,380
Refreshments £100 per session x 1 a week x 48 weeks	£4,800	£500	£4,300
Future Proofing			
Community Development Worker (Strategic Support: Funding bids, recruiting volunteers) 320 hours @ £20 p.h.	£6,400	£400	£6,000
Total	£50,360	£7,020	£43,340

Recommendation: Approve

Subject to:

- The Centre provides further information on the number of existing volunteers and what their role is to support the Centre. (NB: Outputs per session appear to be high. Need to check staff/volunteer ratios against number of beneficiaries.)
- A meeting is held, as a matter of urgency, between the Centre and the City Council to discuss who is responsible for what, in relation to the Centre and the Cricket Club.
- Are the Centre able to employ sessional staff to assist in the running of the activities, to allow the Worker the capacity to focus on the future on the Centre, or, as an alternative, the Worker continues to co-ordinate the programme of activity and volunteers but additional strategic support is brought in to review income and expenditure, develop a funding strategy and submit bids.
- Confirmation is received from the Centre that the new programme can be launched in October, or is a phased approach more feasible to deliver.

Complements the Area Priority 17: 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.

Item 4, Annex 2

East Sunderland Area Committee

20 September 2022

Community Chest Awards April to September 2022

Doxford Ward Budget		£10,000	
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Venerable Bede Academy	21.12.20	£166	-
Doxford Athletics FC	08.08.2022	-	£762
Remaining balance			£9,404
Hendon Ward Budget		£10,000	
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
No applications approved between April to September			
Remaining balance			£10,000
Millfield Ward Budget		£10,000	
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
50 th Sunderland Brownies	10.08.2022	-	£500
Remaining balance			£9,500
Ryhope Ward Budget		£10,000	
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Ryhope Cricket Club	25.05.2022	-	£995
Ryhope Junior School	13.07.2022	-	£1,000
Remaining balance			£8,005
St Michaels Ward Budget		£10,000	
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Police Cadets	17.05.2022	-	£650
The Little Company of Calm	29.06.2022	-	£500
Hill View Junior Academy	09.08.2022	-	£1,000
Hill View Infant Academy	09.08.2022	-	£1,000
Remaining balance			£6,850

Current Planning Applications(East)

Between 01/08/2022 and 31/08/2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/01738/TPC	3 Grange Crescent Sunderland	T1 (Common Hawthorn) - Crown reduction by 30% T2 (Silver Birch) - Fell tree T3 (Rowan) - Crown thin by 20% T4 (Blackthorn) - Remove 1 x lower limb, minor crown reduction to balance crown shape T5 (Lawson Cypress) - Fell tree T6 (Silver Birch) - Crown reduction by 2m	01/08/2022	12/09/2022
22/01746/FUL	Land To Side Of 25 Beechbrooke Sunderland SR2 0NZ	Change of use from open space to private garden with 1.8 metre boundary fence	01/08/2022	26/09/2022
22/01470/REM	Land North Of Burdon Lane Sunderland	Reserved Matters approval (layout, scale, appearance and landscaping) for the development of 4no. dwellings within Phase 2.	02/08/2022	27/09/2022
22/01749/FUL	The Alexandra Queen Alexandra Road Sunderland SR2 9PF	Change of use from open land to enclosed smoking area	02/08/2022	27/09/2022
22/01619/SUB	15 Waterloo Place Sunderland SR1 3HT	Change of use of first and second floors to a 6 bedroomed HMO for up to 12 people.	02/08/2022	27/09/2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/01753/FUL	22 Ludlow RoadSunderlandSR2 9HH	Erection of a two storey extension to side with single storey extension to rear	02/08/2022	27/09/2022
21/02805/FUL	35 Frederick StreetCity CentreSunderland	Conversion from offices to residential apartments including repair of front and rear dormers and replacement of velux windows to front and rear. Works will also include the provision of a bicycle shelter and timber bin storage area to the rear. (amended plans received 06.05.22)(amended applicant details received 04.08.22)	04/08/2022	29/09/2022
22/01570/LBC	35 Frederick StreetCity CentreSunderlandSR1 1LN	Repair of front and rear dormers and replacement of velux windows to front and rear. Works will also include the provision of a bicycle shelter and timber bin storage area to the rear.(amended applicant details received 04.08.22)	04/08/2022	29/09/2022
22/01709/FUL	1 Ashmore TerraceSunderlandSR2 7DE	Change of use of part ground floor from office to residential reception rooms.	05/08/2022	30/09/2022
22/01760/LBC	15 Thornhill TerraceSunderlandSR2 7JL	Removal of existing window and replace with a new double glazed sash unit.	11/08/2022	06/10/2022
22/01824/TPC	23 Azalea Terrace NorthSunderlandSR2 7ES	T1 (Common Ash) - FellT2 (Common Ash) - FellT3 (Sycamore) - Fell	11/08/2022	22/09/2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/01489/FUL	15 Mariner Square Sunderland SR1 2DX	Erection of a single storey side extension	11/08/2022	06/10/2022
22/01869/LBC	Rose Line Building Wylam Wharf Low Street Sunderland	Installation of an electric surface mounted vehicle charger in the car park next to Wylam Wharf.	17/08/2022	12/10/2022
22/01873/FUL	1 Linden Gardens Sunderland SR2 9BW	Erection of two storey side and rear extension, single storey rear extensions and new boundary wall.	18/08/2022	13/10/2022
22/01891/ADV	Corner Of 3 Western Hill Thornhill Sunderland SR2 7PH	Installation of digital advertisement hoarding to display static advertisements on rotation.	19/08/2022	14/10/2022
22/01613/FUL	Land South Of Ryhope Southern Radial Route Sunderland	Installation of substation	22/08/2022	17/10/2022
22/01861/TPC	The Terrace 6 - 7 Green Terrace Sunderland SR1 3PZ	T1 Maple- prune and crown lift 25%.	23/08/2022	04/10/2022
22/01904/VAR	Former Louis Cafe Park Lane City Centre Sunderland SR1 3NX	Variation of Condition 3 (Materials) to approved application 22/00192/FUL for change of materials to external elevations of building.	23/08/2022	22/11/2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/01778/FUL	19 Bainbridge Holme Road SunderlandSR3 1YP	Replace tiles on the upper front elevation with grey external weatherproof cladding.	24/08/2022	19/10/2022
22/01914/TEX	Land Opposite 100 - 106 Hylton Road Sunderland	Proposed 15m high Phase 8 Monopole C/W wraparound Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works.	24/08/2022	13/10/2022
22/01329/FUL	36-39 Stockton Road And1 Mary Street SunderlandSR1 3NH	Change of use from ground floor retail units and first floor offices to 6 no. luxury apartments to upper floors, with reception at ground floor and 3no. retail units retained at ground floor. Erection of a two storey rear extension; alterations to roof to create second storey with flat roof including new brick gable feature, glazed link between existing and proposed gable features, and installation of roof lights; and alterations to retail fronts	24/08/2022	19/10/2022
22/01928/FUL	Rose Line Building Wylam Wharf Low StreetSunderland	Installation of an electric surface mounted vehicle charger in the car park next to Wylam Wharf.	25/08/2022	20/10/2022
22/01755/ADV	Robsons Newsagents76 Ryhope Street South SunderlandSR2 0AB	Gable end spray painted art mural (Retrospective).	31/08/2022	26/10/2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/01913/FU4	Land At Keel SquareSunderland	Temporary Scaffold Structure with LED Screen	31/08/2022	26/10/2022