

16 June 2021

## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WEST SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

### West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

#### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:-

- a. Provides an annual performance update of the West Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan, which will be the focus for the West Area Committee during 2021 onwards.

#### 2. Background

2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the West 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. 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 2021.

3.6 Other local groups / boards where West Sunderland Area Committee has Elected Member representation are outlined below: -

Group	Elected Member Representatives
West Sunderland Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (L.M.A.P.S)	Cllr Phil Tye

West VCS Area Network	Cllr Peter Gibson – Co-chair
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#### 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 West 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 West Neighbourhood and Communities 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](http://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 up to June 2021.

Priority/Issue	Update
Receive an update on bin installations and new locations identified with members including smart bin technology in key locations	At the March Area Committee funding was approved to replace 48 110ltr bins, 4 dog bins, 19 post mounted and 6 benches. Installation expected Summer 2021
Develop a plan for Green gyms – consider locations and equipment across the West	The Area Committee approved the funding for the Outdoor gym equipment. Due to the market conditions the project has seen some delays. Installation expected mid-summer 2021.
To understand more about the Enforcement measures and opportunities to enhance in the West to encourage more to ‘Love where you live’	Neighbourhood and Community Board received an update on the Enforcement measures and progress made across the West. The board asked for a task and finish group to meet to discuss options. Options were discussed and another meeting will be held following the feedback on cameras.
Ensure the West VCS continue to be supported to provide services and activities to local residents	Activities and services have continued to be delivered throughout 2020-2021 using Community Chest and Walk and Talk. Support has continued to be offered to ensure maximum external funding attracted.
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity at a grassroots level.	The VCS has continued to be supported by the Area Committee, the Community Hubs receive on-going support and the VCS network continues to be supported to ensure they have access to all internal and external funding opportunities. Members received weekly performance reports throughout lockdown.  The VCS Support Task and Finish group has met and discussions are taking place with property services, with the aim of having an update for later in 2021 on capital improvements.
Festive lights and celebrations	The Neighbourhood and Community Board are recommending to Area Committee to approve £50,000 Neighbourhood Capital

	Investment in addition to the 10k already approved. Members will then finalise ward festive lights and celebrations.
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme	A report on what proposed highways to include in the 2021 / 2022 Programme was considered by the Area Committee in March 2021 and agreed.
West Area Committee approved 120k to improvements to play areas in the West.	Area Committee agreed a Play Improvement project. The project has experienced delays due to market conditions and in some cases vandalism to play areas. Work is expected to start on 4 sites in Summer 2021 and the following play areas to follow shortly after.
Consider improvements to the Stephenson Trail – working alongside other areas (Coalfield and East)	A multi-Area Task and Finish group met, and an action plan has been developed to support this project. The Area Committee agreed to align £50,000 towards this project with detail to be provided to a future Board.
Consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel	The Area Committee agreed to Capital funding of £17,500. Locations are being accessed for the Silksworth Wheels location. Consultation on the wheel locations will begin in June 2022.
Improve access and knowledge of ICT to reduce social isolation	The Area Committee approved the project to Media Savvy with the project beginning mid-April 2021. The VCS network have been updated on the project and many groups are coming forward to be involved. Next steps are the establishing of the hubs and recruiting digital champions.
Continue to receive updates on West NEET project	The NEET project delivered by Youth Almighty Project alongside other young providers in the West. In Quarter 4 20-21 a further 5 young people were supported. Throughout this project 51 young people have received meaningful engagement and 39 young people have progressed into Education, Training or Employment.
Receive update on Holiday Hunger activities delivered 2019-2020 and consider delivery for 2020-2021.	The Area Committee approved £48,000 to further extend the Holiday Hunger activities projects across the West. The 6 project leads submitted applications to deliver sessions across the May, Summer, October, Christmas, February and Easter 2022 holiday periods.
Invite Welfare rights service to submit proposals for West Support- consider a 3-year proposal.	Area Committee agreed the 3 year project to the value of £150,000. Recruitment is underway and the additional support for local residents is being delivered. Regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.

**5. Recommendations -Members are requested to: -**

- 5.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1.
- 5.2 Note the Area Committee video update which summaries the Annual performance of the Area Committee during 2020/2021. A summary of the Area Committee performance will also be shared with Full Council later in 2021.

Annex 1 West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

Annex 2 Neighbourhood and Community Board Terms of Reference

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