

## WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 5:30pm

**VENUE – Committee Room 1, Civic Centre, Sunderland**

### Membership

Cllrs P Gibson (Chair), Watson, (Vice Chair – People), K. Wood (Vice Chair – Place) Atkinson, Blackett, Crosby, D. Dixon, Greener, Haswell, Mc Donough, Mann, Mullen, O'Brien, G. Smith, P. Smith, Tye, Waller and A Wilson.

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**Assistant Director of Law and Governance**

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

## Item 1d

**At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in THE TANSEY CENTRE, CHURCH ROAD, SOUTH HYLTON, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019 at 5.30 p.m.**

### **Present:-**

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors, Atkinson, Blackett, Crosby, D. Dixon, Greener, Haswell, McDonough, Mann, Mullen, O'Brien, G. Smith, P. Smith, Tye, Waller, Watson, and K. Wood.

### **Also Present:-**

Fiona Brown	Executive Director of Neighbourhoods	Sunderland City Council
Kevin Burns	Station Manager	Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service
Alan Duffy	Head of Operations	Gentoo
David Hardy	Area Response Manager	Sunderland City Council
Joanne Laverick	VCS Network Representative	Youth Almighty
William Leach	VCS Network Representative	Pennywell Com. Centre
Sandra Mitchell	Assistant Director of Community Resilience	Sunderland City Council
David Noon	Principal Governance Services Officer	Sunderland City Council
Helen Peverley	West Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Marie Pollock	Inspector	Northumbria Police
Ang Sinclair	Community Partnership Coordinator	Gentoo
Gilly Stanley	Area Community Development Lead	Sunderland City Council

### **Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those attending their first West Sunderland Area Committee and introductions were made.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor A. Wilson and also on behalf of Andrea Lanaghan.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Item 5 – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources.

Councillor Tye declared an interest as the Chair of Youth Almighty and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillor K. Wood declared an interest as a member of Pallion Action Group and the Parker Trust and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the item.

Mr Leach and Ms Laverick also declared an interest in the item and withdrew from the meeting during its consideration.

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **Change in the Order of Business**

The Chairman advised that he was going to take items 4a to 4d on the agenda (Partner Reports) at this juncture to allow partners to leave immediately thereafter if they wished.

### **Report of the West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network (AVCN)**

The AVCS Network submitted a progress report (copy circulated) which briefed members on issues pertinent to the Committee and the Voluntary and Community Sector.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Consideration was given to the report presented by William Leach which highlighted the following feedback and input arising from the two Voluntary and Community Sector Network meetings held since the Area Committee last met in March, 2019 :-

i) the VCS workshop held in March to discuss current and future priorities in the West. The priorities were incorporated into and helped inform West local area priorities for 2019/2020.

ii) an update on the SIB funded West NEET project and how the young people were progressing. The organisations at the network highlighted volunteering opportunities and sharing of skills to the young people.

iii) the continuing support from the VCS with regard to the promotion of the West Area Clean and Green Barnes Park event.

iv) the ongoing support given to the West VCS organisations to help attract external funding to deliver projects that benefitted local residents.

v) West VCS social media training and the continuing receipt of GRANTfinder and NEPO opportunities on a regular basis.

There being no questions for Mr Leach, the Chairman thanked him for his report, and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

## **Report of the Northumbria Police – Sunderland West**

Inspector Marie Pollock of Northumbria Police presented a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on the Force's most recent performance information for the period 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, to 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2019.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

In addition Inspector Pollock briefed members on:-

i) the Police priorities for the year ahead, namely:-

Anti-Social Behaviour.

Child Sexual Exploitation, Domestic Abuse and Serious Sexual Offending.

Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism.

Signal Crime (Emerging Crime).

Organised Crime. (Human Trafficking / Foreign nationals / Modern day Slavery).

Cyber Crime.

ii) Community Engagement,

iii) Anti-Social Behaviour matters - including the delivery of Operation Constellate which saw the Police together with Tenancy Enforcement and the Council's ASB team carrying out home visits to involve parents in managing youth behaviour. It was intended that early intervention would assist in curbing behaviours and allow the young person to understand the impact on others of their behaviour and the potential consequences for them and their families.

iv) Motorcycle Disorder - including the continuation of Operation Adjust 2 and the successful deployment of DNA Selecta Spray, Body worn cameras and CTTV to assist in identifying offenders.

v) Forward Planning and Forthcoming Engagement

vi) Staffing matters

With regard to issues arising from the last meeting, Inspector Pollock advised that she had circulated an update to members regarding changes to staffing and the operating model. She also confirmed that the 'Your Northumbria' App had now been replaced by NP Alerts, a facility on the Northumbria Police website to register for updates in respect of issues that were of interest. Inspector Pollock thanked the members of the Committee for their continued support and asked them to reassure their residents that Northumbria Police were striving to make them safe.

Inspector Pollock then proceeded to address questions and comments from Members.

Councillor Haswell thanked Inspector Pollock for her regular attendance at the Pallion Traders Meeting which was much appreciated. With regard to Inspector Pollock's request for opportunities regarding community engagement, Councillor Haswell advised that there was residents' association covering Barnes, Pallion and Millfield which met on the first Tuesday of every month. In addition Councillor Haswell asked if it was

possible to align the information in respect of policing in the east and west areas as currently there seemed to be some inconsistencies in the reporting. In conclusion he referred to the discussion at a succession of Area Committee meetings regarding the issue of police staffing and again sought assurances that the budget remained in place to recruit to the outstanding vacancies currently being carried in the west area.

Inspector Pollock replied that she would take on board Councillor Haswell's comment regarding the inconsistencies between reporting in the east and west. She would link in with the City Centre Inspector in order to try and improve attendance however the inconsistencies were possibly due to the more concentrated shift patterns worked by officers in the city centre. With regard to staffing Inspector Pollock stated that there would be a brand new police officer recruited to the West area together with two PCSOs and the possibility of one more to follow.

Councillor D. Dixon thanked Inspector Pollock for the Police's ongoing efforts to curb motorcycle disorder in the West area and welcomed the plans to extend the delivery of operation Adjust 2 over as many weekends as possible. He stated that it was a sad indictment of the present police funding system that Inspector Pollock had to seek financial support from the Area Committee to purchase the DNA Seleta spray used successfully in the operation. In response to an enquiry from Councillor Dixon regarding the recording of violence resulting in injury, Inspector Pollock replied that unless it was reported then such crimes would remain 'hidden'. It was difficult for the Police to secure prosecutions without evidence and witnesses however victimless prosecutions were pursued on occasion. In response to a further enquiry from Councillor Dixon, the Committee was informed that residential burglaries had declined by 28%.

Councillor McDonough referred to the drugs sweep undertaken at one of the secondary schools in the West Area and stated that the Head Teacher had expressed concerns at a lack of a police presence at key times which may have helped to curb the issue. Inspector Pollock replied that she was due to meet with the Head Teacher shortly to try and address her concerns.

Councillor McDonough asked if the Force had lost cell space in the area and as a result suspects were being released. Inspector Pollock replied that decisions in relation to the detention or release of suspects was based purely on the rights of the individual. What had they been arrested for? What was the evidence to hold them.

Councillor Atkinson suggested that as part of their social engagement the Police should be pro-active in explaining how Policing had changed in respect of funding and the operating model.

As a new Councillor, Councillor Mann asked if Inspector Pollock could provide details in relation to operation Adjust 2. Inspector Pollock advised that the operation had been developed because motorcycle disorder had become a particular concern for members and residents in the West Sunderland area. The operation had been an attempt to 'think outside the box' in order to address the problem. Traditionally barriers had been installed at specific points but they were often ineffective and impinged on the rights of people going about their legitimate business. Throughout the operation plain clothed officers had been used in addition to those in uniform wearing body worn cameras and carrying DNA Selecta spray. Partners were assisting in providing intelligence eg housing partners who were aware of tenants owning off road bikes and

also garages providing cctv footage of bikes been refuelled and in particular people buying petrol in jerrycans. In addition to regular visits to hot spots, a major part of the operation had been school visits to warn of the dangers.

There being no further questions or comments for Inspector Pollock, the Chairman thanked her for her attendance and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

### **Report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service**

A report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) (copy circulated) was submitted which provided the Committee with an update on the Service's performance indicators for the period 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2019 with particular reference to the L133 Incidents (deliberate fires) broken down by property type.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Kevin Burns, Station Manager presented the report informing members that there had been no deaths recorded during the reporting period. There had been five deliberate property fires during this period, 3 of which were dwellings. Mr Burns then addressed questions and comments from Members thereon.

Councillor Haswell informed Mr Burns that he was incredibly pleased to see the decrease in L133 incidents in Pallion ward as it was the first reduction in 18 months. He stated that he would be interested in receiving the target hardening information being used to tackle the increase in deliberate fires caused by an increase in loose refuse fires which he could then take to the cleansing team. Ms Brown cautioned Councillor Haswell that such issues should not be taken directly to the cleansing team but should be reported via the customer services network (CSN).

The Chairman referred to the reference in the report to community involvement stating that he had recently received a Home Service visit and asked why this had been the case. Mr Burns advised that the Fire Service used a system called Mosaic to target their visits. It used a number of criteria but he suspected in this case it was probably because there had been a fire at a property nearby.

There being no further questions or comments for Mr Burns, the Chairman thanked him for his report, and it was:-

4. RESOLVED the report be received and noted

### **Report of Gentoo**

Alan Duffy, Head of Operations, Gentoo Group presented a report (copy circulated) which briefed the Committee on Gentoo developments, projects and priorities undertaken during the period March, 2019 to June, 2019 including the review of Gentoo's delivery model, the launch of its second Customer Survey and the granting of the planning application to transform Gentoo's vacant land on the old Pennywell Estate site at Chester Gate.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

In response to an enquiry from Councillor O'Brien, Mr Duffy advised that he had no specific figures as yet with regard to the number of homes on the Chester Gate site that would be either affordable or social housing.

With regard to Gentoo's painting programme, Councillor P. Smith informed Mr Duffy of the condition of the railings in Cornelius Ave, Silksworth which were rusting and in need of attention. Mr Duffy confirmed that he would investigate the matter.

Councillor McDonough asked Mr Duffy to thank the Gentoo staff involved in the refurbishment undertaken in Farringdon and in addition Councillor Mann paid tribute to the work carried out by Catherine Loftus in respect of land clearances.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman thanked Mr Duffy for his report and it was :-

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

### **Place Board Progress Report**

The Chairman of the West Sunderland Area Place Board, Councillor K. Wood presented a report (copy circulated) which provided an annual update of the 2018/19 work plan, including SIB funded projects, sought approval for the work plan 2019/20 Place priorities; and provided an update on the Governance arrangements for the Place Board for 2019/20.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

With regard to the Board membership it was moved by Councillor Haswell and seconded by Councillor O'Brien that a recorded vote be taken in respect of those wards where representation to the Place Board was being contested. This was agreed accordingly.

The Chairman advised that the contested wards were Pallion with nominations received from Councillors Haswell and A. Wilson and St. Chad's with nominations from Councillors D. Dixon and McDonough.

The nominations in respect of Pallion ward were put to the vote with 9 members voting in favour of Councillor Haswell (namely Cllrs Blackett, Crosby, Greener, Haswell, McDonough, Mann, Mullen, O'Brien and G. Smith) and 8 members voting in favour of Councillor A. Wilson (namely Cllrs Atkinson, D. Dixon, P. Gibson, P. Smith, Tye, Waller, Watson and K. Wood).

Accordingly it was agreed that Councillor Haswell be appointed as the Pallion Ward representative on West Area Place Board.

The nominations in respect of St Chad's Ward ward were put to the vote with 9 members voting in favour of Councillor Mc Donough (namely Cllrs Blackett, Crosby, Greener, Haswell, McDonough, Mann, Mullen, O'Brien and G. Smith) and 8 members



voting in favour of Councillor D. Dixon (namely Cllrs Atkinson, D. Dixon, P. Gibson, P. Smith, Tye, Waller, Watson and K. Wood).

Accordingly it was agreed that Councillor McDonough be appointed as the St Chad's Ward representative on West Area Place Board.

There being no further questions or comments on the report, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the report be received and noted;
- ii) the annual performance update with regard to the West Sunderland Area's Place Board Work Plan for 2018/19 be received and noted;
- iii) the West Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2019/20 be approved;
- iv) the Area Governance arrangements as outlined in the report, including the appointment of Councillor K. Wood as Chair of the Place Board by Council at its annual meeting, be noted; and
- v) approval be given to the appointment of the following elected members as ward representatives on the Place Board:-

Councillor Haswell  
Councillor McDonough  
Councillor Mullen  
Councillor O'Brien  
Councillor Tye  
Councillor Watson

### **People Board Progress Report**

The Chairman of the West Sunderland Area People Board, Councillor Watson presented a report (copy circulated) which provided an annual update of the 2018/19 work plan, including SIB funded projects, sought approval for the work plan 2019/20 People priorities; and provided an update on the Governance arrangements for the People Board for 2019/20.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

With regard to the Board membership it was moved by Councillor Haswell and seconded by Councillor O'Brien that a recorded vote was taken in respect of those wards where representation to the People Board was being contested. This was agreed accordingly.

The Chairman advised that the contested wards were Barnes with nominations received from Councillors Atkinson and Greener, Sandhill with nominations from Councillors Crosby and Waller and St Anne's with nominations from Councillors K. Wood and Mann.

The nominations in respect of Barnes Ward were put to the vote with 9 members voting in favour of Councillor Greener (namely Cllrs Blackett, Crosby, Greener, Haswell, McDonough, Mann, Mullen, O'Brien and G. Smith) and 8 members voting in favour of

Councillor Atkinson (namely Cllrs Atkinson, D. Dixon, P. Gibson, P. Smith, Tye, Waller, Watson and K. Wood).

Accordingly it was agreed that Councillor Greener be appointed as the Barnes Ward representative on West Area People Board.

The nominations in respect of Sandhill Ward were put to the vote with 9 members voting in favour of Councillor Crosby (namely Cllrs Blackett, Crosby, Greener, Haswell, McDonough, Mann, Mullen, O'Brien and G. Smith) and 8 members voting in favour of Councillor Waller (namely Cllrs Atkinson, D. Dixon, P. Gibson, P. Smith, Tye, Waller, Watson and K. Wood).

Accordingly it was agreed that Councillor Crosby be appointed as the Sandhill Ward representative on West Area Place Board.

The nominations in respect of St Anne's Ward were put to the vote with 9 members voting in favour of Councillor Mann (namely Cllrs Blackett, Crosby, Greener, Haswell, McDonough, Mann, Mullen, O'Brien and G. Smith) and 8 members voting in favour of Councillor K. Wood (namely Cllrs Atkinson, D. Dixon, P. Gibson, P. Smith, Tye, Waller, Watson and K. Wood).

Accordingly it was agreed that Councillor Mann be appointed as the St Anne's Ward representative on West Area Place Board.

There being no further questions or comments on the report, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the report be received and noted;
- ii) the annual performance update with regard to the West Sunderland Area's People Board Work Plan for 2018/19 be received and noted;
- iii) the West Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan Priorities for 2019/20 be approved;
- iv) the Area Governance arrangements as outlined in the report together with the appointment of Councillor Watson as Chair of the Place Board by Council at its annual meeting be noted; and
- v) approval be given to the appointment of the following ward members to the People Board:-

Councillor Blackett  
Councillor Crosby  
Councillor Greener  
Councillor Mann  
Councillor G. Smith  
Councillor P. Smith

## **Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources**

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Helen Peverley, Area Coordinator, presented the report highlighting the Committee's financial statement, an offer of £20,000 match funding from Sunderland City Council's Children's Services to support the delivery of youth activity projects, an offer of £40,000 funding from Sunderland CCG to meet local health outcomes, details of 8 projects approved under delegated powers for support from the 2019/20 Community Chest budget, together with 2 from the 2018/19 budget and details of proposals for the allocation of SIB funding.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

### **8. RESOLVED that:-**

- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement be received and noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the acceptance of £20,000 match funding from Sunderland City Council, Children's Services to support the delivery of youth activity projects within the west area;
- (iii) approval be given to the West Holiday Hunger projects as detailed in Annexes 1, 2 and 3 of the report;
- (iv) approval be given to the acceptance of £40,000 funding from the Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to meet local health outcomes and to delegate the responsibility to oversee the development and delivery of projects and the allocation of funding via the small grants process to the West People Board;
- (v) the approval of the 2 Community Chest applications from the 2018/19 budget as detailed in Annex 4 of the report be noted;
- (vi) the approval of the 8 Community Chest applications from the 2019/20 budget as detailed in Annex 5 of the report be noted;

## **West Area Committee Annual Report 2018-19**

The Chair of the West Sunderland Area Committee submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought the committee's approval of the West Sunderland Area Committee Annual Report for 2018-19 which would be presented to full Council as part of the combined Area Committee Annual Report 2018-19.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Committee members having paid tribute to Helen Peverley, Area Coordinator and Gilly Stanley, Area Community Development Lead for all their hard work on behalf of the West Area Committee over the course of the year, it was:-

9. RESOLVED that approval be given to the inclusion of the West Sunderland Area Annual Report in the combined Area Committee Annual Report for 2018-19.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and particularly to everyone at the Tansey Centre for their assistance in hosting the meeting and the community event.

(Signed) P. GIBSON,  
Chairman.

26<sup>th</sup> September 2019**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD****Place Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year's (2019/20) Place Board Work Plan.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the West Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board continue to initiate action on those priorities and **Item 2 Annex 1** outlines progress to date.

**3 Area 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 local level; and
  - b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilizing its own resources.
- 3.2 Area Place and People Boards were established to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities.
- 3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the Place Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Place Board Membership</b>
Chair	Cllr Karen Wood
Barnes	Cllr Antony Mullen
Pallion	Cllr Martin Haswell
Sandhill	Cllr Stephen O'Brien
Silksworth	Cllr Philip Tye
St Anne's	Cllr Susan Watson
St Chad's	Cllr Dominic McDonough

**4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 20 September 2019**

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the West Place Board up to 20 September 2019.

<b>Influence: Core service delivery for Council Place Services</b>
<b>Performance management of Local Service standards 2019/2020</b>
The performance of Local Service's standards is monitored quarterly at Place Board. A presentation was received at July Place Board. Place Board members were keen to understand when bins would be replaced, which were in a poor state of repair, as well as being kept informed about any shrub maintenance plans in their wards, to ensure they are able to keep residents up to date. Members continue to utilise their walk and

talk budgets to support improvements within their ward which include deep cleans, bin replacement and installation of new bins as well as support with planter installations and flower beds to improve the look and feel of neighbourhoods.

At the September Place Board, the members were advised that bins had been ordered by Local Services and were due to be delivered mid-October. Following the installation of these new/replacement bins, the board would then review any additional requirements and place an order on behalf of their wards every six months, as required via their walk and talk budget.

### **Highways Maintenance Capital Programme 2020/2021**

An update on the current Highway Maintenance programme will be presented to the November 2019 Place Board, as well as agreeing the process to establish the recommendations for the West Highways programme for 2020/2021 at the January 2020 Place Board, to enable full Area Committee approval in March 2020. Update on current programme continues to be shared regularly with elected members as well as on the Sunderland website and local press.

### **Area Priority: Supporting Local Shopping Centres**

Pallion Traders plan to continue to work with the local VCS to deliver a Christmas switch-on at St Luke's Terrace. This will be the fifth year that the traders have worked together with local VCS organisations and Councillors to host the event, which is free for local residents to come along and enjoy whilst supporting their local high street. Councillors across the West also continue to work alongside traders in each ward to support with issues such as cleanliness, planters and Anti-social behaviour.

### **Area priority: Develop a volunteer-led West Clean and Green Programme**

Project now up and running, each ward has been visited and key areas either addressed or works planned. The clean and green programme has adopted the logo which was used for the Barnes event early in the year – the Liz Million characters. The characters can be seen on leaflets, social media campaigns as well as being included on the banner which is put in place on site, during works, to ensure local residents can see that work being undertaken is being undertaken by volunteers and supported through the West Area Committee.

The volunteer co-ordinator for the project continues to keep ward councillors up to date, regularly attends residents' meetings and local events and has recruited volunteers who are now fully equipped with PPE and undertaking works as well as receiving training.

### **Area Priority: West Walk and Talk Programme**

The Walk and Talk programme continues to be successful and offers the opportunity for ward Councillors to be dynamic, flexible and implement small-scale neighbourhood improvement projects, which have a positive impact on their local communities.

Area Committee agreed in July 2019 to extend the funding to the Walk and Talk programme to enable further neighbourhood improvements to be undertaken, in consultation with residents and partners.

Members discussed bins across the West and agreed to review the bin requests in December and then every 6 months after if required.

Members continue to meet collectively by ward to make arrangements to undertake ward walks over the coming months to determine further projects in line with local resident engagement and feedback.

### **Area Priority: Housing – working with partners to achieve safer, tidier and healthier neighbourhoods**

<p>Housing and issues relating to private landlords continue to be discussed at ward catch-ups. Hot spots within wards are shared with partners (Police, Gentoo, Fire, Local Services, ASB Service, Planning and Enforcement) as well as linked directly with LMAPs where appropriate.</p> <p>The Place board in September discussed the Housing priority in more detail and recognised the need for further local intelligence in relation to housing hotspots, particularly where residents are suffering as a result of lack of landlord support, transient tenants, anti-social behaviour and poor standards of cleanliness. The Place board discussed Selective Licensing and asked for this to be discussed in more detail at the next board meeting, as well as other enforcement powers available to support residents and improve neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Members were also keen to support residents to understand how to create healthier and warmer homes as well as continuing to support the VCS to enable them to provide their users with information in relation to their rights as a housing tenant, should their landlord not be ensuring a healthy and safe housing condition.</p> <p>The Place Board will continue to review and take action for the benefit of West residents.</p>
<p><b>Area Priority: Improving play areas and green spaces</b></p>
<p>The Place Board in September discussed the play areas across the West and their various states of disrepair. It was clear from the board that the play areas across the West require investment to ensure they continue to be viable as well as encourage residents to use the facilities to enjoy being outside with family and friends. Members also felt some open spaces would benefit from Wi-Fi as well as out-door gym equipment and some un-used spaces could be adapted and re-purposed – such as former bowling green sites.</p> <p>As a result of discussions, the Place Board are making a recommendation to Area Committee to align funding to deliver a West Play Area and Green Space Improvement Programme. See Item 6.</p>
<p><b>Delivery of the Clean and Green themed Event in Barnes Park – 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b></p>
<p>The Clean and Green themed West Event was a huge success. Over the 3 days 20 hours of activities were delivered. 18 schools and 779 children attended the event over the Thursday and Friday, enjoying a range of activities. It is estimated in between 15,000 and 20,000 visitors thoroughly enjoyed the large-scale family fun day on the Saturday. Thanks to all VCS organisations and partners who supported the event – which was delivered safely and efficiently.</p> <p>The Place Board are recommending to Area Committee that an event is delivered in Barnes Park in 2020 and recommending a budget of £40,000.</p>
<p><b>Safety Works!</b></p>
<p>The Area Committee continue to support all West Primary and Secondary schools to be able to access Safetyworks! The Area Committee funded the transport to allow all year 6, year 8 pupils and youth providers to visit the centre in the Academic Year 2018-2019.</p>

## 5. Recommendations

### 5.1 Note the content of the report.

- 5.2 Approve the allocation of £120,000 towards the priority Play area and Green spaces  
**Item 6**
- 5.3 Approve the allocation of £40,000 towards the priority of a themed Event in Barnes Park in 2020 **Item 6**
- 5.4 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard the West Place Board Work Plan for 2019/2020 **Item 2 Annex 1.**

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## PLACE PRIORITIES

	Area Priority	Action	Progress
1	Influence core service delivery for council Neighbourhood Services	Environmental Services – performance management of Environmental Services standards 2019/2020 for the West, as agreed at March 2019 Area Committee	Update presented to July Place Board. Members continue to support local services through walk and talks. Members agreed at September Place board to wait until the installation of the most recent City bin order and then place a West wide bin order if required using walk and talk budgets once every 6 months. The board was made aware of detail in relation to shrub removal and shrub maintenance across the wards.
		To influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2020/2021	To follow at November Place Board
		Public Protection and Regulatory Services (PPRS) - ensure all Councillors receive Licensing and PPRS awareness training and are introduced to the Area Rep from PPRS for the West	As required
2	Improving Neighbourhoods	Local Shopping Centres - Encourage local maintenance, improving cleansing through campaigns and events and try to increase footfall through innovative approaches	Improvements agreed at Springwell shops. Pallion Traders continue to receive support and are planning a Christmas switch on in November 2019.
		Deliver the volunteer-led West Cleaner and Greener Programme	West Clean and Green underway, a programme of works has been agreed and work continues. Project delivered by SNCBC who are recruiting volunteers to support improvement works across the six wards within the West of Sunderland
		Walk and Talk Programme - Supporting ward-based projects which mobilise communities, local businesses and schools to take sustainable action to support and enable local delivery of services, changing behaviours to reduce the amount of litter being dropped and rubbish being fly-tipped	Walk and Talks have taken place in most wards with actions underway.

		Housing - Tackling private landlords who do not support the local area; Community clean-ups and empowering residents to challenge poor housing standards; reviewing the accommodation of our most vulnerable residents to ensure places match the needs	Discussed at September Place Board and local intelligence to be gathered to ensure residents are supported to live within clean and healthy homes. Place board to invite key officers to a future board to discuss selective licencing across the West and additional enforcement policies available.
		Improving play areas and playing fields working with neighbourhoods to address local needs and encourage communities to use their neighbourhoods to enjoy active family leisure time as well as improve the look and feel of the area	Place board reviewing play areas across the wards within the west and developing a programme of works. Place board recommending £120,000 to be approved to support the play area priority.
3	West Area Event - delivery of a themed event in Barnes Park	Delivery of the Clean and Green - look after the environment three-day event - held in Barnes Park 27th - 29th June 2019. Attended by all West Schools and thousands of families during the Saturday family fun day.	Event very successful with nearly 800 school children attending on the Thursday and Friday and in between 15,000 and 20,000 on the Saturday. Place board recommending an event in 2020 with a budget of £40,000
4	Support schools to attend Safety Works and Phoenix Project and reduce anti-social behaviour	Support transport costs to enable all Schools across the West to send their year 6 and Year 8 children to Safety Works to understand dangers associated with risky behaviours. West Youth providers also supported to attend Safety works as well as signposting to the Phoenix Project during school holidays to ensure older children from year 9 and above attend, as required.	Transport continues to be provided allowing all schools to be able to attend. Updates to be provided to place boards.

26<sup>th</sup> September 2019**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD****People Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year's (2019/20) People Board Work Plan.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with People were referred to the West People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board continue to initiate action on those priorities and **Item 3 Annex 1** outlines progress to date.

**3 Area 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 local level; and
  - b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.
- 3.2 Area Place and People Boards were established to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action taken in line with those priorities.
- 3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the People Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

<b>Ward</b>	<b>People Board Membership</b>
Chair	Cllr Susan Watson
Barnes	Cllr Helen Greener
Pallion	Cllr George Smith
Sandhill	Cllr Margaret Crosby
Silksworth	Cllr Pat Smith
St. Anne's	Cllr Pam Mann
St Chad's	Cllr William Blackett

**4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 20 September 2019**

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the West People Board up to 20 September 2019.

<b>Influence: Core service delivery for council People services</b>
<b>Monitor performance and delivery of Children's Centres within the West of Sunderland</b>
Area Committee Chair and People Board Chair attend West Children Centre Advisory Board meetings and will feedback to People Board as and when updates are available. Next Children Centre Advisory Board meeting will take place in early October 2019.

<p><b>Community Library provision to ensure those Libraries no longer delivered by the Council but via the local VCS are supported where practicable</b></p> <p>Kayll Road Library continues to deliver from strength to strength with many activities held and or planned. The library continues to support the Pallion Traders with their Christmas celebrations as well as working alongside communities to improve their reading and ICT skills and to reduce social isolation.</p>
<p><b>Area Priority: Maintain partnership with Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (SCCG)</b></p> <p>Working with Locality Commissioning Manager and new clinical lead for the West locality to establish GP service directory as well as continue to share information relating to West Social Isolation projects and youth activities to maximise usage from our most vulnerable communities.</p> <p>The People board reviewed the initial feedback of the Youth consultation as well as the data on Children's Health and considered sexual health and understanding healthy relationships and influence campaigns, where possible.</p> <p>The People Board considered the data and information provided on health in Sunderland West. The People Board are recommending to Area Committee that the focus for West projects should be on supporting the priority of having a healthy weight. With a focus on support for improving cycle/walking routes, improving how walks including heritage are displayed/promoted (digitally), adding seats where required, green gyms and how to use the equipment, supporting residents to utilise the facilities within Everyone Active centres and utilising assets within the West.</p>
<p><b>Area Priority: Activities for Young People including Holiday Hunger</b></p> <p>Funding and projects approved at July Extra Ordinary Area Committee for Holiday Hunger. Projects have been delivering across the summer. Further activities are planned for all school holidays up to and including Summer 2020, across the six wards within the West of Sunderland.</p> <p>Area Committee approved funding to commission a youth consultation exercise over the summer to assess need across the six wards to ensure any future commissioning of youth activity is focused and fit for purpose, determined on local needs. The initial evaluation was discussed at the September People Board. Detailed provision and call for projects will be developed over the coming weeks. The People Board are making a recommendation to the Area Committee (Item 6) to approve Area Committee funding to support the People Board developing a call for projects to commission further youth activities, as required, from the intelligence gathered during the youth consultation exercise.</p> <p>Activities for young people continue to be promoted with Schools and on the Area Facebook page. Banners to promote activities continue to be used to ensure Council and Area Committee funding recognition.</p> <p>The People Board are recommending to Area Committee £90,000 towards youth activities and are holding an extra ordinary People board in October to discuss the findings of the youth consultation.</p>
<p><b>Area Priority: Supporting the VCS to support their sustainability</b></p> <p>The West VCS meet regularly and share best practice, many organisations who attended the bid writing session are now seeing the benefits of this training and securing additional and vital external funding. The VCS has attended training on social media and ICT protocols and continues to support the delivery of the Area Committee's priorities.</p>

<p><b>Area Priority: Working with Vulnerable Communities – particularly those who are socially isolated and lonely or who have long-term care responsibilities</b></p> <p>Projects continue to be approved at a ward-level to support socially isolated people to take part in community activities to improve their overall health and wellbeing. The successful projects are invited to a VCS network meeting to share best practice. Two of the first round of applications have managed to secure external funding and are now delivering on a regular basis without further committee funding required.</p> <p>Projects continue to share information regarding the activities held and support available such as the CLLD projects, West Apprenticeship scheme, West NEET project.</p>
<p><b>Area Priority: West NEET Project</b></p> <p>Delivery partners continue to work to support the young people across the West into employment, volunteering, training or education. The projects continue to link into the Apprenticeship programme for the West.</p> <p>The projects involved are also working with Together for Children to access up to date NEET lists of young people and to share lessons learnt from the project experience as well as be an available resource for partners who are working with vulnerable young people who would benefit from the West NEET project support.</p>
<p><b>Area Priority: Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Programme</b></p> <p>The five projects which were approved at June 2018 Area Committee continue to deliver and support local residents.</p> <p>The monitoring of projects continues with joint visits between the Area Arrangements and the CLLD team.</p> <p>The five projects which are now being delivered include:</p> <p>Care to Achieve – Pallion Action Group</p> <p>Community Helper Plus – Farringdon Youth and Community Centre/Youth Almighty</p> <p>West REACT – Sunderland North Community Business Centre</p> <p>Community Champions – A690 Youth Initiative</p> <p>Prospecting for Enterprise – North East Business Innovation Centre (BIC)</p> <p>The successful allocation of CLLD Grant funding for all five West projects has meant that the West SIB allocation has been doubled in value for the residents within the West of Sunderland.</p>
<p><b>Area Priority: Tackling worklessness and raising aspirations - West Apprenticeships Programme and West Training Support – Find a better job Programme</b></p> <p>The West Apprenticeship Programme continues to be delivered for those living in the West of Sunderland, linking in with local businesses / organisations.</p> <p>The get a better job training is being delivered and is linking in with the CLLD projects and local centres to ensure it supports those residents most in need of this additional training to move into more secure employment.</p>

## 5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of the report.
- 5.2 Agree the recommendation of the focus for West Health funding
- 5.3 Approve £90,000 towards the priority West Youth Activities **Item 7**
- 5.4 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the West People Board Work Plan for 2019/2020 **Item 6 Annex 1**

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## PEOPLE PRIORITIES

	Area Priority	Action	Progress
1	Influence core service delivery for council People-focused Services	Monitor delivery of the Sport and Leisure Joint Venture (Everyone Active) within the West of Sunderland	Area Chairs met with Everyone Active in August to understand opportunities to work in partnership, particularly ensuring that our more vulnerable communities are able to access the Everyone Active facilities. Everyone Active has already demonstrated how it can support the West Holiday Hunger programme by offering activities within its centres to our local youth providers as well as offering free swim passes. September People Board to further discuss opportunities to work with Everyone Active.
		Monitor performance and delivery of Children's Centres within the West of Sunderland	West People Board Chair invited to attend the CCAB meeting in October 2019. Chair will then update a future People Board.
		Community Library provision to ensure those Libraries no longer delivered by the Council but via the local VCS, are supported where practicable	Kayll road library continues to deliver within the West, opening 15 hours per week and delivering various projects on behalf of the Area Committee.
		Working with Sunderland schools / Academies to develop partnership opportunities to enable communities to utilise school assets for community use, out of school hours - sports halls, swimming pools, meeting space etc.	To be discussed at People Board in November following the full review of the youth consultation.
2	Maintain partnership with Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Sunderland Public Health Services	Work in partnership to support the delivery of the Sunderland City Plan - A Healthy City : working together to develop opportunities and deliver projects within the third sector which support the needs of our residents to improve their health and wellbeing, utilising evidence and insight gained from the recent Adult Lifestyles Survey	Funding secured via CCG and Public Health to support Area Committee to deliver local health priorities. September People Board focused on delivery of project scope during its meeting.
		Improving sexual health and understanding healthy relationships, influencing campaigns to address local needs and utilising digital technology and social media to maximise communication and take-up	As above

3	Activities for Young People	Focusing on healthy lifestyles and sports activities, improving mental health, raising aspirations, reducing anti-social behaviour, active consultation to improve community resilience and encourage social action, multi-generational activities, providing a healthy meal during school holiday periods	Holiday Hunger activities delivered throughout the summer 2019 school holidays and activities planned for all other school holidays up until and including Summer 2020. Sunderland All Together Youth Consortium commissioned to consult with young people across the West of Sunderland to support the area committee to commission further youth activities and infrastructure which is specifically required within each ward to address local needs. People board are recommending the alignment of £90,000 towards youth activities details to be considered at a future board were the full evaluation of the youth consultation will be discussed.
4	Supporting the VCS to support their sustainability	Training for VCS Board Members; External Funding Support including Spacehive/Crowd Funding; Monthly VCS Network meetings; Weekly information sharing bulletins; Digital Inclusion and requirement to update ICT software and hardware to meet demands from local community (Digital Inclusion; Welfare Reform)	On going; Local Area Facebook page developed; VCS working alongside Area Committee to support delivery of local area priorities
5	Working with Vulnerable Communities - particularly those who are elderly, socially isolated and lonely or who have long-term care responsibilities	Continue delivery of the West Social Isolation programme - ward-based grant to support projects	Projects continue to be delivered with a few initial projects now self sustaining and some securing external funding.
6	West NEET Project	Deliver the West NEET Project to reduce the number of young people not in employment, education or training across the West of Sunderland and work in partnership with Together for Children to demonstrate the effectiveness of local support for young people within the third sector, supporting our most vulnerable young people	NEET project continues to be delivered, with young people being supported. NEET project promoting resources available with all providers who work with our most vulnerable young people to ensure they receive additional support, advice and guidance
7	Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Programme	Delivery of the five West CLLD projects to ensure partnership working, all outcomes met and opportunities are explored and taken to link projects/clients and signpost those most in need	Residents continue to be supported by the five projects. Monitoring visits have taken place and progress is on target.
8	Tackling worklessness and raising aspirations	Continue to deliver the West Apprenticeships Programme, ensuring the offer is promoted as well as connected with all other projects being delivered across the West.	On going

		Welfare Reform – Ensuring communities are supported and prepared focusing upon digital inclusion and capacity building, increasing opportunities to access training and learning to enhance life and employability skills	Digital Projects being delivered across the West; Desk top guide circulated to VCS network to ensure all local centres and organisations are able to offer advise and support. CLLD projects supporting people to get into work and out of crisis
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**26<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

## **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

### **Area Arrangements Update**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to Elected Members an update on the outcomes of a recent workshop where the Portfolio Holder and Deputy Portfolio Holder for Communities and Culture, Area Committee Chairs, and People and Place Board Chairs discussed opportunities to strengthen the Council's Area Arrangements.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 In July 2019 the Portfolio Holder and Deputy Portfolio Holder for Communities and Culture, Area Committee Chairs, and People and Place Board Chairs met to discuss opportunities to strengthen the Council's Area Arrangements. Members analysed information in the context of: -
- a. Key messages from the most recent Residents' Survey.
  - b. The Corporate Peer Review which took place in April. The review suggested that Area Arrangements could play a much stronger role in re-engaging with residents and shaping a new relationship with the council which is less reliant on traditional methods of service delivery and which has a sharper focus on value for money.
  - c. Consideration as to where Area Committees can influence and support delivery of emerging priorities for the City Plan focussed on the key priorities of Healthy, Vibrant and Dynamic city.
  - d. Changes to the Council's structure and the move away from People and Place Directorates to Neighbourhoods and City Development.
- 2.2 A range of opportunities for improvement were discussed including the role and function of Area Committees and other meetings and boards, area budgets, measuring impact, communications and resident engagement and the Voluntary and Community Sector. As an outcome of those discussions the following was agreed for action.
- #### **3. Agreed Actions**
- 3.1 To increase the number of Area Committee meetings from 3 to 4 per year to support more responsive decision making.
- 3.2 To review the Area Committee Agenda to make best use of the time available. Splitting the agenda into 2 distinct sections to allow enough time for action and discussion items (forward thinking/planning) and a section purely for information (reflection/updates).
- 3.3 Review People and Place Board arrangements to maximise achievement. Ensure the boards are linked to the development and priorities emerging from the Neighbourhood Plans.

- 3.4 Rename the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) to Neighbourhood Fund. The funding is awarded by Area Committees to deliver projects at a local level to meet agreed area priorities members agreed it more fitting to re-name to the Neighbourhood Fund a title more in keeping with its purpose.
- 3.5 Review the rules and procedures of the Neighbourhood Fund for improved clarity, consistency and efficiency with the aim of getting things done more quickly.
- 3.6 Re-invigorate the performance management arrangements for action delivered through the Neighbourhood Fund to demonstrate impact and 'you said – we did'.
- 3.7 Produce a Resident Engagement Strategy and ensure linkages to the development of Neighbourhood Plans to include Area Consultation Events and encourage more residents to attend Area Committees.
- 3.8 Develop and manage Area Communication Plans, utilising a package of opportunities that are already available, as well as, Area Committees considering feeding into a 'you said, we did' leaflet for circulation at an area level and including the introduction of Community Facebook Pages for each of the 5 areas in advance of the summer holidays.
- 3.9 Continue to support the Area VCS Networks to reach more groups and widen support.
- 3.10 Develop a volunteering strategy and implementation plan for the Neighbourhood Directorate to try to harness some of those residents who are keen to get involved in Social Action.

#### **4 Summary/progress**

- 4.1 Progress has been made in relation to all of the activities described in Section 3 of the report, some of which are detailed in another report on this agenda. Some actions have been fully implemented already e.g. additional Area Committee meeting and area Facebook pages. The Portfolio Holder and Deputy Portfolio Holder for Communities and Culture, Area Committee Chairs, and People and Place Board Chairs have agreed to meet up again in October to discuss progress on the above actions.

#### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 Note the content of the report.

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**26<sup>th</sup> September 2019****REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE****Neighbourhood Engagement and Investment****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to Elected Members an update on Neighbourhood Engagement and the various mechanisms to be adopted which will ensure our residents continue to be at the heart of our service delivery, enabling our communities and neighbourhoods to become actively involved in the delivery of the City Plan and developing Neighbourhood Investment Plans, to ensure long-term community resilience.

**2 Background**

- 2.1 Following the restructure of the Council in April 2019, the Area Arrangements function of the Council merged with a range of other services as part of the new Community Resilience function within the new Neighbourhood Directorate. The Directorate also includes Environmental Services, Statutory and Public Protection Services and Housing services as well as a range of services which support and promote individual and community resilience. This move is ensuring that all area priorities and improvements moving forward align with the City and Neighbourhood Investment Plans and are delivered and communicated effectively with our residents.
- 2.2 We are reviewing and developing all the services within the Neighbourhoods Directorate to implement a neighbourhood solutions response, which is proactive, efficient and effective and makes best use of our partnerships. These reviews are imperative if we are to address the concerns raised during the 2018 Residents Survey as well as the recent LGA Peer Review.
- 2.3 We need to improve individual and community resilience through engagement, participation and listening. Through the creation of neighbourhood solutions, we hope to create ownership of issues, removing the hands-off mentality, with every service, partner and community playing their part, so we can all say, “you said – we did”.
- 2.4 This report shares updates on the developments to-date relating to the following topics:
- Resident Engagement and Involvement Strategy
  - Neighbourhood Investment Plans
  - Crowdfund Sunderland

**3. Resident Engagement and Involvement Strategy**

- 3.1 Effective resident engagement and involvement is part of our customer service and it is everyone's responsibility.
- 3.2 We must change our narrative with residents and start a meaningful, two-way conversation. A Sunderland Engagement and Involvement Strategy has been developed in draft to support our residents and our partners to share information and ideas and to guarantee that Sunderland City Council is transparent and accountable,

encouraging more local people to get involved in shaping their neighbourhoods, council services and the future of the city. We want to start a conversation.

- 3.3 We currently involve and engage our communities through various, inconsistent means either face to face, over the phone or on-line. We also share information during resident meetings, events and through the written word. However the information gathered, or views received are not always shared directly with the relevant service or partner. Residents are speaking but we are not actively listening. We need to listen.
- 3.4 Most of our partners are also engaging with residents and communities daily. Everyone is gathering information for their own purposes, we need to work in partnership, listen to our residents and customers, hold a joint conversation or at the very least share the information gathered during the conversation to improve our services, our neighbourhoods and our city.
- 3.5 All our Residents, of all ages need to feel valued, involved and able to positively contribute to their community and neighbourhood as well as share their point of view, ideas and concerns. That's why we've established area Facebook pages, we're developing our Community Newsletter / Area Communications offer, and why we need to create spaces for meaningful resident engagement to take place. We've also increased the number of Area Committees per year and we must continue to make engagement easier and more effective.
- 3.6 The key outcomes and the enabling outcome for the Sunderland Engagement and Involvement Strategy are as follows:

Outcome 1 – Communities are directly involved in making Sunderland a great place to live

Outcome 2 – Communities have the power to influence matters that affect them

Outcome 3 – Activities to involve communities are focused and purposeful

Outcome 4 – Sunderland is digitally enabled and active

Sunderland enabling objective - Staff and partners are supported to involve communities effectively in everything they do

*See Annex 1 – Infographic Sunderland Engagement and Involvement Strategy*

#### **4. Neighbourhood Investment Plans**

- 4.1 Sunderland City Council in partnership with the VCS will work with residents and community and business stakeholders to produce aspirational (as well as realistic) Neighbourhood Improvement Plans for the five neighbourhood localities, working in partnership with the Area Arrangements Service and the Area Committees and VCS Networks.
- 4.2 The reason for this approach is to develop new ways for the community/residents to engage in the shaping of their respective neighbourhoods. There are already some established consultative relationships and mechanisms as highlighted above. However, it is clear from the recent Resident Survey, there is a need to engage deeper and earlier, to build more community and partner capacity to deliver the right kind of projects/services to improve our neighbourhoods.

- 4.3 The Neighbourhood Investment Plans will directly align with the Area Committee priorities moving forward, they will be long-term plans, aligned to the timeframe of the City Plan, which will also include focused, 3-5-year delivery blocks, which include capital improvements as well as service/neighbourhood solutions. Residents and partners will be able to easily track progress.
- 4.4 The need is for an all-inclusive approach to regeneration and investment that combines diverse elements, such as housing, skills, health and well-being. Furthermore, if the community is positively engaged in the preparation of the plans, there will be more confidence in the plans and a greater chance of successful regeneration as well as service improvement and partnership working. A key part of the plans will be empowerment and giving a voice to those who do not normally feel they have one.
- 4.5 To develop the five plans there is a need to engage across all neighbourhoods and across communities, generations, representative groups, businesses, and public, private and voluntary sectors. We want to focus on Neighbourhoods as a place, what's good and what needs to change.
- 4.6 To help us achieve our vision we need to work together with communities. We recognise that we need to change the way we behave, to make the vision a reality. We also need to encourage, and support behaviour change in our communities and neighbourhoods.
- 4.7 The timeframe to generate the five Neighbourhood Investment Plans is as follows:
- September to December 2019 – Significant resident and community engagement and consultation which includes re-engagement following initial consultation, to share ideas and ensure ideas and suggestions have been captured correctly.
- January 2020 to February 2020 – Draft strategy developed based upon the engagement and consultation as well as share detail in relation to service issues which have arisen through the consultation and engagement
- March 2020 – Launch Neighbourhood Investment Plans
- April 2020 – Evaluation of consultation and engagement exercise and creation of a simple tracking system to monitor delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans.

## **5. Crowdfund Sunderland - Spacehive**

- 5.1 Sunderland Council is working in partnership with Spacehive to create a Crowdfund platform for Sunderland. Spacehive is an award-winning platform for ideas that bring local civic and community spaces to life. They are a trusted partner of choice for local authorities looking to transform places in a more collaborative, community-centric and efficient way. To-date Spacehive has supported over 650 projects across the Country, to raise over £13 million. They currently work with 40 authorities and have over £5m of additional funding available for projects from their partner funder network.
- 5.2 How Spacehive will work in Sunderland:
- Branded online hub for Crowdfund Sunderland that calls for project ideas – offering pledges to help people deliver them (Linked to Sunderland Council website and local area Facebook pages)
  - Hosting 'Idea Events' – creating ideas within communities which may support Neighbourhood Investment Plans, Area Committee priorities as well as improving

community resilience and participation (referenced within Resident Engagement Strategy)

- Spacehive will work with local businesses, Spacehive's national partners, local community and voluntary organisations, philanthropic grant-makers and local people, attracting even more projects and funding to the programme
- Spacehive will assess all projects in partnership with the Council and Locality, prior to them being allowed to commence crowdfunding activity, ensuring the projects are viable and deliverable and in line with the City's vision and priorities
- Area Committees, Members, VCS Networks, Partners and Officers will champion the programme and support residents to create ideas and projects
- We will be able to measure social and economic impact, as beyond the funds raised, Spacehive projects deliver a range of benefits, such as skills development for project creators, leading to increased capacity for local people to deliver civic projects

- 5.3 Supporting projects alongside the crowd will allow the Council to stretch its funding to projects with genuine community support. Spacehive's partners see on average 300% leverage. It will also help the Council to reach beyond our usual communities and resident groups, typically over 50% of Spacehive's project creators have not been involved in civic projects previously.

## **6. Summary**

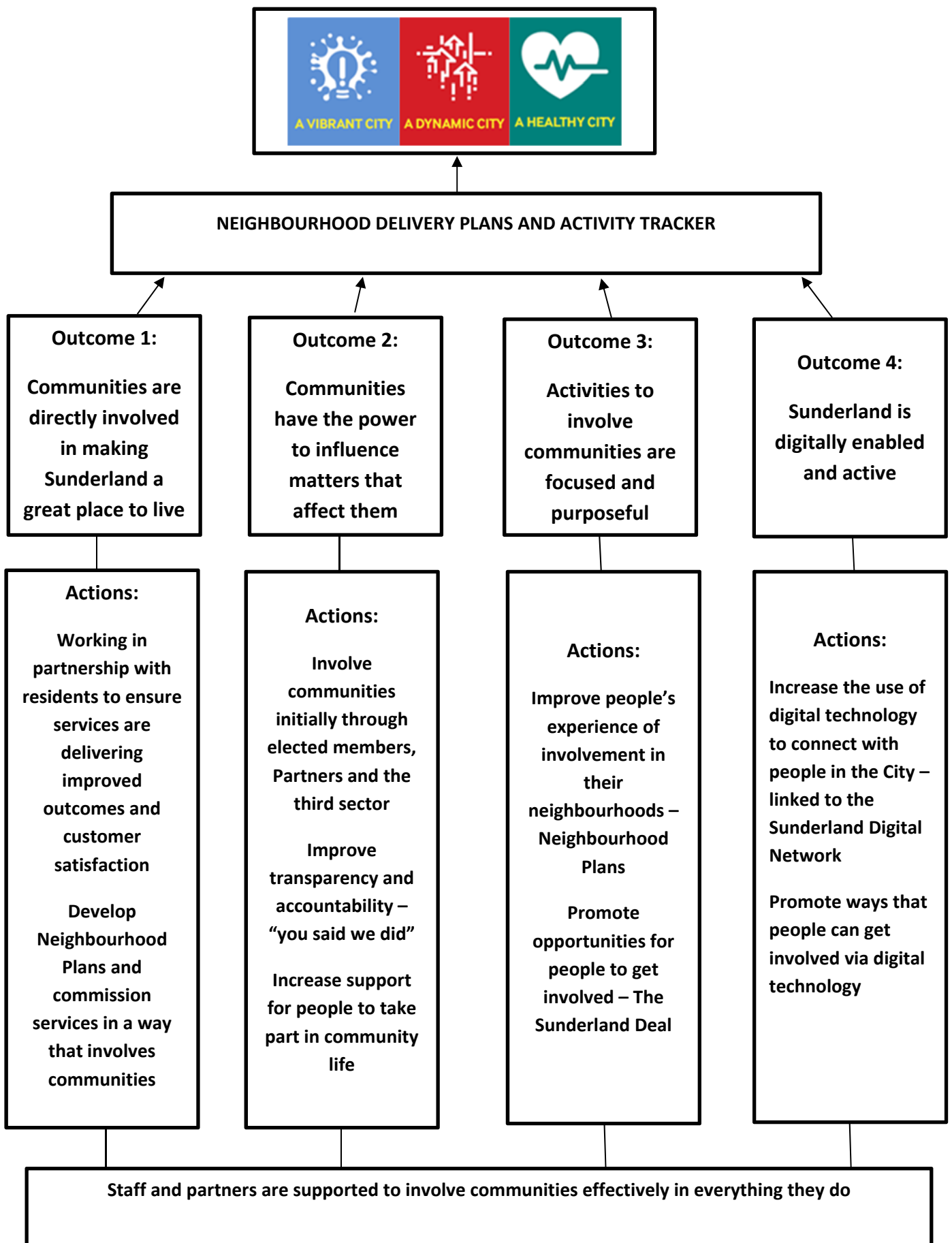
- 6.1 We have a real opportunity to transform our Neighbourhoods, working alongside communities to regenerate and create more resilient communities. Area Committees will be at the heart of this transformation journey, utilising the Resident Engagement Strategy, Neighbourhood Investment Plans and Crowdfunding platform.

## **7. Recommendations**

- 7.1 Note the content of the report.
- 7.2 Refer to Area People/Place Board for further discussions on how members would wish to support and monitor delivery of:
- Resident Engagement and Involvement Strategy
  - Neighbourhood Investment Plans
  - Crowdfund Sunderland

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## SUNDERLAND ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY – HOW WE’LL ACHIEVE OUR OUTCOMES



**WEST AREA COMMITTEE**  
**26<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

Neighbourhood Fund (formally Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB)) and Community Chest - Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

**Author(s):**

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**Purpose of Report:**

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area 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 Neighbourhood Fund (formally SIB), and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

**Description of Decision:**

The Area Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2019/20 budget:

Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1.
- (b) Approve £120,000 towards the West Play Improvement Programme
- (c) Approve £40,000 towards the delivery of a 3 day event in Barnes Park during 2020
- (d) Approve £90,000 towards the priority of West Youth Activities
- (e) Note the 15 Community Chest approvals supported from 2019/2020, as detailed **Item 6 Annex 1**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

The Area Committee has an allocation of £431,887 for 2019/2020 from the Neighbourhood Fund (formally Strategic Initiatives Budget) to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area 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?

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:



26<sup>th</sup> September 2019**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE****Neighbourhood Fund (formally Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area 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 Neighbourhood Fund (formerly SIB) and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

**2 Neighbourhood Fund**

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Neighbourhood Fund for 2019/2020:

	<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Aligned</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Total Neighbourhood Fund for 2018/2019 is £431,887 plus £25,000 from Public Health, plus £40,000 CCG, plus £20,000 from Children's Services for Youth activities – total allocation is therefore £516,887</b>				
				<b>£516,887</b>
<b>Project Name</b>				
Match funding for Public Health Grant in addition to £7,088 match funding secured from 2018/2019 Neighbourhood Fund allocation	1.4.19	£17,912		
Public Health Grant to support West health priorities	1.4.19	£25,000		
CCG Health Grant to support West health priorities	1.4.19	£40,000		
Youth activities and Holiday Hunger	24.4.19		£28,000	
Consultation with young people	11.7.19		£6,000	
Walk and talk	18.7.19		£120,000	
<b>Balance</b>				<b>£279,975</b>

- 2.2 The People Board discussed and considered youth activities across the West and made a recommendation to an Extraordinary (via email) Area Committee to fund a consultation exercise with young people to understand the needs of non-engaged and engaged young people. The application for £6,000 was approved and consultation was carried out in August and September. The findings of the consultation will be considered at a future People Board and any recommendations will be considered by the Area Committee.
- 2.3 The People and Place boards in July discussed how successful the Walk and talk programme had been to-date and how moving forward each ward would be able to progress neighbourhood concerns promptly, by having an extension of the Walk and Talks budget per ward. The recommendation of £120,000 (£20,000 per ward) went to an Extra Ordinary Area Committee (via Email in July), this recommendation was approved.
- 2.4 The Place Board considered the priority of Play Areas and agreed to recommend to Area Committee £120,000 be approved to support the West Play Area Improvement Programme.
- 2.5 The Place Board are recommending to Area Committee to support a 3-day themed event in Barnes Park and are recommending an approval of £40,000
- 2.6 The People board are recommending to Area Committee the approval of £90,000 towards the priority of West Youth Activities. The People board will discuss the full evaluation and findings of the youth consultation and develop a Call For Projects at an extra ordinary People board in October with applications to be presented to a future Area Committee.
- 2.7 The People board are recommending to Area Committee that the call for projects for both the Public health funding and the CCG be developed and considered at a future People Board. Details in Item 3.
- 2.8 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval for the above project totals £250,000 if approved the balance of Neighbourhood Fund funding remaining for 2019/2020, would be £29,975.

### 3. Community Chest

- 3.1 The table below details the Community Chest ward starting balances for 2019/2020.

Ward	Starting Balance	Project Approvals since April	Grant Returned	Balance
Barnes	£10,000	£1,400.00	£0	£8,600.00
Pallion	£10,000	£1,294.00	£0	£8,706.00
Sandhill	£10,000	£6,367.00	£0	£3,633.00
Silksworth	£10,000	£3,486.50	£0	£6,513.50
St Anne's	£10,000	£3,183.00	£0	£6,817.00
St Chad's	£10,000	£3,539.00	£0	£6,461.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£60,000</b>	<b>£19,269.50</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£40,730.50</b>

#### **4. Recommendations:**

- 4.1 Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 above.
- 4.2 Approve £120,000 funding towards the West Play Area Improvement Programme
- 4.3 Approve £40,000 funding towards the delivery of a 3-day event in Barnes Park during 2020.
- 4.4 Align £90,000 funding towards the priority of West Youth activities
- 4.5 Agree the development of a call for projects to support the West health outcomes detailed in Item 3
- 4.6 Note the 15 Community Chest approvals from 2019/2020 Community Chest as set out in **Item 6 Annex 1**.

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## COMMUNITY CHEST 2019/2020 WEST AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED – June to September 2019

Ward	Project	Ward Allocation 2019/2020	Project Approvals	Previous Approvals	Grants Returned (since April 2019)	Balance Remaining
Barnes	No applications received for approval between June and September					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£1,400</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£8,600</b>
Pallion	<b>Communities Together Sunderland West</b> - Towards the cost of purchasing a laptop, portable hard drive, printer and ink		£294			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£294</b>	<b>£1,000</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£8,706</b>
Sandhill	<b>Playdays 4 Kidz</b> - Grant towards activities and improvements		£1,365			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£1,365</b>	<b>£5,002</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£3,633</b>
Silksworth	<b>Silksworth Banner Group</b> - Towards the cost of members attending the Durham Miners Gala on 13th July 2019		£850			
	<b>Silksworth Bowls Club</b> - Towards the cost of a community fun day on Sunday 1st September 2019		£652.50			
	<b>Silksworth Dancing Together</b> - Towards the cost of purchasing 100 new chairs for events and performances		£1,044			
	<b>New Silksworth Royal British Legion Club</b> - Towards the cost of a brass band and road closures for the Remembrance Sunday parade on 10th November 2019		£940			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£3,486.50</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£6,513.50</b>

<b>St Anne's</b>	<b>South Hylton Tansy Centre</b> - Towards the cost of delivering a dog obedience training course to local dog owners		£1,000			
	<b>Pennywell Early Years Centre</b> - Towards community engagement activity "Pennywell and Beyond".		£450			
	<b>Royal British Legion</b> -Towards the cost of road closures for the Remembrance Sunday parade on 10th November 2019		£500			
	<b>Hope 4 Kidz</b> – Towards the of moving boulders to enable access to the field at Clexheugh Rocks, stewards and the clean-up for the Community Family fun day on 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2019		£1,233			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£3,183</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£6,817</b>
<b>St Chads</b>	<b>East Herrington Townswomen's Guild</b> – Towards an outing for members of the group on 10th July 2019		£500			
	<b>Herrington Women's Institute</b> -Towards transport costs and purchasing a new microphone and speaker equipment		£700			
	<b>Farringdon Youth and Community Centre</b> - Towards the cost of a festival style fun day on Sunday 11th August 2019		£689			
	<b>Herrington Flower Club</b> - Towards running costs for the year including flowers, travel, demonstrator costs and hire of the church hall		£800			
	<b>St David's Community Project</b> - Towards tutorial costs, room hire and purchasing new tools to enable the current Woodwork Project to continue to run and further develop		£600			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£3,289</b>	<b>£250</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£6,461</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>£60,000</b>	<b>£11,617.50</b>	<b>£7,652</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£40,730.50</b>