

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 23rd March, 2023 at 5:30pm

**This meeting will be held at the Rotunda, Monkwearmouth
Academy, Torver Crescent, Sunderland, SR6 8LG**

Membership

Cllrs D. Wilson (Chairman), S. Foster (Vice Chairman), M. Bond, M. Butler, K. Chequer, A. Chisnall, J. Doyle, M. Hartnack, S. Johnston, J. McKeith, A. Samuels, A. Smith, P. Stewart, J. Usher and L. Vera

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ELAINE WAUGH
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

13th March, 2023

At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held at HYLTON CASTLE, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER, 2022 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Butler, Chequer, Chisnall, Doyle, Foster, McKeith, Samuels, A. Smith, Stewart, Usher and Vera

Also in Attendance:-

Mr Steven Bewick	-	Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Ms Wendy Cook	-	Area Network Representative
Mr. Peter Curtis	-	Area Network Representative
Mr. Steven Gordon	-	Head of Neighbourhoods, Gentoo
Mr. Neil Guthrie	-	Development Director (Residential)
Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe	-	Area Community Development Lead, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Joanne Stewart	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Ruth Walker	-	Area Network Representative

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. He invited Members of the Committee to stand for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for their colleagues; former Councillors Howe and Walton.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bond, Hartnack and Stewart and also on behalf of Ms. Joanne Coulson, Mr. Richy Duggan, Ms. Nikki Vokes and Inspector Stephen Prested.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 23rd June, 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

North Sunderland Area Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020 – 2023

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Committee Neighbourhood and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which presented the North Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and provided an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan and which also provided an update on the Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2022-23.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Foster took Members through the report providing a summary of the key areas of action and/or progress of the Board, with greater detail set out in the annex to the report.

The Committee also received a presentation from Ms. Wendy Cook on the Castle and Redhill Ward's Raising Aspirations projects. This detailed the partners involved and the program of delivery. The presentation highlighted the work that had been undertaken to date and gave case study's from young people who had attended some of the youth and sports sessions to the Committee.

In response to a query from Councillor Vera as to how they were reaching out to older residents in the area, Ms. Cook advised that they had new project team workers who would knock on doors to speak and engage with residents who may be socially isolated; helping to signpost them to appropriate services to meet their individual needs. Where they did not get an answer they would leave a leaflet providing information for them.

Mr. Gordon of Gentoo advised that last year they had ran a scheme in partnership with the Sunderland Empire to provide tickets for the pantomime; along with transport and snacks; to families in the area. He commented that there may be families that they were not aware of who may benefit from similar schemes this year and stated that it may be beneficial for him to have conversations outside of the meeting with voluntary sector representatives where they may be able to share referrals. He also advised that there was no criteria for families to meet to benefit from their scheme.

Councillor Wilson referred to issues in relation to sewage and storm drain overflow at Seaburn beach and advised that Councillor Doyle had composed a letter which he was seeking the Committee's support of. Councillor Doyle recited the letter to the Committee which was seeking that further action be taken by the Leader and the Chief Executive to look at undertaking an independent water cycle study investigating the water treatment works and the impact they were having on local beaches.

Members of the Committee supported the content of the letter and Councillor Doyle agreed to circulate it prior to adding their names in support and forwarding it to the Leader and Chief Executive of the Council for their attention.

The information in the report and presentation having been fully considered, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-

- The progress and performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan for 2020/23 be received and noted and the proposals for future delivery as set out in annex 1 to the report be agreed;
- The presentation on the Castle and Redhill Raising Aspirations projects be received and noted; and
- The letter composed by Councillor Doyle be circulated to all Members of the Area Committee before being signed off and sent to the Leader and Chief Executive of the Council.

North Sunderland Area Committee Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided 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 presented proposals for further funding requests.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe, Area Community Development Lead, presented the report drawing attention to the recommendations detailed within the report.

Councillor Doyle commented that he would like to see a “Walk & Talk” arrangement put in place for the North Sunderland Area Committee similar to those which were undertaken by other Area Committees, which helped them to agree where to focus their funding for the year ahead. He had concerns that some areas were being neglected which could benefit from Area Committee funding. Councillor Wilson advised that they did not have a Walk & Talk arrangement in place but explained that potential future projects for funding were to be discussed at the next meeting of the North Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board.

Councillor Butler commented on the application towards a Park Run at the Quarry site advising Members that it would be an asset to the North Sunderland Area and could be an opportunity to bring people into the area from miles around. He felt it would benefit all residents and the Quarry would offer the perfect site for a Park Run with a few nominal repairs and some help from the Council in maintaining the site.

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

3. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the financial statements as set out in section 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be received and noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the allocation of £5,000 from the Neighbourhood Fund to the Quarry Park Run Project;
- (iii) approval be given to the allocation of £13,300 from the Neighbourhood Fund to Sunderland City Council for the Southwick Community Christmas Project; and
- (iv) the approvals for Community Chest supported from 2022/2023 as set out in the report be noted.

Partner Agency Reports - Report of the North Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

The Voluntary and Community Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update with regard to the North Sunderland Area Voluntary and Community Sector network.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Ruth Walker, Area Network Representative, took Members through the report advising that the network had met in June, July and September, 2022 and shared the agenda items that had been covered.

Members of the Committee were advised that the network had received the Area Committee Call for Projects for youth activities and applications had been submitted; with decisions having been made in July, 2022 and all successful applicants would now have received offer documentation.

Members having no further comments or questions, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports - Gentoo Update

Gentoo submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update with regard to the work done by Gentoo between July and September, 2022.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr. Gordon, Head of Neighbourhoods, Gentoo, presented the report advising that regular updates would be presented to enable Members to be up to date on Gentoo current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities. Members of the Committee were given an update on Neighbourhood Services and were provided with information on investments and renewals in the North Sunderland Area.

In response to a question from Councillor Chisnall regarding the impact of the rising interest rates, Mr. Gordon advised that the level of funding grant from the government to provide affordable housing was agreed and could not just be flipped but it was an area of concern to monitor.

Councillor Butler commented on the fencing scheme that was to be undertaken and encouraged residents to be advised to report problems with any properties in their area. In addition Mr. Gordon informed the Committee that they had tasked Neighbourhood Walkers to identify and report any properties they saw that were needing attention. They would then use this information to compile into neighbourhood plans which would then set out their priorities going forward. These plans could also be shared with Members.

In response to comments from Councillor Wilson regarding issues with geo-thermal heating in some properties, Mr. Gordon advised that he had been aware that there had

been some problems when it had been first installed in properties and tenants had to be trained on how best to use the new systems. Feedback he had received since then had been positive but they were happy to send staff to help educate any residents who may still be struggling with it.

Members having fully considered the report and information provided, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Northumbria Police Update

The Committee were advised that in the absence of a presenting officer, should Members have any questions, they could be emailed to directly to Inspector Prested who would ensure that a response was provided.

6. RESOLVED that any questions be emailed directly to Inspector Prested for a response.

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Mr Steven Bewick, Station Manager, TWFRS, presented the update report and provided the Committee with a verbal update on the current numbers for fires in the area. The figures referred to quarter two which ran from July to September 2022 and he provided a comparison with data from the same quarter in the previous year.

There had been 173 deliberate fires compared with 95 in the same period last year and this included 6 deliberate primary fires compared with 3 last year. There had been 10 deliberate vehicle fires compared with 8 last year and there had been 157 deliberate secondary fires compared with 84 in the previous year. A break down by ward was also provided for Members information.

Mr. Bewick provided Members with details of ongoing projects that were being undertaken in the run up to bonfire night and darker winter evenings. They continued to carry out safe and well checks in the community and smoke alarms were being installed where necessary.

Councillor Butler referred to issues that the emergency services had in accessing the allotments behind the VW Garage due to their cars being parked along the access road. He advised he had contacted the Council and Northumbria Police but had been informed that they had no powers to rectify this and asked if the fire service were able to do anything. Mr. Bewick advised that they would be in a similar position and they would have to work with the Council to look at possible solutions, advising that in other areas they had installed barriers to help.

Councillor Wilson referred to a drone that the Council had purchased and commented that he would like to see it used for prevention of young people setting fires or causing anti-social behaviour and felt that it may be beneficial to a number of partner agencies. Mr. Guthrie advised that it was currently being used by the Council for a number of initiatives, but they were limited as to who could fly it and when.

Members thanked the Officer for the update, and it was:-

7. RESOLVED that the update from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service be received and noted.

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

(Signed) D. WILSON,
Chairman.

23rd March 2023

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF NORTH SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

North 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 North Area Committee during 2022-2023.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the North Area Committee has worked together to finalise their Delivery Plans. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland.

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.

3.6 Area Plans from 2023/24 onwards are being developed with data/intelligence gathering underway. Members will take part in a series of workshops and discussions to recommend priorities and actions for inclusion in these plans, which will be agreed at June 2023 Area Committee

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 North 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 North 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 3 Area Budget Report**
- 4.3 Progress against the Delivery Plan has been reported regularly to Neighbourhood and Community Board and Area Committee. Good news stories and promotion of projects and local information have been posted on the North Sunderland Community facebook page. Funded projects are providing presentations to Area Committee the St. Peters Ward Raising Aspirations Project delivered a presentation to June Area Committee and Castle and Redhill Raising Aspiration Project delivered a presentation at September Area Committee. Fulwell and Southwick Raising Aspirations will be delivering presentations to March Area Committee
- 4.4 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to February 2023.

Priority/Issue	Update
Love Where You Live	February 2023 Board received an update from Planning and Regeneration on the developments on the Seafront and Washing Facilities. Planning and Regeneration to provide costs for shower facilities to be considered at a future Board
Invest in Highways, Pavements and Street Lighting	February Board received and considered the Highways Maintenance Programme recommendations for 2023 – 2024. Members recommended approval to March 2023 Area Committee subject to any amendments being communicated by elected members to Highways
Invest in Parks, Play Areas, Cycle and Walking Routes	Thompson Park: City Development are now leading on this project with Chief Officer Group (COG) confirming additional capital funding to support the North Area Committee funding. Ward members and Area Chair have been provided regular updates and a timeline for delivery of the project. November Board considered a funding application for the delivery of Phase 1 of the Thompson Park Regeneration and recommended approval to December 2021 Area Committee, due to the cancellation of the December Area Committee the funding application was agreed via the Responsive Decision making process in January 2023 Work has now commenced on site with anticipated completion Easter 2023 February Board considered an expression of interest for an event to be held in Thompson Park to celebrate the North Area

	Committee investment and recommended full application to be considered by March 2023 Area Committee details of which are included in Item 3 Annex 1
Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events, activities and nurture family learning	<p>Downhill Community Hub:</p> <p>Task and Finish Group formed and worked with the voluntary sector leaseholder in order to develop capital proposals to assist in the refurbishment of the Downhill Community Hub. Area Committees approved £100,000 in total for the refurbishment project.</p> <p>June 2021 Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further £100,000 for the development of an application that will assist in the delivery of services and activities from the hub and link to the skateboard park in the locality. June 2021 Area Committee agreed the alignment of £100,000.</p> <p>April 2022 Board considered the full application and recommended approval to June 2022 Area Committee which was agreed.</p> <p>Work is progressing on the capital improvements at the Downhill Hub and additional services and activities are being developed and delivered from the venue including the delivery of a Warm Space. Regular quarterly monitoring updates are provided to the Board</p> <p>A Taking Stock Survey is currently being carried out via the North VCS Network in order understand the needs of the sector in managing their buildings, volunteer support required, programme of services and activities delivered all of which will be used for them to benefit from social value support.</p> <p>The North VCS Network was provided with the opportunity to apply for funding to deliver Warm Space projects across the North. Details of all warm spaces within the North are included on the following link:</p> <p>North Area - Sunderland City Council</p>
Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe	<p>February Board received a presentation from young people. The board agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group in order to develop a Call for Project brief to be presented to a future board and then recommend to Area Committee for approval along with a request for £50,000 per ward from 2022 – 2023 Neighbourhood Fund.</p> <p>April 2022 Area Committee via Responsive Decision agreed the alignment of £50,000 per ward and the release of the Youth Project Brief subject to full applications to be presented to the Task and Finish Group and future Area Committee.</p> <p>Through the responsive decision making process Area Committee agreed the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group in July 2022.</p>

	All projects are currently delivering with evaluations and feedback to be presented to a future Board
Promote heritage assets and deliver heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion	<p>Hylton Castle:</p> <p>June 2021 Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £100,000 for the development of a project that will lead towards the restoration of the chapel and cellars. June 2021 Area Committee agreed the alignment.</p> <p>April 2022 Board considered the full application and recommended approval to June Area Committee subject to additional information included within the application on what the chapel will be used for when restored. Full application agreed at June 2022 Area Committee</p> <p>February 2022 Board agreed in principle to recommend to a future Area Committee the alignment of £100,000 from the Neighbourhood Fund allocation for 2022 – 2023 for a project which will develop the Castle as a Winter Events Venue.</p> <p>April 2022 Board considered the full application and recommended approval to June Area Committee subject to additional information included within the application on future sustainability of the project. Full application agreed at June 2022 Area Committee</p> <p>Regular updates on the developments at Hylton Castle are provided to the Board</p>
Support Communities to Deliver Local Events	<p>Battle Re-enactment</p> <p>February 2023 Board considered an expression of interest from Hylton Castle Trust to deliver a Battle Re-enactment event at Hylton Castle in July 2023 with match funding secured from Sunderland City Council Events. The Board recommended full application to be considered by March 2023 Area Committee details of which are included in Item 3 Annex 1</p>

5. Recommendations - Members are requested to: -

- 5.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within **Annex 1**.
- 5.2 Consider and agree the recommendations of the Neighbourhood & Community Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes for the North for 2023 – 2024 attached at Annex 2
- 5.3 Receive the presentation on the Fulwell and Southwick Raising Aspirations Projects

Annex 1 North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023
Annex 2 Highways Capital Maintenance Programme 2023/2024

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Item 2 Annex 1

North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

The Plan was developed as a 3 year proposal which committed the Area Committee to deliver a significant number of priorities in Sunderland North, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan has been monitored by the Area Committee and actions addressed over the last 3 years via the North Neighbourhood and Community Board. Regular updates have been provided to the Board and to Area Committee over the last 3 years and the actions and priorities which continue to be delivered are outlined below.

Action	Next Steps	Update
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 Neighbourhood		
Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration to provide updates on Sunderland City Councils Low Carbon Commitment	North Area Committee to consider update and how they can support the development of sites within the North area Include in 23/24 Plans	Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration delivered a presentation on Low Carbon and Tree Planting to an Extraordinary Board on 7 th December 2022
Launch ‘Love where you live’ campaign		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhood Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More residents Participating in their Community Links to: Sunderland’s Community Wealth Strategy – Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement		
Receive updates on the potential for additional bins and a washing project at the Seafront	ACDL to continue to provide updates on delivery to the Neighbourhood and Community Board Include in 23/26 Plans	June 2021 Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £25,000 in order to support the development of an Art Project and Washing Facilities at

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		<p>Seaburn Sea Front. June 2021 Area Committee agreed the alignment of £25,000</p> <p>November 2022 Board discussed the aligned funds for washing facilities and installation of additional bins and agreed to defer any decision to progress this project to a future Board.</p> <p>February 2023 Board received an update from Planning and Regeneration on the developments on the Seafront and Washing Facilities.</p> <p>Planning and Regeneration to provide costs for shower facilities to be considered at a future Board</p>
Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – People Feeling Safe in their Neighbourhoods Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhood		
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme.	<p>Highways Maintenance Programme for 2022 - 2023 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to North Area Committee</p> <p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p>	<p>November 2022 Board received an update on the progress of the Highways Maintenance Programme for 2022 – 2023</p> <p>February Board received and considered the Highways Maintenance Programme recommendations for 2023 – 2024. Members recommended approval to March 2023 Area Committee subject to any amendments</p>

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		being communicated by elected members to Highways
Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – <i>More People Visiting Sunderland and More Residents Informing and Participating in Cultural Events, Programmes and Activities</i> Links to: A Healthy Smart City – <i>Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhood – People Enjoying Independent Lives – Reduced Health Inequalities Enabling More People to Live Healthier Longer Lives</i> Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – <i>Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement</i>		
Develop a plan for the regeneration of Thompson Park as an activity and destination park for all ages in partnership with Friends of Thompson Park	<p>Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group.</p> <p>ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board</p> <p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p>	<p>City Development are now leading on this project with Chief Officer Group (COG) confirming additional capital funding to support the North Area Committee funding. Ward members and Area Chair have been provided regular updates and a timeline for delivery of the project.</p> <p>November Board considered a funding application for the delivery of Phase 1 of the Thompson Park Regeneration and recommended approval to December 2021 Area Committee, due to the cancellation of the December Area Committee the funding application was agreed via the Responsive Decision making process in January 2023</p> <p>Work has now commenced on site with anticipated completion Easter 2023</p> <p>February Board considered an expression of interest for an event to be</p>

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		held in Thompson Park to celebrate the North Area Committee investment and recommended full application to be considered by March 2023 Area Committee details of which are included in Item 3 Annex 1
Develop a plan for improvements at Hylton Dene as a wildlife and walking, cycling and running route/destination	To be discussed at future Neighbourhood and Community Board Include in 23/24 Plans	
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 session are accessible and not cost or time prohibitive, in partnership with All Together Better		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Reduced Health Inequalities Enabling More People to Live Healthier Longer Lives – Access to equitable Opportunities and Life Changes, People Enjoying Independent Lives – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhoods		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More Resilient People – More Residents Participating in Their Communities		
Links to: Sunderland’s Community Wealth Strategy – Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement - Business Growth and Investment in Voluntary and Community Sector – Improving Community Resilience		
Ensure 5 Ward based Raising Aspirations Projects are providing services and activities to local residents	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board Include in 23/24 Plans	The 5 ward based Raising Aspirations Projects continue to deliver services and activities to the local community. Feedback on the Raising Aspiration Projects will be provided to Area Committee, by Ward, throughout 2022 – 2023 St. Peters Ward Raising Aspirations Project delivered a presentation to the June Area Committee Castle and Redhill Ward Raising Aspiration Project delivered a

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		presentation to the September Area Committee
Ensure North Communication Project keeps local communities up to date with activities and services on offer and promotes the North Area	ACDL coordinates the content and delivery of the North Communication Project in partnership with the Chairs of Area Committee and Neighbourhood and Community Board Include in 23/24 Plans	ACDL is currently working with the project lead on final draft of newsletter – expected delivery May 2023
North Area Committee in partnership with Public Health Funding have supported health related projects in Sunderland North	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board Include in 23/24 Plans	November 2022 Board discussed the Air Quality Monitoring Project which was approved in 2019 and agreed to recommend to December Area Committee the return of £10,000 funding which is then ring fenced for any future health related projects
Beach Access North East leading on a project on behalf of Sunderland Seafront Steering Group to install a container adjacent to Marine Activities Centre which will house beach accessible wheelchairs with volunteers managing booking of the wheelchairs	September North Area Committee to consider a funding application to deliver this project	Successful promotion and launch of the BANE project carried out on 10 th October 2022
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: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Visiting Sunderland and More Residents Informing and Participating in Cultural Events, Programmes and Activities – More Residents Participating In Their Communities Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – Developing the Role of Anchor Institutions – Socially Productive Asset Management – Community Empowerment Engagement and Involvement – Business Growth and Investment in Voluntary and Community Sector		
Support the development of former Downhill School into a community hub	Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group. ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates	Task and Finish Group formed and worked with the voluntary sector leaseholder in order to develop capital proposals to assist in the refurbishment

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	<p>to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board</p> <p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p>	<p>of the Downhill Community Hub. December and March Area Committees approved £100,000 in total for the refurbishment project.</p> <p>June 2021 Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further £100,000 for the development of an application that will assist in the delivery of services and activities from the hub and link to the skateboard park in the locality. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £100,000. The project lead is currently developing a full application to be considered. April 2022 Board considered the full application and recommended approval to June 2022 Area Committee which was agreed.</p> <p>Work is progressing on the capital improvements at the Downhill Hub and additional services and activities are being developed and delivered from the venue including the delivery of a Warm Space. Regular quarterly monitoring updates are provided to the Board</p> <p>A Taking Stock Survey is currently being carried out via the North VCS Network in order understand the needs of the sector in managing their buildings, volunteer support required, programme of services and activities delivered all of which will be used for</p>

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		<p>them to benefit from social value support.</p> <p>The North VCS Network was provided with the opportunity to apply for funding to deliver Warm Space projects across the North. Details of all warm spaces within the North are included on the following link:</p> <p>North Area - Sunderland City Council</p>
Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Feeling Safe in Their Homes and Neighbourhoods - More Residents Participating In Their Communities Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Access to Equitable Opportunities and Life Chances Links to: Sunderland’s Community Wealth Strategy - Community Empowerment Engagement and Involvement – Business Growth and Investment in Voluntary and Community Sector – Improving Community Resilience		
Neighbourhood Funding in place for Youth activity delivery across all wards in North	<p>Updates on delivery of provision to be provided to the Neighbourhood Community Board</p> <p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p>	<p>February 2022 Board received a presentation from young people. The board agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group in order to develop a Call for Project brief to be presented to a future board and then recommend to Area Committee for approval along with a request for £50,000 per ward from 2022 – 2023 Neighbourhood Fund.</p> <p>April 2022 Area Committee via Responsive Decision agreed the alignment of £50,000 per ward and the release of the Youth Project Brief subject to full applications to be presented to the Task and Finish Group</p>

Action	Next Steps	Update
		<p>and future Area Committee. June 2022 the Task and Finish Group met to discuss the applications and agreed to invite all applicants to a meeting with the Group to discuss further development of the applications.</p> <p>Through the responsive decision making process Area Committee agreed the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group in July 2022.</p> <p>All projects are currently delivering with evaluations and feedback to be presented to a future Board</p>
Support communities to deliver local events		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More residents participating in their Communities – More People Visiting Sunderland and More Residents Informing and Participating in Cultural Events, Programmes and Activities Links to: Sunderland’s Community Wealth Strategy – Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement - Business Growth and Investment in the Voluntary and Community Sector		
Continue to support the delivery of events across Sunderland North	<p>Southwick Festive Lights Project supported up to 2024 Include in 24/25 Plans</p> <p>Support the Delivery of a Heritage Event at Hylton Castle – Battle Re-enactment Include in 23/24 Plans</p>	<p>Switch on event delivered by Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project on 25th November 2022</p> <p>Future Board to consider how the North Area Committee can influence the City Wide programme of events and the usage of locations across Sunderland North</p> <p>February 2023 Board considered an expression of interest from Hylton</p>

Action	Next Steps	Update
		Castle Trust to deliver a Battle Re-enactment event at Hylton Castle in July 2023 with match funding secured from Sunderland City Council Events. The Board recommended full application to be considered by March 2023 Area Committee details of which are included in Item 3 Annex 1
Increase safety through the improvement of CCTV and additional enforcement		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhoods Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Feeling Safe in Their Homes and Neighbourhoods		
North Area Committee funded CCTV project ongoing	Updates provided on locations of CCTV across Sunderland North	<p>North Area Committee Councillors receive feedback from the Area Chair on the Local Multi Agency Partnership meetings which included updates on camera options and locations.</p> <p>LMAPS regularly discuss Sunderland City Council Drone Project which will see staff trained as drone pilots and drones used with the aim of tackling ASB.</p>
Promote 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 Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement		
Develop a project which provides access to event space at Hylton Castle in order to support bringing the community together and future sustainability of the Project	ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be	June 2021 Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £100,000 for the development of a project that will lead

Action	Next Steps	Update
<p>Develop a project which works toward the restoration of the Chapel and Cellars at Hylton Castle</p> <p>Develop a project which develops the Castle as a Winter Events Venue</p>	<p>provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board</p> <p>Include in 23/24 Plans</p>	<p>towards the restoration of the chapel and cellars. June 2021 Area Committee agreed the alignment.</p> <p>April 2022 Board considered the full application and recommended approval to June Area Committee subject to additional information included within the application on what the chapel will be used for when restored. Full application agreed at June 2022 Area Committee</p> <p>February 2022 Board agreed in principle to recommend to a future Area Committee the alignment of £100,000 from the Neighbourhood Fund allocation for 2022 – 2023 for a project which will develop the Castle as a Winter Events Venue.</p> <p>April 2022 Board considered the full application and recommended approval to June Area Committee subject to additional information included within the application on future sustainability of the project. Full application agreed at June 2022 Area Committee</p> <p>Regular updates on the developments at Hylton Castle are provided to the Board</p>

NORTH AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD
ITEM 2 ANNEX 2
Members Recommendations for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2023-2024

STREET NAME	WARD	Treatment	Estimate Footway £	Estimate Road £
Ethel Terrace [Rear 1-19]	Castle	Carriageway Resurfacing		8000
Ferryboat Lane [Junction Caithness Road]	Castle	Carriageway Resurfacing		12700
North View [No.5 to No.27]	Castle	Footway Overlay	1150	
Dacre Road [From Junction with Dene Lane to before radius]	Fulwell	Verge Hardening	3300	
Honister Drive [From Grasmere Crescent]	Fulwell	Verge Hardening	9625	
Sea Road, Rear, [From Dent Street to Annie Street]	Fulwell	Carriageway Resurfacing		4975
Runnymede Road [From Ramsgate Road to No.40 Runnymede Road]	Redhill	Carriageway Resurfacing		20300
Alexander Terrace [From North View to South View]	St. Peter's	Carriageway Resurfacing		5775
North View [From West View to Alexander Terrace]	St. Peter's	Carriageway Resurfacing		5325
South View [From Alexander Terrace to East View]	St. Peter's	Carriageway Surfacing		9900
Blanchland Drive Phase 01 [From Thompson Road to Shotley Avenue - East Side]	Southwick	Verge Hardening	15000	
Swan Street [North Side - From Eglington Street North to Columbia Street]	Southwick	Footway Overlay	2825	
Swan Street [South Side - From Eglington Street North to Columbia Street]	Southwick	Footway Overlay	2275	
		SELECTION TOTAL	34,175	66,975

TOTAL = £101,150

<p align="center">NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE 23rd March 2023 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</p>	
<p>Title of Report: North Sunderland Area Budget Report</p>	
<p>Author(s): Assistant Director of Housing & Communities</p>	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>Description of Decision:</p> <p>Committee are requested to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial statements set out in Tables 1, 2 and 3. (b) Consider the approval of Neighbourhood Fund of £19,981 to Sunderland City Council for the Thompson Park Event Project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (c) Consider the approval of Neighbourhood Fund of £25,000 to Hylton Castle Trust for the Battle Re-enactment Project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (d) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023 as set out in Section 4 and Item 3 Annex 2 	
<p>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes</p>	
<p>Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £430,680 (inc Youth allocation) for 2022/2023 from the Neighbourhood Fund and had £500,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan and to attract other funding into the area.</p>	
<p>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.</p>	
<p>Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No</p> <p>Is it included in the Forward Plan? No</p>	<p>Relevant Scrutiny Committees:</p>

Item 3

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

23rd March 2023

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING & COMMUNITIES

North 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 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2022 / 2023:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2022 / 2023					£430,680
Activities for Young People (approved via Delegated Decision 18 th July 2022)	18.07.22 (via Delegated Decision)		£88,784	£161,216	£180,680
Fulwell Community Library	(25.03.21)	£5,750			£186,430
School Holiday Activities 2020/2021	(19.03.20)	£877			£187,307
Redevelopment of Downhill Wheeled Sports Park	(03.10.16)	£1,015			£188,322
Hylton Castle Trust - Castle Project (aligned at Area Committee on 30.6.21)	23.06.22			£100,000	£188,322
Hylton Castle Trust (Christmas Project)	23.06.22			£100,000	£88,322
Downhill Community Hub (aligned at Area Committee on 30.6.21)	23.06.22			£100,000	£88,322
Sunderland City Council – Quarry Park Run	29.09.22			£5,000	£88,322

(aligned at Area Committee on 18.12.19)					
Sunderland City Council – Southwick Community Christmas	29.09.22			£13,300	£75,022
Air Quality Monitoring Project	18.12.19	£10,000			£85,022
Redhill Fence Project (approved via delegated decision 28.11.22)	28.11.22(via Delegated Decision)			£11,000	£74,022
Sunderland City Council – Playzone Project (approved via delegated decision January 2023)	January 2023 (via Delegated Decision)			10,000	£64,022
Sunderland City Council – Thompson Park Project (approved via delegated decision January 2023)	January 2023 (via Delegated Decision)			£100,000	£64,022
Sunderland City Council – Hylton Castle Light Project (approved via delegated decision January 2023)	January 2023 (via Delegated Decision)			£5,259	£58,763

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2022 / 2023

2.2 North Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £430,680 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects.

2.3 There are **2** applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration:

- Sunderland City Council – Thompson Park Event £19,981
- Hylton Castle Trust – Battle Re-enactment Project £25,000

2.4 The total Neighbourhood fund budget requested for approval is **£44,981**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£13,782**

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 / 2023

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

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2020 / 2023					£500,000
Festive Lighting Project	15.07.20	-	-	£10,000	£490,000
Southwick Illuminations Project	17.09.20	-	-	£10,000	£480,000
Regeneration of Thompson Park	10.12.20 & January 2023 (via Delegated Decision)	-		£200,000	£280,000
Places to Ride (£25,000 from 10.12.20 alignment approved at Area Committee on 30.06.21)					

	30.06.21				
Event Space at Hylton Castle (£100,000 aligned at Area Committee on 10.12.20)	30.06.21	-	-	£100,000	£180,000
Development of Former Downhill School into a Community Hub	25.03.21	-	-	£80,000	£100,000
North Additional CCTV	25.03.21			£100,000	£0

Table Two: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023

- 3.2 North Area Committee was allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members were 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.

4. Community Chest

- 4.1 Each ward has been allocated a budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest will be moving online to make the process easier for Groups to access the funds, however, if Groups need digital support Area Arrangements will provide it to ensure inclusivity. Ward Councillors will continue to lead on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where its 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 current budget position for 2022/2023. **Annex 3** shows the approvals supported to date for 2022/23

Ward	2022/2023 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Castle	£10,000	-	£10,000	£0
Fulwell	£10,000	-	£9607.54	£392.46
Redhill	£10,000	-	£3631	£6569
Southwick	£10,000	-	£5920	£4,080
St. Peters	£10,000	-	£5833.01	£4166.99
Total	£50,000	-	£34,791.55	£15208.45

Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2022 / 2023

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in Table 1, 2 and 3.
- 5.2 Consider the approval of Neighbourhood Fund of **£19,981** to Sunderland City Council for the Thompson Park Event Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.3 Consider the approval of Neighbourhood Fund of **£25,000** to Hylton Castle Trust for the Battle Re-enactment Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 2**

- 5.4 Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023 as set out in **Section 4** and **Item 3 Annex 2**

Annexes

Annex 1

Neighbourhood Fund Applications

Annex 2

Community Chest Grant Approvals 2022/2023

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Applications for North Neighbourhood Fund

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Thompson Park Event
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£22,981	£3,000	£19,981
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 Day	Spring/Early Summer 2023	Spring/Early Summer 2023

Project Description

The full project description is detailed below:
(verbatim from application)

Area Committee	North Area Committee
Area Priority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Communities to deliver local events • Improve Parks, Play Areas, Cycle and Walking Routes
Name of Service	City Development
Service Point of Contact (email)	Laura Groark/Marion Dixon
Project Title/Cost Centre Title(s)	Thompson Park Event
Project Description	<p>Sunderland City Council events team have been approached by the Thompson Park Project Group to manage and deliver an event which celebrates and officially opens and launches the North Area Committee investment into the refurbishment of Thompson Park.</p> <p>The event will be held in Spring/Early Summer – date to be confirmed with the Southwick Ward Councillors and to ensure no conflict with any other family events in the City.</p> <p>The event will showcase the significant investment of North Area Committee and Sunderland City Council into the refurbishment of Thompson Park</p> <p>Events team will liaise closely with members of the Friends of Thompson Park to ensure that the projects currently based and delivering services and activities in Thompson Park are involved with the event, have an opportunity to showcase themselves and there is no duplication of activities on offer and their costs are included within the event project:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SARA Project & Change the Game • Thompson Park Café CIC • Sunderland Young Peoples Bike Project • Sunderland Home Grown • Carers Centre • Bowls Club • Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project <p>Event to include using as much of the space as possible within the Park to encourage movement around the park and especially around the newly refurbished areas.</p> <p>Event activities to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range of Music Acts • Stage/PA/Lighting & Power • Slides • Trampolines • Tea Pots • Land Train • Mini Zoo or Alpacas • Crazy Golf • Giant Garden Games • Giant Football Darts • Assault Court • Barriers • Face Painting • Craft Workshops • Community Marquee and Furniture • Toilets • First Aid • Event Stewards • Pop Up Marquees • Flags/branding etc • Waste Management • Site Crews 			
	Start Date			
	TBC One Day in Spring/Early Summer			
	End Date			
TBC One Day in Spring/Early Summer				
Spend Breakdown (Please provide a full breakdown of costs associated with delivering the project)				
Item and Description	NF Contribution	NICP Contribution	Match Funding	Total Cost
Capital (expenditure on acquiring, maintaining or enhancing assets, such as land, buildings, and equipment)				
Not applicable				

Revenue (Expenditure on the day-to-day operation of services such as employee costs and supplies and services)				
Stage, PA, Lighting & Power	3,000			3,000
Music Acts x 4	2,000			2,000
Giant Slide	250			250
Trampolines	350			350
Tea Pots	350			350
Land Train	400			400
Mini Zoo or Alpacas	325			325
Crazy Golf	300			300
Giant Garden Games	200			200
Giant Football Darts	200			200
Assault Course	275			275
Barriers	100			100
Face Painting	300			300
Craft Workshops	300			300
Community Marquee & Furniture	2000			2000
Toilets including Baby/Disabled	500			500
First Aid	260			260
Event Stewards	1000			1000
Pop Up Marquees	250			250
Festival Branding – Flags/Banners	500			500
Lost Children	80			80
Fire Fighting Equipment	20			20
Vehicle & Transport	500			500
Waste Management/Site Cleaning	500			500
Site Crew	1000			1000
Traffic Management	2000			2000
TENS	21			21
Management Fee	3000		1000	4000
Contingency	0		2000	2000
Total	£19,981	£	£3000	22,981

Objectives	Key Milestones	Forecast Details	
(Include here a list of key objectives and goals along with dates they are proposed to be delivered)	Engagement with Friends of Thompson Park	01.04.2023	
	Procurement of Event Company	30.04.23	
	Delivery of Event	TBC	
Outputs			
Vibrant Smart City Output		Code	Target
Number of external organisations involved or supported		306	7

Number of cultural, heritage and community events supported and delivered	309	1
Number of visitors footfall and neighbourhood events	311	2000

Total Request from Neighbourhood Fund £19,981

Recommendation:

February Board recommended development of full application to be presented to March Area Committee to deliver to the following priorities:

- Invest in Parks, Play Areas, Cycle and Walking Routes
- Support Communities to deliver local events

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Battle Re-enactment
Lead Organisation	Hylton Castle Trust

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£50,000	£25,000	£50,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 Day	June 2023	August 2023

Project Description

The full project description is detailed below:
(verbatim from application)

In August 2018 Community Opportunities/SNCBC, on behalf of Hylton Castle Trust, funded by North Area Committee, delivered an extremely successful Battle Re-enactment Event. There is a potential to deliver a similar event in July 2023.

This event is proposed to provide a re-enactment event of the Battle of Boldon Hill in March 1644 and deliver a range of learning and community engagement activities at Hylton Castle. The event aims to stimulate interest in Hylton Castle as a serious visitor attraction and to have an opportunity to showcase a detailed history of the area to raise local understanding of Sunderland's heritage, how Civil Wars have impacted on life within local communities. The Event is proposed to include Regiments Drilling and Training, demonstrations of artillery fire, a musket display and Pike Drill prior to the main battle. These displays will help visitors to put the action into perspective for example how a pike block interacted with the musketeers to repel a cavalry charge. It is proposed that the main battle of the day will include 15 artillery pieces and around 400 re-enactors.

It is intended the event will be delivered over two days with the potential to attract up to 10,000 visitors across the duration of the event. The demonstration is hoped to also include a horse parade, delivered by experienced and relevantly trained horse handlers who will be present during the event.

It is envisaged there will be an authentic Living History camp and demonstration including family orientated learning activities interpreting the life and times of the period and the public will have an opportunity to ask questions, handle objects and engage with re-enactors on all levels. A small group of re-enactors will camp at the Hylton Castle site for two evenings. Talks and demonstrations and have a go taster sessions will be available in the marquees, for example participative 'drill sessions' for children and young people, opportunity to take part in period skills and crafts and a colouring-in station and quizzes about the period for younger children.

The event will include stalls selling local produce and crafts such as paintings, jewellery, pottery, flower arrangements and activities from local voluntary and community sector

groups. Fair rides, a picnic area and children's entertainment area including face painters and balloon modelling will be available around the site. We intend for these activities to be sensitive to the wider heritage event and we will and on site food provision will be involving the inspector of markets to keep a record of traders on site. Consultation will be held with local residents as to other attractions they may wish to engage with.

Hylton Castle Trust will be responsible for management of the event and of the contract with the English Civil War Society and all relevant health and safety and insurances will be in place to cover an event of this size and the activities that are to be provided. The ECWS will visit schools and local events as part of the build up to the event and Trustees will be holding a celebration event for professionals in the days before the weekend community event of the battle re-enactment.

It is proposed that part of the event will include the battle re-enactment company camping and in 2018 this was at Fulwell Quarry and it is envisaged that this will be replicated in 2023. All necessary permissions and health and safety will be in place to support this.

The event will require a documented plan to be produced and provided to Sunderland City Council, Historic England and English Heritage to be approved prior to delivery. The Trust is familiar with producing robust event plans having previously been involved with the delivery of the Hylton Castle Battle Re-enactment in 2019.

We have secured £25,000 from Sunderland City Council events budget and anticipate securing a further £1400 in concessions fees and sponsorship to match with the £25,000 requested from the Neighbourhood Fund.

Objectives and goals	Forecast Dates
Compile event plan and submit to SCC MAG	30/04/2023
Compile event plan and submit to Historic England for SMA	30/04/2023
Compile event plan and submit to English Heritage for guardian approval	30/04/2023
Secure infrastructure orders – toilets, marquee, power, road signage, parking, fencing enclosure	20/04/2023
Agree camping site and arrangements	15/05/2023
Secure services support – security, re-enactors, staffing	31/03/2023
Agree civic event details and promote	30/05/2023
Agree event promotional and marketing plan	31/05/2023
Commence school and youth club visits – to Castle and schools	June 2023

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
English Civil War Society	£15,600		£15,600
Marquee Hire	£ 3,450	£3,450	

Fencing erection (HCT have fencing) – horses, parking	£ 900	£ ,900	
Battle area enclosure stake fencing	£ 1,200	£ 1,200	
Generator power and lighting tower	£ 1,900	£ 1,900	
Toilet Hire inc, daily emptying – 6 units, 4 days x 1 site and 7 days x campsite	£ 3,816		£3,816
Security – Castle day and night	£ 2,612.20		£2,612.20
Security – camp daytime event	£ 460.80		£ 460.80
Transport – minibuses, vintage buses	£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	
Staffing – camp site, castle, school visits, event planning, fire, police etc	£ 4,150.00	£ 4,150.00	
Water provision to campsite, horses, living history including water bowzers	£ 1,950.00	£1,950.00	
Metal container and security	£ 1,200.00	£ 1,200.00	
Flags, activity resources	£ 2,500.00	£ 1,739.00	£ 761.00
Stall hire and displays	£ 1,900.00	£ 1,900.00	
Promotion and Marketing	£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00	
First Aid and vehicle	£ 1,100.00	£ 1,100.00	
Insurance	£ 1,200.00	£ 1,200.00	
Civic event contribution	£ 1,461.00	£ 1,461.00	
Management Fee	£ 3,500.00	£ 1,750.00	£1,750.00
Concessions			
Total	£51,400.00	£ 26,400.00	£25,000.00

Recommendation

February Board recommended development of full application to be presented to March Area Committee to deliver to the following priority:

- Support Communities to Deliver Local Events
- Promote Heritage Assets and Deliver Heritage Activities

Item 3 Annex 2

North Area Committee

23rd March 2023

Community Chest Awards April – March 2023

Castle Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Castletown Scout Group	05.08.22		£960
Golden Gloves Boxing Club	15.08.22		£4,900
Red Sky Foundation	15.09.22		£1,500
Sunderland City Council	11.11.22		£1,951
Castletown Scout Group	16.02.23		£689
Remaining balance - £0			£10,000
Fulwell Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
North East Bus Preservation Society	25.05.22		£750
Redby CA (joint with St Peters)	30.05.22		£800.50
Redby Childminders (joint with St Peters)	05.08.22		£516.04
Sunderland City Council	12.09.22		£4,200
Fulwell & Sea Rd Traders	21.10.22		£1842
NE Sport	02.03.23		£1099
Fulwell Community Library	02.03.23		£400
Remaining balance - £392.46			£9607.54
Redhill Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Redhouse Community Association	21.11.22		£1872
Community Opportunities	21.11.22		£1394
SCC – Street Signage	12.12.22		£165
Remaining balance - £6569			£3431
Southwick Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Fans Museum	13.04.22		£1,000
Cakes & Weights	25.05.22		£1,000
Southwick Village Green Preservation Society	24.06.22		£1,000
SARA	24.06.22		£1,000
Thompson Park Bowls	15.09.22		£1,000
Thompson Park Community Association	15.09.22		£420
Thompson Park Community Centre	21.10.22		£500
Remaining balance - £4,080			£5920

St. Peter's Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Enon Baptist Church	30.05.22		£245
Redby CA (joint with Fulwell)	30.05.22		£800.50
Roker Methodist Church	04.07.22		£1,500
Redby Childminders (joint with Fulwell)	05.08.22		£129.01
Roker Park Model Boat Club	21.10.22		£701
New Springs City Church	16.02.23		£1496.50
Bedes Bakehouse	16.02.23		£329
Sunderland Community Action Group	16.02.23		£632
Remaining balance - £4166.99			£5833.01

23rd March 2023**REPORT OF NORTH AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK****1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the North Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

2. Background

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.
- 2.2 North Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.
- 2.3 The North VCS Network is made up of over 100 local groups and strategic local/national/regional partners. The network meets on a regular basis in order to share good practice, support one another and receives regularly updates as part of an information share e bulletin.

3. North Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN) Progress Report

- 3.1 The North VCS Network met in June, July, September, October and December 2022 and March 2023
- 3.2 The meetings have included the following agenda items:
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund
 - Sunderland City Council Weedkilling Pilot
 - ICOS Employability Project
 - Kooth Update
 - Sunderland City Council Support to the Sector – Social Value, Grants and Social Prescribing
 - Area Funding and Online Application Process
 - Wearside Women in Need – Findaway Project
 - Warm Spaces Updates & Funding Opportunities
 - Learning & Skills Service Update
 - NECA
 - Digital Careers
 - Cultural Spring
 - Foundation of Light Update
 - Networking and Information Share Opportunities
- 3.4 At recent meetings the voluntary sector organisations present have raised the issues their local communities are facing with the cost of living crisis and especially those delivering warm spaces are seeing a rise in people attending and needing intensive support.

- 3.3 Regular funding bulletins are provided to the Network to ensure VCS organisations are kept informed of funding opportunities available.
- 3.4 The Network received the Area Committee Call for Projects for youth activities and applications were submitted underwent assessment and consultation and Area Committee decisions were made in July 2022 regarding the applications. All successful applicants have now received offer documentation.
- 3.4 The Network representatives regularly consult with the Network to ensure that the agenda items reflect their requirements.
- 3.5 Following significant consultation with the Area Voluntary and Community Sector Networks, a Sunderland VCS Alliance has been formed to support a strong, vibrant, and accessible VCS which both influences and supports delivery of key services in the city. The Alliance is sector-led through the five Area VCS Networks and financially supported by Sunderland City Council, Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group and Gentoo, alongside external funding secured via the ESIF Community Led Local Development Programme. The Alliance is building upon the importance and strengths of area-based VCS structures and networks, increasing capacity in the sector wherever possible, to support the delivery of the ambitions of the Sunderland City Plan, Neighbourhood Investment Plans, Sunderland Community Wealth Building Strategy and the Community Led Local Development Strategy.

The VCS across Sunderland have worked tirelessly for decades and particularly throughout the pandemic, the VCS Alliance is committed to working hard to ensure the VCS is supported and strengthened over the coming years, working with other Anchor Institutions across the city.

The strategic aim of the Alliance is to develop a VCS Strategy and Delivery plan which results in significant investment for the sector. The Alliance has already worked hard to submit a funding application to the UK Community Renewal Fund, growing volunteering and work placement opportunities across the sector.

The Alliance will ensure the VCS has a strategic voice in the city to inform the design, implementation and delivery of services including commissioning opportunities of those partner organisations to support delivery of the City Plan, Neighbourhood Investment Plans and Community Wealth building Priorities.

The Sunderland VCS Alliance website can be located here: [Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance - Sunderland City Council](#) where you can read the VCS Alliance Delivery Plan, minutes of meetings, meet the team and access information, advice and resources.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested
- To note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the North VCSN.

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Item 4(b)

NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

23 March 2023

REPORT OF GENTOO

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the North Area Committee from December to March 2023.

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be presented to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current Gentoo developments, projects, and priorities.

3 Update on Neighbourhood Services

- 3.1 Gentoo continue to work on a tenancy sustainability plan to support tenants impacted with the cost-of-living crisis, who may be facing poverty because they cannot heat their home, pay their rent, or buy the essentials they need for themselves or their children. Tenancies fail for multiple reasons of which financial resilience is only one, and often a symptom of the real cause, such as vulnerability, relationship breakdown, low incomes, and unemployment. The Gentoo support teams work with tenants to provide extra support and the Department of Levelling up Housing and Communities has held up the work of Gentoo's Positive Engagement officers, as good practice. The PEO's work with tenants who have complex needs, such as drug and alcohol issues, which impact their ability to sustain their tenancy.

A Gentoo cost-of-living survey was sent out through social media during November 2022, with tenants asked twelve questions relating to how well they thought they might cope with the cost of living. Within two weeks 1550 responses had been received.

When asked '*how worried are you about the cost-of-living crisis?*' 51% said extremely or very worried with only 6% saying not worried at all. When asked '*how well do you think you will be able to cope with the cost-of-living crisis?*', 46.47% said either extremely or very well. With 17.78% saying not so well or not well at all. Of all respondents, 76.27% had used a food bank in the previous 6 months. In response to '*What is your biggest concern about the cost-of-living crisis?*' 45.41% of respondents, stated, '*paying rent*' with '*paying energy bills*' at 24.59% and '*buying food*' at 22.47%.

Pension Credit is one of the most underclaimed benefits in the UK and is extra money to help you cover your costs if you're over State Pension age and living on a low income. Gentoo have promoted Pension Credit eligibility through social media and the website to encourage this group of tenants to

claim. To also support this age group of vulnerable tenants, Gentoo have worked in partnership with the DWP and Northumbrian Water to identify those pensionable age tenants who would qualify for water rates support, the collaborative work with the agencies has resulted in approximately 2,762 tenants being awarded a discount of between 10 and 50% of their water charges (Gentoo now have 8,629 tenants who have benefited from this support).

There continues to be poverty for families receiving universal credit, Gentoo currently has 10,683 tenants claiming universal credit. These tenants are supported monthly during the first four months of their claim by specialist officers, who ensure that access to all available services and financial support is discussed.

We continue to support initiatives such as 'Share the Warmth' campaign which distributes used coats, scarfs, and hats to individuals in need, we continue to work with utility suppliers to support tenants struggling to pay their bills and offer support through Gentoo's 'Crisis Fund'. Currently this year (up to the end of February) 774 requests have been assessed, and a spend of £28,549 has already issued to tenants to top up their gas and electricity meters. Tenants are still able to access professional Money Matters support should they find themselves in financial difficulty and demand for this service has dramatically increased in the last three months.

- 3.2 The Tenant Satisfaction Measures were created by the Regulator of Social Housing as a new system for assessing how well social housing landlords in England are doing at providing good quality homes and services. From 1 April 2023, landlords must start collecting data for the tenant satisfaction measures (TSM's) ready for submission to the regulator in Summer 2024, these results will be published in Autumn 2024. The measures are intended to enable residents to scrutinise their landlord and hold them to account. The measures will also be used as a source of intelligence to the Regulator on whether landlords are meeting the regulatory standards. TSM's will be used alongside other tools to gain assurance that housing providers are providing good quality homes and services. The TSMs, which will be collected through tenant surveys and landlord data, will cover five main themes, including repairs, building safety, effective complaint-handling, respectful and helpful tenant engagement, and responsible neighbourhood management. The Group already have a pilot project underway to ensure readiness for the provision of data to the Regulator. The tenant surveys are being carried out by an independent organisation to allow for honesty and transparency.

4. Investment & Renewal

- 4.1 Southwick Roofing contract is ongoing with 62 properties due to be completed by 31 July 2023.

- 4.2 Downhill has a current window replacement scheme due to be complete by April 2023.
- 4.3 Carley Hill and Witherwack Estates have a number of properties have are to undertake internal modernisations.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

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Current Planning Applications(North)

Between 01/02/2023 and 28/02/2023

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/02630/FUL	Former Harveys Furniture Store/HSS Hire Shop East View Castletown Sunderland SR5 3AN	Change of use from Non-Food Retail (Use Class E (a)) with ancillary office (Use Class E (g)) to Self-Storage (Use Class B8) with ancillary office (Use Class E (g)(i)), the insertion of a full cover mezzanine floor, refurbishment of external elevations, replacement of roof, reconfiguration of car parking area and all associated works.	03/02/2023	05/05/2023
23/00379/SU4	Land Adjacent/2 Tollerton Drive Castletown Sunderland SR5 3DQ	Erection of boundary enclosure to side. of property. (Retrospective) (RESUBMISSION)	27/02/2023	24/04/2023
23/00223/ADV	Prego/Jet Amusements Whitburn Road Seaburn Sunderland SR6 8AA	Installation of a freestanding LED Screen / Monitor on steel support legs.	13/02/2023	10/04/2023
23/00382/FUL	7 Gloucester Avenue Sunderland SR6 9ED	Erection of a single storey rear extension	20/02/2023	17/04/2023
23/00434/FUL	15 Glaisdale Drive Sunderland SR6 8BG	Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear.	24/02/2023	21/04/2023

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
23/00269/FUL	16 Shincliffe AvenueSunderlandSR5 5UB	Change of use from open space to private garden with a 1merte and 2metre boundary fence.	16/02/2023	13/04/2023
23/00332/FUL	32 Grange Park AvenueSunderlandSR5 1NS	Erection of a single storey rear extension	13/02/2023	10/04/2023
23/00237/LP3	Margaret Thompson ParkNewcastle RoadSunderland	Installation of a new 8.5m high play structure within an existing park with existing play equipment.	14/02/2023	11/04/2023
23/00244/FUL	Jobcentre PlusStoney LaneSouthwickSunderlandSR5 2JB	Installation of roller shutters to ground floor.	14/02/2023	11/04/2023
23/00263/FUL	Former Southwick Social ClubChurch BankSunderland	Construction of a retail unit (use class E) with 25 new parking spaces, cycle storage, electric vehicle charging points, new boundary treatments and landscaping	15/02/2023	12/04/2023
22/02335/FU4	Roker Park Pond Roker Park RoadSunderland	Erection of a platform in middle of the pond to provide a safe haven for wildllife	22/02/2023	19/04/2023