

14 March 2023

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WEST SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report: -

- a. Provides an annual performance update of the West Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan, which will be the focus for the West Area Committee during 2022-2023.
- c. Provides an update on Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2022 -2023.

2. Background

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

3. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:
- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
 - b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.
- 3.2 The Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans were approved at Cabinet in March 2020.
- 3.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Area Committee Delivery Plans have been developed to enable this to happen.
- 3.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. 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 West 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 West 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 Area Committee update reports. Funding to support delivery of the plan has been allocated and further information can be found at **Item 4 Area Budget Report**
- 4.3 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 West Sunderland Community Facebook page.
- 4.4 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to March 2023.

Priority/Issue	Update
Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme	Highways officers attended the Neighbourhood and Community Board in November and February to discuss schemes for 2023/24. Wards are using the Walk and Talk budget to make any amendments. Schemes are being considered at Area Committee in March. Details in Item 3 Annex 2
Consider traffic calming measures on Silksworth Lane alongside parking restrictions	At the Neighbourhood and Community Board in February members discussed the parking issues around the Silksworth Ski Slope complex. The board are making a recommendation to Area Committee to approve £25k NF/NCIP funding towards parking improvements.
Sunderland Cemeteries.	The joint working group discussed parking issues and raised this issue at the Neighbourhood and Community Board. The Board are making a recommendation to Area Committee to approve £25k NCIP funding toward parking improvements
Receive updates from Sunderland All Together Consortium on project delivery and consider gaps when identified.	The February Neighbourhood and Community Board welcomed a presentation on the Youth ASB 12-month project the group were invited to apply to extend the projects by 18 months up to the value of £50k. The board are making a recommendation to approve.
Mental Health and Wellbeing support	Safetyworks! transport project provided an update to the Neighbourhood and Community Board. The board are making a recommendation to approve £5k towards transport costs for schools in the West to attend Safetyworks!
Improve access and knowledge of ICT to reduce social isolation	The Area Committee approved the project to be delivered by Media Savvy to start mid-April 2021. The VCS Network have been updated on the project and many groups are coming forward to be involved. Main hubs and mini hubs have been receiving technical support on equipment and access requirements. To date over 1000 people have accessed digital support.

	Media Savvy are attending the March Area Committee to present an update to the Area Committee.
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5. Recommendations - Members are requested to: -

- 5.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within **Annex 1**
- 5.2.1 Support the recommendation to approve the West Highways Improvements – details in **Item 3 Annex 2**

Annex 1 West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

Annex 2 West Highway Improvements

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