

**NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND****ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS****Application No. 1**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Fund</b>
<b>Name of Project</b>	Castle Raising Aspirations Phase 2
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Sunderland North Community Business Centre

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£74,722.80	£24,722.80 (CLLD)	£50,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2 Years	March 2020	February 2022

**The Project**

The Phase 2 Castle Ward Raising Aspirations Project will continue the work of the phase one project which has successfully engaged organisations across the ward to work together into a 'hub' approach. It was originally proposed that the 'Hylton Castle Project' would be the hub for bringing organisations together however due to delays in capital works and the project commencement date being delayed, an outreach model of delivery has been adopted, mainly focusing on delivery in partner premises. Phase 1 has established robust partnerships with a number of local organisations, developing a joint approach to providing services of benefit for the local community and promoting the services they each offer. This includes delivering services with Bexhill, Castletown, Hylton Castle, Town End Farm and St. John Bosco School, Castletown CA, Hylton Castle Trust, Castle in the Community, Hylton Castle Project, Friends of Hylton Castle, Hylton Castle Mission, SNCBC, Gentoo, Place Management, Hylton Castle Working Men's Club and St Bedes Church and TEFRA

The Phase 2 Project will continue to work with all these partners and enable services to be delivered from organisations based at Castletown CA, St Bedes Church, local primary schools at Hylton Castle, Bexhill, Town End Farm, Castletown and Castlevue schools and SNCBCs premises at Winchester House. The Hylton Castle Project should be complete later this year and as planned in Phase 1, will form the main hub of activity for Phase 2 of the Project. In order to develop this proposal, and ensure it responds to the needs of the local community, we have consulted with Councillors, partners and local residents accessing the current RA provision, young people in wider SNCBC and summer activities and through the ward Youth Forum, that has been initiated through the Phase 1 RA project, including a recent trip to Parliament. This is supported through comments provided on social media on the RA and SNCBC facebook accounts. We are currently engaging the local community into the recently restored 'Castle' and this is engaging a new cohort of local residents whose views will be gathered through a short questionnaire over the next six months to the end of the Phase 1 RA Project.

The main areas for action raised by the community continue to be to provide a safe and clean place to live and that engaging young people, encouraging positive behaviour and diversion from what is perceived as anti-social behaviour, is key to achieving this as is ensuring neighbourhoods are 'cared for' by carrying out environmental works and addressing fly-tipping and encouraging positive neighbourhood relationships.

The RA Project has developed joint working partnership with Hylton Castle Trust and are supporting the development of the 'Castle Offer' to ensure the heritage asset and project is embedded in the community. The Castle forms a natural 'local hub' providing access to green spaces and the play park and provides numerous opportunities for the whole community to engage in learning, volunteering and gaining new skills and this approach was the basis for a recent successful application to the Community Led Local Development fund. The project start has been delayed to reflect the later than anticipated opening of the Castle, but will be key to Phase 2 delivery.

The initial proposed phase 2 service delivery is founded on the principal of partnership working and is predicted to be:

- a weekly term-time toddler group at Castletown CA, encouraging new members and researching the opportunity for the group to progress to be independent.
- weekly ward based social isolation activity club held at St Bedes Church, The Castle, Mission or Castletown CA and expanding to link with such as Balmoral Court, Dodds Court and Castledene view care homes.
- weekly activity sessions for young people (play and youth) based at Winchester House, Castle building and grounds or other suitable venues such as a potential new young people's activity base.
- weekly targeted session with young people which may be specific activity to address ASB, alcohol and drug use or providing targeted project activity such as a music sessions, youth forum debates, sports activities or combine sessions to enable such as a residential for young people. The project has initiated work with young people in and around Hylton Dene through the Summer Activities 2019 and it is proposed to continue this detached and issue-based work to engage new young people in the Phase 2 project.
- developing a children and young people's facility in the Castle grounds and Dene
- carrying out local litter picks, carrying out environmental improvements at the Hylton Castle Dene and Castletown beck areas and responding to specific hot spot issues reported by residents and local partners, and developing the work on the previously documented Dene management plan provided to the Hylton Castle Project. Developing projects to plant flower beds and planters at Hylton Castle and other local organisations.
- Developing a diverse volunteering project to support the delivery of a range of social action projects which may for example support the capacity of a local organisation, engage residents in the heritage offer at Hylton Castle. We will encourage older young people to act as peers for younger children, the older community etc to overcome some negative perceptions of young people.
- Encouraging corporate volunteering with interest already secured from Sainsburys, Grundfos, Nissan and EE.
- partnering with ward events.
- support local groups to secure funding and explore effective charging policies to improve sustainability.
- working with visitors attracted to the ward to promote services available in the ward and encourage repeat visits to the area.
- developing the RA steering group further.
- information sharing and partnership working through improved use of social media and encouraging young people and local residents to support with sharing good news stories and administering the site.
- proactively marketing activities through our partners such as to young people through our joint working with local schools.

**Recommendation - Approve – The People Board recommend approval of this project which delivers to the Raising Aspirations and Making Positive Changes Priority**

## Application No. 2

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Fund</b>
<b>Name of Project</b>	Southwick Green Environmental Improvements Phase 1
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Sunderland City Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£28,977	£0	£28,977
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
6 months	January 2020	June 2020

### The Project

A range of environmental improvements are proposed to Southwick Green. These are proposed to address health and safety issues and ease ongoing long-term maintenance pressures. The improvements will result in a tidier, civic public space appropriate for current demands. The improvements are based around the existing site layout and site uses and in particular the listed war memorial and Thompson memorial. Proposals seek to be appropriate to the sensitive nature of the site and its cultural and historical importance.

The improvements aim to address the pressures on the space from adjacent land uses and seek to address issues regarding inconsiderate vehicle parking and access in the longer term. The proposals have been developed with existing uses in mind and will be delivered in 2 phases.

For phase 1 the proposals include removal of shrub planting, repainting of railings and Thompson memorial, removal of some railings, new gravel surfacing, bulb and wildflower planting, replacement of dead and struggling trees, installation of additional planters, laying of new lawn, installation of new memorial benches and the installation of a new mast.

Shrub planting is proposed to be removed as it has become overgrown and is a litter trap. Around the war memorial the planting will be replaced with new self-binding gravel surfacing. This will provide a potential area for new memorials (subject to statutory approvals) and will be easier to maintain. Adjacent to the existing café building shrub planting will be replaced with bark mulch surfacing, seasonal bulb planting and some herbaceous perennials. The bark mulch will provide a neat finish to this area and will be easier to maintain. Seasonal bulbs will be located within the mulch area to provide visual interest throughout the year.

Along the southern edge of the lawn, next to the existing railing, wildflowers are proposed. These are proposed to provide seasonal interest throughout the year whilst also improving the biodiversity of the site. Cut once a year, the wildflowers will provide ongoing interest every year. Around the centrally located Thompson memorial shrub planting will be replaced with new lawn. To improve connectivity through the space and to give the space more flexibility existing railings which sever the space are to be removed.

The listed memorial is to be shot blasted and fully repainted. This will help to restore the memorial and will remove layers of paint applied over the years. To carry out this sensitive work, specialist contractors will need to be appointed. Work will require listed buildings consent.

Railings are to be repainted and paving is to be cleaned. Planters are to be carefully located to inhibit inconsiderate car parking and dead trees are to be replaced. Around the war memorial 2 new memorial benches are to be installed. As part of the improvements a new mast is to be

installed in the western part of the site with tamper resistant features. This will require planning permission.

Due to the broad range of work required in a prominent urban location it will be necessary to ensure that all work is fully coordinated. Appropriate site management will be required to ensure that public access through the space and to the public toilets, post box and war memorial is provided during the works. This will require a competent contractor, authorised to work in the public highway, to manage the works and oversee the contract.

It is expected that the local community will be involved in the delivery of some aspects of the improvements and the long-term maintenance of the public space.

If successful with this funding application it is envisaged that final design proposals will be issued for tender at the start of 2020

**Recommendation - Approve – This project delivers to the Heritage priority.**

### Application No. 3

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Fund</b>
<b>Name of Project</b>	Air Quality Monitoring Project
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Sunderland City Council

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£10,000	£0	£10,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
8 Months	January 2020	August 2020

### The Project

It is proposed that specialist independent air quality consultants are procured to undertake a programme of air quality monitoring over a three-month period at a number of locations throughout North Sunderland during Summer 2020.

Specifically, monitoring will take place at total of 12 sites throughout the North Sunderland area; 4 located in either Town End Farm or Downhill; 4 within Castletown/Hylton Castle, and; at 4 additional sites located away from A19 and nearby industrial uses to provide a comparison of air quality levels. The far eastern boundary of North Sunderland (or alternative comparative area such as South Hylton) should be considered for this purpose and agreed with the Air Quality Consultants.

Continuous passive monitoring of nitrogen dioxide (typically associated with road and industrial uses), sulphur dioxide (typically industrial in nature) and Volatile Organic Compounds (associated with the use/spraying of paint and solvents) will be undertaken at each site for the duration of the monitoring programme. Passive monitoring tubes are small and unobtrusive such that deployment can take place without intrusion.

Tubes will be installed and collected by the specialist consultants every 5 weeks, and will be analysed and compared against relevant air quality objectives. It should be noted that there is no air quality objective or VOCs however the consultants will use appropriate accepted environmental criteria to compare the results.

In addition to the three-month passive monitoring survey, it is recommended that additional attended monitoring of both VOCs and possible odours be completed. Due to the requirement of four site visits to initially deploy and subsequently change the diffusion tubes three site visits can be completed, one at each of the areas where passive monitoring is being completed.

During each of the three days automatic VOC monitoring (using a pro portable handheld photoionization detector (PID)) and qualitative odour testing using an olfactometry test will be completed at a number of additional locations within each area to increase the number of overall monitoring sites, ensuring that the spatial resolution of the survey is increased.

Following the completion of all aspects of the monitoring survey, once all diffusion tube results have been received, a Technical Report will be completed. The Technical Report will include the methodology of the survey, the assessment of all results, and comparison, where applicable, with relevant standards and/or environmental limit values.

The anticipated cost for this service is likely to be in the region of £10,000 and will therefore be subject to the Council's procurement process.

**Note in respect of Monitoring Locations**

It is recommended that four locations within each of the three areas are initially proposed by Councillors and agreed with the consultant. Following the agreement of the three-month monitoring sites further locations are to be recommended by Councillors and discussed with the consultants in terms of the attended monitoring to be completed.

**Recommendation – Approve – The People Board recommend approval of the project which delivers to the Health and Wellbeing Priority**