

21 September 2022**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.

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 August 2022.

Priority/Issue	Update
'Love where you live'	<p>Environmental improvements/litter picks and community activities have been delivered across all wards. The steering group met in November and agreed a refreshed action plan for 2022. Work continues across the West with Volunteering opportunities being promoted across the Wards. The Clean and Green team were actively involved in the Great British Spring Clean. Over 90 Volunteers worked with Clean and Green to collect 100 bags of rubbish and fill 4 van loads. The Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed to do a Call for Projects for each ward to ensure a localised approach to Clean and Green across the West.</p> <p>Applications have been received, appraised and consulted on and the Board are making a recommendation to West Area Committee to approve 5 projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean it and Green it Barnes – Community Opportunities £27,000 • Silksworth Ranger – Youth Almighty Project £26,995 • Clean it and Green it Sandhill- Community Opportunities £27,000 • Clean it and Green it St Anne's- Community Opportunities £27,000 • St Chad's Ranger – Youth Almighty Project £26,995 <p>The Neighbourhood and Community board are making a recommendation to reject</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean it and Green it Pallion – Community Opportunities £27,000 <p>The Neighbourhood and Community board would like to adapt the Pallion Call for Project brief and readvertise the opportunity in October 2022.</p> <p>Total Neighbourhood Fund recommended for approval £134,990</p>
Social Prescribing and Support to the VCS	<p>Activities and services have continued to be delivered throughout the year using Community Chest and Walk and Talk. Support has continued to be offered to ensure maximum external funding attracted.</p>

	<p>The West Area Neighbourhood and Community Board considered the need for improvement community transport and advertised a Call for Projects for a Community Mini Bus. 2 applications were received, appraised and consulted. One application is recommended by the board for approval. Details in Item 4 Annex 1</p> <p>Consideration for Neighbourhood fund £40,000</p>
<p>Support communities to deliver local events</p>	<p>The event took place 30th June, 1st and 2nd July. Over 700 school children attended on the school days with thousands attending on the Saturday. The Neighbourhood and Community Board have invited Youth Almighty to apply for an event for 2023. The application is being considered by West Area Committee in September 2022</p> <p>Funding approved NF £40,000 (for 2022)</p> <p>Neighbourhood Funding consideration for £40,000 for 2023 event</p>
<p>Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be safe together and Support to the VCS</p>	<p>A taking stock survey is currently being completed by the VCS groups across the West, so far 33 groups have responded, information is being collated. A task and finish group will consider these findings and a presentation will be provided to a future Neighbourhood and Community Board. Individual wards are working with groups to identify opportunities to utilise Walk and Talk Funding</p>

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**

Annex 1 West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

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