

West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

The Plan is a working document, which will include addition information from other public sector partners and VCS Area Network, where relevant.

The Plan commits the Area Committee to a significant number of priorities, which will be delivered within the West of Sunderland, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the West Neighbourhood and Communities Board.

Residents will be able to monitor delivery of the plan via the online activity tracker which will be available to access at www.sunderland.gov.uk as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The West Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

1. Work with private landlords
2. Invest in street furniture
3. Invest in green space
4. Love Where You Live and In Bloom
5. Transport Routes and Parking
6. Highways, pavements and street lighting
7. Parks, play, cycle and walking routes
8. Social Prescribing
9. Support voluntary and community sector
10. Volunteer platform
11. Support communities to deliver local events
12. Drainage
13. Promote Heritage Assets and Deliver Heritage Activities
14. Support Local Shopping Centres
15. Digital
16. Job Clubs
17. Healthy Eating
18. Support Youth Clubs
19. Welfare Rights Support

It is now the responsibility of West Sunderland Area Committee to deliver their Delivery Plan and will form the work programme for the Area Committee and the Neighbourhood and Community Board for the coming months and years.

NB: numbers are for reference only; they do not list them in priority order.

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
1. Work with private landlords by ward and proactively deal with issues using all available enforcement powers		
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to West Neighbourhood and Community Board	West Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the West area.	The Assistant Director of Housing attended the February Neighbourhood and Community Board and updated on the developments within the service area.
2. Invest in Street Furniture including additional bins		
Receive an update on bins installations and new locations identified with members including smart bin technology in key locations	List to be provided to West Area and costs to be established for capital spend.	Following the November Board meeting a proposal for replacement bins and new benches is being presented to the area Committee. The Board are making a recommendation to approve the Neighbourhood Capital project.
Removal or Painting of pedestrian barriers and other street furniture		The Assistant Director of Environmental Services discussed the current audit of street furniture and was asked to consider the needs in the West and return to a future board with an update on requirements.
3. Enhance local green spaces and encourage wider use including sports equipment, refurbishment of existing equipment and delivery of activities which support health and wellbeing		
Develop a plan for Green gyms – consider locations and equipment across the West	Area Committee Development Lead (ACDL) to coordinate and arrange a Task and Finish group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	The Area Committee approved the funding for the Outdoor gym equipment. The project is progressing and installation should begin in Summer 2021.
Improve walking routes and fitness trails- linked to improved cycle routes- signage, improved surfaces, maps.	Promote View ranger and gather information from relevant service area to understand gaps in West and suggest improvements.	The relevant services areas attended the February Board and update on plans for the city. Members supported the plans and are also keen to enhance existing routes, further

		details to be discussed at a future Board meeting.
Continue to develop ward based projects that utilise the Walk and Talk budget	ACDL to continue to work with ward members to deliver projects following member walk arounds.	Ward members continue to allocate the Walk and Talk budgets in each ward.
4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign and In Bloom		
Continue to receive updates from the Clean and Green Project and the Voluntary Community Sector on community litter picks and environmental projects and ensure they advertise opportunities for residents/schools etc to get involved.	Full application approved at September Area Committee for the extension.	Steering group meeting took place Mid November to discuss plans and progress to date. 12 volunteers are participating regularly, transport remains an issue due to COVID restrictions, activities have been adapted to be more localised to ensure regular participants.
Develop plans for a West wide in bloom delivery	To be considered at a future board meeting	
5. Review transport routes in partnership with all providers in consultation with residents. Pick up localised parking issues – residential and shopping		
Consider parking issues at St Luke's Terrace		The Asset and Network Manager attended the Neighbourhood and Community Board and discussed the issues faced around the area with regards to parking. The Neighbourhood and Community Board will discuss the matter at a future meeting once site visits have taken place.
6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting		
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways,	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board	All West Councillors received notification to submit damaged or uneven highways in the wards and forward the information onto the

pavements and street lighting replacement programme	for discussion and recommendation to West Area Committee.	Highways Department by the end of November 2020. A report on what proposed highways to include in the 2021 / 2022 Programme is being considered by the Area Committee in March 2021
Consider traffic calming measures on Silksworth Lane alongside parking restrictions		New traffic restrictions around the area have now been completed. Consideration to be made to future traffic calming measures.
7. Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users		
West Area Committee approved 120k to improvements to play areas in the West.		Area Committee agreed a Play Improvement project. Following the approval, the project went out to tender, this is expected to be complete end of February. Work expected to start on site in Spring 2021 and be complete by Summer 2021.
Consider improvements to existing cycle routes and improve digital routes	Request update from relevant service on City and Area Plans and then consider capital improvements to support Area improvements.	
Consider new cycle routes	Relevant Officers invited to a future board meeting, to discuss City plans and local proposals	The relevant services areas attended the February Board and updated on plans for the city. Members supported the plans and are also keen to enhance existing routes, further details to be discussed at a future Board meeting.
8. 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		

Ensure the West VCS continue to be supported to provide services and activities to local residents	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	Activities and services have continued to be delivered throughout 2020-2021 using Community Chest and Walk and Talk. Support has continued to be offered to ensure maximum external funding attracted.
West Area Committee in partnership with Public Health Funding to support health related projects in Sunderland West. Funding aligned- linking with Green Gym development	When green gym project delivered- ensure VCS are supported to maximise usage of equipment safely and effectively.	
9. Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events, activities and nurture family learning		
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity at a grassroots level.	Area Co-ordinator to provide update in line with the development of support and capacity building as a strategic approach.	<p>The VCS has continued to be supported by the Area Committee, the Community Hubs receive daily on-going support and the VCS network continues to be supported to ensure they have access to all internal and external funding opportunities. Members receive weekly performance reports detailing the support, over 440 residents have been supported throughout the pandemic and over 250 volunteers have been recruited.</p> <p>The VCS Support Task and Finish group have met and discussions are taking place with property services, with the aim of having an update for later in 2021 on capital improvements.</p>
10. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities		
Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS.	Update volunteer platform to enable matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.	Volunteers continue to be linked to residents and Voluntary groups who require support.

11. Support communities to deliver local events		
West Area Committee funded a large-scale event for 2021- delivered by Youth Almighty Project		Event postponed until 2022
Consider purchasing event equipment for communities		
Christmas lights	July West Area Committee agreed £10,000 capital funding to support festive lighting project- Decision to enhance existing schemes. Board to include Christmas 2021 as an agenda item.	
12. Additional Drainage cleansing programme		
Continue to support local traders and link in with flooding officers regarding local issues.		
13. Communicate heritage assets and delivery heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion		
Consider improvements to the Stephenson Trail – working alongside other areas (Coalfield and East)	July Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed to consider the Stephenson Trail and the heritage around the site. Need to understand the other areas interest and set up a Task and Finish group to consider.	A multi area Task and Finish group met and an action plan has been developed to support this project. The Board are making a recommendation to Area Committee to align £50,000 towards this project, with full details to be developed and discussed at a future Board.
Consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel	Work with the heritage team to consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel.	The Board discussed this proposal and following a subsequent meeting with Silksworth Councillors, the budget requested has reduced to £17,500 Neighbourhood Capital Funding, the Area Committee are been asked to consider this project request.

14. Invest in local shopping centres and support local businesses to ensure they continue to thrive		
Continue with the capital improvement projects from local shopping centre budgets - Budgets remain in Sandhill, St Chad's and Barnes)		
15. Increase 5g access across all neighbourhoods and support people with digital resources		
Improve access and knowledge of ICT to reduce social isolation	Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group. ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	The Board discussed the application received and are making a recommendation to Area Committee to approve £100,000 to Media Savvy for a 3 year project with approval conditions detailed in the Area Budget report.
16. Create job clubs and education centres within local community venues including digital skill training and basic skills		
West Area Committee Invited Pennywell Youth Project (PYP) to apply for an extension to the CLLD project	PYP invited to full application for CLLD extension utilising existing alignment of funding from previous years allocation.	At the September Area Committee the extension to the Pennywell Youth Project was approved.
Continue to receive updates on existing CLLD projects in the West and consider extensions to existing projects and consider new applications requiring match	Receive a performance update on existing projects.	Call for projects – Round 4 of the Sunderland Community Led Local Development programme is now open and will close at 23:59 on Wednesday 30 June 2021. This call invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) which support the delivery of Strategic Objective 1: Enhancing employment and skills provision; Strategic Objective 2: Boosting enterprise and entrepreneurship; Strategic Objective 3: Improving community capacity, partnership working and social innovation.
Continue to receive updates on West NEET project	Receive a performance update on existing project.	

17. Eating healthy meals and learning to prepare and cook food, delivery sessions within local community.		
Receive update on Holiday hunger activities deliver 2019-2020 and consider deliver for 2020-2021.	Receive a performance report from existing projects delivering holiday hunger activities and consider proposals for future need and delivery.	The Area Committee is being asked to approve £48,000 to further extend the Holiday Hunger activities projects across the West. The 6 project leads will be asked to submit an application for £8000 per ward to deliver sessions across the May, Summer, October, Christmas, February and Easter 2022 holiday periods. The applications will be presented to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.
18. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be safe together		
Receive updates from Sunderland All Together Consortium on project delivery and consider gaps when identified.		
Consider if facilities need capital improvements and or additional equipment for detached and outreach work.		A Task and Finish group has met and discussed the support required for the VCS. Discussions are taking place with other Council departments to understand the capital improvements required. A further Task and Finish group will discuss these findings and feedback to the Board.
19. Support those who are struggling due to Universal Credit and other financial conditions		
Invite Welfare rights service to submit proposals for West Support- consider a 3-year proposal.	Understand if other areas are considering this priority and invite proposal.	The Board discussed the findings from the Task and Finish Group and are recommending to Area Committee to approve a 3 year proposal for £150,000 Neighbourhood Fund. Full details in the Area Budget report.