

Item 3

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

13 December 2021

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF EAST SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD



East Sunderland Area Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:

- a. Presents the East Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023; and
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the East Sunderland Area Committee has worked together to finalise their Delivery Plans. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland. The Council also undertook further consultation with residents, during June 2020, to ensure the priorities were still relevant post COVID-19.

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 the working group for the Area Committee and the Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. 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 and 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 June 2021.

4. Areas of Key Action and Progress

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action and/or progress of the Board, up to November 2021, with greater detail set out in **Annex 1 and highlighted in blue**, which informs the Area Activity Tracker to allow residents to monitor Area Committee's progress throughout the year.

Issue / Area Priority	Action / Update
Private Landlords (Priority 3)	<p>In November 2021, Members discussed and agreed to seek approval from Area Committee of £2,000 to deliver a Roadshow Publicity Campaign to raise awareness about the Council's Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme.</p> <p>Further information is set out in the Area Budget Report.</p>
Enforcement: Ryhope Task Group (Priority 6)	<p>In October 2021, the Ryhope Task Group carried out a review and agreed to continue to meet but refresh the Membership and Scope of the Task Group which will continue to meet up until June 2022, providing Members with a future update in the New Year.</p>
Enforcement: Environmental Crime (Priority 6)	<p>In August and November 2021, Members discussed the feasibility of investing in the Environmental Enforcement Team by providing a grant which would enable three full time members of staff to be employed to focus on reducing environmental crime by taking a zero tolerant approach against top issues facing the East area, such as, fly tipping and dog fouling.</p> <p>Further information is set out in the Area Budget Report.</p>
<p>In Bloom Task Group (Priority 7)</p> <p>Low Carbon (Priority 8)</p>	<p>In October 2021, the inaugural meeting of the In Bloom Task Group was held, with monthly meetings arranged up until August 2022. Discussions included agreeing the scope and remit of the Task Group, which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. producing a draft city-wide policy on adopting a 'planter' scheme, and expanding the council's existing roundabout sponsorship scheme to include other assets i.e. flower beds; ii. designing an In Bloom competition prototype webpage in December, ready to launch the Scheme in the New Year; iii. East Cllrs who act as School Governors to encourage up take of the Woodland's Trust Plant a Tree Scheme and report back success stories; iv. Carry out a site visit of the proposed wildflower meadow in Backhouse Park in the Spring / Summer 2022 and consider whether or not it should be rolled out across the East area.
Low Carbon (Priority 8)	<p>In September 2021, Members received a presentation on the Council's commitment to a Low Carbon Framework,</p>

	<p>after declaring a climate emergency in March 2019. Later that year in November 2019 young people across the City identified the environment and climate change as their number one priority. Following establishment of the 2030 Shadow Board members drafted the Low Carbon Framework, which was endorsed and adopted by Cabinet in January 2021, along with an action plan. It identified that the city is aiming to be carbon neutral by 2040. Future updates will be provided, as and when required.</p>
Low Carbon (Priority 8)	<p>In October 2021, Members discussed and agreed to seek approval from Area Committee of £10,000 to contribute towards the cost of a Project Co-ordinator for the Love, Amelia charity.</p> <p>Further information is set out in the Area Budget Report.</p>
Invest in Highways (Priority 9)	<p>In November 2021, Members received an update on the series of capital works which have been funded to reduce speeding and dangerous driving at identified sites across the East area. The majority of sites have designs and drawings agreed, with estimate costs soon to be finalised, after which the public consultation can commenced.</p> <p>Caution was noted around the fixed spot speed cameras, and the delays in installing cameras. This is due to the proposed Partnership between Northumbria Police and the five local authorities not being finalised and the tendering process not yet commencing.</p> <p>Its proposed that further discussion take place with Tyne and Wear Road Safety Partnership in relation to concerns around speeding and dangerous driving and a representative attends a future Area Committee meeting.</p>
Highways Maintenance Programme (Priority 9)	<p>In November 2021, Members reviewed the highway maintenance works carried out since 2020 and agreed to submit requests for future roads and path repairs to be considered in year two by the end of November 2021.</p>
Invest in Parks (Priority 10)	<p>In October 2021, Members received an interim update on the Parks Improvement Programme, which covers over 70 actions ranging from clearing shrubs to carrying out deep cleans. Aiming to have the majority of works completed by March 2022, in time for Spring 2022.</p>
Existing and Vacant Properties (Priority 12)	<p>In November 2021, Members received an update on the review of community buildings and assets which will start in December, with a view of findings being shared at the April 2022 meeting.</p>
Social Prescribing (Priority 15)	<p>In October 2021, Members received an update from the Sunderland GP Alliance on Social Prescribing. It was noted that recent discussions have highlighted the need to work in collaboration with the VCS Alliance and the VCS Sector to</p>

	identify gaps, funding streams and submit bids to secure external funding to bridge the gap in service provision and support the City's most vulnerable residents.
Youth Club and Young People (Priority 20)	From December 2021, St Marks Community Association and Young Asian Voices will be opening up their buildings on a weekend to young people under the 'maximising community assets' programme.
Support local organisations (Priority 23)	In September 2021, Members received an update on the Sunderland VCS Alliance. The journey the Alliance has travelled to date was noted, along with future work that needs to be carried out in relations to the benefits, the offer, structure and strategic fit with existing and emerging strategies and plans across the City. Future updates will be shared through the VCS Update Report.

5. Recommendation(s)

5.1 Members are requested to:

- i. Consider the progress and performance updates with regard to East Sunderland Neighbourhood and Community Board Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and agree proposals outlined for future delivery as contained within Annex 1.
- ii. Note the Area Committee video update.

Annex 1 East Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023

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