

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 5:30pm

Council Chamber, City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland SR1 3AA

Membership

Cllrs P Gibson (Chair), Haswell, (Vice Chair), Ayre, Burnicle, Crosby, Dunn, Edgeworth, Greener, Mann, Mc Donough, Mullen, Nicholson, O'Brien, Peacock, G. Smith, P. Smith, Tye and Watson.

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ELAINE WAUGH
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

29 November 2022

Item 1d

At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, on WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2022 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors, Ayre, Burnicle, Crosby, Dunn, Edgeworth, Greener, Haswell, Mann, McDonough, Mullen, Nicholson, Peacock, G. Smith and Tye.

Also Present:-

Phil Baker	Inspector, Northumbria Police
Steve Gordon	Head of Operations, Gentoo
Sarah Lattaway	Sunderland VCS Alliance Community Support Worker
Joanne Laverick	VCS Network Representative, Youth Almighty
Andy Nelson	Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Karen Noble	VCS Network Representative, Pallion Action Group
David Noon	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Helen Peverley	Area Arrangements Strategic Manager, Sunderland City Council
Gilly Stanley	Area Community Development Lead, Sunderland City Council
Paul Wilson	Assistant Director of Finance, Corporate Services, Sunderland City Council

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors O'Brien, P. Smith and Watson.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Tye declared an interest in Item 4 on the agenda (West Sunderland Area Committee Budget Report) as Chairman of Youth Almighty and left the meeting at the appropriate point taking no part in any discussion or decision thereon.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 29th June, 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Report of Northumbria Police

Inspector Baker of Northumbria Police presented a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on key performance information in relation to the Sunderland West area for the period 1 July to 3 September 2022

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chairman thanked Insp Baker for his report and invited questions from the Committee. Insp Baker advised Members that he would not be discussing anything regarding on going operations given their sensitive nature and the fact it was a public Committee meeting. He would however be happy to arrange an external meeting outside of the Committee structure where he could discuss Members' concerns. He reminded Members that they had his phone number, and he would be happy to talk to individual Members at any time.

Councillor McDonough advised that he had received a number of complaints from residents who had witnessed crimes and had reported them while they were in progress, but no Police Officer had attended. Insp Baker replied that he had previously invited Members to a meeting to discuss and explain the Forces' deployment policy, however if a crime in progress was being witnessed, it was categorised as a grade 1 incident and a Police Officer should have attended.

Councillor Crosby advised that she had received regular reports from residents regarding youths out at night with dogs engaged in lamping in the Sandhill area and asked if Insp Baker could investigate.

Councillor Mullen highlighted the extensive use of cannabis and motorcycle disorder in his local park. In response Insp Baker advised that the Youth Bus was soon to be deployed at that location.

Councillor Peacock advised that he had spoken in previous Committee meetings of the possibility of using IT to develop a means for people to report crimes in a way that was not only faster than currently possible but also allowed the Police to identify hot spots. Insp. Baker replied that IT was not in his remit but he would pass Councillor Peacock's comments onto the relevant section.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman thanked Insp. Baker for his attendance and it was:-

2. RESOLVED the report be received and noted.

Report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Station Manager Andy Nelson presented a report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on the Service's performance indicators for the period 1st April, 2022 to 6th September, 2022 with particular reference to the L133 Incidents (all deliberate fires).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chairman thanked Mr Nelson for his report and invited questions from Members.

Councillor Haswell thanked the Fire and rescue service for their engagement in the Safe and Well campaign which had been greatly appreciated by residents. With regard to the planned engagement with secondary schools as part of the Darker Nights campaign he asked if the Link School in Pallion could also be included in the visits.

Councillor Greener referred to the cost of living crisis leading to the possibility of increased candle use and the dangers that would accompany this. Mr Nelson replied that it was a concern that the Service were well aware of. It was all about educating people about the dangers and communication would be ramped up in this regard, including leafleting people who did not have on line access.

There being no further questions or comments for Mr Nelson, it was:-

3. RESOLVED the report be received and noted

Report of Gentoo

Steve Gordon, Head of Operations, Gentoo Group presented a report, (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities for the period July to September 2022.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chairman thanked Mr Gordon for his report and invited questions and comments from the Committee.

Councillor Mann paid tribute to the work undertaken by Vicky Gamblin and the Team to deliver phase one of the Pennywell regeneration scheme which had been well received by residents. She believed it would be a flag ship going forward and in this regard welcomed the recent Community Event and the improved communications with residents.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Dunn, Mr Gordon advised the Committee that he had been asked to devise a carpet scheme for the Gentoo Group. There was an issue however regarding the waste costs if the next tenant decided they didn't want the carpet.

Councillor Crosby thanked Mr Gordon for the grass cutting work undertaken by Gentoo that had helped reduce the number of grass fires in the area. In addition, Councillor Crosby asked for an update in respect of the outstanding fence repairs as residents had raised concerns over security. In reply, Mr Gordon stated that Gentoo now had a fencing plan in place. It was fair to say that the Group had been unprepared for the extent of the damage caused by Storm Arwen and the 2,500 damaged fences it had left in its wake. The situation had been triaged and priority given to those fences that were unsafe and those by roads. The repair work had been massively ramped up in recent weeks following a period when it had been extremely difficult to secure contractors.

Councillor Haswell noted that at a previous meeting, the Committee had been advised that once demolished, the former Havelock Office site would mostly likely be given over

to a housing development and asked if there were any updates. Mr Gordon replied that he was not aware of any further news regarding the site but would check and update Councillor Haswell accordingly.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman thanked Mr Gordon for his attendance and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Report of the West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

The Network submitted a progress report (copy circulated) which briefed members on issues pertinent to the Committee and the Voluntary and Community Sector.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Consideration was given to the report presented by Karen Noble which highlighted the following VCS Network activity undertaken since its last report to the Committee:-

- The delivery of the Barnes Park West Area Event by Youth Almighty with funding provided by the West Sunderland Area Committee. Held over 3 days, 15 schools from the West Area attended on the Thursday and Friday which amounted to 694 schoolchildren. It was estimated that the Saturday event was attended by 10,000 people.
- The distribution of Round 2 of the Sunderland City Council Household Support Funding. The VCS organisations had noticed an increase in demand and with funding ending in September were bracing themselves for increased pressure in the winter months to provide support for households as the cost of living crisis bit deeper.
- The invitation from Sunderland City Council & the West Area Committee to submit applications on a ward basis to deliver a series of environmental projects to clean up local neighbourhoods and communities.
- The delivery of activities by West Area partner organisations during the Summer Holidays
- The impending departure of Sunderland VCS Alliance West Community Support Worker, Sarah Lattaway, to take up a new job. – the Committee thanked Sarah for her hard work and support and wished her well in her new job.

There being no questions or comments for Ms Noble, the Chairman thanked her for report, and welcomed and introduced Sophie Clinton from Youth Almighty who provided the Committee with a brief presentation highlighting feedback on the 2022 Barnes Park West Area Event.

5. RESOLVED that the report and presentation be received and noted.

West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

Councillor Haswell, Chair of the West Area Neighbourhoods and Community Board, presented the report (copy circulated) which:-

- i) Presented an annual performance update on the West Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023
- ii) Provided an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan which would be the focus for the West Sunderland Area Committee during 2022 /23 and;
- iii) Provided an update on the Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2022 /23

(For copy report – see original minutes)

With regard to the Love Where you live update, Councillor Haswell advised the Committee that the West Area Neighbourhood and Community Board were making a recommendation to reject the application for £27,000 NF funding received from Community Opportunities in respect of the Clean it and Green it Pallion project in the light of the wish of the Pallion ward Members to adapt the Pallion Call for Project brief and readvertise the opportunity in October 2022.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Haswell for his report and it was:-

6. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the progress and performance update with regard to the West Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020/23 be noted; and,
- ii) approval be given to the proposals for the future delivery as contained within Annex 1 of the report.

West Area Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Gilly Stanley Area Community Development Lead, presented the report highlighting the Committee's financial statement, details of projects approved under delegated powers for support from the 2022/23 Community Chest budget, together with details of proposals for the allocation of funds from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement as detailed in paragraphs 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be received and noted;
- (ii) Approval be given to the granting of NF funding of £40,000 to — Youth Almighty Project in respect of 2023 West Area Event as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report

- (iii) Approval be given to the granting of NF funding of £40,000 to — Youth Almighty Project in respect of the West Area Community Mini Bus as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report
- (iv) Approval be given to the granting of NF funding of £27,000 to – Community Opportunities in respect of Clean it and Green it Barnes as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report
- (v) Approval be given to the granting of NF funding of £26, 995 to – Youth Almighty Project in respect of the Sliksworth Ranger as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report
- (vi) Approval be given to the granting of NF funding of £27,000 to – Community Opportunities in respect of Clean it and Green it Sandhill as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report
- (vii) Approval be given to the granting of NF funding of £27,000 to – Community Opportunities in respect of Clean it and Green it St Anne's as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report
- (viii) Approval be given to the granting of NF funding of £26, 995 to – Youth Almighty Project in respect of the St Chad's Ranger as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report
- (ix) The application for NF funding of £27,000 received from Community Opportunities in respect of Clean it and Green it Pallion be rejected for the reasons detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report
- (x) The application for NF funding of £20,000 received from Betsy Jenny Counselling and Wellbeing Café in respect of the Betsy Jenny Mini Bus Campaign be rejected for the reasons detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report
- (xi) the approval of the 10 Community Chest applications from the 2022/23 budget as detailed in Annex 3 of the report be noted.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

(Signed) P. GIBSON,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

1.0 Purpose of Report

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Sunderland West area between the following 8-week period (July 2022 – 3rd September 2022)

2.0 Key Updates

Overall Crime:

When comparing this with other areas in Southern, Sunderland West is not too concerning. There were 931 crimes in the last 8 weeks, which is almost level with Sunderland Central (918) and less than other areas such as Riverside and West Shields.

The hotspot areas are Pennywell, Ford Estate and Grindon. In fact, Silksworth and Gilley Law areas alone are the second lowest in the area command so these hotspot areas do impact and drive our performance.

The top three types of crime were violence with no injury (262), criminal damage (195) and theft (129). Other crimes consist of vehicle, public order and violence with injury. The numbers of sexual/drug and other crimes are very low.

Burglary dwelling and commercial:

In the last 8 weeks there have been 22 burglary residential and 9 burglary commercial. This is less than Sunderland North, Houghton, Sunderland central, Washington and River and West Shields.

This is a very good performance, especially considering we had our share of hotspots with a spate of shed/garage burglaries at the start of the year and throughout summer. In fact there have only been 3 residential burglaries on the Silksworth and Gilley Law foot beats which is a reduction on previous crime trends.

Vehicle crime:

53 vehicle crimes in the last 8 weeks in Sunderland West which is the lowest in any other part of the city other than Sunderland East and Houghton.

The crimes are broken down into theft from m/v (25), take without owners consent (20) and inference (8). This is an important area as this can fuel other areas of crime as well as ASB (Op Canarywood for example).

Anti-Social Behaviour:

In total there were 280 ASB incidents in the last 8 weeks. The majority of these were youths and rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour (128). The rest are a mixture of neighbour disputes, motorcycle disorder and fireworks among others with small numbers. This is a reduction, with hotspot areas being North Moor Lane, Springwell Road and Pennywell.

We are currently tracking at similar reporting levels to 2021 which is where I would expect us to be. The team are focussing on our hotspots and there are a number of current investigations ongoing across the sectors, to tackle various issues. There are

also several city-wide initiatives ongoing which we are heavily involved in, working alongside several partners and departments.

Darker nights campaign is working well and has demonstrated some excellent partnership work between Police, Fire, environmental services, Local Authority, Gentoo and Nexus, alongside our harm reduction department and Op Sceptre tasking.

REPORT AUTHOR A/Inspector 8443 Wood

7th December 2022

REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for Sunderland West Committee area from 1st April 2022 to 21st November 2022.

2 Background

- 2.1 At its November 2011 meeting Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

3.1 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles

There were 9 deliberate property fires, compared to 2 in the same period as last year. Sandhill ward had 3 of the 9 incidents. 2 of which were dwelling fires and 1 outdoor storage unit. The continued partnership working with Northumbria Police, Gentoo, Sunderland city council and departments within have continued to work collaboratively to reduce these incidents. Both ops crews and prevention and education department have carried out hot strikes and ran localised initiatives in conjunction with local intelligence from LMAPS.

Incidents at the former Farringdon police station continued to be monitored in conjunction with partners. This continues to produce positive results. Site security has been key to help alleviate some of problems posed to crews. The site is still a concern as the measures put in place may only deter for so long. The only way for this area to be removed from services radar is the regeneration of the site. To assist in reducing the number of deliberate property fires, crews continue to patrol and report unsecure premises in conjunction with ASB reporting, the crews also utilise the Report-It tool.

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

There were 40 incidents reported during this period compared to last year when there were 17. An increase of 135%. Sandhill had 12 vehicle fires 7 of which were cars. Investigations into these fires are still in the process to establish if they are linked. TWFRS continue to work with Northumbria Police regarding all suspected malicious vehicle fires and shall continue to monitor any patterns and trends.

3.4 LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately

There have been 412 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 154 over the same period last year. This is an increase of 167% over the same reporting period. Pandemic lock downs during some of the reporting periods last year played a part in these figures. Silksworth Ward has had most incidents - 140 incidents. In the first two quarters the grassed area close to Primate Road, Dr's surgery

and former police station site accounted for majority of incidents within the ward. Since site security improvements the incidents have migrated to around the lake and the area between Perth Road and Silksworth Lane.

St Anne's ward 89 incidents - Areas such as Portsmouth Road and the rear of Palgrove Road and Hollinside Square. Predominantly grass or loose refuse fires.

Sandhill ward – 63 incidents, the areas of Tay road and Thorney close. Continued partner working with local authority, Gentoo, environmental services and Northumbria police. Increased patrols, Joint social media targeting and messaging. Community engagement work with youths has been carried out by crews both following incidents and during patrols. Partner agencies providing opportunities during the school holidays have been supported by crews. Education and fire safety messaging has been given on all opportunities to engage.

3.5 LI33 All deliberate Fires (combination of LI14, LI15 and LI16)

There were a total of 451 deliberate fires in this reporting period. An increase of 166% on last Year. This is due to an increase in predominantly ASB activity. The remarkably hot dry weather during the earlier quarters played its part in the notable increase on the number of grass fires. Grass fires and loose refuse/rubbish incidents were particularly problematic across all wards. Incidents in the earlier quarters, prior to the multi-agency work to improve security of the former police station/Primate Road had significant impact on these figures.

Vehicle fire incidents having decreased in quarter one have now increased (more than doubling on the rolling quarters figures. This will be monitored by ourselves and partner agencies. TWFRS are working with Sunderland city council environmental department, Gentoo to tackle loose refuse fires across all areas. Fire crews continue to monitor and report uplifts in the "hot spot areas" the Report-It tool is now embedded across the service which is assisting with a faster more stream lined collaborative mechanism. Partnership work (Northumbria police) carrying out targeted patrols and estate visits continues alongside engagement work. Any information regards any type of deliberate fire setting should be reported via the anonymous fire stoppers number.

3.6 Community Involvement

Darker night's campaign continues and city wide bonfire planning was ultimately deemed a success. Regular multiagency meetings which help ensure a joined up approach was and is key to any further success. Crews attended several events put on by local community groups and partner agencies across the area. The events attended was an opportunity to build good local community relations and a rapport with some of the youths in the area. It was also an opportunity to gather information so crews could arrange safe and well appointments.

Crew's delivered collaborative fire safety presentation to several of our schools across the wards. The schools selected were data and intelligence lead.

I will encourage any further work with youth provision groups, Youth almighty and together for children etc and have duty crews involvement where and when resources permit.

Remembrance service attend by Ops crew at Silksworth and myself at Academy 360.

Our home Safe and well delivery. Targeting our most vulnerable members of our community. Operational crews from Farringdon continue to provide this service and have delivered 852 safe and wells visits across all wards.

The Princes Trust based at Farringdon Community Fire Station is now running with a cohort of 11 young people. The programme is due to finish on the 16th Dec. One student has been offered an apprenticeship and another a full time job following work placements.

The latest Firefighter recruit's course which started on Monday 5th Sept and will finish 9th December. 24 Probationary firefighters will be posted to stations across Tyne and Wear.

3.7 On-going Issues

Collaboration with Northumbria police and local authority partner's continues to reduce incidents as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Andrew Nelson, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action/address with my crews. My watches continue to work close within their respective ward areas to create community links (similar to the Police). The watches continue to deliver ASB initiatives – uplifts, premises security, and educational interaction.

The educational and engagement activities are key to reduce ASB and prevent attacks on emergency services. Over this reporting period there were 52 attacks on crews across Tyne and Wear. Predominantly these incidents were projectiles thrown towards firefighters and or appliances.

Any questions please feel free to contact on the details below.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of this report.

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7 December 2022**REPORT OF GENTOO****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the West Area Committee from September to December 2022.

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be presented to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

3 Update on Neighbourhood Services

- 3.1 Following the recent coverage around the tragic impact mould and damp can have, we know that some of our tenants may be concerned about mould and damp in their home. To ensure we provide the necessary support, we have set up a dedicated phone line where tenants can report any concerns about mould or damp, and these will be addressed as soon as possible. A dedicated team has been set up to deal with any concerns. The health and safety of our tenants is our number one priority, and we believe everyone has the right to live safely and comfortably in their own home.
- 3.2 Estate walks with Local Councillors are going well and would like to thank all Councillors for your contribution at these walks, showing residents in our neighbourhoods the collaborative working that goes on in making the area's people are proud to live in.
- 3.3 At last committee Gentoo shared with you that we have entered into an agreement with other Housing providers called 'The Bread & Butter Thing'. The Bread-and-Butter Thing (TBBT) is a charity that makes life more affordable for people on a low income. Their mission is to create a fair solution for people in poverty and their long-term aim is to address the premiums that people in poverty pay for food, loans, energy and other everyday essentials, simply because of their personal circumstances. It works by collecting surplus food and staple goods that often end up going to waste from supermarkets, factories, and farms and distribute them at a discount price through community hubs, our first area in the City to be able to access this is Pennywell. On 9/11/22 the first session benefitted 75 families, the second session on 16/1/22 79 families and 1 single person attended and received their shopping at a substantially reduced rate.
- 3.4 Bonfire Night update, in the run up to the 5th November Gentoo deployed a number of teams to work out of hours across the City, they were actively picking up fly tipping and waste that could have been used potentially for bonfire. On the 5th November, working in partnership with the City Council, TWFRS teams and Gentoo the partners worked across the City dismantling bonfires and collecting waste items that could become part of a bonfire.

As a result of all of the partnership working, the actual number of bonfires was greatly reduced and demonstrated how working and a coordinated citywide approach, can play a massive part in keeping everyone safe.

Waste figures from Gentoo's waste partners Biffa and Suez has highlighted that during the lead up to bonfire night, working out of hours and on the 5th, Gentoo disposed of 23 tonnes of waste at the two transfer stations, that would have ended up on bonfires.

- 3.5 This year's Christmas campaign is underway and an opportunity for staff to nominate a family they are supporting to receive tickets for the pantomime (200 tickets available), Christmas gifts and Christmas dinners (160 or more should be necessary).
- 3.6 Staff conference foodbank collection. Christmas during the cost-of-living crisis will be a difficult time for local families and communities. To offer a helping hand and support the stocks at the Foodbank, we are asking colleagues to bring along a small donation for Sunderland Foodbank to this year's staff conference on 9 December.

4. Investment & Renewal

- 4.1 Thorney Close windows scheme continues through the estate with Anglian being the principal contractor, figures below are for the period ending 18 Nov:

No of Properties in Scheme	675
Commenced	378
In Progress	29
Complete	349
To Start	297

Scheme is currently working to programme and remains on target for completion in March 2023.

- 4.2 Work has commenced on year 1 of the Pennywell Regeneration scheme on the 4th of October 2022 with Regen as the Principal contractor delivering the work on behalf of Gentoo. It has been a positive start in the main with the work programme commencing to the Hylton Road area only. The work to date has involved asbestos removal, renewal of existing roofs to the main dwelling and secondary roofs, window installs, render work and the commencement of boundary wall and fencing replacement work. To date approximately 31 roofs have already been renewed and the visual impact is already being noticed. Future properties will cease to be commenced in line with the programme to ensure all erected scaffold and properties being worked on are completed and scaffold removed prior to the Christmas break. Work on the scheme will recommence early January 2023.
- 4.3 Lakeside Towers, all of the external wall surveys, which are part of the ongoing Building Safety works have been completed and the subsequent minor repair works have been carried out. The scaffolding has now been removed from all the towers.
- 4.4 Australia Tower roof- we have arranged for some temporary repairs to be carried out to ensure that those flats effected on the top floor are watertight, these will be completed within the next few weeks. In terms of the main roof, we are now able to appoint a contractor. We will then plan for scaffolding to go up and order the materials which are needed. We anticipate that we would be looking to start the works in the Spring.
- 4.5 Additional parking bays at Lakeside Towers - we are continuing to look at various potential sites to increase parking facilities across Lakeside. We are awaiting some costs to be confirmed by the appointed designer, so we can consider all the options. We will be working with Cllr McDonough and consulting with the residents once we have some further details.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

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7 December 2022

REPORT OF WEST AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regards to the West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network.

2. Background

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks are in place and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee, taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.
- 2.2 West Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.
- 2.3 The West VCS Network is made up of over 70 local groups, as well as strategic local/national/regional partners. The network meets in the West on a regular basis to share good practice and support one another. The network feeds into a virtual network and feed into and receives weekly updates as part of an information share.

3. West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network (AVCSN) Progress Report

- 3.1 The network met November and received presentations from Wearside Women In Need and Yitika Graham from Sunderland University around evaluation and monitoring. Organisations gave some very positive feedback about the network meetings how they really find them very informative and how they enjoy getting the opportunity to network with others.
- 3.2 West area organisations who manage community buildings were invited to apply for funding from Sunderland City Council, in partnership with Sunderland's Community Led Local Development Programme (CLLD). The funding approved was to support organisations to help keep their doors open and offer 'Warm Spaces' for those most in need to make use of during the autumn and winter months.
- 3.3 There are now 16 Warm Spaces in the West area of Sunderland. These spaces cover provision for 7 days per week and offer a welcoming, respectful safe and non-judgemental space where local residents can have a coffee, light refreshment, charge phones, chat and get additional information around support that is available to those who are struggling financially with the cost-of-living crisis. The Warm Spaces in Sunderland was represented nationally on BBC Breakfast in October by Pallion Action Group who eloquently highlighted the support Kayll Road Library Hub Warm Space provides.
- 3.4 West Area organisations who were successful with the warm spaces were invited to apply for further funding from Sunderland City Council (SCC), in partnership with Sunderland's Community Led Local Development Programme (CLLD). The funding approved was to deliver 'phase 2 Positive Steps' – 1-2-1 wrap around support designed around the individual and phase 3 to deliver social prescribing activity to support people with a wide range of social, emotional or practical needs, and schemes focused on improving health and wellbeing and improve motivation and confidence.
- 3.5 West organisations are seeing an increase in people accessing support for food and warm packs. This is an increasing difficult time for some households within the West. Feedback

from residents is that they are grateful for the current support that is available but are worried for future as they don't see an end to the costs of living crisis.

- 3.6 West Area Organisations are now distributing Round 3 of the Sunderland City Council Household Support Funding. The target groups for this support are those who have not received a cost-of-living payment from the Government. West Area reps have met with NHS to discuss the support that can be given to employees who are struggling. We will work with employers to help identify those most financially vulnerable.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are requested to note the content of this report.

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7 December 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'	Having amended and readvertised the Pallion Clean and Green Call brief the Neighbourhood and Community board are making a recommendation to approve <ul style="list-style-type: none">Clean and Green – Springboard £27,000 And reject <ul style="list-style-type: none">Clean it and Green it Pallion – Community Opportunities £27,000 Total Neighbourhood Fund awarded £134,990 and a recommendation of a further £27,000 for Pallion
Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting	Highways officers attend the Neighbourhood and Community Board in November and discussed schemes from the current year and asked that members feed in recommendations for 23/24. Consideration will be given in February to the schemes proposed.
Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity	A 'taking stock' survey have been completed by 33 organisations in the West with findings being discussed at the November Neighbourhood and Community Board. Results were considered alongside the activities within the ward, members will continue to consider this data and discuss at future meetings.
Stephenson Trail	Three local community organisations (one from each of the Coalfield, East and West areas) are supporting the project by carrying out environmental and physical improvements with the support of volunteers. The groups will also assist in the design of interpretation boards for each area, at relevant points along the route. The groups will work in partnership with colleagues from Local Services who are also carrying out work to improve the trail. A celebration event took place in November 2022 at City Hall. All groups, schools, Members and volunteers were invited, it was a great event with schools from across the three areas attending.
Welfare Rights	The Neighbourhood and Community Board received an update in November on the project and achievements to date Over 1000 residents have been supported with information, advice and guidance on benefits. 84 residents have received specialist support and 12 tribunal hearings were supported.

	Backdated payments of over 200k have been secured.
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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**

Annex 1 West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

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West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

Updated December 2022



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:

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

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		
Links to: <i>A Dynamic Smart City More and better housing</i>		
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 2020 Neighbourhood and Community Board and updated on the developments within the service area.
2. Invest in Street Furniture including additional bins		
Links to: <i>A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i>		
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.	At the March 2021 Area Committee funding was approved to replace 48 110ltr bins, 4 dog bins, 19 post mounted and 6 benches. Bins were installed over the summer and continued into Autumn. Benches have now been installed. Funding approved NICP £36,529
Removal or Painting of pedestrian barriers and other street furniture		Wards continue to use their Walk and Talk projects to address ward-based issues. Examples of which includes Pallion improving bollards on St Luke's Terrace and St Chad's painting fencing around Allendale Road
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		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i>		
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.	All 6 Outdoor Gym sites are now open. Each site has a variety of equipment to exercise arms and legs. The Site locations are, Hylton Road Playing Fields, King George Playing Fields, Silksworth Recreation Park, Barnes Park, East Herrington Park and Thorney Close.

		Public Health funding as well as NCIP were approved, Project has an underspend of £33,393 to NCIP December 2022
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 service areas attended the February Board and updated on plans for the city. Members supported the plans. Improvements have been made to routes across the West with vegetation removed. Work continues with the Stephenson Trail, with improvements being made 2022/2023.
Parks and Open Green Spaces		The Assistant Director of Community Resilience attended the July board and provided an update on Parks and Open green spaces and the capital investment proposals. A further update was provided at the April board, all improvements are progressing. Work continues to be delivered with further improvements and updates being provided to future Board meetings. The Ex-Bowls pavilion at King George Playing Fields has been advertised as a community asset, business plans were submitted and appraised, property services are now in a position to progress to an offer.
Carry out a review, audit and capital improvements across Sunderland Cemeteries.	Invite the Bereavement Service Manager along to a future meeting to discuss.	The Bereavement Service Manager was invited along to the November 2021 Board meeting. An update was provided on improvements and service changes. Member were informed about a new joint working group being established across the City, between Officers and Councillors to improve the appearance and design of

		cemeteries. Members were invited to the working group.
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. The West Area Committee approved £120,000 of Neighbourhood Funding to Walk and Talk in June 2022. This has increased each wards budget by £20,000. The Walk and Talk project supports local Ward Councillors to find solutions to environmental issues and community-based issues at a local level. Examples of this could be gaps in social prescribing/improving a community asset/environmental improvement. Funding approved NF £120,000
4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign and In Bloom		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i>		
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.	Continue to monitor the project and hold regular steering group meetings.	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. Applications have been received, appraised and consulted on and the Area Committee

		<p>approved the following project in September 2022</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>Having amended and readvertised the Pallion Clean and Green Call brief the Neighbourhood and Community board are making a recommendation to approve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean and Green – Springboard £27,000 <p>And reject</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean it and Green it Pallion – Community Opportunities £27,000 <p>Total Neighbourhood Fund awarded £134,990 and a recommendation of a further £27,000 for Pallion</p>
Develop plans for a West wide in bloom delivery	Continue to monitor projects approved.	<p>The Neighbourhood and Community Board launched a Call for Projects for applications for The Keep Sunderland West Tidy Programme which were approved at September Area Committee. Projects are delivering across the West. Opportunities involving local residents are promoted on the West Area Facebook page, the individual project Facebook pages and within each centre and local area. Since</p>

		awarding the funding 60 litter picks have taken place and over 1400 volunteer hours achieved. Funding approved NF to 9 projects £10,417
To understand more about the Enforcement measures and opportunities to enhance in the West to encourage more to 'Love where you live'		<p>The West Enforcement project attended the July Neighbourhood and Community Board. The members of staff have now been recruited and so far over 600 enforcement actions have taken place.</p> <p>Updates will continue to be provided to future Neighbourhood and Community Board Funding approved NF £229,977</p>
5. Review transport routes in partnership with all providers in consultation with residents. Pick up localised parking issues – residential and shopping		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Great transport and travel links</i>		
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.
6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Great transport and travel links</i> A Vibrant Smart City <i>People feeling safe in their neighbourhoods</i> A Healthy City Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i>		
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to West Area Committee.	A report on proposed highways to include in the 2021 / 2022 Programme was considered by the Area Committee in March 2021 and agreed. Further updates have been received and Members have fed areas for consideration in the 2022-2023 programme. At the February Board meeting the Board considered the recommendations for 2022-2023 and made some changes.

		<p>Following the various Task and Finish groups on highway improvements, proposals were presented to the Board in February. Those proposals were considered by Area Committee and approved</p> <p>Highways officers attend the Neighbourhood and Community Board in November and discussed schemes from the current year and asked that members feed in recommendations for 23/24.</p> <p>Funding approved NICP £270,971 and NF £17,913</p>
Consider traffic calming measures on Silksworth Lane alongside parking restrictions		<p>New traffic restrictions around the area have now been completed. Consideration to be made to future traffic calming measures. As part of the Task and Finish group traffic calming measures were incorporated into the suggestions.</p>
7. Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> A Healthy Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i> A Healthy Smart City <i>Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i>		
West Area Committee approved £120k to improvements to play areas in the West.		<p>Area Committee agreed a Play Improvement project. The project has experienced delays due to market conditions and in some cases vandalism to play areas. 7 Sites (Hylton Road Playing Fields, Silksworth Recreation Park, East Herrington Park, King George Playing Fields, Thorney Close, Grindon Lane and Barnes Park) are now complete and equipment is being used regularly. Portsmouth Road experienced delays and vandalism.</p>

		Funding approved NF £120,000
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 service areas attended the 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. Cutting back of vegetation to allow for wider paths has taken place in key locations. This work will continue as part of regular maintenance of public rights of way. The Clean and Green teams continue to support and make improvements to these routes.
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		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City People enjoying independent lives</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
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 the year using Community Chest and Walk and Talk. Support has continued to be offered to ensure maximum external funding attracted. 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. At the September Area Community

		funding was approved for a community mini bus, the project will provide updates to future board meetings. Neighbourhood fund £40,000
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		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
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.	The VCS has continued to be supported by the Area Committee. The VCS Network continues to be supported to ensure they have access to internal and external funding opportunities. The Sunderland VCS Alliance has now been established and updates provided to members. A 'taking stock' survey have been completed by 33 organisations in the West with findings being discussed at the November Neighbourhood and Community Board. Results were considered alongside the activities within the ward, members will continue to consider this data and discuss at future meetings.
10. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
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.

		<p>Volunteering opportunities for the Great British Spring Clean 2022 were advertised with activities being held across the West working alongside the West Clean and Green project. Over 100 volunteers participated.</p> <p>Volunteers logged on the better impact database have been contacted to over 70 volunteers have been recruited to support the warm spaces across the City</p>
11. Support communities to deliver local events		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
West Area Committee funded a large-scale event for 2022- delivered by Youth Almighty Project		<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 invited Youth Almighty to apply for an event for 2023. The application was considered by West Area Committee in September 2022 and Funding approved</p> <p>Funding approved NF £80,000 (for 2022 and 2023 events)</p>
Consider purchasing event equipment for communities		
Festive lights and celebrations	£60,000 approved from Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme	<p>Each ward has considered the impact of lights and appropriate schemes have been installed. Those without suitable locations will consider this project and discuss details at a Future Board meeting.</p> <p>Amended project for Barnes and Sandhill. Barnes for improved street lighting and Sandhill improved street furniture</p>

		Funding approved NICP £60,000
12. Additional Drainage cleansing programme		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i>		
Continue to support local traders and link in with flooding officers regarding local issues.		A Task and Finish group took place in September 2021, Members received updates on localised issues and City-wide provision.
13. Communicate heritage assets and delivery heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
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.	<p>A multi area Task and Finish group continues to meet. The action plan has been developed to support this project and work continues. At the September Area Committee £50,000 Neighbourhood Capital funding was approved.</p> <p>A Stephenson Trail Task and Finish group with members from the Coalfield, East and West areas have developed an action plan and each of the three Area Committees have approved £50k funding.</p> <p>In February 2022, the Stephenson Trail Task Group received an update on the Walking the Routes results, which identified environmental and physical improvements required. Working with Council services and partners the Task Group is developing an action plan to improve the route of the trail.</p> <p>The Cultural Spring have delivered an Educational programme and have engaged</p>

		<p>with seven primary schools, whose location is near the Trail. The selected Schools in the West area have worked with specialists from the creative sector to produce an Education Pack which has now been shared with other Primary Schools within the City. In addition, there is an array of community activities on offer during 2022, which include: way markers competition; song writing; banners and flags project; photo competition; oral history recordings; pop up gigs across the summer months</p> <p>Three local community organisations (one from each of the Coalfield, East and West areas) are supporting the project by carrying out environmental and physical improvements with the support of volunteers. The groups will also assist in the design of interpretation boards for each area, at relevant points along the route. The groups will work in partnership with colleagues from Local Services who are also carrying out work to improve the trail. A celebration event took place in November 2022 at City Hall. All groups, schools, Members and volunteers were invited, it was a great event with schools from across the three areas attending.</p> <p>Funding approved NICP £50,000</p>
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Consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel	Work with the heritage team to consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel.	<p>The planning application was approved for the revised site (behind Silksworth aged miners cottages). Following the tender process work began on site in Spring 2022. The Wheel is now in place with further landscaping work has been carried out, with coal tubs and a bench installed.</p> <p>Funding approved NF £17,500</p>
14. Invest in local shopping centres and support local businesses to ensure they continue to thrive		
Links to: <i>A Dynamic Smart City A stronger city centre with more businesses, housing and cultural opportunities</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
Continue with the capital improvement projects from local shopping centre budgets - Budgets remain in Sandhill, St Chad's and Barnes)		Wards have been considering the improvements that could be made, deep cleans are being delivered and wrapping of bins to bring identity to smaller shopping parades are being considered. The Festive lights funding has been used to enhance 3 shopping areas within the West.
15. Increase 5g access across all neighbourhoods and support people with digital resources		
Links to: <i>A Dynamic Smart City A lower carbon City with greater digital connectivity for all</i> <i>A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills</i>		
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 Area Committee approved the project to be delivered by Media Savvy with the project beginning 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 400 people have accessed digital support.

16. Create job clubs and education centres within local community venues including digital skill training and basic skills		
Links to: <i>A Dynamic Smart City More and better jobs</i> <i>A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i>		
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.	The project is now complete.
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.	At the September Area Committee the REACT phase 2 project was approved. Other area projects continue to deliver and support residents in Job Searches or Employment Training or Education. Funding Approved NF £42,500
Continue to receive updates on West NEET project	Receive a performance update on existing project.	The NEET project delivered by Youth Almighty Project alongside other youth providers in the West. Throughout this project over 60 young people have received meaningful engagement and 44 young people have progressed into Education, Training or Employment. The project is now complete.
17. Eating healthy meals and learning to prepare and cook food, delivery sessions within local community.		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i>		
Receive updates on Holiday hunger activities deliver across 2019-2022.	Receive a performance report from existing projects delivering holiday hunger activities and consider proposals for future need and delivery.	The Area Committee approved £48,000 for 2021 delivery the Holiday Hunger activities projects across the West. The 6 project leads submitted applications to deliver sessions across the May, Summer, October, Christmas, February and Easter 2022 holiday periods. Activities have been delivered the school holidays, lead groups have worked with other

		<p>funding providers to ensure that activities are increased where possible.</p> <p>Youth groups from across the West submitted applications to extend the holiday offer. The applications were approved at June's Area Committee, so far over 260 young people have access the holiday activities delivered across the summer months</p> <p>Total NF funding awarded £29,824</p>
18. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be safe together		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i>		
Receive updates from Sunderland All Together Consortium on project delivery and consider gaps when identified.		<p>Members received a presentation from Sunderland All Together Consortium, the Consortium were invited to full application for 2 project proposals. Applications and the details of the projects were approved at December Area Committee and work has begun to be delivered with regular meetings with Members and young people being involved in the delivery models.</p> <p>Since April young people have attended sessions (2573 attendees) and taken part in activities, the project has also supported 74 volunteers to deliver over 1600 hrs.</p> <p>Funding approved NF £213,480</p>
Consider if facilities need capital improvements and or additional equipment for detached and outreach work.		<p>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</p>

		<p>improvements required. A further Task and Finish discussed these findings and fed back to the Board. A taking stock survey was currently by 33 groups Individual wards are working with groups to identify opportunities to utilise Walk and Talk Funding</p> <p>Funding approved NF £32,460</p>
Mental Health and Wellbeing support		<p>At the September Area Committee, the application for Mental Health and Wellbeing sessions in Secondary schools across the West delivered by If U Care Share. Regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board. To date over 1146 young people have been supported by this project.</p> <p>Funding approved NF £44,496</p>
19. Support those who are struggling due to Universal Credit and other financial conditions		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience		
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.	<p>The Neighbourhood and Community Board received an update in November on the project and achievements to date</p> <p>Over 1000 residents have been supported with information, advice and guidance on benefits. 84 residents have received specialist support and 12 tribunal hearings were supported. Backdated payments of over 200k have been secured.</p> <p>Funding approved NF for 3 year project £150,000</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE 7 December 2022 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</p>	
<p>Title of Report: West Sunderland Area Budget Report</p>	
<p>Author(s): Assistant Director of Housing and Communities</p>	
<p>Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.</p>	
<p>Description of Decision:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Committee are requested to:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) Approve Springboard NF funding of £27,000 – Pallion Clean and Green Item 4 Annex 1</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) Reject Community Opportunities NF funding of £27,000 – Clean it and Green it Pallion Item 4 Annex 1</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(d) Note the 27 Community Chest approvals supported from 2022 / 2023, as detailed Item 4 Annex 2</p>	
<p>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes</p>	
<p>Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £479,188 (inc Youth allocation) for 2022/2023 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £500,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan and to attract other funding into the area.</p>	
<p>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.</p>	
<p>Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No</p>	<p>Relevant Scrutiny Committees:</p>
<p>Is it included in the Forward Plan? No</p>	

7 December 2022

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING and COMMUNITIES**West Sunderland Area Budget Report****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2022/ 2023:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2022 / 2023 (£447,428 and £31,760 c/f)					£479,188
West Area Community Minibus	-	£19,044			£498,232
Holiday Activities -Barnes	29.06.22			£4,955	£493,277
Holiday Activities- St Anne's	29.06.22			£4,999	£488,278
Holiday Activities – Pallion	29.06.22			£4,960	£483,318
Holiday Activities – Silksworth	29.06.22			£4,955	£478,363
Holiday Activities – Sandhill	29.06.22			£5,000	£473,363
Holiday Activities – St Chad's	29.06.22			£4,955	£468,408
Walk and Talk	29.06.22			£120,000	£348,408
West Event 2023	21.09.22			£40,000	£308,408
West Area Community Minibus	21.09.22			£40,000	£268,408
Clean it and Green it Barnes	21.09.22			£27,000	£241,408
Silksworth Ranger	21.09.22			£26,995	£214,413
Clean it Green it Sandhill	21.09.22			£27,000	£187,413
Clean it Green it St Anne's	21.09.22			£27,000	£160,413
St Chad's Ranger	21.09.22			£26,995	£133,418

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2022 / 2023

- 2.2 West Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £479,188 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects and has a project return of £19,044 leaving a total of £498,232 for 2022/2023

- 2.3 The Neighbourhood and Community Board considered projects from previous years and agreed to recommend returning the budget for the following projects. The Board will continue to consider project underspend at the February Board.
- Local Shopping Centres £5,776
 - Social Isolation £1,015
 - Derelict Land £500
 - West Area Play improvements £3,243
- Total Neighbourhood Funding to be returned £10,534 bringing the Neighbourhood Funding budget to £143,952
- 2.4 There is 1 application to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration for approval detailed at **Item 4 Annex 1**
- Clean and Green Pallion – Springboard £27,000
- 2.4 There is 1 application to Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee to consider rejection
- Clean it and Green it Pallion – Community Opportunities £27,000
- 2.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£27,000**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£116,952**

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 / 2023

- 3.1 The table below shows the financial position of West Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme for 2020 / 2023.

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2020 / 2023					£500,000
Festive Lighting Project	14.07.20			£10,000	£490,000
Green Gym Project	16.12.20			£65,000	£425,000
Environmental Services-Bin and Benches	16.3.21			£36,529	£388,471
Silksworth and Albany Pit Wheel	16.3.21			£17,500	£370,971
Stephenson Trail	16.3.21 and 22.09.21			£50,000	£320,971
Festive Lights Project-additional	16.6.21			£50,000	£270,971
West Highways Improvements	8.12.21 and 15.3.21			£270,971	Nil

Table Two: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023

- 3.2 West Area Committee has been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members will be responsible for allocating the funding through a majority decision at Area Committee.
- 3.3 The Capital Programme can be allocated in one year, or across more than one, depending on what proposals come forward throughout the year(s). The Area Committee have up to three years to allocate the full amount.

- 3.4 The Neighbourhood and Community board considered projects from previous years and agreed to recommend the return of the following budget:

- Green Gyms £39,393

Total Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding to be returned is £39,393 bringing the Budget to £39,393

- 3.5 There are no funding proposals recommended for Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme.

4. Community Chest

- 4.1 Each ward has been allocated a ward budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest has now moved online to make the progress easier for Groups to access the funds, however, if Groups need digital support Area Arrangements will provide it to ensure inclusivity. Ward Councillors will continue to lead on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it becomes difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.”
- 4.2 The table below details the Community Chest awards starting balances for 2022 / 2023. **Annex 2** shows the approvals, supported April to November 2022.

Ward	2022/2023 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Barnes	£10,000	-	£2,435	£7,565
Pallion	£10,000	-	£4,735	£5,265
Sandhill	£10,000	-	£2,625	£7,375
Silksworth	£10,000	-	£3,174	£6,826
St Anne's	£10,000	-	£8,595	£1,405
St Chad's	£10,000	-	£3,575	£6,425
Total	£60,000	-	£25,139	£34,861

Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2022 / 2023

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1.
- 5.2 Approve Springboard NF funding of £27,000 – Clean and Green Pallion **Item 4 Annex 1**
- 5.3 Reject Community Opportunities NF funding of £27,000 – Clean it and Green it Pallion **Item 4 Annex 1**
- 5.4 Note the 27 Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/ 2023 as detailed **item 4 Annex 2**

Annexes

Annex One

Annex Two

Neighbourhood Fund Executive Summary Proposals

Community Chest Grant Approvals

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Application No 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Clean It, Green It – Pallion
Lead Organisation	Community Opportunities (Limited)

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£29,120	£2,120	£27,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 Months	December 22	November 24

Project Description (verbatim from application)

Community Opportunities propose to deliver a project which provides

- ward-based environmental project
- will 'clean up local neighbourhoods and communities'
- responds to local concerns
- builds on West Area Clean and Green scheme (C&G) which SNCBC/Community Opportunities have delivered since June 2019.
- continue to impact positively upon the Councils desire to create an 'attractive, clean and cared for environment where people choose to invest, live, work and spend their leisure time.

We will do this by delivering community clean-ups, litter picking, planting and forestry projects, effectively engaging residents into environmental volunteering to improve the appearance of their neighbourhoods, reduce littering and fly tipping, managing overgrown greenspaces and sustaining the maintenance of areas by working with groups to develop additional skills, including providing access to an equipment bank loan scheme.

Our experienced Senior Project Officer/Ranger, Gail, will lead environmental improvement works from recommendations from the established Steering Group (see partnership section), scope the works, assessing any impact to habitat, permissions required in the Countryside Act, by laws, working on public land etc and identifying health, safety, resource and tool requirements, and seasonal influences of pruning, nesting, winter months being ideal for cutting back/removing vegetation. Any issues observed, for example falling trees, are reported to SCC Arboriculture Team. We will liaise with Council and Gentoo to compile the work plan, avoiding duplication and enabling the pooling of resources

12 residents volunteer each week, and we also recruit volunteer's for specific events, such as the Great British Spring Clean which attracted 61 residents to clean ups and litter picks and target residential areas for specific projects. We predict 40 volunteers will engage in the 24-month delivery project, which volunteers report has also led to a reduced feeling of social isolation, improved confidence with some volunteers accessing job opportunities.

Our Volunteer Pathway provides a structured induction, individual skills assessment, considering health issues and providing regular supervision. Volunteers receive a 'toolbox talk' to understand the correct/appropriate use of tools and equipment, understanding risk assessments, providing on-site training including matters relating to conservation, grounds maintenance, habitat management and infrastructure maintenance. We engage corporate volunteers including from Asda, NHS, Nissan and EE.

We will encourage local businesses to maintain their premises and surroundings such as Pallion Traders and around industrial estates to address littering, fly-tipping, overgrown vegetation/ branches to walkways etc. We

have worked with voluntary organisations/friends groups, providing access to and training with an equipment loan scheme, of litter picks, bags, rings, sacks, loppers, pruners and will enhance these resources. We support groups to deliver community clean ups/litter picking sessions, providing advice on site surveys, health and safety and insurance and accompany groups in activities to provide first aid cover if needed.

We deliver targeted work to address issues such as a decline in local amenities, improving the attractiveness of neighbourhoods through community clean-ups etc and respond to Volunteers/residents frustrations regarding 'repeat offenders' who regularly discard litter by providing an educational offer and environmental projects in schools/youth projects, communicating the importance of correct residential waste disposal, reporting issues. Ideas may include developing a children's orchard, wildflower garden, 'bling the bin' with children designs to encouraging appropriate waste disposal. We will raise awareness of local recycling schemes, community furniture donation centres etc.

Our experience of working in the Pallion ward, which we will build on/continue includes

- regular litter picks along the metro line towards Millfield, the old railway line and Bridle Path to South Hylton in response to residents identifying that Blackie Field, Fordfield Road was run down and suffering from anti-social behaviour and residents feeling unsafe
- community clean-up/litter picks in partnership with local residents/councillors on Fordfield Estate and in liaison with Planning/Highways colleagues, installed bespoke planters, securing them in situ, and engaging local residents to maintain them.
- Responded to issues at Highfield Academy with parking at the school. We liaised with the School, Local Councillors and residents' group to discuss traffic calming measures, restricting parking outside school, improving safety for pedestrians/children. Bespoke planters were situated in line with Highways Department approvals and designed to be moved to enable access for street lighting engineers. The planters were dressed by volunteers/local groups/councillors and residents. The school and residents living on Fordfield Road have maintained the planters and the school with C&G have delivered educational awareness raising activities around plants, environment and nature.
- CTW identified the Ford Quarry area needed attention to protect local wildlife, encourage more residents to use the area and reduce anti-social behaviour. We supported CTW to plan improvements for the quarry, attended site visits to review the area/identify works including community clean ups/litter picking, tidying of foliage and pathways.
- Pallion and Millfield residents group identified that the appearance of Victory Street Embankment needed improvement, also stopping noise and dirt/debris from the road progressing to nearby houses. Litter/debris were removed, soil was turned over and weeded. Flowers were planted along with bushes to the top of the embankment. Site surveys were carried out around the Mineral Line, encompassing Pallion New Road, Victory Street and Palermo Street, to the high open areas next to the New Road. Volunteers
 - have carried out frequent litter picks at Victory Street, planting flowering shrubs and hedges to cut down on debris spread.
- Traders on the Front Street in Pallion were supported by volunteers, Councillors and local community groups/volunteers to tidy up the street and plant up the planters/ hanging baskets, improving the appearance of the shopping area and encouraging more residents to visit it.
- Old Jovial Fryer Site, Fordfield Road was identified for a community clean up on the corner site. We removed debris and litter and cut back hedgerows and greenery along with a CTW group member and local ward councillor.
- A site survey has completed at Hylton Road playing fields identifying the need for a general clean up, litter picking, removing overhanging tree branches, cutting back bushes and addressing the tidiness of the parking area and pathways.

We recognise that the Pallion ward suffers from littering and fly-tipping perhaps more so than neighbouring wards so we propose to establish a regular pattern of litter picks within the 'Clean it Green it' project and carry out area walkabouts to identify fly-tipping and promote the contact number to report incidents of this

As part of our current neighbourhood management works in the wider West Area, we carried out painting of street furniture including cleaning, sanding and re-painting metal fencing and benches. We developed digital and paper-based environmental activity packs for children, young people and families and these were used to continue to engage people during the covid19 pandemic and have a future use in promoting visits to local green spaces, to complete spotter exercises and quizzes. In June 2022 we ran an educational session for schools visiting the Barnes Park Event. The project delivered to over 150 local school children, gifting a fruit plat to pot, grow and care for to produce their own food. We will encourage growing produce within local communities such as herb gardens, vegetable patches etc.

In conclusion, we believe Community Opportunities have the existing staff, partners, working procedures and most importantly a bank of well-motivated, trained and willing volunteers and to deliver the requirements of the 'Clean it and Green it' project and commence delivery with immediate effect.

Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
A Healthy Smart City Output	CODE	
number of adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	201	10
number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	40
amount of highway, cycle, pathways improved by area (m2)	208	500
number of community cleans up carried out	209	40
number of litter picks carried out	210	40
A Vibrant Smart City Output	CODE	
number of volunteers recruited and participating	304	40
number of volunteer hours delivered	305	650
number of hours spent delivering this funded project	307	1560

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Staffing –	2, 080.00	120	21,900.00
Co-ordinator – 1 hour pr week			
Senior Project Officer – 5 hrs per week			
Project Officer – 7.5 hours per week	9,800.00		

	10,140.00		
Small Equip and Hand Tools	3100.00	2000	1100.00
Phone, stat, office etc	1000.00		1000.00
Vol expenses, travel, DBS, PPE	1300.00		1300.00
Manage, Finance, Insurance, Accounts, MI, Payroll	1700.00		1700.00
Total	29,120.00	2,120	27,000.00

Application No 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Pallion Clean and Green
Lead Organisation	Springboard

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£27,000		£27,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 Months	January 2023	January 2025

Project Description **(verbatim from application)**

Established in 1975 Springboard, a North-East based charity aims to support the development of sustainable communities, where people have the skills needed for work and life. We have operated in the Pallion area for over 30 years, working with local stakeholders and schools deliver a variety of services and initiatives.

We work closely with the local schools, including the Link School, emphasising on promoting educational messages to both our learners, and learners in local schools. We work closely in partnership with The Link School to offer alternative education, and hands on training. We would recruit school volunteers to help with our Clean and Green programme, along with our current study programme learners and tutors.

We already attend the West Area steering groups, and we will provide regular updates regarding the Clean and Green programme, to ensure it is delivering the improvements and involving as much of the local community as possible.

The main volunteers on Pallion Clean and Green will be our construction learners, alongside our horticulture learners. We also endeavour our Springboard Futures learners will be heavily involved in this project. Springboard Futures is our SEND provision, who have worked closely with Lets Talk SARA to improve the appearance of Southwick with planters, flower beds and more.

We will arrange regular litter picks across Pallion, including around our centre and towards St Lukes Shopping Terrace. We will also facilitate these litter picks along the metro lines towards Millfield, and the old railway line and bridle path to South Hylton. We will carry out regular litter picks across Hylton Road Playing fields. Our Horticulture learners will be able to provide shrub removal and maintenance of these areas, as well Hylton Playing Fields and Ford Quarry.

The planted areas on Fordfield Road will be maintained by our volunteers and learners. Our Construction learners will be able to make new planters as and when needed, and will be able to create more wooden planters for St Lukes Shopping Terrace.

Springboard work closely with the traders on St Lukes Shopping Terrace, with several of the traders often offering support and charity raffle prizes for our events. We will aim to improve our relationships with the traders, by creating a stronger network, offering traders to come into our on site Bistro for breakfast meetings, to see what ideas they have for the shopping terrace and to see how we can

facilitate them. We will work with the traders to maintain and enhance the environment of the local shopping terrace.

We work closely with the local residents by regularly holding family fun days and themed events, we would like to strengthen relationships with the local residents by holding resident breakfast or lunch meetings - allowing them to come in to our Bistro and to share their ideas for the area.

Environmental Improvements

Working closely with existing services and local stakeholders; local elected members, and local schools, as well as, Gentoo, and Northumbria Police, we will work together to identify what improvements are needed and develop an action plan to ensure we achieve maximum impact. This will be balanced across the whole area to ensure a fair distribution of projects are undertaken within the time available. There will be a blend of litter picking and community clean up engagement activities to more intense works that require mechanised support, strimmer's, grass cutters, chippers or rotavators. We have the skills and tools to provide a strong starting point to continue to look after and maintain them in the ways the learners have been shown.

We have Horticulture learners and Construction learners on programme who are keen to get involved within this programme as mentioned above, construction learners can build planters and anything else necessary, whilst horticulture learners can work on keeping the shrubs and the areas tidy.

Working with Communities and Partners

To date we have consulted with those listed in the partnership working below and we will consult with communities and partner organisations using our collective links in the different wards of Pallion. Examples will include the The Link School, from there we can plan an integrated approach, supporting local groups to take lasting action in their areas. New areas of priority will be added to as the project develops and the main stakeholders will feed into this at regular intervals, coordinated by the programme manager. We will be working regularly with associations, community and resident groups to create solutions with them, empowering them and their users to be involved and continue to be integral to their improvement and maintenance beyond the 2 year life of the project.

Improving the Visual Appearance of the Pallion

Together with partners and in particular our construction and horticulture trainees we will make visual improvements to identified areas and dramatically improve them so that there is a clear change in a short period of time. We will do this by using our powered machinery as well as expertise in training people on their use. Once an area is in a better state it is less of a challenge to maintain for local residents and volunteer groups. We will carry out adjustments to areas where possible to minimise the ongoing workload. Litter and fly tipping are key contributing issues for the decline in Pallion areas, educating people on these messages is key to success in this project.

Delivering and Coordinating Core Activities in Partnership with Sunderland City Council

We will recruit a programme manager to lead the programme supported by wider staff members.

Our strength is our ability to train and inspire people in horticulture and construction, cleansing and grounds maintenance, and creating vital storage and planters for our communities. Our trainers and assessors will be running accredited training for people who would like to take the lead locally;

our 'Clean Green Champions' will allow them to train new recruits as they are recruited once the project is established and for the future sustainability.

All volunteers will be supported to develop skills and funnelled through a pathway to ensure that they are safely inducted into the project, understand what the plan is and are assessed verbally and practically to ensure they are involved in appropriate activities for their ability. All of the staff involved will supervise closely and coach participants on technique and coach any practice that is not correct. At the start of each session participants will be given a tool box talk refreshing regular attendees of safe use. The groups will be involved in risk assessment both from a health and safety point of view and also environmentally as well.

Alongside the improvements we will provide local residents with information and education on the work that is going on as well as ways to be involved. The education element will reduce the decline in local amenities by informing residents of the types of behaviour that are negative for their area. Free and low cost ways of disposing of waste by the City Council, identifying genuine waste disposal operators as well as charities that recycle furniture and upcycling to avoid items going to landfill. These educational messages will be delivered in person with those who engage face to face but also by localised leaflet/flyer distribution and also targeted social media posts both organic and paid ads from Springboard's marketing team. This will involve working with Primary and Secondary schools in Pallion to organise for pupils to attend workshops on waste management and recycling and also taking direct action supporting our community clean up days.

There will be many success stories on the journey of this project and we intend to celebrate those both online via social media but also in print in our regular newsletter catch ups. We will also talk with local press to ensure that people in the community are recognised for the work that they do.

We will be creating an equipment bank for use by groups which will be based at our Pallion site, in our secure equipment store. This will be added to our kit log to ensure it is maintained and safety checked at the correct intervals as well as to monitor its use and location. This will be monitored by the programme manager to ensure it is fairly distributed, used by volunteers who have been through the volunteer pathway and signed off as competent. We have allowed for natural damage / breakage and maintenance into the budget. The project aligns with the city's low carbon framework by being directly in the communities it is serving.

To summarise, by building on our existing partnerships and expertise in creating volunteering groups, horticulture and construction training we will deliver this project to the whole of the Pallion area with the aim of leaving a lasting and sustainable impact.

Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
A Dynamic Smart City Output	CODE	
number of low carbon initiatives supported	103	12
number of Adults moved into Education, Employment or Training	105	20
A Healthy Smart City Output	CODE	
amount of highway, cycle, pathways improved by area (m2)	208	200
number of community cleans up carried out	209	36
number of litter picks carried out	210	48
tonnage of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	211	80
amount of greenspace sites improved by area (m2)	212	8000
Issues reported via www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it	213	600
A Vibrant Smart City Output	CODE	
number of volunteers recruited and participating	304	130
number of volunteer hours delivered	305	24,000
number of external organisations involved or supported	306	16
number of hours spent delivering this funded project	307	24 months

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Staff - new role created 15hrs per week	18,240		18,240
Fuel, mileage, travel, vehicle/machine use and maintenance.	1,000		1,000
PPE, boots, gloves, hi-vis, helmets, overalls.	1,500		1,500
Marketing, PPC ads, printing flyers and design.	410		410
Equipment, tools and tools to be used and loaned out.	1750		1750
Accredited Training for volunteers	800		800
Volunteer welfare	800		800
Management Costs	2500		2,500
Total	27,000		27,000

West Area Committee7th December 2022**Community Chest Awards April to September 2022**

Barnes Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Pemberton Bowls Club	23.05.2022	-	£1,470
50 th Sunderland Brownies	10.08.2022	-	£500
10 th Scout Group	06.10.2022	-	£465.00
Remaining balance		-	£7,565
Pallion Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Springboard	30.05.2022	-	£566
Communities Together	30.05.2022	-	£203
PAG on B/H Dovecote Meadows	06.07.2022	-	£500
Lambton Street Youth Comm	10.08.2022	-	£920
50 th Sunderland Brownies	10.08.2022	-	£500
Events and Support Shopping	21.11.2022	-	£2,046
Remaining balance			£5,265
Sandhill Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Headway Wearside	04.05.2022	-	£1,005
111 Squadron	14.06.2022	-	£750
Grindon Lane Karate	21.07.2022		£700
Hasting Hill Academy	21.11.2022		£170.00
Remaining balance			£7,375
Silksworth Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Silksworth Cricket Club	23.05.2022	-	£1,250
Silksworth Banner Group	06.07.2022	-	£1,000
New Silksworth Legion Club	06.10.2022	-	£924
Remaining balance			£6,826
St Annes Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals

2 nd Hylton Guides	27.05.2022	-	£605
Pennywell Community Centre	27.05.2022	-	£491
Pennywell Youth Project	27.05.2022	-	£1,066
South Hylton Primary Care Academy	30.06.2022	-	£3,555
Hope 4 Kidz	29.07.2022	-	£1,000
West End FC	06.10.2022	-	£1,378
Royal British Legion	06.10.2022	-	£500
Remaining balance			£1,405
St Chads Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Herrington Village Show Group	21.07.2022	-	£545
Sunderland West End U16s	06.10.2022	-	£1,530
Holy Rosary Parish Centre	10.11.2022	-	£1,000
2nd Herrington Scout Group	10.11.2022	-	£500
Remaining balance			£6,425

Current Planning Applications(West)

Between 01/10/2022 and 24/11/2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/02220/FUL	7 Neville Road Pallion Sunderland SR4 6QT	Erection of a two storey extension to rear.	06/10/2022	01/12/2022
22/02373/CLP	Pallion Dry Dock/Wear Engineering Ltd Pallion New Road Sunderland SR4 6WE	Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed use of unit (defined as E(g), B2 and B8 to operate as a Film Studio and Music Rehearsal space with ancillary facilities.	03/11/2022	31/12/2022
22/02528/TEX	Fordfield Road Streetworks Sunderland SR4 0EW	Proposed 5G telecoms installation of H3G 15m street pole and additional equipment cabinets.	17/11/2022	06/01/2023
22/02214/FUL	Callerton Kitchen Company Callerton House Brussels Road Pallion Industrial Estate Sunderland SR4 6SJ	Erection of industrial unit for B2/B8 use and relocation of car park.	23/11/2022	18/01/2023
22/01981/FUL	35 Highside Drive Sunderland SR3 1UL	Conversion of existing garage into habitable room and erection of a single storey extension to rear	10/10/2022	05/12/2022
22/02534/FUL	2 Cortina Avenue Sunderland SR4 8NE	Erection of a single storey side and rear extension	18/11/2022	13/01/2023

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/02560/FUL	105 Chester RoadSunderlandSR4 7EZ	Replacement shop front and creation of separate access to shop and flat.	23/11/2022	18/01/2023
22/02317/FUL	14 Guernsey SquareSunderlandSR4 9RP	Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and porch to front	21/10/2022	16/12/2022
22/02405/TEX	Silksworth Comrades Club1 John StreetSilksworthSunderlandSR3 1ET	Replacement of existing telecommunications equipment with 1no. 25metre monopole mast, including 12no. antenna and 4no. 600mm dishes attached by 2no. new ringframes, in addition to the relocation of all existing ground base equipment to new fenced compound.	01/11/2022	21/12/2022
22/02185/FUL	21-23 Railway TerraceSouth HyltonSunderlandSR4 0PY	First floor extension to the rear to include the installation of a roof lantern, installation of bi-folding doors on side elevation and external fire escape stairs to the rear, extend rear wall by 1.5m to a height of 4m.	05/10/2022	30/11/2022
22/02241/FUL	45 Pitcairn RoadSunderlandSR4 8ER	Erection of part single storey / part two storey extension to side	10/10/2022	05/12/2022
22/02336/FUL	31 Peasemore RoadSunderlandSR4 0HN	Erection of a single storey extension to side	24/10/2022	19/12/2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/02399/TPA	20 Hunworth CloseSunderlandSR4 8ET	T1 - (Ash) - remove overgrown limbs to the left, top and right of the tree.	01/11/2022	27/12/2022
22/02561/TPA	Princess Of Wales CentreHylton RoadSunderlandSR4 8AE	T1 and T2 Sycamore - Fell T3,T4,T5,T6,T7,T8,T9,T12,13 and T14 Sycamore/Sorbus Aria - Crown lift to 6 metres and remove deadwoodT10 and 11 Sycamore - Crown lift to 6metres and remove deadwood, reduce over extended limbs by 2 metresT15 Sycamore - Crown lift to 6 metres and remove deadwood,reduce over extended limbs by 2 metres, remove lowest large limb	23/11/2022	18/01/2023
22/02116/FUL	37 BroadmeadowsEast HerringtonSunderlandSR3 3RF	Replacement block paving to front to create additional parking area and installation of electric sliding metal gate.	04/10/2022	29/11/2022
22/02173/FUL	Clinton Stores And Flat Above Clinton PlaceOff Sandringham CrescentSunderlandEast HerringtonSR3 3SL	Erection of a single storey side extension with balustrade to roof area to create a roof terrace.	10/10/2022	05/12/2022
22/02308/FUL	71 HillcrestSunderlandSR3 3NN	Erection of single storey extension to side/ rear and dormer windows to rear.	18/10/2022	13/12/2022
22/02310/FUL	15 Parkside SouthSunderlandSR3 3RA	Erection of single storey extension to rear.	19/10/2022	14/12/2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/02325/FUL	5 WoodsideEast HerringtonSunderlandSR3 3SJ	Erection of a two storey extension to side	21/10/2022	16/12/2022
22/02343/SUB	37 BroadmeadowsEast HerringtonSunderlandSR3 3RF	Replacement porch and garage to front/side of property. (Resubmission)	28/10/2022	23/12/2022
22/02446/FUL	16 Warwick DriveEast HerringtonSunderlandSR3 3PU	Erection of a single storey rear extension	15/11/2022	10/01/2023
22/02510/FUL	Woodside HouseCranborneSunderlandSR3 3SQ	Erection of a single storey extension to side	15/11/2022	10/01/2023