

## **NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE**

### **AGENDA**

**Meeting to be held on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 at 5:30pm**

**This meeting will be held remotely. Joining details will be emailed to all participants.**

**The meeting will be livestreamed for the public to view on the Council's YouTube channel, 'sunderlandgov' at :-**

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### **Membership**

Cllrs D. Wilson (Chairman), S. Foster (Vice Chairman), M. Butler, K. Chequer, R. Davison, J. Doyle, B. Francis, G. Howe, J. Jackson, K. Jenkins, S. Leadbitter, D. MacKnight, J. McKeith, A. Samuels and P. Stewart.

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**ELAINE WAUGH**  
**Assistant Director of Law and Governance**

**2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020**

**At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held remotely on THURSDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor D. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Butler, Chequer, Davison, Doyle, Foster, Francis, Howe, Jenkins, Leadbitter, D. MacKnight, McKeith, Samuels and Stewart

**Also in Attendance:-**

Inspector Louise McClennan	-	Northumbria Police
Mr. Colin McCartney	-	Gentoo Housing
Mr. Shaun Makin	-	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe	-	Area Community Development Lead, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Allison Patterson	-	Area Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Graham Scanlon	-	Assistant Director of Housing Services, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Joanne Stewart	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Andy Wilson	-	Environmental Services Manager, Sunderland City Council

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Jackson and on behalf of Mr. R. Duggan and Mr. P. McIntyre

**Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **Area Committee Annual Update; North Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2020 / 2021**

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Committee Neighbourhood and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which presented the Area Committee Delivery Plan for 2020-2023 and provided an update against the area priorities associated with the delivery plan.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Foster took Members through the report and there being no questions or comments, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Area Neighbourhoods and Community Board Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and the proposals for future deliver be agreed.

## **North Sunderland Area Committee Budget Report**

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided 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 presented proposals for further funding requests.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe, Area Community Development Lead, presented the report drawing attention to the recommendations detailed within the report.

In relation to the Ready, Steady Redhill project, Councillor Butler commented that social isolation would have been at its worst through the spike in the pandemic and supported this project wholeheartedly; encouraging other wards to look at similar projects for their areas. Councillor Stewart asked if Officers could work closely with SNCBC to receive feedback on how they were delivering in line with priorities.

Councillor Davison referred to the remaining Community Chest funds and asked if it was possible to request that it was carried over to the next financial year as a lot of groups may not have had the opportunity to apply in the current circumstances. Councillor Stewart advised that he would look into this issue and provide feedback to Members.

Members having had any questions answered, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the financial statements as set out in paragraphs 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be received and noted;

- (ii) approval be given to the allocation of £34,000 from the Neighbourhood Fund towards the Ready, Steady, Redhill Project by Community Opportunities / SNCBC;
- (iii) approval be given to the allocation of £24,975 towards the Beach Access Roker Beach Project by Beach Access North East;
- (iv) approval be given to the allocation of £10,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital fund toward the Southwick Illumination project; and
- (v) the four approvals for Community Chest supported from the 2020/21 budget totalling £4,380 be noted.

### **Partner Agency Reports - Report of the North Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network**

The Voluntary and Community Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update with regard to the network.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe advised that in the absence of a presenting officer, the report of the North Sunderland Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network was submitted for information only. Should Members have any questions, Ms. Metcalfe advised that they could be emailed to herself and she would ensure that a response was provided.

Councillor Samuels asked that the Committee's thanks be recorded for all of the work and support to residents the VCS network and the North Area hub had provided during the pandemic as it had been so appreciated by all, and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

### **Partner Agency Reports - Northumbria Police Update**

Inspector Louise McLennan of Northumbria Police gave an update to the Committee on the current position with regards to crime and anti-social behaviour data and of any on-going issues in the North Sunderland area.

Members were provided with a verbal summary of crime figures within the area and advised of successful and forthcoming operations in relation to the North Sunderland area of the city.

In response to a query around problems in the area with motorbike and quad riding, Inspector McClennan advised that it was an age-old issue which was become increasingly difficult to deal with. She informed the Committee that other areas of the city had paid to have a long lens camera installed which allowed them to have access to good quality photographs of the vehicles and Officers were in discussions to allow them to borrow the device or look into getting their own for the area. Officers were also taking examples of good practice around other sectors to try and implement similar in the North Sunderland area.

Inspector McClennan explained that they were also looking at footage in surrounding areas to look to prosecute any persons who were delivering the off road vehicles to

those areas and they were seeing some good results although they did tend to rely on information from residents; which she reminded Councillors could be submitted anonymously. Hopefully they would continue to see more improvements as services and partners continued to pull together to work towards addressing the issue.

Councillor Butler commented that it was almost a rite of passage for some young people in the area and asked if the issue could be looked at in a different way giving residents assurances that the matter was being dealt with, whilst finding a safe solution for young people to carry on using the vehicles in a better way for all.

The Chairman commented that the issue could be raised and discussed in more detail at the LMAPs and the meeting of the Neighbourhoods and Community Board.

Councillor Foster asked if an updated contacts list for local beat officers could be circulated to Members and Inspector McClennan agreed to forward it.

In relation to the issues in Thompson Park and the significant damage that had been caused, Councillor Samuels commented that it was appalling to see but a big positive had been how quickly the issue had been dealt with. Andy Wilson advised that the damage was in the region of £3,600 to the playpark and changing rooms but they had moved a camera to the site which they hoped would deter any future vandalism.

Members thanked the Officer for her verbal update and thanked her for her attendance, and it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the update from the Northumbria Police be received and noted.

### **Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services**

Station Manager Shaun Makin of TWFRS gave an update to the Committee on the current position Services gave an update to the Committee on the current position with regards to fire related incidents and of any on-going issues in the North Sunderland area.

Members thanked Mr. Makin for his verbal update, and it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the update from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services be received and noted.

### **Partner Agency Reports – Unauthorised Encampments Update Report**

The Area Committee received a report which provided an update on unauthorised encampment policy and site activity in 2020 and the associated financial and service impact.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe advised that in the was submitted for information only and that should Members have any questions after the meeting they could be emailed to herself and

she would ensure that a response was provided.

7. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) D. WILSON,  
Chairman.

10 December 2020

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOODS & CABINET MEMBER COMMUNITIES AND CULTURE

### COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING CHAMPIONS

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To advise North Area Committee of the next steps, following Cabinet Approval in March 2020 of the Sunderland Community Wealth Building Strategy, taking into consideration the additional action to be taken to continue to grow community wealth across our communities.

#### 2. Background – Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy

- 2.1 Community Wealth Building is an approach to economic and social regeneration, which focuses on actions that support communities to create wealth and retain more of the benefits of economic growth locally. It is an approach that recognises that the way money circulates in a local economy is important and that growth needs to be shaped and directed.
- 2.2 Community Wealth Building aims to re-organise and control the local economy so that wealth is broadly held within the city and is generative, with local roots, so that income is recirculated, communities are put first, and people are provided with opportunity, dignity and well-being. The approach seeks to create resilient communities and local economic security.
- 2.3 Sunderland defines community wealth as follows:
- ‘Developing assets, of all kinds, in such a way that the wealth stays local. Using local assets to make communities more vibrant. Aiming to help individuals, families and communities control their own economic destiny’***
- 2.4 Whilst Sunderland City Council has been a co-operative council since 2014 and has embedded these values across all areas of practice, a recent assessment by the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) suggests that the Council needs to continue to move from an approach of “doing for” to “doing with” the residents of Sunderland. Transforming the Council’s relationship with its communities to one of collaboration will lead to increased trust and effectiveness of services and reduce demand.
- 2.5 Much is happening already both across Council services and by other partners in the city. Through delivery of the Community Wealth Strategy, Sunderland Council seeks to harness what is already happening in addition to future opportunities to maximize impact in the City and to use our knowledge, and that of others, to inform what we need to do next, both from an economic and social perspective.
- 2.6 It is now more important than ever to enable residents to respond to the local economic shock of the Covid-19 pandemic. Through delivery of the Community Wealth Strategy, the council aims to respond to the immediate crisis and the urgent imperative to rebuild



local economies which are more fair, inclusive and secure than those that existed before.

2.7 There are 7 key areas for focus for our activities to achieve our vision as part of the Community Wealth Strategy Delivery Plan, which link directly to the principles of community wealth building:

1. Demonstrating our Commitment
2. Developing the role of Anchor Institutions
3. Socially Productive Asset Management
4. Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement
5. Business Growth and Investment (inc Voluntary and Community Sector)
6. Increasing Social Value through Procurement and Wider Activity
7. Improving Community Resilience

### **3. Demonstrating our Commitment - Community Wealth Champion**

3.1 This report focuses upon the first key activity – ‘demonstrating our commitment’ to growing community wealth in Sunderland.

3.2 Elected members can champion the community wealth approach in their own areas by highlighting the significant benefits. This includes assisting the council to understand local issues and helping to target employment opportunities.

3.3 Elected members can encourage the council and partner anchor institutions to become accredited living wage employers. In addition to employment, elected members can encourage the council to continue to develop their procurement strategies that contain measures for the use of ‘community benefit’ clauses and ‘local supplier development’.

3.4 Inward investment activity can be targeted at developing the local supply base, and a means of monitoring where this spend goes and the impact it has should be monitored. In addition, council procurement spend with local companies should continue to be enhanced wherever possible and spend out of the local area continuously reviewed to identify any additional local opportunities.

3.5 Finally, elected members can encourage the council to consider the impact of their assets on inclusive economies and how they can contribute to socio-economic development objectives and build resilient communities. For example, linking asset management to neighbourhood plans and identifying how to support local people to take over council assets for the benefit of their communities. This can be achieved through promoting community asset transfer and exploring where this can be used to support area-based regeneration priorities, supporting capacity building for communities currently less able to take on and manage assets.

3.6 To ensure all elected members are supported to become Community Wealth Champions, it is proposed that each of the Area Committees Chairs become the ‘Area Community Wealth Champion’ – working alongside the Area Arrangements Team and Community Wealth Steering Group to develop a training and induction programme for all elected members, as well as ensuring the principles of community wealth are adopted by the Area Committee whilst delivering their Area Committee Delivery Plan priorities.

#### **4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 Note the contents of the report and acknowledge the work undertaken to support the growth of Community Wealth across Sunderland and agree to continue to support the delivery of the Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy.
- 4.2 Agree to support the Area Committee Chair to deliver their Community Wealth Champion role on behalf of the residents of Sunderland, demonstrating the commitment of North Area Committee to support growth.

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF NORTH NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD**

**North Sunderland Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023**

**1. Purpose of Report**

**1.1 This report:-**

- a. Presents the North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan

**2. Background**

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

**3. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements**

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.

- 3.2 Following the approval of the Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans at Cabinet in March 2020, the Neighbourhood Investment Plans replaced the former Article 10 Local Area Plans.

- 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 Boards will be the working group for the Area Committee and the board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. All Committee members are invited to attend all board meetings.

- 3.5 Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in June 2020.

#### 4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the North Neighbourhood & Community Board up to **30<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Priority	Update
<b>Invest in Parks, Play Areas, Cycle and Walking Routes in Consultation with Residents and Users</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a plan for the regeneration of Thompson Park as an activity and destination park for all ages in partnership with Friends of Thompson Park</li> </ul>	<p>Task and Finish Group met October 2020 priority agreed due to short timescale of funding opportunity for a group to develop a Places to Ride funding application to deliver cycling skills area in park and education/ training, match funding required to deliver project</p> <p>November Board agreed to recommend to December Area Committee an alignment of £200,000 for the regeneration of Thompson Park and £25,000 of this to be a match to Places to Ride application with full applications to be presented to future Board and Area Committee. Details included in <b>Item 4 Section 3.4</b></p>
<b>Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events, activities and nurture family learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the development of former Downhill School into a community hub</li> </ul>	<p>Task and Finish Group met October 2020, agreed for leaseholder of the venue to pull together costs for capital and revenue to develop the Hub into a resource for the Community</p> <p>November Board agreed to recommend an application be presented to December Area Committee to provide security measures at Downhill Hub with a total of this application and alignment for future applications to be submitted to Board and Area Committee of £100,000. Details included in <b>Item 4 Annex 1 and Item 4 Section 2.3, 2.5 and 3.5</b></p>
<b>Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neighbourhood Funding in place for School Holiday delivery 2020</li> <li>£20,000 Neighbourhood Funding in Place for youth activities 2020 - 2021</li> </ul>	<p>£20,000 funding in place for youth activities 2020 – 2021 November Board agreed the development of a Call for Projects to be considered by future Board</p> <p>£10,000 remaining in the school holiday funding budget due to non-delivery of beach camp. November Board agreed to recommend to December Area Committee that this funding be utilised in Christmas and Feb Half Term School Holidays with the project leads for each Ward delivering activities for young people. Details included in <b>Item 4 Section 2.4</b></p>
<b>Increase safety through the improvement of CCTV and additional enforcement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider the feasibility of additional CCTV/Masts/Airtime Project</li> </ul>	<p>Task and Finish Group met October 2020 with Officers, Northumbria Police, TWFR tasked to identify hotspot areas and CCTV solutions within a budget of £100k.</p> <p>November Board agreed to recommend to December Area Committee an alignment of £100,000 for delivery of this project with a full application to be presented to future Board and</p>

	Area Committee. Details included in <b>Item 4 Section 3.6</b>
<p><b>Communicate heritage assets and deliver heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a project which provides access to event space at Hylton Castle in order to support bringing the community together and future sustainability of the Project</li> </ul>	<p>Task and Finish Group met October 2020, project is awaiting a decision on a Heritage Lottery Fund Application which will include elements of outside space. Trust to obtain costs for fence, matting to cover grass to protect archaeology and internal marquee refurbishments with a view to presenting to future Board for consideration of recommendations to Area Committee</p> <p>November Board agreed to recommend to December Area Committee an alignment of £100,000 for delivery of this project with a full application to be presented to future Board and Area Committee. Details included in <b>Item 4 Section 3.7</b></p>

## 5. Recommendations

### 5.1 Members are requested to: -

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 as contained within Annex 1.

Annex 1 North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

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Vivienne Metcalfe, North Area Community Development Lead

## Item 3 Annex 1

### North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

Agreed 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020



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 North 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 North 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](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk) as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The North Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

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| 1. Tackle empty properties                 | 9. Support voluntary and community sector  |
| 2. Derelict land                           | 10. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe |
| 3. Affordable homes                        | 11. Volunteer platform   |
| 4. Love Where You Live                     | 12. Support communities to deliver local events                                  |
| 5. Transport Routes and Parking            | 13. Improve CCTV and Enforcement   |
| 6. Highways, pavements and street lighting | 14. Promote Heritage Assets and Deliver Heritage Activities                      |
| 7. Parks, play, cycle and walking routes   | 15. Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage  |
| 8. Social Prescribing                      |  |

It is now the responsibility of North 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
<b>1. Tackle Empty Properties</b>		
<p>Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to North Neighbourhood and Community Board to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of empty properties and related issues in the North</li> <li>• Pro-active action in place in relation to properties allowed to go into a state of dilapidation by rogue landlords</li> </ul>	North Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the North area.	
<b>2. Review all derelict land and properties and develop plan to address each site with partners and residents to further create green and cultural communities</b>		
Executive Director Economy and Place to provide an update on derelict land and properties to North Neighbourhood and Communities Board.	North Area Committee to consider update and how they can support the development of sites within the North area	
<b>3. Create more affordable homes</b>		
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to North Neighbourhood and Community Board	North Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the North area.	
<b>4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign</b>		
Continue to receive updates from the North Raising Aspiration Projects on their litter picks and environmental projects and ensure they advertise opportunities for residents/schools etc to get involved.	ACDL to continue to provide updates on delivery to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	Quarterly Monitoring Update presented to November 2020 Board
<b>5. Review transport routes in partnership with all providers in consultation with residents. Need to also pick up parking issues – residential and shopping</b>		

VAS Signage Project in development for North Area which will provide 2 signs per ward which will be circulated to 40 locations across the North	<p>North Area Committee agree the funding and locations of the signs.</p> <p>Once agreed the Neighbourhood and Community Board will receive regular updates on the locations and effectiveness of the signs</p>	<p>North Area Committee have agreed the funding and sites proposed, Highways have commenced the procurement exercise and further updates will be provided to future Boards</p> <p>Signs were to commence deployment w/c 9<sup>th</sup> November however signs are currently in transit and project lead is awaiting delivery</p>
<b>6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting</b>		
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 North Area Committee	Report presented to November 2020 Board
<b>7. Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users</b>		
Develop a plan for the regeneration of Thompson Park as an activity and destination park for all ages in partnership with Friends of Thompson Park	<p>Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group.</p> <p>ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board</p>	<p>Membership of Task and Finish Group agreed</p> <p>Task and Finish Group met October 2020 priority agreed due to short timescale of funding opportunity for a group to develop a Places to Ride funding application to deliver cycling skills area in park and education/ training, match funding required to deliver project</p> <p>November Board agreed to recommend to December Area Committee an</p>



		alignment of £200,000 for the regeneration of Thompson Park and £25,000 of this to be a match to Places to Ride application with full applications to be presented to future Board and Area Committee
Develop a plan for small scale improvements in Roker Park in partnership with Friends of Roker Park and within the Heritage status of the Park	ACDL to support the Friends of Roker Park to develop plan and funding applications	Chair of Friends carried out site visit suggestions for development shared with Friends Group and projects in development to inform a Community Chest Application
Develop a plan for improvements at Hylton Dene as a wildlife and walking, cycling and running route/destination	To be discussed at future Neighbourhood and Community Board	
<b>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</b>		
Ensure 5 Ward based Raising Aspirations Projects are providing services and activities to local residents	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	
Ensure North Communication Project keeps local communities up to date with activities and services on offer and promotes the North Area	ACDL coordinates the content and delivery of the North Communication Project in partnership with the Neighbourhood and Community Board	Project currently on hold due to COVID-19 and newsletter is to promote activities delivered in the Ward however work is commencing on delivering the leaflet element of the project
North Area Committee in partnership with Public Health Funding have supported health related projects in Sunderland North	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	
Beach Access North East leading on a project on behalf of Sunderland Seafront Steering Group to install a container adjacent to Marine Activities Centre which will house beach accessible wheelchairs with volunteers managing booking of the wheelchairs	September North Area Committee to consider a funding application to deliver this project	September Area Committee agreed funding for the project, project lead is now working with Sunderland City Council on the planning process

<b>9. Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events, activities and nurture family learning</b>		
<p>Support the development of former Downhill School into a community hub current delivery includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Activities</li> <li>• Boxing Club</li> <li>• Nursery</li> </ul> <p>Potential for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional facilities to support the boxing Club retain affiliation</li> <li>• Additional sporting activities utilising both inside and outside space</li> <li>• Gardening Club</li> <li>• Additional Youth activities</li> <li>• Parent and Toddler Groups</li> <li>• Activities for Older/Socially Isolated</li> <li>• Resident Group support</li> </ul>	<p>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</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Membership of Task and Finish Group agreed.</p> <p>Task and Finish Group met October 2020, agreed for leaseholder of the venue to pull together costs for capital and revenue to develop the Hub into a resource for the Community</p> <p>November Board agreed to recommend an application be presented to December Area Committee to provide security measures at Downhill Hub with a total of this application and alignment for future applications to be submitted to Board and Area Committee of £100,000</p>
<b>10. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe</b>		
<p>Neighbourhood Funding in place for Youth Partnership delivery across all wards in North</p> <p>Neighbourhood Funding in place for School Holiday delivery 2020</p> <p>£20,000 Neighbourhood Funding in Place for youth activities 2020 - 2021</p>	<p>Updates on delivery of provision to be provided to the Neighbourhood Community Board</p> <p>Neighbourhood and Community Board to discuss allocation of £20,000 available and the potential of developing a call for projects</p>	<p>£20,000 funding in place for youth activities 2020 – 2021 November Board agreed the development of a Call for Projects to be considered by future Board</p> <p>£10,000 remaining in the school holiday funding budget due to non-delivery of beach camp. November Board agreed to recommend to December Area Committee that this funding be utilised in Christmas and Feb Half Term School</p>

		Holidays with the project leads for each Ward delivering activities for young people
<b>11. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities</b>		
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 registered on the North Platform have been provided with a booklet of volunteering opportunities from projects based within Sunderland North and City Wide
<b>12. Support communities to deliver local events</b>		
North Area Committee supported Southwick Illumination Project since 2012 – further additions required 2020	<p>July North Area Committee agreed £10,000 capital funding to support festive lighting project</p> <p>July Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the focus for the North Illumination priority for 2020 to be Southwick Green and quotes and design options to be received for the extensive wrapping of 20 trees on Southwick Green with the expectation that additional funding will be provided from Area Committee.</p> <p>ACDL Completed Procurement Request Form 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020</p>	<p>Costs are anticipated to be over the budget available therefore additional funding to be requested at September Area Committee</p> <p>September Area Committee agreed additional funding</p> <p>Due to COVID 19 restrictions a Christmas Switch On Event cannot be held however the Christmas Tree is installed on Southwick Green and dressed with lights and was switched on in line with all other Christmas Lighting across the City on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. Additional lighting will be installed in 2021</p>
<b>13. Increase safety through the improvement of CCTV and additional enforcement</b>		
North Area Committee funded CCTV and Enforcement project operational and ongoing	July Neighbourhood and Community Board received feedback on the current CCTV/Enforcement project and agreed the set up of a Task and Finish	Task and Finish Group met October 2020 with Officers, Northumbria Police, TWFR tasked to identify hotspot areas

	group to consider the feasibility of additional CCTV/Masts/Airtime costs	and CCTV solutions within a budget of £100k.  November Board agreed to recommend to December Area Committee an alignment of £100,000 for delivery of this project with a full application to be presented to future Board and Area Committee
<b>14. Communicate heritage assets and deliver heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion</b>		
Develop a project which provides access to event space at Hylton Castle in order to support bringing the community together and future sustainability of the Project	<p>July Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the set-up of a Task and Finish group to develop plans to consider the proposals for the development of event space at Hylton Castle</p> <p>ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Membership of Task and Finish Group agreed</p> <p>Task and Finish Group met October 2020, project is awaiting a decision on a Heritage Lottery Fund Application which will include elements of outside space. Trust to obtain costs for fence, matting to cover grass to protect archaeology and internal marquee refurbishments with a view to presenting to future Board for consideration of recommendations to Area Committee</p> <p>November Board agreed to recommend to December Area Committee an alignment of £100,000 for delivery of this project with a full application to be presented to future Board and Area Committee</p>
<b>15. Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage</b>		
Southwick Green Redevelopment Phase 1 to commence July 2020	Regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	Southwick Green Redevelopment Phase 1 near completion. Local VCS

		<p>organisations, Springboard, Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project and Southwick Green Preservation Society have supported the project with bulb and winter planting led by the Southwick SARA Project and supported by Southwick Community Chest funding.</p>
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<p align="center"><b>NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE</b>  <b>10<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>  <b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</b></p>	
<p><b>Title of Report:</b>  North Sunderland Area Budget Report</p>	
<p><b>Author(s):</b>  Assistant Director of Community Resilience</p>	
<p><b>Purpose of Report:</b>  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><b>Description of Decision:</b></p> <p>Committee are requested to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1.</li> <li>(b) Consider the approval of Neighbourhood Funding of <b>£14,970</b> to Community Opportunities/SNCBC for the Community Hub Redhill Project as set out in <b>Section 2.3</b> and <b>Item 4 Annex 1</b></li> <li>(c) Consider the approval of previously awarded Neighbourhood Funding of <b>£10,000</b> for Summer 2020 Beach Camp be utilised to deliver Christmas and Half Term Activities as set out in <b>Section 2.4</b></li> <li>(d) Consider the alignment of <b>£5,030</b> from the Neighbourhood Fund towards the Downhill Hub Project as set out in <b>Section 2.5</b></li> <li>(e) Consider the alignment of Neighbourhood Investment Capital funding of <b>£480,000</b> towards the projects as set out in <b>Sections 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7</b></li> <li>(f) Note the <b>5</b> Community Chest approvals supported from 2020/2021, as detailed <b>Item 4 Annex 2</b></li> </ul>	
<p>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? <span style="float: right;">Yes</span></p>	
<p><b>Suggested reason(s) for Decision:</b>  The Area Committee has an allocation of £463,280 (inc Youth allocation) for 2020/2021 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><b>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:</b>  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>Is it included in the Forward Plan? No</p>	<p>Relevant Scrutiny Committees:</p>

## NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020

## REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

## North 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 2020/2021:

Project Name	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
<b>Total Neighbourhood Fund for 2020/2021 is £443,280, plus £20,000 from Children's Services for Youth Activities – total allocation is therefore £463,280</b>				
<b>Project Name</b>				<b>£463,280</b>
<b>Returned Funding:</b> Dame Dorothy Community Hub	21.03.19		<b>(£36.00)</b>	<b>£463,316</b>
<b>Returned Funding:</b> Phoenix Project	21.03.19		<b>(£4,560)</b>	<b>£467,876</b>
<b>Ready, Steady "Redhill"</b> (former Redhill Raising Aspirations project)	17.09.20		<b>£34,000 (NB previously aligned)</b>	<b>£467,876</b>
<b>Beach Access for Roker beach</b>	17.09.20		<b>£24,975</b>	<b>£442,901</b>
<b>Balance</b>				<b>£442,901</b>

- 2.2 North Area Committee has been allocated **£463,280** Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects.
- 2.3 There is 1 application to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 4 Annex 1**

- **Community Hub Redhill Project – Community Opportunities/SNCBC £14,970**

- 2.4 North Community and Neighbourhood Board recommend the previously awarded funding of **£10,000** for the delivery of a Beach Camp in Summer 2020 holidays is utilised to deliver Christmas and February Half Term Activities as part of the

Neighbourhood Funded School Holiday Project with full programmes to be provided by the existing project leads Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project, Sunderland North Community Business Centre, Sunderland Community Action Group and Friends of Fulwell and circulated to the North Area Committee.

2.5 North Community and Neighbourhood Board recommend the alignment of **£5,030** Neighbourhood Funding to the Downhill Hub Project to add to the **£80,000** alignment requested within the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme for the development of former Downhill School into a community hub with an application to be presented to a future Board and Area Committee.

2.6 The total additional budget requested for allocation for the above projects is **£20,000** if approved the balance of Neighbourhood Fund remaining would be **£422,901**.

### 3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 – 2023

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

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
<b>Total Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020/2023 is £500,000</b>				
				<b>£500,000 Capital</b>
<b>Neighbourhood Investment Plan priority</b>				
Support communities to deliver local events – Sunderland City Council Festive Lighting Project	July 2020		£10,000	
Southwick Lighting	Sept 2020		£10,000	
<b>Balance</b>				<b>£480,000</b>

3.2 North 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 North Community and Neighbourhood Board recommend the alignment of **£200,000** for the Regeneration of Thompson Park and **£25,000** of this to be a match to Places to Ride Application with full applications to be presented to future Board and Area Committee.

3.5 North Community and Neighbourhood Board recommend the alignment of **£80,000** to support the development of former Downhill School into a Community Hub with full application to be presented to future Board and Area Committee.



- 3.6 North Community and Neighbourhood Board recommend the alignment of **£100,000** for the development of a project which provides additional CCTV/Masts/Airtime in Sunderland North with full application to be presented to future Board and Area Committee.
- 3.7 North Community and Neighbourhood Board recommend the alignment of **£100,000** for the development of a project which provides access to event space at Hylton Castle with full application to be presented to future Board and Area Committee.
- 3.8 The total additional budget requested for alignment to Capital Projects in Sunderland North project is **£480,000** if approved the balance of Neighbourhood Capital Fund remaining would be **£0**.

#### 4. Community Chest

- 4.1 The table below details the Community Chest awards starting balances for 2020/2021. **Annex 2** shows the approvals supported, September to November 2020

Ward	Start Balance for 2020/2021	Project approvals since April 2020	Grant Returned	Balance
Castle	£10,000	£3,201	£0	£6,799
Fulwell	£10,000	£4,306.00	£0	£5,694.00
Redhill	£10,000	£0	£0	£10,000
Southwick	£10,000	£1,704	£0	£8,296
St Peter's	£10,000	£2,028.50	£0	£7,971.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£11,239.50</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£38,760.50</b>

#### 5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in section **2.1** and **3.1**.
- 5.2 Consider the approval of Neighbourhood Funding of **£14,970** to Community Opportunities/SNCBC for the Community Hub Redhill Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 4 Annex 1**
- 5.3 Consider the approval of previously awarded Neighbourhood Funding of **£10,000** for Summer 2020 Beach Camp be utilised to deliver Christmas and Half Term Activities as set out in **Section 2.4**
- 5.4 Consider the alignment of **£5,030** from the Neighbourhood Fund towards the Downhill Hub Project as set out in **Section 2.5**
- 5.4 Consider the alignment of Neighbourhood Investment Capital funding of **£480,000** towards the projects as set out in **Sections 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7**
- 5.5 Note the 5 Community Chest approvals supported from 2020/2021, as detailed **Item 4 Annex 2**

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND

## Application No. 1

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Fund</b>
<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Community Hub - Redhill</b>
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Community Opportunities/SNCBC

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£14,970	£750	£15,720
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
4 Months	December 2020	March 2021

SNCBC is transferring its business operations into a not for profit limited company structure, Community Opportunities. Community Opportunities will operate to the same Constitutional aims and objectives of SNCBC and these are detailed within the Company Memorandum of Articles and Articles of Association. The Company is currently dormant and will be active shortly.

The transfer process is likely to be complete by 31/03/2021 as we cannot transfer furloughed staff without impacting their entitlement and as such, those who work in services that remain closed in part or whole would lose their jobs. We are therefore only commencing new projects through Community Opportunities until a secure transfer to the new company can be enabled for existing employees. To this end we have referenced SNCBCs appropriate experience in this application on the basis this will always be available to Community Opportunities and will ultimately transfer into the same company structure.

**The Project:**

SNCBC have been working closely with Sunderland City Council Officers and Councillors to develop a ward-based Community Hub in the Redhill area of Sunderland. The hub will respond to issues and ideas raised by residents through the recent Let's Talk public consultation exercise and will also contribute to achieving the priorities set out in the North Area Committee Delivery Plan and the strategic priorities set out in the Sunderland City Plan.

The most suitable location for the Community Hub in the Redhill ward has been identified as the Downhill Centre as it has extensive indoor and outdoor facilities which have proven able to engage young people in a variety of activities, can provide a range of environmental activities such as a community garden, home grown allotment ideas, children's scavenger hunts and picnics as well as offering a base for more formally support such as training, learning, employability support and introductory sports, leisure and health activities.

To maximise safe access to the Centre a number of remedial works need to be undertaken to increase safety and as a second phase of works to improve some of the facilities, such as the windows, toilets and kitchen, to meet the required standards for use.

This application seeks support for phase one of the project works. The Centre has numerous windows and funds have been previously been secured to enable 75% of these to be protected by shutters. Unfortunately, the Centre has been subject to recent acts of vandalism which has

led to most windows that are not shuttered being smashed by rocks and stones being pelted by groups of young people. The proposal is therefore to shutter the remaining unprotected areas and replace the damaged glazing. The works identified will not only increase security at the site but will also improve the appearance of the Centre, particularly for local neighbours who are situated around its boundary. It may also serve to reduce the numbers of young people gathering around the perimeter of the building who are engaging in anti-social behaviour.

Three supplier quotes have been secured for these elements of work and the lowest costs are presented in the financial information section.

#### **Financial Information:**

<b>Item and Description</b>	<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>Match Costs</b>	<b>NF Contribution</b>
Shutters and installation	£13,134		£13,134
Glazing Repairs	£ 1, 836		£ 1,836
Project Management Time	£ 750	£ 750	
<b>Total</b>	£15,720	£ 750	£14,970

**Recommendation - Approve – The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project which delivers to the North Area Delivery Plan Priority – Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events, activities and nurture family learning**

## COMMUNITY CHEST 2020/2021 NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED – September to November 2020

Ward	Project	Ward Allocation 2020/2021	Project Approvals	Previous Approvals	Grants Returned (since April 2020)	Balance Remaining
Castle	<b>Hylton Castle Trust</b> – Towards an environmental project in the castle grounds		£3,201			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£3,201</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£6,799</b>
Fulwell	<b>Sunderland City Council</b> - Installation of a new mast at the footbridge linking Bartrum Street with Longfield Road.		£1,498.50			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£1,498.50</b>	<b>£2,807.50</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£5,694</b>
Redhill	No applications received for approval September to November 2020					
		<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£10,000</b>
Southwick	<b>Southwick Village Green Preservation Society</b> - Commissioning and installing of two blue plaques		£1,228			
	<b>Sunderland City Council - SARA Project</b> - Purchasing of flowers and bulbs for the planting of flower beds and raised planters behind Southwick War Memorial		£476			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£1,704</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£8,296</b>
St Peter's	<b>British Divers Marine Life Rescue</b> – Installation of Marine Wildlife Awareness Signage at Roker/Seaburn		£456			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£456</b>	<b>£1,572.50</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£7,971.50</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£6,859.50</b>	<b>£4,380</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£38,760.50</b>

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**REPORT OF NORTH AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the North 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 have been established 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 North Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

**3. North Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN) Progress Report**

- 3.1 The North VCS Network met via Microsoft TEAMS on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020. The Network has kept in regular contact sharing information and ideas.
- 3.2 The meeting in November included the following agenda items:
- Groundworks – Energising Sunderland Project
  - Groundworks – WEEE Project
  - VCS Area Support Discussion
  - VCS Network Vacancy
- 3.3 Regular funding bulletins have been provided to the Network to ensure VCS organisations are kept informed of funding opportunities available.
- 3.4 Winter COVID funding opportunity was circulated to the Network in November with an invite for VCS organisations to apply for funding to deliver support linked to the North Community Hub supporting residents to have a fantastic, safe and healthy Christmas as well as ensuring their general health and spirits are uplifted during Winter.
- 3.3 The North VCS Network became galvanised within days after the lock down was declared and transformed their services to ensure they continued to support those in need from across the North. Whilst many centres had to close services continued to be delivered but in different ways. Examples include food parcel delivery and collection points, activity packs, on-line exercise sessions, cookery, quizzes, craft activities and training on social media.
- 3.4 Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project, Sunderland Community Action Group, Sunderland North Community Business Centre and Friends of Fulwell as leads of the North Raising Aspiration Projects worked with the Council, CCG, Gentoo and resident volunteers to provide support for shopping, prescription pick-ups, befriending, dog walking and many more services for the North Community Hub. Hundreds of residents across the North have

been supported, the network strengthened and identified what strong communities we have.

- 3.5 A key element of the Community Hub work was also asking local residents if they would be willing to volunteer to support the Hubs and be matched to residents. Due to the overwhelming support there are now many local residents registered on the volunteer platform willing to continue to support and volunteer within communities post COVID. Therefore the North VCS Network members were contacted to identify any volunteering opportunities they may have and the barriers to them supporting volunteers. These opportunities have been developed into a booklet which has had successful wide promotion to the registered volunteers with VCS organisations advising they are receiving requests to volunteer and support their projects.
- 3.6 As COVID-19 restrictions regularly change VCS organisations are advised to keep up to date via the Government website and VCS organisations from across the network share ideas on how they can re-open safely and offer services and activities to our communities within the restrictions. It is expected that activity programmes will look very different to previous years as the need to work within guidelines and restrictions are followed whilst respecting social distancing and implementing rigorous hygiene procedures.

#### **4. Recommendations**

##### **4.1 Members are requested**

- To note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the North VCSN

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