

## West Sunderland - How we made a difference – highlights from 2016 / 2017

### Our local priorities for West Sunderland were:

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| Improving the Environment and Green Spaces – mobilising communities to take sustainable action to support improvements and utilising green space to improve health and wellbeing |
| Improving the physical and environmental appearance of shopping centres and support establishment of Trader groups   |
| Housing – enabling healthier homes   |
| Ensure West communities benefit from the Tall Ships Races 2018   |
| Influence delivery and design of Place based services devolved to area committee   |
| Create healthy lifestyles through targeted activities, events and communication  |
| Work in partnership with Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group to reduce social isolation and mental health issues through prevention and improved communication               |
| Develop activities for young people to reduce holiday hunger, encourage healthy lifestyles and improve their local environment   |
| Support vulnerable communities to tackle poor health, worklessness and raise their aspirations   |
| Develop and encourage partnerships between education and business and support West Enterprise  |
| Work with the West Voluntary and Community Sector to ensure they are focused and enabled to strengthen their position and long-term delivery strategy                            |
| Influence delivery and design of People based services devolved to area committee  |

### Our year in numbers

We approved £491,504 of projects during 2016/2017 to implement our local West priorities - supporting our own council departments as well as supplementing funding of partner agencies to improve services to the local community.

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| Supporting Holiday Hunger through targeted activities during school holidays  | £60,000  |
| West Event 2017 – focused on Science, Engineering and the Environment   | £30,000  |
| Safety Works Transport – provide the transport for all schools within the West to enable the children in years 6 and 8 to take part in preventative safety activities at the Safety Works training facility | £5,000   |
| Walk and Talk – ward fund available to enable Councillors to be responsive to local issues as well as support communities to sustainably improve and maintain their local environment                       | £90,000  |
| West Voluntary and Community Sector Network – premises energy efficiency programme  | £100,000 |
| West Community Led Local Delivery (CLLD) Support Programme  | £60,000  |
| West Youth Activities – to reduce Anti-social behaviour and improve community cohesion  | £40,000  |
| West Leaving Care project   | £45,000  |
| King George Playing Fields – lighting improvement scheme to reduce Anti-social behaviour  | £12,925  |
| Young People’s Mental Health and Wellbeing  | £48,579  |

We have also awarded 103 Community Chest grants to the value of £107,344 to 89 organisations. The average grant value is £1042.

### Highlights

**5000** local residents attended the West Area Road to Rio Event during 2016, plus 650 school children took part in free sports and healthy lifestyles activities

**13** new businesses established via the West Enterprise project and **43** people currently registered for on-going support

**12** Apprenticeships created raising the aspirations of our young people and supporting them into the world of work

**42** people supported back into work or full time education or training via WIRES 2,

**18** Green spaces improved and cleaned up, reducing derelict land and enhancing the environment

**20** Healthy Lifestyles Change4Life clubs established across all West schools with **88** teachers trained to deliver Change4Life Clubs.

**12** mental health support hubs established across all West schools, signposting young people to appropriate support, as well as activities being delivered across the West Voluntary and Community Sector network

**41** volunteers trained to become West Mental Health Champions

**14** Young People's Mental Health projects being delivered across the West, targeting support to our most vulnerable young people

**6** West Community Helpers in place supporting our most vulnerable communities to move from crisis into structured support

**1231** people supported to move out of crisis and into appropriate support, through the support of the six West Community Helpers

**97** Community Groups supported through the West Voluntary and Community Sector Network to make a difference and improve people's lives

**18** schools across the West attended Safety Works to ensure young people understand how their behaviour affects not only themselves but also their local community

**£70,000** external funding secured for the Voluntary and Community Sector in the West of Sunderland

**16** community venues supported to save energy, carbon emissions and reduce operating costs via the West Energy Efficiency Programme

**20** West VCS organisations trained to enable them to offer advice and guidance to our most vulnerable residents, in relation to their rights for good quality housing - a healthy and safe home. To-date, **261** West residents have been briefed on their right to a healthy and safe home.