

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Monday, 20th September, 2021 at 5.30pm

VENUE – Council Chamber, Civic Centre

Membership

Cllrs E. Gibson (Chair), M. Dixon (Vice Chair), U. Ali, S. Bewick, M. Essl, H. Fagan, P.W.L. Gibson, N. Hodson, B. McClennan, C. Morrissey, J. Potts, L. Reed, L. Scanlan, A. Wood and P. Wood

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10th September, 2021

^{*} Denotes an item relating to an executive function

At a meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER on MONDAY, 29th JUNE, 2021 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor E. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors Ali, Bewick, M. Dixon, Fagan, P.W.L. Gibson, Hodson, McClennan, Morrissey, Reed, Scanlan, A. Wood and P. Wood

Also Present:-

Jo Bell - Gentoo Vicky Gamblin - Gentoo

Matthew Jackson - Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland

City Council

Julie Maven - East Area VCS Network Representative

Nicol McConnell - Area Community Development Lead, Sunderland City

Council

K. Ramanathan - East Area VCS Network Representative

Lisa Riddell - Community Support Worker, Sunderland City Council
Jon Ritchie - Executive Director of Corporate Services, Sunderland

City Council

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Councillor Potts together with Joanne Cooper, Trish Cornish, Shaun Makin, Allison Patterson and Jamie Southwell

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 15th March 2021

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th March 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

VCS Area Network Progress Report

Julie Maven provided the Committee with an update on the work of the VCS Area Network since the last meeting of the Committee. She advised that the network had held two virtual meetings where a number of presentations had been received including from Age UK. The VCS Alliance had held a virtual workshop in May.

The Chair thanked the VCS organisations and their volunteers for all of their hard work.

2. RESOLVED that the update from the VCS Network be noted.

Northumbria Police Update

No representative from Northumbria Police was in attendance however a written update was circulated which detailed the work of the Police in the area.

Members then raised some matters which would be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Inspector for a response.

Councillor Ali expressed concerns over cars racing along Ryhope Road in the evening and asked whether this could be looked into by the Police; there were mobile speed cameras used during the day but these did not address this issue.

Councillor Hodson stated that speeding traffic was also an issue in the area around Thornholme Road and Durham Road which included groups racing each other. He asked whether Officers from the Northumbria Police Traffic Section could attend a future meeting to discuss this issue.

The Chair advised that there had been an accident in Ryhope near to Tunstall Village Green where a child had been knocked over; she felt that there was a need for speed checks to be undertaken along this road towards Burdon Park. Councillor Bewick added that he had spoken with the Highways department about having crossings on this road but he had been told that the road was not wide enough and that there had not been enough accidents to require any work to be done; he felt that something needed to be done to improve safety on this road.

Councillor McClennan asked whether an update on drug related crime could be provided; there were issues with cannabis farms and drug dealing in various wards within the area. RESOLVED that the update from Northumbria Police be noted and Members comments and questions be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Inspector.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

No representative from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service was in attendance however a written update was circulated which detailed the work of the Service in the area.

Members then raised some questions which would be forwarded to Mr Makin for a response

Councillor P.W.L. Gibson raised the issue of fires in Blakeney Woods in Doxford Ward; Ms McConnell advised that there was work being done to identify the areas which were incident hot spots and that from looking at the circulated map it looked as though the recorded fires were those at Blakeney Woods.

Councillor Hodson advised that there had been a spate of refuse fires in back lanes in Millfield; there had been this issue previously along the same route towards Pallion; he was concerned that the previous localised issue was reemerging. He asked whether there was any further information available on this issue.

Councillor Bewick advised that there was a consultation ongoing at Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service and he asked Members to encourage residents to complete this consultation. There would be an increase in 46 firefighters across the service area with 13 being for Sunderland. These would be to crew the Aerial Ladder Platform.

4. RESOLVED that the update from Tyne and Wear fire and Rescue Service be noted and Members questions and comments be forwarded to Mr Makin.

Gentoo Update

Jo Bell provided the update from Gentoo, she advised that in March a project had started to improve the security at the City Centre tower blocks which was going well and was planned to be completed by the end of July. The renewal programme was continuing and the sales launch for the latest stage of redevelopment at Doxford was imminent; the whole programme was planned to be completed by 2024.

The garage demolition project to clear blocks of garages which were no longer fit for purpose was ongoing and so far a number of garages in the Ford and Pennywell areas had been identified; there were a number of other garages across the city which were being looked at.

Members were invited to attend a meeting with the South and Central Area Neighbourhood Teams.

Councillor Hodson referred to a consultation which had taken place with residents of the City Centre tower blocks regarding the bin chutes and janitorial services; the residents relied on these and he asked whether there was any feedback on the consultation. Ms Bell advised that there was no intention to remove the bin chutes as none of the residents wanted these removing. There had been a positive response regarding the janitorial services and there would be changes to improve resources, but the service would not be removed. This survey had been an internal consultation so the results had not been communicated to residents although she agreed that it could be beneficial to inform residents of the results.

Councillor Hodson then commented that the service had reduced but some residents behaved as though the service was the same such as leaving furniture in the corridors. He also stated that recycling could be difficult for the residents as they needed to take recycling down to the bin stores and there were heavy doors and high bins to deal with; there were a lot of residents who were keen to recycle more.

Councillor Morrissey advised that there were issues with the front door at South Durham Court and that there were antisocial behaviour issues at D'Arcy Court including broken glass in a stairwell door which had not been repaired. Ms Bell advised that she was unaware of these issues and asked that she be informed of issues so that she could look into them.

Councillor Ali referred to reports from residents about antisocial behaviour that had been made to him and asked who should be contacted at Gentoo about this. He also queried what could be done if a tenant was not living in their Gentoo property. Ms Gamblin advised that she was not aware of any ongoing issues but there were some general nuisance complaints received. She asked that she be informed of the issues. If a tenant was not living at a property then steps would be taken to reclaim the property as it would be considered to be abandoned.

Councillor M. Dixon queried the maintenance schedule for communal gardens; there was hard work done to keep them free of litter however they often felt neglected. Ms Bell advised that there was a schedule and there was also a list of hotspots for maintenance teams to address; she asked that any issues be brought to her attention so that she could pass this information onto the grounds maintenance teams.

5. RESOLVED that the update from Gentoo be noted.

East Area Committee Arrangements 2021/2022

The Chair of the East Sunderland Area Neighbourhoods and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the East Area Committee Delivery Plan for 2020/2023 and an update on the progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor M. Dixon introduced the report and drew attention to the remit of the Committee which was set out in paragraph 3.1 and informed Members that they were all welcome to attend the Neighbourhood and Community Board meetings. He advised that the Board was not a decision making body and that it would make recommendations to the Area Committee for final endorsement. He drew attention to the LMAPS group and advised that the Members who sat on the group would contact Members to ask if they had anything to raise and would feed back any issues. He also drew attention to the priorities which had been identified as part of the delivery plan which were set out in Annex 2 to the report.

The VCS Network meetings were co-chaired by the Chair of the Area Committee; there were already some Members who regularly attended the network meetings and it would be good to see an increase in the number of Members who attend these meetings to have each ward represented at each network meeting. There was a new link officer role which had been filled by Lisa Riddell and her role would help to create a link between the VCS and the Council.

Councillor M. Dixon then thanked Ms McConnell for meeting with all of the ward councillors to look at the priorities and to meet with new Councillors to give them an idea of the work of the Area Committee.

Councillor Hodson stated that the LMAPS was working better now than in previous years; there was much more feedback received which was vital for Members to know what issues there were in the area.

Councillor Scanlan stated that there was a lot of information received from the police and that speeding had been looked at during a previous LMAPS meeting along with drug issues.

Councillor P.W.L. Gibson referred to the priority 'Increase 5G access across all neighbourhoods and support people with digital learning resources' and expressed concerns that the elderly, who often needed support with computers, were excluded from the priority. He also referred to the 'Preserve and celebrate local heritage' priority and advised that there were issues with litter on the George Stephenson Trail and in Doxford Park. Ms McConnell advised that the elderly were a target group and that there was a walking wellness programme. Environmental improvements were planned for the George Stephenson Trail and there would be task group meetings to discuss these.

Councillor P. Wood advised that on page 18 the reference to Leechmere Way should in fact refer to Essen Way. He also referred to the table of priorities on page 9 and queried why the Neighbourhood Watch priority had an X next to it rather than a tick. Ms McConnell advised that feedback from residents had shown that there was a desire to reinvigorate the neighbourhood watch however the pandemic had impacted on the work around this so it would be revisited in the future; it was likely not to be done as part of the delivery plan; work would be done with residents associations and partners to engage with residents.

Councillor Bewick referred to the speed surveys that had been undertaken on Stockton Road and Black Road and queried whether there was any update; he had been told that the work on Stockton Road would not be going ahead. Ms McConnell stated that she was unaware of this; she though that this was part of the work to identify new seed camera sites and would look into it further. She added that the Speed Camera Partnership funded the speed cameras which was why the area committee did not give any funds for this.

Councillor Ali referred to the Empty Properties and Private Landlords priority; he stated that letters had been sent to owners of empty properties and queried what would happen if owners did not want to sell. Ms McConnell advised that the Assistant Director of Housing would be invited to a meeting of the Board to discuss issues in the area and to provide answers to Members questions. It was up to Members to prioritise the different priorities for the Area to establish when to look at each priority.

Councillor Ali then stated that empty properties were a real problem in Ryhope and Hendon and that there were landlords with empty properties which they could not afford to sell but which were not fit to be rented. Ms McConnell stated that she was aware of some issues in Millfield relating to former student housing which was standing empty. Councillor Morrissey added that Back on the Map was working to tackle the issue.

Councillor Scanlan stated that at the March meeting information had been provided that there had been 108 empty properties brought back into use, since then a further 18 had been brought back into use. Councillor Hodson advised that Scrutiny had also been provided with this information and that he had asked for a map showing the locations of the properties which he suggested would be useful to be provided to the Area Committee. Councillor M. Dixon stated that housing was a huge issue and that there was a landlord accreditation scheme; there had been a selective licensing scheme in Hendon however this had been expensive and had not worked as well as planned.

Councillor Hodson asked that someone attend a meeting to discuss highways as there were a number of highways issues within the priority list.

6. RESOLVED that:-

a. The terms of reference for the Neighbourhood and Community Board, as set out in annex 1 be noted and consideration be

- given to the progress and performance update with regard to the Area Committee delivery plan 2020/23 and the proposals for future delivery set out in annex 2 be agreed.
- b. The Area Committee update video which summarised the annual performance of the Area Committee during 2020/21 be noted and it also be noted that a summary of the Area Committee performance be shared at a future meeting of the Council.

East Area Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided financial statements in respect of the Area Committee's delegated budgets and presented proposals for funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms McConnell presented the report and advised that the area budget stood at a total of £605,166 and this was set out in table 1 of the report. Part of this budget was the Neighbourhood fund for which there was £487,352; there had been budget aligned from this for two projects totalling £90,000 and there was one funding proposal for projects totalling £29,570 to deliver the Fancy a Day Out Project presented to the Area Committee which was set out at paragraph 3.2 and in annex 1.

In 2020 there had been Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme funds of £500,000 allocated to the Area Committee to be spent in the three years to 2023; the remaining balance was £67,814.

Community Chest funds of £10,000 had been allocated to each Ward to be spent over the coming year; Millfield had approved £1,150 to a project which was set out in annex 3.

Councillor McClennan expressed concerns over the reference to 'gaming' in the Fancy a Day Out Project; she told the Committee of the problems that gaming addictions could have and that it was an activity that could cause isolation and have a negative effect on social skills. There had been significant disruption to young people's social interaction over the last year and she was concerned that this activity would not help to promote socialising. She felt that gaming needed to be removed from the activities or that there needed to be clarification of what would be involved.

Councillor Morrissey stated that he did not see any issue with the inclusion of gaming; most people who played video games did not experience harm or addiction. Councillor Reed added that most games that young people played did not have any spending of real money and there was a difference between gaming and gambling. Councillor Ali added that his 12 year old son played games and that there was no issue with this; parents needed to take

responsibility for their children's gaming activities. Councillor Bewick stated that he understood the concerns raised but felt that groups would not do anything that would be irresponsible. Ms McConnell stated that the concerns had been noted and that they would be raised with the group and feedback would be provided.

7. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The financial statements set out in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1 be noted.
- b. Approval be given to the £29,570 from the Neighbourhood Fund to deliver the Fancy a Day Out Programme as set out in section 3.2 and in annex 1.
- c. The approved Community Chest grants from April 2020 to June 2021 as set out in annex 2 and 3 be noted.

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the East Sunderland Area for the period 1st May to 4th June, 2021 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

8. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

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

(Signed) E. GIBSON, Chairman.

EAST AREA COMMITTEE

20th June 2021

REPORT OF GENTOO

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the East Area Committee from June 2021 to September 2021

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 Gentoo are in the process of pulling together a media campaign aimed to support tenants on universal credit who will be impacted financially when the £20 uplift comes to an end in September 2021. The Money Matters Team will be leading on this project and supporting tenants with budgeting advice, debt management advice, utility suppliers, benefit checks etc.
- 3.2 Gentoo are supporting the Afghan Resettlement Scheme in Sunderland and have offered properties to support rehousing the refugees.
- 3.3 Gentoo in partnership with Newcastle Furniture Service (NFS), are offering new and existing tenants a furnished tenancy package, to allow tenants to live comfortably with new furniture and appliances at an affordable weekly cost. If you are in receipt of benefits, the furniture may be covered by the Housing Element of Universal Credit or Housing Benefit.
- 3.4 Gentoo's 'Poverty Action Group' a new initiative aimed at addressing poverty in the City, looking at a collaborative approach at times of need such Christmas, Easter, 6 weeks holidays etc. Organisations such as Sunderland Council, Foundation of Light, Sunderland Foodbank and members of the voluntary sector will be involved in this new group.
- 3.5 Gentoo's 'Tenants Voice Team' are continuing to modernise the way in which we engage with tenants and residents to help transform our business. We have recently implemented a new digital engagement platform that allows us to ask tenants and residents their views and opinions on specific projects, as well as identifying issues they are experiencing within their communities. We also have the more traditional methods of engagement such as the Tenant and Community Voice groups and Scrutiny Panels to ensure a diverse range of voices are heard.

The team also investigate and respond to issues that are raised via social media, whether this be on one of the official Gentoo Group pages or one of the pages that are monitored for posts. Where possible the team will contact the person directly to address and resolve any specific issues and challenge inaccuracies and untruths.

4. Investment & Renewal

- 4.1 Silksworth external painting program progresses.
- 4.2 Churchfields, Doxford Park update works on the final phase of the Doxford Park masterplan are progressing well. The show home opened early August. Current sales figures are: 14 reservations, 9 have exchanged legal contracts and 3 have legally completed. Work is expected to be completed by mid-2024.
- 4.3 Belman Green (old Silksworth Housing Office), this scheme will deliver 13 new homes (2 and 3 bed) all for affordable rent. Works are ongoing with brickwork to all plots progressing well. Practical completion is estimated to be February 2022.
- 4.4 From January 2021 all new build affordable homes will have Air Source Heat Pumps this is in line with supporting Gentoo's Carbon footprint agenda.

5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of this report.

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EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

20 September 2021

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF EAST SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD



East Sunderland Area Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Background

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

3. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:
 - a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
 - b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.
- 3.2 The Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans were approved at Cabinet in March 2020.
- 3.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Area Committee Delivery Plans have been developed to enable this to happen.
- 3.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will be the working group for the Area Committee and the Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. All Committee members are invited to attend all Board meetings.
- 3.5 Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body and the work and recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committee for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in June 2021.

4. Areas of Key Action and Progress

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

Issue / Area Priority	Action / Update
1: Empty Properties	In August 2021, Members received an update on Empty Properties (empty for 6m+) and the Private Rented Sector (PRS). Between Jan-Jun 21 there were over 3,000 empty properties across the city, with over a third being located within the East area. (Hendon 494; Millfield 247; St Michael's 252; Ryhope 86 and Doxford 56).
	They are numerous challenges faced by the Council as there is no control over properties becoming empty, in addition, processes can be lengthy and absentee Landlords who live outside the city add to the issues. The Team are actively addressing the problem by providing advice and guidance; implementing the Empty Properties Strategy and Action Plan; providing financial support; developing effective Partnerships (Thirteen, Gentoo, Back on the Map); Using enforcement powers and buying empty properties to bring them back into use and are currently developing a proposed two year leasing model – update due Autumn 2021.
3: Private Landlords	In August 2021, Members received an update on the Council's voluntary Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme, which is free to access and open to Private Landlords. There are numerous benefits for both the Landlord and Tenant e.g. free vetting services, results in improved tenancy behaviour and neighbourhoods. The Council deliver an Eviction Prevention Support Services (EPSS), created as a result of Covid-19 Eviction Ban. Since inception 130 cases have been opened, with 97 relating to rent arrears, resulting in repayment plans being developed, revoking eviction notices and developing an educational programme for both landlords and tenant(s) to avoid future disruption through mediation, awareness of rights, benefits and support services.
	Further PRS inventions under development relate to: Tenant Passport – matching tenants, providing a deposit guarantee, adhering to housing and legal standards; reviewing access to grants and loans; enhanced cross department coordination (Environmental Health; Planning Compliance; Council Tax; Housing Options; ASB Team, etc.); Proactively monitoring and targeting the top 10 most problematic empty properties and associated landlords; updating and reviewing the Communication Plan; Carrying out area renewal interventions and engaging with Landlords, and developing a proposed lease scheme.

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	Members referenced previous work delivered by the Area Committee in relation to the Accreditation Scheme. It was agreed that PRS and ACDL pull together a proposal on delivering five roadshows around the East area to promote the Accreditation Scheme and provide an update at a future meeting.
5 a):East Street and Park Rangers	In August 2021, a data log of activities was presented to Councillor on the achievements delivered on the Programme, since April, these are: • 257 children and young people, and 191 volunteers have been involved in 46 environment community clean ups and 63 litter picks removing 13.75 tonnes of street waste. • 2,659 hours of voluntary work has been clocked up, equating to £32,298 of in-kind funding. • 14 other organisations have benefited from the Programme. • 25 community cleans have been completed on behalf of Local Services • The top ten streets with the highest number of complaints relating to dog fouling, poor waste management, fly tipping and litter have been targeted, with 100s over warning letters and stickers on wheelie bins, warning tenants to change their behaviour or face a fine.
5b): Walk and Talk	In July 2021, the Neighbourhood and Community Board reviewed the Walk and Talk Programme, with a recommendation to seek approval from the September 2021 Area Committee for a further £75,000 which will be split evenly across each ward and added onto existing budgets.
6a): Fly tipping Ryhope Task Group	At the March Board a list of key actions was presented, which were delivered from November 2020 onwards. Environmental Enforcement • 29 investigations in relation to fly-tipping have been carried out • 3 x Section 46 notice issued to residents mispresentation of household waste • 510 Advisory notices reminding residents of their reasonability in presenting household waste for refuse collection, targeting Beechbrooke, Lynthorpe, Edgmond Court, Grey terrace, Dinsdale Cottages, St Pauls Terrace (work undertaken by East Rangers) • 2 Fixed Penalty Notice for failure to have a dog on a lead (Dog Control Order) in Sunderland Cemetery • 3 Fixed Penalty Notice for littering in Ryhope Ward • 1 Fixed Penalty notice for failure to ensure household waste was transferred to an authorised waste carrier

	 which subsequently was fly-tipped new fly-tipping signage now been erected throughout the Ryhope ward. CCTV camera to be relocated from Ryhope Road to Thomas & Smith Street within the next couple of weeks. 1 written warning issued 4 Community Protection Warnings issued to land owners requiring clearance of waste from private land. 	
6b): Caretaker House Ryhope Task Group	Ryhope Recreation Park: Confirmation has been secured that the disused caretakers house, which has stood empty for over a decade will be demolished in October 2021.	
6c): King George 5 th field Ryhope Task Group	King George 5 th Field: Confirmation has been secured that the open greenspace will be reinstated as a playing pitch, with local football teams accessing the site from September 2021.	
	A 12m knee high barrier has been installed at the West side of the field, to prevent motor bike access.	
6d): Environmental Enforcement Team	In July 2021, the Environmental Enforcement Manager provided Members with an update on the city wide / force approach on tackling nuisance vehicles (off road bikes, quad bikes, 4x4 vehicles, etc). One meeting has been held between Sunderland and South Tyneside local authorities and policing teams. Visitors from Scotland will attend a future meeting to share best practice and explain how they have tackled the issue and desktop research and discussions are ongoing to set up Petrol Watch scheme, which works with petrol stations who supply fuel to nuisance drivers. Update pending. A further discussion was held in August, on how best Area funding can be used to bolster the Enforcement Team covering the East and City Centre areas, with a future reported due in October 2021.	
7a): Adopt A Planter	In August, Members received a report on 'In Bloom Activities'. Members received an update on similar funded planter schemes delivered in the East and propose to Area Committee, that an 'In Bloom Task Group' be established, which will carry out further work, consider lesson's learned, check legal requirements and agree a process to enable the Scheme to programme, either in the East or rolled out across the City.	
7b): In Bloom Competition	In August, Members proposed that the 'In Bloom' Task Group consider how best to launch a 'mini' East in Bloom completion in the July and August 2022.	

	Further details will be announced in Autumn 2021 to allow time for people to plan, plot and plant their entries between Autumn and Spring, ready to apply and be judged in the Summer.
	To contribute towards the running of the competition, it was proposed that the underspend relating to the OSCAR's Volunteer's Award scheme totalling £5,682 is used to deliver the In Bloom competition.
	The Board are recommending approval of this funding, with further detail set out in the Area Budget Report.
8a): Plant a Tree	In August, Members received a report on 'In Bloom Activities', which referenced Plant a Tree for the Queen's Jubilee 2022.
	The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Everyone across the UK is being invited to plant trees from October 2021, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. The QGC will create a network of individual trees, venues, copses and whole woodlands in honour of The Queen. Creating a green legacy, with every tree planted.
	Members are proposing to Area Committee that the opportunity to partake in the initiative is promoted, and work is carried out by the 'In Bloom' Task Group to develop a section of the QGC across the East Sunderland area.
8b): Heritage Coast	In July 2021, the Coastal Ranger and Heritage Coast Partnership provided Members with an update on a variety of work and projects which have or are getting delivered along the coastline of Hendon and Ryhope. Key points raised included:
	Halliwell Banks: major concerns expressed at the length of time taken to resolve Halliwell Banks (18 years and still ongoing), which is a former landfill site developed by Durham, but transferred to Sunderland when the boundary was changed. Cliff erosion is resulting is waste being exposed and leaking into the sea. A Task Group between Durham, Sunderland authorities and The Environmental Agency are discussing actions to manage the site.
	Hendon Beach – The Coastal Ranger and the Heritage Coast were invited to submit a list of potential projects which would complement the location, taking into account, the need to protect the wildlife, flora and fauna along the cliff tops to a future meeting. Update pending.

10a): Time to Talk	In July 2021, Members received an update on Time to Talk and Time to Walk, which involves linking the new benches which are being installed via the East's Invest in Park's programme, to this initiative, to encourage people to chat to each other to combat loneliness when out and about and promote social inclusion. Once benches have been installed it is proposed to invite Members of the VCS Area Network to get involve in designing and painting a bench in their community and deliver a small arts project. Funding maybe sourced via the Community Chest or Walk and Talk budget.
10b): Parks, Open Spaces and Play Improvements	In July 2021, Members received an update on Parks, Open Spaces and Play Improvement proposals, from the Assistance Head of Community Resilience, which provided an overview on a capital investment of £2.5m city wide budget, which will focus on improving green flag parks, other parks, open spaces and allotments. Too date, projects identified in the East Area total £170,000. Future updates pending.
10c): Fixed Play Parks	In August 2021, Members received an update on the 14 fixed play areas across the East area. It was noted that initial remedy works costing £110,000 are ongoing following a condition survey been carried out, and a further audit will be completed in the Autumn with an update report presented to a future meeting. In the interim, it was proposed to add Lime Street Pocket Park to the list, even though there is no fixed play equipment installed currently, however local Members are keen to invest in the site.
11): Digital Support	In July 2021, Members received an update on Go! Tech Appeal, with was a pilot developed to receive, restore, upcycle and re-circulate 2 nd hand desktops, laptops and tablets into the community via the VCS Area Network. Members discussed the Digital Inclusion ICT Troubleshooting project, and agreed to change the provider to Protech, further information is set out in the budget report. In August 2021, Members received an update on performance of the Programme between April to July 2021. The programme has created 15 fully accessible Digital Community Hubs in the East area, 198 new individuals have access 1-2-1 digital support, 5 volunteers have been recruited, with 7 organisations benefiting from the Scheme. A variety of 130 laptops and desktops have been provided to 11 Partners, under the GO! Digital recycling scheme.
16): Civic Centre Land	Discussed during year one and rolled over into year two. In August 2021, Members noted that the closure of the Civic Centre has been pushed back to December 2021, and a

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	Partnership has been created between Linden and Bovis Homes to develop the site. Public consultation was held in August 2021, with a planning submission due by the end of September. Update pending.	
17a) St Michael's Community Centre	In July 2021, an AGM was held with a new Management Committee being elected. Several meetings have been held to agree and scope out what is required to transform the Centre into a vibrant and friendly Community Hub, that will deliver a broad range of diverse and inclusive activities. The initial focus has been on reopening the Centre for Groups and the public to access, and they have set a date for early October 2021.	
	A number of practical exercises have been carried out but to maintain the momentum, it is proposed to support a collaborative approach between St Michael's Community Centre and Blue Watch Youth Centre and seek approval of £50,000 of Neighbourhood Funding to appoint a part time Project Development Worker over a two year period, who will support the Management Committee to become established, by strengthening the infrastructure of the Charity and by attracting new Groups and Members to utilise the space of the building to maximum capacity and develop the Centre into a major community asset in the ward providing services to all ages.	
	The Board are recommending approval of this funding, with further detail set out in the Area Budget Report.	
17b): The Box Youth and Community Project	In August 2021, The Box Youth and Community Project presented an overview of their background, work delivered before lockdown, how the pandemic has shaped their existing community offer, and the need to change the size of the building due to ongoing demand for services, new housing developments and the building operating at full capacity. Preliminary ideas were shared with Members, who were keen to support the proposal, but it was recognised that further work needed to be carried out, which includes: securing a 25-year lease; securing land from Gentoo; producing plans and calculating costs for the redevelopment and producing a business plan. Subject to this work showing favour, members may consider approving area funding to the scheme. Update pending.	
20a) Young people	In August 2021, Members received an update on the Maximising Community Assets Programme and based on the success of previous projects, proposed to recommend approval of £15,000 to extend the work being delivered in Doxford, Ryhope and St Michael's, by The Box and Blue Watch, and proposed a further £10,000 for Hendon and Millfield. If secured the ACDL will work with local Members to see if any previously funded Groups warrant an	

	extension, or alternatively advertise a call for projects (Hendon and Millfield only).
20b) Young people: Youth Clubs	In June 2021, Area Committee funded the Fancy a Day Out Programme, which funds holiday activities which are supplemented with access to a nutritional meal. A short video has been produced, which will be shared with members during Area Committee and afterwards on the East's Facebook page to promote the valuable work delivered by members of the East VCS Area Network.
22): Blakeney Woods Task Group	In July 2021, a site meeting was held with Partners, Council Officers and Cllrs to walk around Blakeney Woods and pull together an action plan. The Plan covers a number of themes, such as: irresponsible parents and young people; motor bike disorder; takeaways; littering; secondary fires; good practice delivered elsewhere; tree protection and Section 106 contribution. An update on the Operations and activities delivered during the Summer's is pending.
28): Stephenson Trail Task Group	In August 2021, Members received an update from the Stephenson Trail Task Group who identified the need for educational and recreational activities to be available to promote and celebrate the route. An outline proposal for Schools Resource Pack, and Art Project Ideas has been developed and shared with Members. The Board agreed to recommending approval of £30,000 (£10,000 East) from the previously allocated £150,000 joint funding (Coalfield, East and West Area Committees), for delivery of the project. It is further recommended that the remaining £120,000 (£40,000 East) is approved to deliver information boards/signage and environmental improvements, detail to be agreed by the Task and Finish Group.

5. Recommendation(s)

5.1 Members are requested to:

- i. Consider the progress and performance updates with regard to East Sunderland Neighbourhood and Community Board Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and agree proposals outlined for future delivery as contained within Annex 1.
- ii. Note that future funding proposal are being produced and will be presented to future Board meetings on:
 - o delivering five Private Landlord Roadshows across the East area
 - how best Area funding can be used to bolster the Environmental Enforcement Team
 - capital works which can enhance Hendon beach, taking into account the need to protect the wildlife, flora and fauna

- iii. Note the support of the Neighbourhood and Community Board to approve:
 - £75,000 towards the Walk and Talk Programme
 - £50,000 towards St Michael's Community Centre
 - £25,000 towards Maximising Community Assets
 - £30,000 towards Stephenson Trail Educational and Arts programme and a further £20,000 towards the Task Group
 - o Change the lead agent on the ICT Troubleshooting Helpline Project.
- iv. Agree to establish an 'In Bloom Task Group' to oversee the Adopt a Planter, In Bloom Competition and Plant A Tree scheme, with nominees being:
 - Cllr E Gibson representing Doxford ward
 - o Cllr Scanlan representing Hendon ward
 - Cllr Hodson representing Millfield ward
 - Cllr Ali representing Ryhope ward
 - o Cllr Reed representing St Michael's ward
 - Other members will include Council Officers / Partners
- v. Note the Area Committee video update which summaries the Fancy a Day Out Programme, delivered during the Summer school holidays.

Annex 1 East Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023

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Item 3 Annex 1

East Area Committee's Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

Updated September 2021 (Q2)



The Plan commits the Area Committee to a significant number of priorities, which will be delivered within the East 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 East 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 East Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

 Tackle empty propertie 	es
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- 2. Derelict land
- 3. Private landlords
- 4. Affordable homes
- 5. Love Where You Live
- 6. Enforcement
- 7. Bloom activities
- 8. Carbon and plastic pollution
- 9. Highways, pavements and street lighting
- 10. Parks, play, cycle and walking routes
- 11. Digital technology and 5G
- 12. Use of existing and vacant properties
- 13. Job clubs and educational centres
- 14. Community cohesion

15. Social prescribing

16. Enhance local green space

17. Support voluntary and community sector

18. Volunteer platform

19. Local events

20. Youth clubs and spaces

21. Neighbourhood Watch

22. Reduce fear of crime

23. Support local organisations

24. Fuel poverty

25. Credit solutions

26. More than a Foodbank

27. Heritage assets and activities

28. Preserve heritage

It is now the responsibility of East Sunderland Area Committee to deliver Year Two of the Delivery Plan and will form the work programme for the Area Committee and the Neighbourhood and Community Board for the coming months. NB: numbers are for reference only, they do not list them in priority order.



Neighbourhood Investment priority				
	1. Tackle Empty Properties			
Action	Next Steps	Update		
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to East Neighbourhood and Community Board	East Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the East area.	The Assistant Director of Housing attended the November 2020 Board meeting and provided an update on the Council becoming a Registered Provider in November 2019, and an Investor Partners with Home England which involved the Council approving the Housing Delivery and Investment Plan of £59m in February 2020 to deliver new social housing across three areas: i) Empty Properties; ii) Bungalows and iii) Support Accommodation.		
		A recent restructure has strengthened the focus on dealing with empty properties. Over the last year 106 empty properties have been brought back into use in the East, from the 362 across the City. The majority of the empty properties were privately owned and a blight on local communities. The Housing Team are currently targeting empty property acquisitions and undertaking enforcement in the Hendon ward, working with Back on the Map and Thirteen Group. This work is supported by Environmental Health and Enforcement Officers, dedicated to improving housing standards by addressing concerns, mainly in the privately rented sector by tackling rogue landlords.		
		In the East area the majority of empty properties fall within the Hendon, Millfield and St Michael's wards. Concerns were raised at the amount of empty properties, which were formerly used by students that now stand empty, as the City has seen a surge in higher spec student accommodation. 'Older' properties i.e. cottages in the Millfield ward, are left empty having a negative impact on the local community. Currently the Empty Properties Team are working on 18 empty properties in Millfield alone.		
		In the short term, to support local Councillors deal with queries, a named Officer has been identified who Members can contact directly with housing related issues.		
		In August 2021, Members received an update on Empty Properties (empty for 6m+) and Private Rented Sector (PRS). Between Jan-Jun 21 there were over 3,000 empty properties across the city, with over a third being located within the East area. (Hendon 494; Millfield 247; St Michael's 252; Ryhope 86 and Doxford 56). They are numerous		

		challenges faced by the Council, here are a few: no control over properties becoming empty; owner may have gone into the care system, prison, or property may have become repossessed (lengthy legal process); Houses of Multiple Occupation being vacant, results in 'spikes'; Poor engagement from some Landlords; Absent owners living outside the City. Action and activities being delivered to address the problem are: providing advice and guidance; implementing the EH Strategy and Action Plan; providing financial support; effective Partnerships (Thirteen, Gentoo, Back on the Map); Using enforcement powers; the Council buying empty properties to bring them back into use; linking to national programmes i.e. Mears; Matching potential tenants via the Accreditation and leasing models. Contact details for the Team are: empty.properties@sunderland.gov.uk or telephone 0800 234 6084 Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm. Was discussed in year one, and has been rolled over into year two.
University regarding any future plans for Clanny House and The Precinct.	Area Community Development Lead (ACDL) to provide elected members with the update. In order to keep the community informed of any potential developments.	Representatives attended the November 2020 Board meeting and provided an update on the One Campus Master Plan (downloaded from: https://my.sunderland.ac.uk/display/aboutus/2018/04/01/one+campus+masterplan) Clanny House: the site is earmarked for long term disposal, but due to a long term lease it makes the disposal of the site more difficult. The Precinct: the site is earmarked for long term disposal. The University agreed to discuss their ideas and suggestions with Area Committee at a future meeting. The University confirmed that they are consulted on planning applications relating to proposals for larger scale student accommodation and would welcome the opportunity to be consulted on all planning proposals relating to student accommodation, in the city, regardless of the number of units involved. Was discussed in year one.

Executive Director Economy and Place to provide an update on derelict land and properties to East	East Area Committee	The Assistant Director of Heusing atte	
Neighbourhood and Communities Board.	to consider update and how they can support the development of sites within the East area e.g. potential future development of Athol Road / Middle Hendon area.	provided an update Middle Hendon ar Street. In partnership with Thirteen Housing Or to finalise the feasibility of a housing of affordable new homes for rent. Housing people and two- and three-bedroom for received at the January 2021 Board at January - February 2021 (arrange licences for certain works) February to March 2021 April 2021 September/October 2021 October 2021 November 2021	Feasibility works underway Pre-app meetings Reports and surveys Planning submission Finalise Tender evaluation Anticipated Planning Approval Board approval to: enter into contract, complete land acquisition and allow start on site
		December 2021	Acquire land, enter contract/appointment of contractor, Health and Safety approval
		January 2022 Was discussed in year one. Watch a	Start on site
3. Work with private landlords by ward and proactively deal with issues using all available enforcement powers			
Council Activity	Next Steps	Update	

East Neighbourhood and Community Board	in August 2021 and consider next steps.	waste permit and access to training and links to national webinars, surveys, newsletters, etc. to keep up to date with legislation. The Scheme host's an online Private Landlords Forum. From a tenant's perspective, they receive improved housing standards; improved behaviour, less of a negative impact on the neighbourhood, reduced issues with dumped waste and better trained landlords. The Council deliver an Eviction Prevention Support Services (EPSS), created as a result of Covid-19 Eviction Ban. Since inception 130 cases have been opened, with 97 relating to rent arrears, resulting in repayment plans being developed, revoking eviction notices and developing an educational programme for both landlords and tenant(s) to avoid future disruption through mediation, awareness of rights, benefits and support services. Broader PRS inventions relating to: proposed Tenant Passport – matching tenants, providing a deposit guarantee, housing and legal standards achieved; reviewing access to grants and loans; enhanced cross department co-ordination (Environmental Health; Planning Compliance; Council Tax; Housing Options; ASB Team, etc.); Proactively monitoring and targeting the top 10 most problematic empty properties and associated landlords; updating and reviewing the Communication Plan; Carrying out area renewal interventions and engaging with Landlords, and developing a proposed lease scheme. Contact details for the Team are: privatesectorhousing@sunderland.gov.uk or telephone 0800 234 6084 Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm.
4. Create more affordable	e homes	
Action	Next Steps	Update
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to East Neighbourhood and Community Board	East Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the East area.	In October 2020 it was noted that Partners (Gentoo, Thirteen, Home Housing, etc.) deliver affordable homes to residents in the City. The Council will bring added value to the social housing market by specialising in bungalows and supported accommodation. A good example of this, is the Council's first new build development in nearly 40 years at Cork Street, which is estimated at £4m investment. Providing 17 bungalows, 16 fully adapted bungalows and 1 general needs bungalow. Supported by a new Day Centre for those with physical disabilities, which replaces the existing North East Disability Resource Centre based in the old Cork Street Nursery building. The development is currently ongoing with completion due early 2022.

		Was discussed in year one.	
5. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign			
Action	Next Steps	Update	
Continue with litter picks and support the Rangers to continue to organise and advertise opportunities for residents / schools, etc to get involved.	ACDL to organise a Teams meeting in August with Rangers and extend invitation to Area Cllrs to discuss existing programme and potential improvements.	Performance management meetings have been held in August and November 2020 with the six partners. Although Covid has impacted on the amount of volunteers being enabled to engage in the projects, and no visits have been able to take place in local primary schools the Rangers projects has continued to deliver daily litter picks across the East, environmental task days and virtual educational campaigns. Recently, the Rangers contributed information into the 'Invest in Park's' report. The project is due to end in December 2020. In December 2020, the East Neighbourhood and Community Area Board received an evaluation on the East Rangers project, along with updates from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement Teams. Members unanimously agreed to extend the funding on the Rangers project, but were keen for the Rangers to work closely with council services, and support the characteristics of the ward, for instance, in Doxford and St Michael's wards the Rangers should focus more on Parks and open spaces, whilst the Rangers in Hendon, Millfield and Ryhope should focus more on tidying up back lanes and open spaces. In March 2021, Area Committee approved £95,913 to continue the Rangers programme between April 2021 and March 2022. In August 2021, a data log of activities was presented to Councillor on the	
		 August 2021, a data log of activities was presented to Councillor on the achievements delivered on the Programme, since April, these are: 257 children and young people, and 191 volunteers have been involved in 46 environment community clean ups and 63 litter picks removing 13.75 tonnes of street waste. 2,659 hours of voluntary work has been clocked up, equating to £32,298 of in- 	
		 kind funding. 14 other organisations have benefited from the Programme. 25 community cleans have been completed on behalf of Local Services 	

		 The top ten streets with the highest number of complaints relating to dog fouling, poor waste management, fly tipping and litter have been targeted, with 100s over warning letters and stickers on wheelie bins, warning tenants to change their behaviour or face a fine.
To continue Walk and Talk programme, but with the understanding that requests for improvements / community solutions do not need an organised walk but will need three Cllrs to agree to proposal along with service provider.	ACDL to follow up on outstanding works from lockdown period and provide Cllrs with an update position.	A review of the Walk and Talk programme was discussed in September. Area Committee approved a further £75,000 to be split evenly across each ward and added onto existing budgets. Based on experiences from year one, requests for projects: i) can be submitted via a street walkabout with residents, or ii) directly from Councillors which relates to feedback based on the Let's Talk resident's consultation exercise, or concerns raised by residents to Councillors. iii) all projects must have the majority of ward Councillors approval and support from the relevant Services area, iv) with the main objective being to resolve local issues impacting on the quality of life for residents.
•		The financial position of the ward budgets was reviewed in December 2020, with the agreement that the project will continue as is, with a review of budgets being discussed in the new financial year.
		In July 2021, the Neighbourhood and Community Board reviewed the Walk and Talk Programme, with a recommendation to seek approval from the September 2021 Area Committee for a further £75,000 which will be split evenly across each ward and added onto existing budgets.
		Will be discussed across the full three years of the Plan.

neighbourhood

Action	Next Steps	Update
Look into the possibility of	ACDL to organise a	Monthly Task Groups arranged up until October 2021.
establishing a Multi-agency	Team's meeting with	
team approach to addressing	those officers initially to	At the March Board a list of key actions was presented, which were delivered from
ongoing fly tipping on church	consider the feasibility	November 2020 onwards.
commissioners land across	of this action.	Environmental Enforcement

Ryhope ward. Including
securing boundary's and
entrances to prevent
unauthorised access by motor
vehicles.

- 29 investigations in relation to fly-tipping have been carried out
- 3 x Section 46 notice issued to residents mis-presentation of household waste
- 510 Advisory notices reminding residents of their reasonability in presenting household waste for refuse collection, targeting Beechbrooke, Lynthorpe, Edgmond Court, Grey terrace, Dinsdale Cottages, St Pauls Terrace (work undertaken by East Rangers)
- 2 Fixed Penalty Notice for failure to have a dog on a lead (Dog Control Order) in Sunderland Cemetery
- 3 Fixed Penalty Notice for littering in Ryhope Ward
- 1 Fixed Penalty notice for failure to ensure household waste was transferred to an authorised waste carrier which subsequently was flytipped
- new fly-tipping signage now been erected throughout the Ryhope ward.
- CCTV camera to be relocated from Ryhope Road to Thomas & Smith Street within the next couple of weeks.
- 1 written warning issued
- 4 Community Protection Warnings issued to land owners requiring clearance of waste from private land

Reinstating Featherbed Lane Allotments

 Capital bid submitted to Medium Term Financial Plan to carry out works to recover and reuse up to 20 starter plots. Potential to renew 10-year lease with Church Commissioners. Update pending.

Set up a Sub Group to focus on Ryhope Dene to address issues relating to trespassing, fly tipping and nuisance vehicles

- Sunderland City Council, Northumbria Police and Sustrans have mapped out problem hotspots in and around the Ryhope Dene area, indicated above.
- Invitations letters have gone out to the Landowners asking them to join the Task Group. Two Farmers have replied and expressed an interest in joining the Task Group.

	 Site visits will be arranged in March to assess each site and consider what the next course of action will be to tackle trespassing, fly tipping and nuisance vehicles. Church Commissioners have funded a large operational which resulted in over 25 burnt out cars being removed from the Dene and a deep clean being carried out. Additional Outcomes
	Ryhope Cemetery: removal of 20 tree stumps , all trees whiskered and full
	tidy up of graveyard, with Winter bedding planted.
	 Introduction of approximately 12 new bins, both post mounted and free standing.
	 Southern Relief Road: increased maintenance - weekly litter pick carried out.
	 Ryhope Street: back lane removal of fly tipping / litter from Church land. Ryhope Recreation: supply and installation of kickabout goals.
	 Ryhope Park: improvements to grounds, reduction of hedges, maintenance and opening up of shrub beds, once house is demolished then area around old bowling green to be revamped.
	 Over Winter bird and visitor surveys have been carried out along the coast.
	Ryhope Recreation Park: Confirmation has been secured that the disused caretakers house, which has stood empty for over a decade will be demolished in October 2021.
	Set up in year one and rolled over into year two. Review due October 2021.
As above	In October 2020 Ryhope Task Group identified sites across the ward, which are targeted by motor bikes, quad bikes and vehicles and have carried out the following actions to prevent and / or deter nuisance vehicles, these are: o boulders installed at Paddock Lane, Venerable Bede and Tunstall Hope Road to prevent access onto Tunstall Hills o Drop down bollards installed at Blyton Avenue, entrance onto the Store Fields at Tecaz and Wraith Terrace. Since February no reports have been received, whilst during December and January it was happening daily.
	As above

Meeting to be established with
Partners including landowners
and stakeholders to establish
way forward

- Beechbrooke barrier has been installed and well received by local residents. This has stopped quad access to the area which was a major safety issue.
- 'No motor bike / vehicles signs' installed on lamp posts around the Store Fields, Beechbrooke and Ryhope Recreation Field
- Street Wardens and Neighbourhood Police patrolling areas on a weekend with bodycam's to obtain IDs, registrations, pics for social media, etc.
- Promotional material posted to households in and around the locations
- Concrete barriers have restricted access to cliff tops and reduced areas where 4 wheel drives can get onto coastal path. From a police perspective this has reduced significantly although, the problem has moved down towards the junction box, towards Hendon.
- Operation Eagle, delivered by Northumbria Police has resulted in:
 - 18 Section 59 notices being served
 - o 1 x CPW Issued
 - 8 x Bikes seized
 - 1 x Quad bike seized
 - 1 x 4x4 seized
 - 10 x cars seized for disorderly driving

NEW: In July 2021, the Environmental Enforcement Manager provided Members with an update on the city wide / force approach on tackling nuisance vehicles (off road bikes, quad bikes, 4x4 vehicles, etc). One meeting has been held between Sunderland and South Tyneside local authorities and policing teams. Visitors from Scotland will attend a future meeting to share best practice and explain how they have tackled the issue. Discussions are on going about establishing a Petrol Watch scheme in the City, which is a partnership between the Police, the council and Petrol Stations to work together to prevent nuisance drivers accessing fuel. Update pending. A further discussion was held in August, on how best Area funding can be used to bolster the Enforcement Team covering the East and City Centre areas, with a future reported due in October 2021.

Look into the restriction of access to motorcycles onto King George the 5th playing field and the feasibility of reinstating the football pitches.

Set up in year one and rolled over into year two.

Following the December 2020 Area Committee, a proposal was submitted to carry out a community asset transfer. Feedback indicated that the field has been aligned to the Playing Pitch Plan with a view to, explore the feasibility of bringing the site back into use. If the site is not a sustainable location and in which case no amount of money will make it desirable the site could become public open space to meet a need identified in the Green Space Audit; or redeveloped as an alternative use, using the capital receipt to invest in existing sites in the locality or potentially transferred to a local organisation as a community asset. Further information is expected in the Summer 2021.

During October and November 2020 informal discussions have been held Local Services and Property Services to understand the process involved in reinstating the football pitches. During this time frame local Councillors identified a local group who are interested in supporting the council with bringing this under used area of land back into use. The group is Ryhope Community Association Junior Football Club. Discussions have been held with representatives from the Management Committee who are interested in maintaining the land and using the playing fields as a sporting community hub to expand their Club to attract female coaches and players, as well as, working with other Sport Clubs in the area (cricket, boxing, rugby, fishing, etc) to encourage people outdoors, improving their health and wellbeing.

The Scheme could be the first in the East area to deliver action against the Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy since being approved in March 2020 by Cabinet. Demonstrating the Council's commitment to link asset management to neighbourhood plans by identifying how to support local people to take over council assets for the benefit of their communities.

In June 2021 the football club submitted a Grass Pitch application to secure their first season on the pitch from September 2021. This has been successful. Therefore the fields are getting reinstated as a football pitch.

In August 2021, a 12m knee high barrier has been installed at the West side of the field, to prevent motor bike access.

	Set up in year one and rolled over into year two. Review due October 2021
Thing BIG, Act Local Millfield. Following on from the Reclaim the Lanes project resident's pledged to keep their back lanes tidy, manage their bins correctly and report fly tipping. In return, the Council would carry out a deep clean of the back lanes to bring them up to standard. Once the works have been carried out Environmental Enforcement Officers will monitor the lanes, taking relevant action against residents if standards fall. ACLD to arrange a visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to against and suppose the visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to against and suppose the visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to against and suppose the visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to against and suppose the visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to against and suppose the visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to against and suppose the visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to against a visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to against a visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to against a visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to against a visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to against a visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to against a visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to against a visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to against a visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to against a visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to against a visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental	Area Arrangements, Local Services and Environmental Enforcements in the back lanes around the Lime Street area. However, a change in the project was discussed and presented to the Millfield Councillors for consideration, who agreed to the following: • tidying up the raised beds and the gable ends of the terraced houses, near

7. Take part in In Bloom activities and support residents and volunteers to grow their own to bring plants and flowers into communities

Action	Next Steps	Update
Work with Local Services to	Invite a representative	In August, Members received a report on 'In Bloom Activities'.
encourage residents to 'adopt a	from Local Services	
planter'.	Team to the August meeting to discuss options.	The East Area has funded three planter schemes recently which have involved installing a street planter. Planters have been funded from either Walk and Talk or Community Chest and installed with the understanding that Local Services would supply and fit a planter, fully planted up and ready to be cared for by local volunteers, with the Council requiring no further involvement. The role of the community volunteer(s) would then involve general weeding, watering and replacing seasonal plants, as and when required.

Look into the possibility of establishing an East in Bloom competition to acknowledge our beautiful gardens and landscapes.	Invite a representative from Local Services Team to the August meeting to discuss options.	Initially planters are tendered to and brighten up a sparse area resulting in positive feedback from the public, but inevitably lifestyles change over time and the planters go uncared for. Unkept planters look tired and displeasing, leading to the public complaints which are referred to Local Services. However, this is an unfair demand placed on the Service, as it falls outside their remit and control. An uncared for planter then becomes a 'grey' area. As volunteers cannot be held to account, but neither can the Council, but the public's expectations point towards the Council being responsible. Based on lesson's learned from previous projects, Members are keen to progress with the Scheme, and establish an 'In Bloom Task Group' which will carry out further work, check legal requirements and agree a process to enable the Scheme to programme. Update pending. In August, Members received a report on 'In Bloom Activities'. Based on the original Northumbria in Bloom campaign which runs every year to recognise, encourage and reward community groups who work together to transform their village, town or city through gardening, environmental awareness and community support. Members are proposing that the 'In Bloom' Task Group consider how best to launch a 'mini' East in Bloom completion in the July and August 2022. Further details will be announced in Autumn 2021 to allow time for people to plan, plot and plant their entries between Autumn and Spring, ready to apply and be judged in the Summer. To contribute towards the running of the competition, it was proposed that the underspend relating to the OSCAR's Volunteer's Award scheme totalling £5,682 is used. A decision to seek approval for this is referenced in the Area Budget report.
Receive an update on Local Services Improvement Plans for East and City Centre.	Invite a representative from Local Services Team to the October	To be discussed during year two

	meeting to discuss options.	
Look into the possibility of improving the gateway into the city by maintaining the grass verge from St Benedict's Hospice roundabout all the way along to Ryhope Village, then onto Toll Bar	Invite a representative from Local Services Team to the August meeting to discuss options.	In August, Local Services confirmed that the route has the road closed twice a year to enable a Summer and Winter pruning, along with litter picks being carried out. The verge has a hedge row, which contributes to the 'green' corridor allowing birds and insects to move around the area. Options are limited, no further action required.
Look into the possibility of developing Wildflower roundabouts to enhance the	Invite a representative from Local Services Team to the October meeting to discuss	To be discussed during year two
visual appearance and enhance biodiversity.	options.	
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Investigate the feasibility of developing a Uniform Recycling Scheme across Schools in the East area.	Work with Partners across the East area to present an update to the October meeting.	land. The landowner must provide permission for the tree to be planted, as they will become responsible for its future care and maintenance. Members are proposing to Area Committee that the opportunity to partake in the initiative is promoted, and work is carried out by the 'In Bloom' Task Group, with interested organisations to apply to the Woodland Trust to plant a tree in suitable and agreeable locations across the five wards by working with Local Services, Land and Property and Planning and Regeneration, where appropriate. To be discussed during year two
Receive an update from the East Coastal Ranger and the Heritage Coast on the environmentally friendly and sustainable programme work ongoing in the East area.	ACDL to invite representatives along to the July 2021 meeting.	 The Coastal Ranger and Heritage Coast Partnership attended the Board meeting and provided Members with an update on a variety of work and projects which have, or are getting delivered along the coastline of Hendon and Ryhope. Key points raised included: Halliwell Banks: major concerns being expressed around the length of time it is taking to resolve Halliwell Banks (18 years and still ongoing), which is a former landfill site that was used by Durham decades ago, but moved into Sunderland's boundary. With cliff erosion aspects of waste are now exposed and leaking into the sea. A Task Group between Durham, Sunderland authorities and The Environmental Agency are discussing actions to manage the site. Tyne and Tees Shore and Seas Programmes – agreed to invite a representative from the Programme to a future Board meeting to understand the 23 projects being delivered, funded by a £4m investment. Hendon Beach – The Coastal Ranger and the Heritage Coast were invited to submit a list of potential projects which would complement the location, taking into account, the need to protect the wildlife, flora and fauna along the cliff tops to a future meeting. Discussed during year two.

Action	Next Steps	Update
Consider possibility of replacing grass verge with concrete at Laurel Grove.	Arrange site visit.	A site visit was carried out in October 2020, and St Michael's Councillors carried out consultation with the residents who reside in properties 2-44 Laurel Grove. It was unanimously agreed to concrete over the grass verges outside their properties. Works are due to be completed over the Winter. Discussed during year one.
Infrastructure and Construction Services to provide performance updates on the 'Invest in Highway's' capital funded project.	Interim update due in January 2022	In March 2021, Area Committee approved £214,800 to carry out a series of capital works to reduce speeding and dangerous driving at identified sites listed below, along with associated works. i. Junction on Tunstall Vale road - install two sets of speed cushions. ii. Essen Way - installation of fixed digital speed camera. iii. Commercial Road near Blue House Pub - install one set of speed cushions and speed table to complement priority give way junction. iv. Hall Farm Road - install two speed tables at the junctions of Aylesbury Drive and Aylsham Court. v. Haddington Vale - carry out further investigations on this site. vi. Stockton Road - installation of fixed digital speed camera. vii. Black Road - installation of up to two priority give way junctions viii. Hollycarrside Road - carry out further investigations on this site. NEW: Derby Street, Thornhill – a one-way system has been introduced but drivers continue to access the 'no entrance' junction. Refer to Engineers to consider and prepare an update. NEW: Speeding loop (Thornholme Road, Durham Road, Beechwood Terrace and Ashwood Terrace). Refer to Engineers to consider implementing a traffic speed survey to assess problem.
		Discussed during year one and rolled over into year two.
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2022 -	Will be discussed throughout the full three-year Plan.

by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme.	2023 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion in January with recommendation to March's East Area Committee.	utes in consultation with residents and users
Action	Next Steps	Update
Area Committee approved £205,886 of capital investment to carry out improvement works across Barley Mow, Backhouse, Burn, Doxford and Ryhope Recreational Parks.	Monitor the implementation of the improvement works, with an interim update due in October 2021.	In July 2021, Members received an update on Time to Talk and Time to Walk initiative. The proposal supports the aspirations to become an Ageing Well City by identifying current walking routes, heritage trails, parks and open spaces which have or may require seating. Once a bench/seat has been identified, a simply sign will be installed (which reads 'Sit here if you don't mind someone stopping to say hello'). The aim is when people are out and about, they can sit down on a bench and people are encouraged to say 'hello' and be friendly. This will help to combat loneliness for many who do not have anyone to talk to at home. The benches may also be painted a different colour and communities may wish to link with local art groups / projects to deliver a small art project. The East have funded 29 new benches via the Invest In Parks programme. Once benches have been installed it is proposed to link this initiative to the Time to Talk proposal, and invite Members of the VCS Area Network to get involve in designing and painting a bench in their community. Funding maybe sourced via the Community Chest or Walk and Talk budget.
Fixed play improvements comprising of new installation and refurbishment work will continue in areas which have	Invite the Assistance Head of Community Resilience to the July meeting to discuss the	In August 2021, Members received an update on the 14 fixed play areas across the East area, which are located at: St Matthews Field and Hall Farm, Doxford; Spelterworks Road, Barley Mow Park, Hudson Road, Town Moor and Mowbray Park, Hendon; Diamond Hall Pocket Park, Millfield; Ryhope Recreation,

106 Developer contributions aligned. An update will be provided this Summer on sites and locations that have funding aligned and available to spend. A survey is to be undertaken of all fixed play sites to identify condition, age appropriateness, accessibility and play value. This will be used to inform discussion on which sites should be targeted for further investment.	Open Spaces, Parks and Play equipment update.	Willow Grange, Beechbrooke, Black Road, Bankside Close, Ryhope and Backhouse Park, St Michael's. It was proposed to add Lime Street Pocket Park to the list, even though there is no fixed play equipment installed currently, however, it is an aim of the local Members to invest in the site. It was noted that initial remedy works costing £110,000 are ongoing following a condition survey been carried out, and in September a designated Officer will lead on all fixed play equipment installations, repairs and general maintenance. Their first task will be to re-visit each site and carry out a further audit, to identify the condition of the play equipment, landscape (flooring, matting, etc) and site boundary (i.e. fencing) to grade them from good, acceptable to poor. Further consideration will be given to age appropriateness, accessibility and play value. Once the audit has been carried out, it is proposed to invite the Officer along to discuss the findings, and use the information to inform discussion on potential future investment. Update Pending.
Establish a Friends Group of Galley's Gill / Festival Park to support the development of Riverside Sunderland.	CSW to liaise with local VCS Groups within the area and consider the best way forward to set up a Friends Group.	To be discussed during year three.
11. Increase 5G access acro	ss all neighbourhoods a	nd support people with digital learning resources
Action	Next Steps	Update
Invite Back on the Map along to a future Board meeting to provide Members with an update on the Go! Get Online Project.	Interim performance update due in November 2021 meeting.	In March 2021, Area Committee approved £99,250 to implement the Go! Get Online project, which involves The Box Youth and Community Project, Back on the Map, Sunderland Bangladesh International Centre, St Marks Community Association and Blue Watch Youth Centre delivering a mixture of community development methods to target people most excluded due to the digital divide, these are: young people, low income families, unemployment, people with learning disabilities and BAME communities. In addition, the City Council's first Recycling

		Tech Appeal was launched, enabling all Sector's (including resident's) to donate old desktops and laptops which will then be upcycled and moved onto the Voluntary Sector at low prices. In July 2021, Members received an update on Go! Tech Appeal, with was a pilot developed in the East as part of the Go! Get Online project which received donated old desktops and laptops from members of the public or businesses to be restored, upcycled and prepared to be re-circulated into the community for use via the VCS Area Network. Members discussed the Digital Inclusion ICT Troubleshooting project, and agreed to change the provider to Protech, further information is set out in the budget report. In August 2021, Members received an update on performance of the Programme between April to July 2021. The programme has created 15 fully accessible Digital Community Hubs in the East area, 198 new individuals have access 1-2-1 digital support, 5 volunteers have been recruited, with 7 organisations benefiting from the Scheme. A variety of 130 laptops and desktops have been provided to 11 Partners, under the GO! Digital recycling scheme. Discussed during year one and rolled over into year two.
Carry out research to understand the digital divide within the East Sunderland community.	Consider the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment produced by Public Health, and other publications. Pull together a report to present to the November 2021 meeting.	To be discussed during year two.

12. Review opportunity to utilise existing and vacant properties to create cultural hubs, leisure activities and safe places to bring communities together		
Action	Next Steps	Update
Review Community Buildings and Assets owned and leased by the Council within the East Area, and support the Management Committee's to operate at full capacity.	Identify premises, their governance, leasing arrangements, and programme of activity to enabling a position statement to be presented to a future Board meeting.	To be discussed during year two.
Consider the findings from the Review and where feasible, support the development of cultural hubs, leisure activities and safe places to bring communities together.	Pending review.	To be discussed during year two.
13. Create job clubs and ed	ucation centres within lo	cal community venues including digital skill training and basic skills
Action	Next Steps	Update
		To be discussed during year three.
	y cohesion to allow all peto each other in a positiv	eople of different social backgrounds, ethnicities, faiths, and generations to e way
Action	Next Steps	Update
Consider inviting guest speakers to the Board to discuss any issues and potential solutions in the area	If possible, invite to January 2021 Board.	An invite has been sent to the Sunderland Partnership to provide an update on the Migration Fund project. Discussed during year one.

East's More Males project is funded until May 2021. It involves three VCS Groups encouraging men over 50, who are socially and mentally isolated to interact in their local community in positive activities.	Performance update due in January 2021	The three organisations which were awarded the grant are CHANCE, Back on the Map and Raich Carter Sports Centre. The original purpose of the call for project was to target males over 50 years old and encourage a healthier lifestyle by reducing levels of smoking and drinking alcohol and getting out and about more. Due to the pandemic the project proposals were changed to focus on providing emotional and wellbeing support. CHANCE and Back on the Map have both delivered successful project and were quick to react and provide pandemic support to residents in their neighbourhoods. Unfortunately, Raich Carter has remained closed since April 2020, with all staff furloughed. Once restrictions ease discussions between Area Arrangements and Raich Carter will need to be held to understand and agree next steps. Due to the pandemic the project's start date was postponed until July 2021. 1st quarter report due in October 2021 Discussed during year one, rolled over into year two.
East's Positive Parenting project is funded until March 2021. It involves four VCS Groups working with families who have children under the age of 5 who need support helping their children reach the development stages and milestones associated to age abilities.	Performance update due in January 2021.	The four organisations which were awarded the grant are Groundwork North East, Keep Active, Ryhope Community Association and Raich Carter Centre. The original purpose of the call for project was to target parents and carers of 0-5 year olds, along with the child(ren) to look towards improving key development milestones. Due to the pandemic three of the four projects have not commenced and are on hold. Ryhope Community Association did re-start in September 2020 and have continued to support parents and children. Once restrictions ease discussions between Area Arrangements and Keep Active, Groundwork North East and Raich Carter will need to be held to understand and agree next steps. Due to the pandemic the project's start date was postponed until July 2021. 1st quarter report due in October 2021 Discussed during year one, rolled over into year two.

15. 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 sessions are accessible and not cost or time prohibitive, in partnership with All Together Better

Action	Next Steps	Update
Consider inviting a guest speaker from the Sunderland GP Alliance, to share information about the Social Prescribing team and the Service provided.	ACDL to invite a representative to a future meeting. Potentially for the October meeting.	To be discussed during year two.
Public Health Practitioner to provide an update on the Health Inequalities Strategy from an East perspective.	Date TBC	To be discussed during year two.
Evaluate Community Connectors programme, with a view to fund a new programme for 2021 / 2022	Review Programme and share findings at the October meeting.	During August 2020 information was gathered against all 29 projects funded under the 2019 Community Connectors Programme. It was noted that seven projects have ended, as they had continued to deliver throughout lockdown. Eight projects had been extended due to the building closing down, with staff being furloughed or volunteers being over 70 and having to self-isolate. Fourteen projects needed the end date of the project to be revised as the building still remains closed and discussions are pending. Several projects were highlighted as performing well and have been extended, with £49,900 being approved by Area Committee in September 2020. In August 2021, Members noted there is an underspend of £6,100 to be returned to budget. The programme will end in September 2021, with an evaluation due to be carried out and presented to Members in October.
		Discussed during year one and rolled over into year two.

16. Enhance local green spaces to encourage wider use including sports equipment, refurbishment of existing equipment an	d
delivery of activities which support health and wellbeing	

Action	Next Steps	Update
Look into the possibility of developing Panns Bank, using Ousburn in Newcastle as a model, ensuring proposals complement the Riverside Sunderland, One Campus Masterplan and Port of Sunderland expansion plans.	Investigate the feasibility of enhance the quay side between Panns Bank and the Port of Sunderland and provide an update at the February meeting.	To be discussed during year two.
Look into the possibility of changing the use, or tidying up the land next to Grangetown CA, Stannington Grove.	Invite a representative from Property Services along to the February meeting to discuss options.	To be discussed during year two.
Executive Director Economy and Place to provide an update on the future of the Civic Centre building and surrounding land and car parking, which is due to close in the Autumn 2021.	East Area Committee to consider update and how they can support and shape the development of the site.	In August 2021, it was noted that the closure of the Civic Centre has been pushed back to December 2021, and a Partnership has been created between Linden and Bovis Homes to develop the site. Public consultation was held in August 2021, with a planning submission due by the end of September. Update pending.

17. 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

Action	Next Steps	Update
The importance of Blue Watch to St Michael's ward was recognised, especially in relation to support to children in	ACDL to look into potential opportunities for a base in the area and discuss feasibility at a future board.	In March 2021, Grangetown Community Association was highlighted as the ideal site to develop a community hub. Discussions were held with the existing Management Committee to discuss next steps.

need from the Grangetown and Hill View area. Support and invest in Blue Watch to establish a community hub in St Michael's ward.		In July 2021, an AGM was held with a new Management Committee being elected. Several meetings have been held to agree and scope out what is required to transform the Centre into a vibrant and friendly Community Hub, that will deliver a broad range of diverse and inclusive activities. The initial focus has been on reopening the Centre for Groups and the public to access, and they have set a date for early October 2021.
		A number of practical exercises have been carried out, including: Renaming the Charity and Building to St Michael's Community Centre; Carrying out building and fire safety inspections; Organising a deep clean and painting of the building 11 September 2021; Updating the constitution, policies and bank account details; Renewing insurances and updating contact details; Issuing job tickets for repairs and setting up waste management processes and Securing a tenancy for the building.
		To maintain the momentum, it is proposed to deliver a collaborative approach between St Michael's Community Centre and Blue Watch Youth Centre and approve £50,000 of revenue and capital funding to appoint a part time Project Development Worker over a two year period, who will support the Management Committee to become established, by strengthening the infrastructure of the Charity and by attracting new Groups and Members to utilise the space of the building to maximum capacity and develop the Centre into a major community asset in the ward providing services to all ages. Further details are set out in the Area Budget Report.
The Box are currently preparing a business and funding strategy to justify the expansion of the building, if favourable, invite representatives along to discuss future plans and consider allocating capital funding to support the initiative.	August 2021 receive an update.	NEW: Redwood Grove, Doxford Ward, is a community building owned by Bernicia, is their scope for The Box access the building for outreach sessions. In August 2021, The Box Youth and Community Project presented a overview of their background, work delivered before lockdown, how the pandemic has shaped their existing community offer, and the need to change the size of the building due to: established and ongoing demand for services; the building operating at full capacity; new housing developments increasing the population resulting in additional request to provide: school holiday activities; afterschool clubs; Counselling for young people; working with adults 16+ who have learning

Support CHANCE to turn the disused car park into a community play area. Look into the possibility of supporting Ryhope Community Association save energy and money on heating bills by improving their currently heating system.	Invite the Centre manager along to the January 2022 meeting. Invite the Centre Manager to the October meeting.	disabilities; supporting vulnerable adults with a hot meals service, weekly lunch club and foodbank; supporting independent living via the Lend a Hand Project and supporting the Area Delivery Plan via the GO! Get Online; East Rangers and Covid-19 Community Hub. Preliminary ideas were shared with Members, who were keen to support the proposal, but it was recognised that further work needed to be carried out, which includes: securing a 25 year lease; securing land from Gentoo; producing plans and calculating costs for the re-development and producing a business plan. Subject to this work showing favour, members are considering awarding funding to the scheme. To be discussed during year two. At the March 2021 Board, CHANCE's Centre Manager presented plans on how the organisation would like to transform an under used car park into a safe play space, based on consultation carried out with children and residents. Area Committee approved £16,500 to install a climbing wall, multi-use play station, seating and an art feature. The Centre Manager will be invited along to a future meeting to provided members with an update. Discussed during year one and rolled over into year two. To be discussed during year two.	
18. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities			
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Action	Next Steps	Update	
Co-ordinate volunteers from	Update volunteer	In July 2020, as the country moved towards the recovery stage of the pandemic,	
Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS.	platform to enable matching volunteers to	volunteers who were registered on the Covid-19 Volunteering Platform were contacted and asked whether or not they would like to continue to volunteer in	

	future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.	their neighbourhood post Covid-19. From a pool of 232 volunteers, 72 residents said yes. Information was gathered from the East VCS Area Network on the latest volunteering opportunities available and a catalogue was produced and shared with the 72 residents. To support the Covid 19 Hub volunteers link with VCS Groups, Area Committee approved a Project which would enable VCS Groups to apply for a small grant up to £500 to cover the costs of items, such as, DBS Checks, training, workwear, etc. if they successfully recruit any of the East Covid-19 Volunteers from the Platform. This funding opportunity was shared with the VCS Area Network and updates will be presented to the Board, as and when appropriate. To date 9 Covid volunteers have been matched up with Little Company of Calm, The Box Youth and Community Project and Young Asian Voices. The project has been closed, and an underspend of £3,568 remains which will be returned to Area Committee's Neighbourhood Fund budget. Discussed in year one.
Following on from the OSCARS Volunteering Awards Members were keen to host an event every two years to celebrate and acknowledge the extraordinary commitment of East volunteers.	Members need to discuss and agree further details, i.e. dates, categories, etc.	The OSCARs event is due to be held in 2021. Due to covid-19 it will be unrealistic to expect the event to be face to face. Ideas are being discussed on how to host a virtual celebration, with a future report due to be presented. In May 2021, the Council launched the Sunderland Shining Stars award. There are seven categories and two rounds. The first round will have an Area perspective, with applications being presented to a judging panel made up of East Area Cllrs. The Councillors will select winners and highly commended individuals from each category. The winners of each category will then compete during the second round, against all other areas for a city wide title. In July 2021, the East Judging Panel selected the Winners, who are: • Organisation of the Year: Sunderland Area Parents Support (SAPs)

 Outstanding Contribution to the community (over 18s): Graeme Riddle
 Young Person's Outstanding Contribution to the community (under 18)
Harvey Gordon and Charlie Lamb
 Sunderland's most Neighbourly Neighbour: Mandy Brown

- Best use of Digital Technology: Media Savvy CIC
- Community Group that has supported resident's Mental Health: MBC Arts Wellbeing
- Community Fundraising Champion: Mark Allison

Links to Priority 7: To contribute towards the running of the East's In Bloom competition, it was proposed that the underspend relating to the OSCAR's Volunteer's Award scheme totalling £5,682 is used. A decision to seek approval for this is referenced in the Area Budget report.

Discussed in year one and rolled over in year two.

19. Support communities to deliver local events

Action	Next Steps	Update
Support residents, schools, places of worship and VCS Groups to organise small local events which celebrate the Queen celebrate her 70 th Jubilee in June 2022.	Members to discuss a suitable model at the December meeting.	To be discussed in year two.
Keep a watch and brief on potential events for 2021 / 2022 which maybe postponed due to covid restrictions.	Provide Board updates as and when.	 Heritage Action Zone – premises being opened up and accessed. 17-19 aka Holy Trinity Launch in 2022 East End Carnival / Trafalgar Square Tea Party Ryhope Pump House To be discussed in year three.

20. Support Youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe – young people just want to hang out and don't always want organised activities – they just want to be together in a safe and flexible environment		
Action	Next Steps	Update
Fancy a Day Out aka holiday hunger school holiday programme to be considered at the June Area Committee meeting.	Grant requests to be considered at the June 2021 Area Committee meeting. Interim update due October, subject to approval.	In June 2021, Area Committee funded the Fancy a Day Out Programme, which funds holiday activities which are supplemented with access to a nutritional meal. In September 2021, a short video has been produced, which will be shared with members during Area Committee and afterwards on the East's Facebook page to promote the valuable work delivered by members of the East VCS Area Network.
Maximising Community Assets: Sunderland Community Hub and East End ABC restarted in May 2021, providing access to the boxing club for children and young people, instead of hanging around the streets.	Interim update due November 2021	The four organisations which were awarded the grant are The Box Youth and Community Project, Blue Watch Youth Centre, Sunderland Community Hub Boxing Club and East End ABC. The Programme was to enable community buildings to open their doors on a Friday and Saturday night to young people to reduce the risk of youth disorder. Due to the pandemic two project proposals were changed and adapted from being centre based to providing outreach, detached and crisis support these projects were delivered by The Box Youth and Community Project and Blue Watch Youth Centre who complied with Youth Federation guidance relating to covid restrictions. The remaining two project proposals were unable to change, based on guidance from the Amateur Boxing Association and restarted in May 2021. In August 2021, Members received an update on the Maximising Community Assets Programme and based on the success of previous projects, proposed to recommend approval of £15,000 to extend the work being delivered in Doxford, Ryhope and St Michael's, by The Box and Blue Watch, and proposed a further £10,000 for Hendon and Millfield. If secured the ACDL will work with local members to see any previously funded Groups warrant an extension, or advert a call for projects (Hendon and Millfield only). Discussed in year one and rolled over into year two.

Action	Next Steps	Update
During Covid-19 residents developed support groups via social media to help each other out. Harness this community spirit to develop structures to develop Neighbourhood	ACDL to bring information to future board meeting re neighbourhood watch schemes.	The Force were due to review re-establishing a 'new look' Neighbourhood Watch scheme, but unfortunately Covid has superseded work demands and there is no plans to restart this in the next two years. On that basis the action has been removed from the plan. REMOVED
Watches or Resident Associations to continue the ethos of communities helping each other post Covid-19. i.e. Alexandra Park Residents Group.	Update to December 2020 Board meeting.	

22. Reduce fear of crime by working in partnership across neighbourhoods to bring communities of all ages together

Action	Next Steps	Update
Joint patrols between Police/ASB Team and Cllrs to develop action plans to address substance misuse, ASB and youth disorder in Blakeney Woods.	ACDL to set up Task group(s) to address hotspot.	An internal meeting was held with colleagues from ASB Team, Environmental Enforcement and Eco Team. A key issue that was flagged up during discussions was around the lack of reports coming through the council's 'Report it' system. It seems the public prefer to talk about issues that impact their community on social media, instead of notifying the authority's. This results in Services not being aware of local concerns and problems being left unaddressed. Contact details of key officers have been shared with local Cllrs, who do receive reports from residents that are actioned, but it was felt many might be 'hidden'. Area Arrangements are currently working with the Communications Team on a social media marketing campaign to get the message out to the public about to report concerns and the many different channels they can use to do this. In July 2021, a site meeting was held with Partners, Council Officers and Cllrs to walk around Blakeney Woods and pull together an action plan. An update on the Operations and activities delivered during the Summer's is pending.

		Discussed in year one and rolled over into year two.
Black Path / Mineral Line – repeatedly cleared and cleaned, but ASB remains an issue – consider what else can be done.	Check with West Area Committee priorities and consider setting up a joint Task Group. Proposals from which to come to future board meeting for consideration.	There has been no reports of ASB along the mineral line, however the route does form part of the Stephenson Trail. Proposed to keep a watch and brief on this Section, but refer the development of the Mineral Line to the Stephenson trail Task Group. To be discussed in year two.
Strengthen relationships between West Neighbourhood Policing Team and Doxford Cllrs	ACDL to co-ordinate through LMAPs and specific update meetings.	The West Neighbourhood Team have shared contact details with the Doxford Councillors to strengthen relationships, and a written report from the West Inspector is now provided to East Area Committee. Discussed in year one.
	ons to grow capacity to s nich are available to them	support those who require additional support within communities to ensure
Action	Next Steps	Update
The City is establishing a	Invite the VCS Alliance	To be discussed in year two.
Sunderland VCS Alliance	Manager to the September 2021 Board	
Sunderland VCS Alliance	September 2021 Board	energy measures that positively impact on fuel poverty
Sunderland VCS Alliance	September 2021 Board	energy measures that positively impact on fuel poverty Update
Sunderland VCS Alliance 24. Publish our Statement o	September 2021 Board f Intent in relation to fuel	

Action	Next Steps	Update
Moneywise Credit Union is now working with Sunderland City Council to develop a media campaign to promote the Credit Union as a place to save but also as a place to access affordable credit targeting staff and residents as part of the wider financial resilience activity. This will target residents across the city but will work in areas with a range of local providers. The service will also work alongside the Illegal Money Lending Team	Invite a representative along from Moneywise Credit Union to provide members with an update at the November meeting on their service, and understand how Committee can encourage more community buildings to act as payment hubs.	To be discussed in year two.
26. Ensure a 'more than foo	d' offer is built into foodb	bank provision
Action	Next Steps	Update
This has been successfully embedded during the Covld-19 crisis with welfare checks and information being provided to anyone accessing crisis food support either via the council or partners.	Invite representatives from Welfare Rights to the February meeting to provide an update on the More Than Foodbank model.	To be discussed in year two.
27. Communicate heritage a cohesion	ssets and deliver heritag	ge activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community

Action	Next Steps	Update
Celebrate heritage assets, but	_	To be discussed in year two.
also be forward thinking and		
consider new art projects,		
introducing an open tender		
process to attract or retain Sunderland artists.		
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28. Preserve and celebrate I	ocal heritage	
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Action	Next Steps	Update
Stephenson Trail opened on	To consider alongside	In November 2020, Area Committee agreed the Membership of the Task Group for
the 18 September 1822. Look	Coalfields and West	the Stephenson Trail, this was:
into the opportunity to improve	Area Plans. Look into	Doxford ward: Cllr Heather Fagan
the trail (info points, app, etc.)	the potential of a Multi	Millfield ward: Cllr Andrew Wood
and host a celebration event in	Area Task group to develop proposals to	St Michael's ward: Cllr Peter Wood
partnership with Coalfields and	come back to a future	In January 2021 the inaugural Task Group meeting was held with representatives
West Area Committees, if	board.	from the Coalfields, East and West Sunderland Area Committees, Council
agreeable in 2022 at the turn of		Services, Hetton Colliery Railway 200 Trust and Sustrans. A vibrant discussion
its 200 th 'birthday'.	Update February 2021	was held, with suggestions coming from all attendees which assisted in the
	Board	development of an Action Plan with ideas and actions being formed under the
		following headings.
		a) Information boards and signage
		b) Sculptures along the trail/ Iconic art at beginning and end
		c) Environmental improvements (cutting down vegetation etc)
		d) Enhance cycle route options
		e) Walking maps/guides
		f) Educational programme
		g) Install rest spots
		h) Raise awareness of route
		i) Promote historic importance
		j) Promote health benefits/encourage use

		k) Hold celebration event/s in Summer 2022
		In June 2021, East, West and Coalfields confirmed that they have aligned £150,000 to the Task Group.
		In August 2021, Members received an update from the Stephenson Trail Task Group who identified the need for educational and recreational activities to be available to promote and celebrate the route. An outline proposal for Schools Resource Pack, and Art Project Ideas has been developed and shared with Members. The Board agreed to recommending approval of £30,000 (£10,000 East) from the previously allocated £150,000 joint funding (Coalfield, East and West Area Committees), for delivery of the project. It is further recommended that the remaining £120,000 (£40,000 East) is approved to deliver information boards/signage and environmental improvements, detail to be agreed by the Task and Finish Group.
		Discussed in year one and rolled over into year two.
To support the Heritage Action Zone initiative, an interpretation board has been funded to enhance the brown sign directing people to Old Sunderland.	Receive a future update from HAZ on the initiative. Update to be arranged.	During 2020/21 Sunderland's Heritage Zone (HAZ) initiative progressed key building projects at Mackie's Corner and 170-175 High Street West with funding from a Partnership Grant Scheme set up by Sunderland City Council and Historic England. The restoration works have transformed the high street, brought significant historic buildings back in to use and also helped to create a more attractive street scene. New businesses have already opened at Mackie's Corner with more new tenants joining in the spring. 170-175 will operate as a social enterprise providing a new home for Pop Recs as well as a gig venue and support for aspiring young musicians in the city.
		The Sunshine Co-operative, a food wholesaler, will also be moving into the building. Further restoration projects under the HAZ Partnership Scheme are planned for later this year, including a new shop front for the Elephant Tea Rooms. Alongside this activity, the wider HAZ programme continues to engage residents, schools and the general public through its Heritage Skills Programme

and promotional activities. This includes new wayfinding which will be installed in Old Sunderland, thanks to East Area Committee funding, to encourage visitors to explore this part of the city and promote the area as a heritage destination.
Discussed in year one.

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE 20 September 2021 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

East Sunderland Area Budget Report

Author(s):

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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.

Description of Decision:

Committee are requested to: -

- i) Note the financial statements set out in Table One, Two and Three.
- ii) Consider the approval of NF funding of:
 - a) £75,000 to SCC, Area Arrangements Team for Walk and Talk Programme
 - b) £50,000 to the Stephenson Trail Task Group
 - c) £50,000 to Blue Watch Youth Centre for St Michael's Community Centre
 - d) £25,000 to Maximising Community Assets Programme
 - e) Change to Lead Agent for the ICT Tech Helpline
 - as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 4 Annex 1
- iii) Note the 5 Community Chest approvals supported from 2021 / 2022, as detailed **Item 4 Annex 2**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £487,352 (inc Youth allocation) for 2021/2022 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £67,814 remaining in 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.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.

Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE



13 SEPTEMBER 2021

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

East 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 the Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund 2020 / 2021:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2021	/ 2022				£487,352
Fancy A Day Out 2021	15.03.21	-	-	£29,570	£457,782
Stephenson Trail	15.03.21	-	*£50,000	-	£407,782
Community Connector 4	20.09.21	£6,100	-	-	£413,882
Covid-19 Volunteers	20.09.21	£3,568	-	-	£417,450

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2021 / 2022

- 2.2 East Sunderland Area Committee has a budget of £417,450 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects.
- 2.3 There are 4 applications and 1 change in circumstances (CIC) to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 4 Annex 1**

1.	Walk and Talk	£75,000
2.	Stephenson Trail Task Group	¹ *£50,000
3.	St Michael's Community Centre	£50,000
4.	Maximising Community Assets	£25,000
5.	ICT Tech Helpline	CIC

- 2.4 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is £200,000. If approved, the remaining balance will be £267,450.
- 2.5 Members are requested to approve a request from the August 2021, Neighbourhood and Community Board to use the underspend from the Volunteers Awards Project of £5,682 to be used to enable the 'In Bloom Task Group' to develop and implement the first East In Bloom Competition for 2022.

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3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme

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

Project Name	Committee Date	Budget Returned	Budget Aligned	Budget Approved	Budget Remaining
Starting Balance for 2020/2023					£500,000
East LMAPS CCTV	30.11.20	-	-	£11,500	£488,500
Invest in Highways	15.03.21	-	-	£214,800	£273,700
Invest In Parks	15.03.21	-	-	£205,886	£67,814

Table Two: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023

- 3.2 East Sunderland 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.
- There are **no** funding proposals presented to Area Committee for consideration from the 2020 / 2023 Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme. The starting balance for year two (2021 / 2022) is **£67,814.**

4. Community Chest

- 4.1 Each ward has been allocated a budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest remains the same. With ward Councillors leading on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where is become 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 2021 / 2022. **Annex 2** shows the approvals supported up until August 2021.

Ward	2021/2022 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Doxford	£10,000	•	£1,754	£8,246
Hendon	£10,000	•	£858	£8,142
Millfield	£10,000	-	£1,150	£8,850
Ryhope	£10,000	•	£1,000	£9,000
St Michael's	£10,000	-	£0	£10,000
Total	£50,000	£-	£4,762	£44,238

Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2021 / 2022

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in Table One, Two and Three.
- 5.2 Consider the approval of NF funding of:

- a) £75,000 to SCC, Area Team for Walk and Talk Programme
- b) £50,000 to Blue Watch Youth Centre for St Michael's Community Centre
- c) £50,000 to Stephenson Trail Task Group
- d) £25,000 to Maximising Community Assets Programme
- e) Change in Lead Agent for the ICT Tech Helpline
- f) Use the underspend from the Volunteers Awards Project of £5,682 to be used to enable the 'In Bloom Task Group' to develop and implement the first East In Bloom Competition for 2022.

as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 4 Annex 1

5.3 Note the 5 Community Chest approvals supported from 2021 / 2022, as detailed **Item 4**Annex 2

Annexes

Annex One Neighbourhood Fund Proposals
Annex Two Community Chest Grant Approvals

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Applications for East Sunderland Neighbourhood Fund



Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Walk and Talk
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council: Area Arrangements

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£75,000	£0	£75,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	October 2021	March 2022

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

Walk and Talk was funded in July 2019 to support Ward Cllrs work with residents to identify local problems and find solutions.

Two awards of £75,000 have already been secured via NF. Members wish to allocate a further £75,000 which will be split evenly across each ward at £15,000 to add onto existing budgets. Based on experiences from year one and two, requests for projects:

- i) can be submitted via a street walkabout with residents, or,
- ii) directly from Councillors which relates to feedback based on the Let's Talk resident's consultation exercise, or concerns raised by residents to Councillors,
- iii) all projects must have the majority of ward Councillors approval and support from the relevant Service area.
- iv) with the main objective being to resolve local issues impacting on the quality of life for residents.

The financial position of the ward budgets will be reviewed in March 2022, with the understanding that any unallocated grant could be returned to Area Committee budget to re-allocate.

Outputs

TBC as and when the Programme is rolled out and implemented across the wards

Budget

	Doxford	Hendon	Millfield	Ryhope	St Michael's	Total
Walk and	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000	£75,000
Talk						

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Love Where You Live (Section 5).

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Stephenson Trail
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council: Area Arrangements

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£150,000	£100,000 (West and Coalfields)	£50,000 (East)
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months / 1 year	October 2021	September 2022

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

In November 2020, Area Committee agreed the Membership of the Task Group for the Stephenson Trail, this was:

Doxford ward: Cllr Heather Fagan
Millfield ward: Cllr Andrew Wood
St Michael's ward: Cllr Peter Wood

In January 2021 the inaugural Task Group meeting was held with representatives from the Coalfields, East and West Sunderland Area Committees, Council Services, Hetton Colliery Railway 200 Trust and Sustrans. A vibrant discussion was held, with suggestions coming from all attendees which assisted in the development of an Action Plan with ideas and actions being formed under the following headings.

- a) Information boards and signage
- b) Sculptures along the trail/ Iconic art at beginning and end
- c) Environmental improvements (cutting down vegetation etc..)
- d) Enhance cycle route options
- e) Walking maps/guides
- f) Educational programme
- g) Install rest spots
- h) Raise awareness of route
- i) Promote historic importance
- i) Promote health benefits/encourage use
- k) Hold celebration event/s in Summer 2022

To enable the Task Group to be proactive Coalfields, West and East Area Committee's each aligned £50,000 to the Task Group to all them to deliver future proposal.

In August 2021, Members received an update from the Stephenson Trail Task Group who identified the need for educational and recreational activities to be available to promote and celebrate the route. An outline proposal for Schools Resource Pack, and Art Project Ideas is shown below:

Educational Proposals

STEPHENSON TRAIL PROJECT

SPECIFICATION OF SERVICES

Background

Designed by George Stephenson and opened in 1822, the trail was originally established by Sunderland City Council to recognise and celebrate Hetton Colliery Railway, being of significant international importance in the early role of railways at that time. The trail follows the route taken by coal wagons on their way from the Elemore and Hetton Collieries to the River Wear. It is 11 miles long, starts at Hetton le Hill Community Golf Course and ends at the River Wear and takes approximately five hours to walk it from start to end.

In 2020, following funding secured by Coalfields, East and West Area Committee, a Stephenson's Trail Task and Finish Group was established to seek to develop a spectacular project to celebrate Stephenson Trail bicentenary developing opportunities with local schools, community partners and residents.

Co-ordinated by Sunderland City Council's Museum and Heritage Team, we want to use themes which celebrate the Stephenson's trail past, present and future showcasing some of the trails most historical and natural landscapes alongside working with our heritage partners **Hetton200** https://example.com/her200.org).

Our aim is to ensure all communities, families and children learn about the rich history and significance to the Stephenson's trail, feel connected to its heritage and can participate in activity that recognises the beauty and wildlife of this expansive natural landscape.

Project Summary

Some of the activity should include:

Producing a Schools Resource Pack

Based around key themes, nature, geology, health and wellbeing, history and industry, archaeology, art & design and music, the content of the pack would link to the National Curriculum and be developed by the project co-ordinator in collaboration with local schools (alongside specialist organisations and community groups with the expertise in subject and local knowledge), with pilot sessions and testing to make sure the activities best suit their needs. There are 7 local schools with potential for each partner school to work on one subject strand of the project.

The finished packs would be offered to all primary schools along/or near to the trail and should as a minimum include lesson plans, archive resources, maps, documents, photographs and activity ideas and trails. Activities should also be inclusive of children with SEND.

Engaging and Interactive Arts Projects

Creative arts projects engaging families and the wider community with the themes of the Stephenson Trail. Initial proposals could include:

- Trail Markers Project
- Stephenson Trail Music Programme
- Flag/Banner making project
- Landscape Photography Competition
- Immersive Coal mining stories and oral histories

Stephenson Community Exhibition

Working with local art organisations to organise, manage and deliver a community art exhibition which focuses on natural landscapes, nature, flora and fauna.

Community Celebration Event – Walking the Stephenson Trail

A community event to include walking the trail.

Contract Arrangements

The Project Co-ordinator will commence work with the City Council in October 2021 and work for a period of 9 months to plan and oversee delivery of a range of activity, including delivering interactive workshops with schoolchildren and engage with community groups and cultural partners. The project should be intergenerational using a broad mix of audiences, groups and communities. Managed by the Service Manager – Heritage, Museums and Arts, the successful candidate will work remotely, attend project planning meetings and present progress reports to the Stephenson Trail Task and Finish Group.

The bidder will manage a budget to commission services, source all materials and oversee the installation of any exhibition content to specific sites.

The bidder must be experienced in delivering similar activity and be able to provide examples of where they have engaged previously with children and young people, hard to reach groups and local communities.

The bidder will work in close communication with the Service Manager – Heritage, Museums and Arts who will oversee the delivery of this project on behalf of the Area Committee.

The bidder will be requested to measure a range of outcomes throughout the project i.e., numbers of people/volunteers engaged, items produced. Bidders will be asked to produce an impact report to describe the full impact the project has had on individuals e.g., health, wellbeing, activeness.

Project Requirements

Bidders must be able to demonstrate within their bid how they will manage and deliver this project and produce a timeline and associated budget.

Bidders must demonstrate excellent planning/communication skills and be available to attend project team meetings as and when required.

BUDGET/TIMELINE

The total fee for this commission will be £30,000 net of VAT and is fully inclusive of all costs associated with delivery of this service. A contract for service will be issued and include a detailed specification and delivery timeline.

- October Contract awarded. Meet with SCC to discuss the project.
- Establish project plan and timeline for delivery

Planning Phase Nov – Dec 2021

Initial contact with schools, community and cultural partners
Plan sessions to commence January and source required materials
Progress updates to Stephenson Task and Finish Group
Agree any exhibition plans and installation sites/equipment required

Delivery Phase Jan- June 2022

To include progress updates to Stephenson Task and Finish Group

GOVERNANCE

Bidders will need to demonstrate within their submission:

- An outline of the approach taken including details of how you propose to structure, deliver and manage the project
- a breakdown of fees
- Details of individuals appointed to work on the contract and their experience

- Examples of other similar projects you have delivered
- Any other relevant information which supports your submission

INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

Bidders must hold the following insurances:

- Employers Liability to the value of £10 million
- Public Liability (Third Party) to the value of £5 million
- Professional Indemnity £2 million

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURNED BIDS

Interested organisations should send their completed submissions including a proposal of how you would undertake the project within the allocated budget, marked private and confidential for the attention of:

Trina Murphy, Service Manager Heritage, Museums and Arts Sunderland City Council

The Board agreed to recommending approval of £30,000 **(£10,000 East)** from the previously allocated £150,000 joint funding (Coalfield, East and West Area Committees), for delivery of the project. It is further recommended that the remaining £120,000 **(£40,000 East)** is approved to deliver information boards/signage and environmental improvements, detail to be agreed by the Task and Finish Group.

Outputs

TBC as and when the Programme is rolled out and implemented across the three Areas

Budget

	East	West	Coalfields	Total
Stephenson Trail	£50,000	£50,000	£50,000	£150,000
Task Group				

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority to Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage (Section 28).

Application No. 3

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	St Michael's CC
Lead Organisation	Blue Watch Youth Centre

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£55,000	£5,000	£50,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 months / 2 years	October 2021	October 2023

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

In July 2020, East Sunderland Area Committee agreed the three year Delivery Plan up until 2023. Under Area Priority 17 'Support the Voluntary Sector' it recognised the importance of Blue Watch Youth Centre to St Michael's ward, especially in relation to supporting children in need from the Grangetown and Hill View area by investing in Blue Watch to establish a community hub in the ward.

To find suitable premises to set up as a community hub, Land and Property were requested to identify potential community assets within the ward which were available to develop into a community hub. It was noted that many community halls and buildings exist across the ward, however, these are associated or attached to Churches and Schools. There is only one independent council owned asset, which is a community building, known at Grangetown Community Association, Stannington Grove.

Discussions were held with the Grangetown CA's Management Committee to understand their future plans for the building, as the Centre had been closed since March 2020. Discussions revealed that the Management Committee consisted of three Members, each of whom had faced personal challenges throughout the pandemic which had left them in a deflated mind set, and they seemed unsure about the Centre's future. Further discussions with Land and Property highlighted that the Management Committee's tenancy on the building had expired and they were acting as a 'tenant at will', which meant that they could terminate their agreement with the authority to operate the building without providing notice.

Options discussed with the Management Committee covered two options:

- i. host an AGM to see if a new Management Committee could be elected, or
- ii. the Charity dissolved and the Council advertised the building as vacant under the Community Assets Policy and requested other VCS Groups to submit business plans to develop the site.

It was agreed to host an AGM in July 2021, which successfully appointed a new Management Committee.

The new Management Committee have held several meetings to agree and scope out what is required to transform the Centre into a vibrant and friendly Community Hub, that will deliver a broad range of diverse and inclusive activities. The initial focus has been on reopening the Centre for Groups and the public to access, and they have set a date of the 2 October 2021, however, there is practical exercises that needed to be carried out, such as:

- Renaming the Charity and Building to St Michael's Community Centre
- Carrying out building and fire safety inspections
- Organising a deep clean and painting of the building
- Updating the constitution, policies and bank account details
- Renewing insurances and updating contact details
- Issuing job tickets for repairs and setting up waste management processes
- Securing a tenancy for the building
- Although the new Management Committee are keen, they have faced some challenges in taking up their position and are at risk of burning out too soon.

To prevent this from happening, and to maintain the momentum, it is proposed to deliver a collaborative approach between St Michael's Community Centre and Blue Watch Youth Centre and seek an investment

from Area Committee to appoint a part time Project Development Worker for 16 hours per week, over a two year period, who will support the Management Committee to become established, by strengthening the infrastructure of the Charity and by attracting new Groups and Members to utilise the space of the building to maximum capacity and develop the Centre into a major community asset in the ward providing services to all ages.

With the Management Committee on the Centre being new, Blue Watch Youth Centre, who have used the building for 8 years have agreed to work in collaboration with the volunteer trustees by acting as the Employer of the post holder, on their behalf, to ensure the post-holder will play a key role in ensuring the management and smooth running of the Community Centre. Whilst acting as a peer mentor, and 'hand holding' the Trustees through the first two years of the Centre's re-launch.

The role of the post holder will be to set up and manage the Centre (clerical, cleaning and caretaking) and volunteers to ensure the effective day to day running of the Centre for the benefit of trustees, tenants and other users of the building. Whilst upskilling the Trustees with knowledge and skills throughout the two year period, building their capacity enough to 'hand over the reins' to effectively maintain the building, from a governance and infrastructure perspective, all the way through to, managing storage space, equipment, securing bookings and building relationships with users and tenants, to supporting volunteers and working with local partners to ensure activities at the Centre fit with others provided in the area and the Area Committee's vision for St Michael's community hub is delivered.

From day one the post holder will be planning for the exit/forward strategy, by working alongside not 'doing to' the Trustees. There will be the clear recognition that the post holder will not be 'managing the direction of the Centre' but will be there to set up, create, train, establish and handover processes relating to the running of the Centre throughout the two years. Building on the existing skills of the management committee, by carrying out a SWOT and fully understanding where the areas of improvements are needed. Then use this intelligence to develop a tailored training plan, peer mentoring package for each individual to use and access during the two-year intervention period. A more in-depth plan will be developed by the post holder but an example could be:

- 1-6 months carry out diagnostic of Charity and skills sets of Trustees, carry out a community
 profile of the ward to identify the demographic and identify needs / gaps in service or
 community provision. Develop and strengthen the Trustees by co-developing and
 enhancing all relevant paperwork, governance, infrastructure processes and procedures.
- 7-12 months: recruit new Trustees, work with existing Trustees to develop a robust timetable of long-term bookings and support the 'tenants' with their development needs to ensure future sustainability.
- 13-18 months: train and support the Trustees identify and develop a 5-year business plan and a funding strategy to sustain the Centre.
- 19-24 months: start handover roles and responsibilities of the post holder to the appropriate volunteer/trustee to manage.

Blue Watch will claim a Management Fee but have also added in a running costs budget to cover small capital and revenue projects to be delivered by the post holder, which enable the Centre to reach its full potential.

Outputs

CODE	Output	2021/22 Target	2022/23 Target
101	number of digital hubs created	1	0
102	number of people accessing digital support	50	50

CODE	Output	2021/22 Target	2022/23 Target
201	number of adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	350	450
202	number of assets purchased, improved and / or developed to contribute towards healthier lives	3	5
203	number of children and young people benefiting from this project	150	250
205	number of people signposted into Public/VCS services	50	70
CODE	Output	2021/22 Target	2022/23 Target
304	number of volunteers recruited and participating	6	8
305	number of volunteer hours delivered	TBC	TBC
306	number of external organisations involved or supported	10	20
307	number of hours spent delivering this funded project	TBC	TBC
309	number of cultural, heritage and community events supported and delivered	4	4
311	number of visitors footfall at neighbourhood events	400	400

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Salary costs 16 hours per week at £15 per	£24,960	-	£24,960
hour x 52 weeks for 24 months			
Management Fee @ £20 per hour x 4 hours	£8,320	-	£8,320
per week for 24 months			
Running Costs p.a. to cover expenditure such	£16,720	-	£16,720
as or similar Marketing, Building Works,			
Equipment, Signage, Notice Board, etc. for			
24 months			
Fundraising support including writing and	£5,000	£5,000	-
submission of applications if/when required			
Total	£55,000	£5,000	£50,000

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority to 'Support the Voluntary Sector' (Section 17)

Application No. 4

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Maximising Community Assets
Lead Organisation	Multi Partners To be Determined

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£25,000	£0	£25,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 Months	November 2021	October 2022

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

In March 2020 the East Sunderland Area Committee awarded grants to organisations to open up their buildings on either a Friday or Saturday night to provide a safe place for young people to visit and hang out in, instead of wandering the streets, reducing the risk of youth disorder and antisocial behaviour.

In August 2021, the East Neighbourhood and Community Board would like to recommend approval of continuing three projects that were successfully delivered, these are:

- 1. £5,000 for Out of the Box, delivered by The Box Youth and Community Project, Doxford
- 2. £5,000 for Transit Youth, delivered by Blue Watch Youth Centre, Ryhope
- 3. £5,000 for Transit Youth delivered by Blue Watch Youth Centre, St Michael's
- 4. £5,000 to either extend a previously funded project in Hendon, or carry out a call for projects
- 5. £5,000 to either extend a previously funded project in Millfield, or carry out a call for projects

Outputs

CODE	Output per ward	2021/22 Target
203	number of children and young people benefiting from this project	80
304	number of volunteers recruited and participating	6
305	number of volunteer hours delivered	312

Budget

	Doxford	Hendon	Millfield	Ryhope	St	Total
					Michael's	
Maximising	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£25,000
Community	The Box	TBC	TBC	Blue Watch	Blue Watch	
Assets						

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Support Youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe (Section 20).

Change in Circumstances No. 5

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	ICT Tech Helpline
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council: Area Arrangements

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£5,000 (approved Mar 20)	£0	£5,000 (approved Mar 20)
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Project Duration	Start Date	End Date

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

To provide East's Go! Get Online Partners with appropriate advice and technical support by having a dedicated ICT support Team provided by Protech City.

Protech City will provide information, advice and guidance on IT technical issues and troubleshooting problems to enable Partners use their IT facilities in the community, if issues cannot be resolved over the phone a site visit will be carried out.

The support will be delivered via a token scheme, which will be established consisting of 100 tokens (@ £50 per token)

- Remote support: one hour = 1 token (minimum job 1 token)
- Onsite support: First hour = 3 token (minimum job 3 tokens) 1 token an hour after then

Protech would aim to response to remote support within one working day, and an onsite support visit within 3-5 working days.

Payment of the grant would be made up front, and Protech will provide quarterly updates on support provided (Jan 22, Apr 22, Jul 22), with an evaluation due by the end of October 2022.

If no support has been required, they will be the option to continue the Scheme as is, or review and enhance the offer based on learning over the first year, or return the grant to the Council.

Outputs

CODE	Output	Target
102	number of people accessing digital support	20
306	number of external organisations involved or supported	20
307	number of hours spent delivering this funded project	100

Budget

Heading	Total
100 tokens @ £50 per token	£5,000

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority support people with digital learning resources (Section 11).

Item 4, Annex 2

East Sunderland Area Committee

20 September 2021

Sunderland City Council

Supported by East Area Committee

Community Chest Awards April 2021 to March 2022

Doxford Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Mill Hill Primary School: Gardening Club	23.06.21		£1,470
Sunderland Rangers FC: New strips	28.07.21		£284
Remaining balance			£8,246
Hendon Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Raich Carter Centre: School holiday activities	21.07.21		£858
Remaining balance			£8,142
Millfield Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
ReadyGo!: VX Sports Programme	15.04.21	•	£1,150
Remaining balance			£8,850
Ryhope Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Ryhope Sea Angling Club: Equipment	28.07.21		£1,000
Remaining balance			£9,000
St Michaels Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Remaining balance			£10,000
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Current Planning Applications(East)

Between 01/08/2021 and 01/09/2021

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/01877/FUL	EDF Energy PLCEndeavour HouseVictory WayDoxford InternationalSunderlandSR3 3XL	Construction of a new glazed entrance tunnel with revolving door system, Installation of accessible door within the glazed curtain walling providing disabled access and new disabled access ramp.	06/08/2021	01/10/2021
21/02022/FUL	23 Houlsyke CloseSunderlandSR3 2YE	Erection of single storey front extension.	24/08/2021	19/10/2021
21/01843/FUL	1 Craigwell DriveSunderlandSR3 2TR	Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension.	10/08/2021	05/10/2021
21/01997/FUL	33 RushfordSunderlandSR2 0BA	Erection of a single storey extension to rear	19/08/2021	14/10/2021
21/02035/FUL	Land AtDoxford Park WaySunderland	Replacement of existing 15m high mast with a 20m monopole, 2 no. dishes, 1 no. equipment cabinet and associated ancillary equipment.	26/08/2021	21/10/2021

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Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision	
21/01845/FUL	River ViewLow StreetSunderland	Removal of existing cladding and associated fascias, cappings and soffits at high level to be replaced with Class A1 fire rated cladding and associated fascias, cappings and soffits.	17/08/2021	12/10/2021	
21/02039/LP3	Wearmouth BridgeBridge StreetSunderland	The installation of temporary lighting on Wearmouth Bridge.	26/08/2021	21/10/2021	
21/02040/LB3	Wearmouth BridgeBridge StreetSunderland	The installation of temporary lighting on Wearmouth Bridge	26/08/2021	21/10/2021	
21/01726/FUL	56 Frederick StreetSunderlandSR1 1NF	Change of use from hair salon to chinese massage shop (sui generis).	02/08/2021	27/09/2021	
21/01953/FUL	Jopling StoresUnit 2 Jobling HouseJohn StreetCity CentreSunderlandSR1 1DP	Retention of an automated teller machine.	13/08/2021	08/10/2021	
21/01954/ADV	Jopling StoresUnit 2 Jobling HouseJohn StreetCity CentreSunderlandSR1 1DP	Retention of 1 no. illuminated logo panel and 1no. illuminated surround sign to ATM machine.	13/08/2021	08/10/2021	
21/01958/FUL	1 Raglan AvenueSunderlandSR2 7TD	Erection of a single storey side extension.	16/08/2021	11/10/2021	

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21/01651/FUL	55 John StreetCity CentreSunderland	Conversion from bar/restaurant to 5 self contained apartments, to include removal of part rear extension to form light well, erection of rear boundary wall and formation of new window openings, replacement dormers and other associated works.	23/08/2021	18/10/2021	
21/01652/LBC	55 John StreetCity CentreSunderland	Removal of part rear extension to form light well, erection of rear boundary wall and formation of new window openings, replacement dormers and other associated works.	23/08/2021	18/10/2021	
21/01908/FUL	Sunderland Royal Hospital Chester RoadSunderlandSR4 7TP	Replacement of existing windows and cladding of existing brickwork to Block A - Main Building facing Kayll Road	23/08/2021	18/10/2021	
21/01839/TEX	Land AtFarringdon RowSunderland	Removal of 3no. existing antennas and replacement with 3no. new antennas fixed to new support poles on proposed support steelwork plus ancillary works thereto.	10/08/2021	29/09/2021	
21/01901/SUB	6 Brady StreetSunderlandSR4 6QQ	Erection of dormer windows to front and rear. Erection of a single storey extension to rear (RESUBMISSION)	10/08/2021	05/10/2021	
21/01636/FUL	75 Corning RoadSunderlandSR4 6EE	Erection of a garden/play room to rear garden	11/08/2021	06/10/2021	

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21/02051/FUL	Dun Cow9 - 9A High Street WestSunderlandSR1 3HA	Change of use of second floor from managers flat to office space	27/08/2021	22/10/2021	
21/00451/LP3	Land Between Highclere Drive And Cherry KnowleSunderland	Earthworks to facilitate the construction of Ryhope Doxford Link Road (RDLR) (Phase 4) between Highclere Drive and Cherry Knowle Site; to include a non-motorised user bridge; associated infrastructure/ landscaping and stopping up of associated public highway.	13/08/2021	12/11/2021	
21/01828/FUL	Land Off Salterfen RoadSunderland	Installation of an electricity substation	02/08/2021	27/09/2021	
21/01920/FUL	22 Tarn DriveSunderlandSR2 9TL	Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear.	11/08/2021	06/10/2021	
21/01856/TPA	Land AtCorby Gate And Corby Hall DriveSunderland	T10 Beech - Crownlift to 4.2mT12 and T16 Sycamore, T13 and T37 Beech, T41 Lime - Prune back by 2- 3mT 19 Sycamore - Crown lift to 4.2m and crown clean / deadwoodT31 Sycamore - Prune back by 4m and crown lift to 4.2mT42 Laburnum - Prune back by 1-2m and remove deadwoodT50 Viburnum - Crown clean and deadwoodT58 Beech - Crown lift to 4mT59 Sycamore - Crown lift to 4mWhitebeam to prune by 1m	04/08/2021	29/09/2021	

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21/01861/TPA	2 Bede BrookSunderlandSR3 1LH	Tree 1 - Sycamore - Dismantle to ground level	05/08/2021	30/09/2021	
21/01829/FUL	7 Stannington GardensSunderlandSR2 9EN	Erection of a two storey extension to side	12/08/2021	07/10/2021	
21/01716/FUL	57 Crosslea AvenueSunderlandSR3 1LU	Erection of a single storey extension to the rear of property.	03/08/2021	28/09/2021	
21/01745/TPA	8 Corby Hall DriveSunderlandSR2 7HZ	T1 lime- remove deadwood and crown lift to 6m.	05/08/2021	30/09/2021	
21/01144/FUL	1-59 Benedict Court Saint Georges WaySunderlandSR2 7AX	Removal and replacement of combustible balustrades and decks to existing balconies with non combustible materials.	12/08/2021	07/10/2021	
21/02010/TPC	81 The AvenueAshbrookeSunderlandSR 2 7EZ	Fell 1no. Hawthorne tree	23/08/2021	04/10/2021	

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21/02058/TPC	HeadteacherThornhill Park School24 Thornhill ParkSunderlandSR2 7LA	Remove major deadwood from trees numbered: 29,31,35,38,40,41,42,43,44,47,50,51, 52,58,63,66.3 roadside sycamore trees overhanging garden area, Reduce by 1.5m, crown lift to 6m and remove deadwood from trees numbered: 55,56,65	29/08/2021	10/10/2021	

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