West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

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Sunderland City Council

The Plan is a working document, which will include addition information from other public sector partners and VCS Area Network, where relevant.

The Plan commits the Area Committee to a significant number of priorities, which will be delivered within the West of Sunderland, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the West Neighbourhood and Communities Board.

Residents will be able to monitor delivery of the plan via the online activity tracker which will be available to access at <u>www.sunderland.gov.uk</u> as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The West Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

- 1. Work with private landlords
- 2. Invest in street furniture
- 3. Invest in green space
- 4. Love Where You Live and In Bloom
- 5. Transport Routes and Parking
- 6. Highways, pavements and street lighting
- 7. Parks, play, cycle and walking routes
- 8. Social Prescribing
- 9. Support voluntary and community sector
- 10. Volunteer platform
- 11. Support communities to deliver local events

12. Drainage
13. Promote Heritage Assets and Deliver Heritage Activities
14. Support Local Shopping Centres
15. Digital
16. Job Clubs
17. Healthy Eating
18. Support Youth Clubs
19. Welfare Rights Support

It is now the responsibility of West Sunderland Area Committee to deliver their Delivery Plan and will form the work programme for the Area Committee and the Neighbourhood and Community Board for the coming months and years.

NB: numbers are for reference only; they do not list them in priority order.

Neighbourhood Investment priority			
Action	Next Steps	Update	
1. Work with private landlords by ward and pro	1. Work with private landlords by ward and proactively deal with issues using all available enforcement powers		
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City More and b			
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to West Neighbourhood and Community Board	West Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the West area.	The Assistant Director of Housing attended the February 2020 Neighbourhood and Community Board and updated on the developments within the service area.	
2. Invest in Street Furniture including addition	al bins	1	
	and more attractive city and neighbour	hoods	
Receive an update on bins installations and new locations identified with members including smart bin technology in key locations Removal or Painting of pedestrian barriers and	List to be provided to West Area and costs to be established for capital spend.	At the March 2021 Area Committee funding was approved to replace 48 110ltr bins, 4 dog bins, 19 post mounted and 6 benches. Bins were installed over the summer and continued into Autumn. Benches have now been installed. Funding approved NICP £36,529 The Neighbourhood and Community Board	
other street furniture 3. Enhance local green spaces and encourage	wider use including sports equipment.	have agreed to hold further discussions regarding this priority later in the year. Wards continue to use their Walk and Talk projects to address ward-based issues.	
delivery of activities which support health a		3 1 1	
	more attractive City and neighbourhood		
A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives			
Develop a plan for Green gyms – consider locations and equipment across the West	Area Committee Development Lead (ACDL) to coordinate and arrange a Task and Finish group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	All 6 Outdoor Gym sites are now open. Each site has a variety of equipment to exercise arms and legs. The Site locations are, Hylton Road Playing Fields, King George Playing Fields, Silksworth Recreation Park, Barnes Park, East Herrington Park and Thorney Close.	

		Funding approved NICP £65,000
Improve walking routes and fitness trails- linked to improved cycle routes- signage, improved surfaces, maps.	Promote View ranger and gather information from relevant service area to understand gaps in West and suggest improvements.	The relevant service areas attended the February Board and updated on plans for the city. Members supported the plans and are also keen to enhance existing routes, further details to be discussed at a future Board meeting. Improvements have been made to routes across the West with vegetation removed. Work continues with the Stephenson Trail, with improvements planned for 2022/2023.
Parks and Open Green Spaces		The Assistant Director of Community Resilience attended the July board and provided an update on Parks and Open green spaces and the capital investment proposals. A further update was provided at the April board, all improvements are progressing. Work continues to be delivered with further improvements and updates being provided to future Board meetings. The Ex-Bowls pavilion at King George Playing Fields has been advertised as a community asset, business plans are expected to be submitted middle of September to Property Services for full appraisal.
Carry out a review, audit and capital improvements across Sunderland Cemeteries.	Invite the Bereavement Service Manager along to a future meeting to discuss.	The Bereavement Service Manager was invited along to the November 2021 Board meeting. An update was provided on improvements and service changes. Member were informed about a new joint working group being established across the City, between Officers and Councillors to improve the appearance and design of

		cemeteries. Members were invited to the working group.
Continue to develop ward based projects that utilise the Walk and Talk budget	ACDL to continue to work with ward members to deliver projects following member walk arounds.	Ward members continue to allocate the Walk and Talk budgets in each ward. The West Area Committee approved £120,000 of Neighbourhood Funding to Walk and Talk in June 2022. This has increased each wards budget by £20,000. The Walk and Talk project supports local Ward Councillors to find solutions to environmental issues and community-based issues at a local level. Examples of this could be gaps in social prescribing/improving a community asset/environmental improvement. Funding approved NF £120,000
4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign and		
	more attractive city and neighbourhoo	
Continue to receive updates from the Clean and Green Project and the Voluntary Community Sector on community litter picks and environmental projects and ensure they advertise opportunities for residents/schools etc to get involved.	Continue to monitor the project and hold regular steering group meetings.	Environmental improvements/litter picks and community activities have been delivered across all wards. The steering group met in November and agreed a refreshed action plan for 2022. Work continues across the West with Volunteering opportunities being promoted across the Wards. The Clean and Green team were actively involved in the Great British Spring Clean. Over 90 Volunteers worked with Clean and Green to collect 100 bags of rubbish and fill 4 van loads. The Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed to do a Call for Projects for each ward to ensure a localised approach to Clean and Green across the West. Applications have been received, appraised and consulted on and the Board are making a

		 recommendation to West Area Committee to approve 5 projects Clean it and Green it Barnes – Community Opportunities £27,000 Silksworth Ranger – Youth Almighty Project £26,995 Clean it and Green it Sandhill- Community Opportunities £27,000 Clean it and Green it St Anne's- Community Opportunities £27,000 Clean it and Green it St Anne's- Community Opportunities £27,000 St Chad's Ranger – Youth Almighty Project £26,995 The Neighbourhood and Community board are making a recommendation to reject Clean it and Green it Pallion – Community Opportunities £27,000
		The Neighbourhood and Community board would like to adapt the Pallion Call for Project brief and readvertise the opportunity in October 2022. Total Neighbourhood Fund recommended for
		approval £134,990
Develop plans for a West wide in bloom delivery	Continue to monitor projects approved.	The Neighbourhood and Community Board launched a Call for Projects for applications for The Keep Sunderland West Tidy Programme which were approved at September Area Committee. Projects are delivering across the West. Opportunities involving local residents are promoted on the West Area Facebook page, the individual project Facebook pages and within each centre and local area. Since

		awarding the funding 60 litter picks have taken
		place and over 1400 volunteer hours achieved.
		Funding approved NF to 9 projects £10,417
To understand more about the Enforcement		The West Enforcement project attended the
measures and opportunities to enhance in the		July Neighbourhood and Community Board.
West to encourage more to 'Love where you live'		The members of staff have now been recruited
5		and so far over 600 enforcement actions have
		taken place.
		Updates will continue to be provided to future
		Neighbourhood and Community Board
		Funding approved NF £229,977
5. Review transport routes in partnership with	all providers in consultation with reside	
residential and shopping	•	1 1 5
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Great transpo	ort and travel links	
Consider parking issues at St Luke's Terrace		The Asset and Network Manager attended the
		Neighbourhood and Community Board and
		discussed the issues faced around the area
		with regards to parking. The Neighbourhood
		and Community Board will discuss the matter
		at a future meeting and consider options.
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6. Invest in highways, pavements and street light	phting	
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Great transp		
A Vibrant Smart City People feeling		
	and more attractive city and neighbour	hoods
Update to be provided on amount of investment	Highways Maintenance Programme for	A report on proposed highways to include in
planned by Highways Services for highways,	2021 - 2022 to be presented to	the 2021 / 2022 Programme was considered
pavements and street lighting replacement	Neighbourhood and Community Board	by the Area Committee in March 2021 and
programme	for discussion and recommendation to	agreed. Further updates have been received
programme	West Area Committee.	and Members have fed areas for consideration
		in the 2022-2023 programme. At the February
		Board meeting the Board considered the
		recommendations for 2022-2023 and made
		some changes.
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Consider traffic calming measures on Silksworth Lane alongside parking restrictions	Following the various Task and Finish groups on highway improvements, proposals were presented to the Board in February. Those proposals were considered by Area Committee
7 Invest in Parks, play gross, avals and walkin	suggestions.
	visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural
events, programmes and activities	• • • • •
	more attractive City and neighbourhoods
A Healthy Smart City Reduced hea	Ith inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives
West Area Committee approved £120k to improvements to play areas in the West.	Area Committee agreed a Play Improvement project. The project has experienced delays due to market conditions and in some cases vandalism to play areas. 7 Sites (Hylton Road Playing Fields, Silksworth Recreation Park, East Herrington Park, King George Playing Fields, Thorney Close, Grindon Lane and Barnes Park) are now complete and equipment is being used regularly. Portsmouth Road experienced delays and vandalism. Funding approved NF £120,000

Consider improvements to existing cycle routes and improve digital routes	Request update from relevant service on City and Area Plans and then consider capital improvements to support Area improvements.	
Consider new cycle routes	Relevant Officers invited to a future board meeting, to discuss City plans and local proposals	The relevant service areas attended the Board and updated on plans for the city. Members supported the plans and are also keen to enhance existing routes, further details to be discussed at a future Board meeting. Cutting back of vegetation to allow for wider paths has taken place in key locations. This work will continue as part of regular maintenance of public rights of way.
 8. Social Prescribing – develop local offer to improve health and wellbeing and access to services locally to reduce social isolation, improve mental health and support long-term health conditions, and ensure physical activity session are accessible and not cost or time prohibitive, in partnership with All Together Better Links to: A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives A Healthy Smart City People enjoying independent lives Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience 		
Sunderland Community Wealth St	rategy Business growth and investmen	nt in VCS
Ensure the West VCS continue to be supported to provide services and activities to local residents	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	Activities and services have continued to be delivered throughout the year using Community Chest and Walk and Talk. Support has continued to be offered to ensure maximum external funding attracted. The West Area Neighbourhood and Community Board considered the need for improvement community transport and advertised a Call for Projects for a Community Mini Bus. 2 applications were received, appraised and consulted. One application is recommended by the board for approval. Details in Item 4 Annex 1 Consideration for Neighbourhood fund £40,000

 West Area Committee in partnership with Public Health Funding to support health related projects in Sunderland West. Funding aligned- linking with Green Gym development 9. Support the voluntary and community sector local community venues as well as host community 		
	ts participating in their communities	
	ategy Increasing social value through	procurement and wider activity
	ategy Business growth and investmen	t in VCS
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity at a grassroots level.	Area Co-ordinator to provide update in line with the development of support and capacity building as a strategic approach.	The VCS has continued to be supported by the Area Committee. The VCS Network continues to be supported to ensure they have access to internal and external funding opportunities. The Sunderland VCS Alliance has now been established and updates provided to members at the September Board meeting. The West Community Support worker is now in post. A Task and Finish group has taken place and discussed this priority. A 'taking stock' survey have been completed by 33 orgainsations in the West to date with findings being reported to a Task and Finish group.
10. Launch a volunteer platform to support resident		communities
Sunderland Community Wealth Str	ts participating in their communities rategy Community empowerment, enga	agement and involvement
Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and	Update volunteer platform to enable	Volunteers continue to be linked to residents
link with our VCS.	matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.	and Voluntary groups who require support. Volunteering opportunities for the Great British Spring Clean 2022 were advertised with activities being held across the West working alongside the West Clean and Green project. Over 100 volunteers participated.

11. Support communities to deliver local events				
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural				
events, programmes and activities				
	Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement			
West Area Committee funded a large-scale event for 2022- delivered by Youth Almighty Project		The event took place 30 th June, 1 st and 2 nd July. Over 700 school children attended on the school days with thousands attending on the Saturday. The Neighbourhood and Community Board have invited Youth Almighty to apply for an event for 2023. The application is being considered by West Area Committee in September 2022 Funding approved NF £40,000 (for 2022) Neighbourhood Funding consideration for £40,000 for 2023 event		
Consider purchasing event equipment for				
communities				
Festive lights and celebrations	£60,000 approved from Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme	 Each ward has considered the impact of lights and appropriate schemes have been installed. Those without suitable locations will consider this project and discuss details at a Future Board meeting. Amended project for Barnes and Sandhill. Barnes for improved street lighting and Sandhill improved street furniture Funding approved NICP £60,000 		
12. Additional Drainage cleansing programme				

Continue to support local traders and link in with		A Task and Finish group took place in
flooding officers regarding local issues.		September 2021, Members received updates
		on localised issues and City-wide provision.
13. Communicate heritage assets and delivery h	neritage activities to improve health an	d wellbeing and improve community
		s informing and participating in cultural
events, programmes and activities		
	ategy Community empowerment, enga	
Consider improvements to the Stephenson Trail – working alongside other areas (Coalfield and East)	July Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed to consider the Stephenson Trail and the heritage around the site. Need to understand the other areas interest and set up a Task and Finish group to consider.	 A multi area Task and Finish group continues to meet. The action plan has been developed to support this project and work continues. At the September Area Committee £50,000 Neighbourhood Capital funding was approved. A Stephenson Trail Task and Finish group with members from the Coalfield, East and West areas have developed an action plan and each of the three Area Committees have approved £50k funding. In February 2022, the Stephenson Trail Task Group received an update on the Walking the Routes results, which identified environmental and physical improvements required. Working with Council services and partners the Task Group is developing an action plan to improve the route of the trail. The Cultural Spring will deliver an Educational
		programme and are engaging with seven primary schools, whose location is near the Trail. The selected Schools in the West area will work with specialists from the creative sector to produce an Education Pack which will be shared with other Primary Schools within

		the City. In addition, there is an array of community activities on offer during 2022, which include: way markers competition; song writing; banners and flags project; photo competition; oral history recordings; pop up gigs across the summer months
		Three local community organisations (one from each of the Coalfield, East and West areas) are supporting the project by carrying out environmental and physical improvements with the support of volunteers. The groups will also assist in the design of interpretation boards for each area, at relevant points along the route. The groups will work in partnership with colleagues from Local Services who are also carrying out work to improve the trail. A celebration event is being planned to take place in November at City Hall. All groups, schools and volunteers who have contributed so far will be invited. The Steering Group will meet in September at Hetton Lyons Country Park to discuss progress and agree future actions, including plans for the celebration event in November 2022, and future maintenance of the trail.
Consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel	Work with the heritage team to consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel.	The planning application was approved for the revised site (behind Silksworth aged miners cottages). Following the tender process work began on site in Spring 2022. The Wheel is

		now in place with further landscaping work being carried out in the Autumn. Funding approved NF £17,500
14. Invest in local shopping centres and suppor		
A Vibrant Smart City More residen	city centre with more businesses, hous ts participating in their communities rategy Business growth and investmen	
Continue with the capital improvement projects from local shopping centre budgets - Budgets remain in Sandhill, St Chad's and Barnes)		Wards have been considering the improvements that could be made, deep cleans are being delivered and wrapping of bins to bring identity to smaller shopping parades are being considered. The Festive lights funding has been used to enhance 3 shopping areas within the West.
15. Increase 5g access across all neighbourhoo	ods and support people with digital reso	
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City A lower car	bon City with greater digital connectivit	ty for all
	people with better qualifications and sk	
Improve access and knowledge of ICT to reduce social isolation	Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group. ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	The Area Committee approved the project to be delivered by Media Savvy with the project beginning mid April 2021. The VCS Network have been updated on the project and many groups are coming forward to be involved. Whilst the project which has experienced delays due to Covid it has begun its work with existing provision to enhance the offer to local residents in addition to working with various community centres to develop an ICT hub. Main hubs and mini hubs have been receiving technical support on equipment and access requirements. To date over 400 people have accessed digital support.

16. Create job clubs and education centres with	nin local community venues including d	ligital skill training and basic skills		
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City More and better jobs A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience				
West Area Committee Invited Department Verith	DVD invited to full explication for OLLD	The project continues to be delivered		
West Area Committee Invited Pennywell Youth Project (PYP) to apply for an extension to the CLLD project	PYP invited to full application for CLLD extension utilising existing alignment of funding from previous years allocation.	The project continues to be delivered alongside the other CLLD projects. All working in partnership to ensure residents from across the West receive the support required.		
Continue to receive updates on existing CLLD projects in the West and consider extensions to existing projects and consider new applications requiring match	Receive a performance update on existing projects.	At the September Area Committee the REACT phase 2 project was approved. Other area projects continue to deliver and support residents in Job Searches or Employment Training or Education. Funding Approved NF £42,500		
Continue to receive updates on West NEET project	Receive a performance update on existing project.	The NEET project delivered by Youth Almighty Project alongside other youth providers in the West. Throughout this project over 60 young people have received meaningful engagement and 44 young people have progressed into Education, Training or Employment. The project is now complete.		
17. Eating healthy meals and learning to prepare and cook food, delivery sessions within local community.				
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience				
Receive updates on Holiday hunger activities deliver across 2019-2022.	Receive a performance report from existing projects delivering holiday hunger activities and consider proposals for future need and delivery.	The Area Committee approved £48,000 for 2021 delivery the Holiday Hunger activities projects across the West. The 6 project leads submitted applications to deliver sessions across the May, Summer, October, Christmas, February and Easter 2022 holiday periods. Activities have been delivered the school holidays, lead groups have worked with other		

	funding providers to ensure that activities are increased where possible. Youth groups from across the West submitted applications to extend the holiday offer. The applications were approved at June's Area Committee Total NF funding awarded £29,824			
18. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people t				
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods				
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy I				
Receive updates from Sunderland All Together Consortium on project delivery and consider gaps when identified.	Members received a presentation from Sunderland All Together Consortium, the Consortium were invited to full application for 2 project proposals. Applications and the details of the projects were approved at December Area Committee and work has begun to be delivered with regular meetings with Members and young people being involved in the delivery models. Since April young people have attended sessions (1400 attendees) and taken part in activities, the project has also supported 50 volunteers to deliver over 1200 hrs. Funding approved NF £213,480			
Consider if facilities need capital improvements and or additional equipment for detached and outreach work.	A Task and Finish group has met and discussed the support required for the VCS. Discussions are taking place with other Council departments to understand the capital improvements required. A further Task and Finish discussed these findings and fed back			

		to the Board. A taking stock survey is currently being completed by the VCs groups across the West, so far 33 groups have responded, information is being collated Individual wards are working with groups to identify opportunities to utilise Walk and Talk Funding		
Mental Health and Wellbeing support		Funding approved NF £32,460 At the September Area Committee, the application for Mental Health and Wellbeing sessions in Secondary schools across the West delivered by If U Care Share. Regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board. To date over 800 young people have been supported by this project. Funding approved NF £44,496		
19. Support those who are struggling due to Universal Credit and other financial conditions				
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience				
Invite Welfare rights service to submit proposals for West Support - consider a 3-year proposal.	Understand if other areas are considering this priority and invite proposal.	Recruitment is underway and the additional support for local residents is being delivered. Up until June 2022, 739 residents have received information, advice and guidance and 187 residents are more resilient and able to help themselves in a crisis. Funding approved NF for 3 year project £150,000		