

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

Tuesday 14 March 2023 at 5:30pm

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

Membership

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

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Report of the Assistant Director of Community Resilience
(copy attached)

ELAINE WAUGH
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

6 March 2023

Item 1d

At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, on WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2022 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors, Burnicle, Crosby, Dunn, Edgeworth, Greener, Haswell, Mullen, Peacock, Tye and Watson.

Also Present:-

Kelly Brougham	VCS Network Representative, Active Families N.E.
Vicky Gamblin	Head of Operations, Gentoo
Joanne Laverick	VCS Network Representative, Youth Almighty
Andy Nelson	Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Karen Noble	VCS Network Representative, Pallion Action Group
David Noon	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Gilly Stanley	Area Community Development Lead, Sunderland City Council
Gerry Taylor	Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities, Sunderland City Council

Apologies for Absence

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

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 21 September, 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Report of Northumbria Police

Northumbria Police submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on key performance information in relation to the Sunderland West area.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Committee was informed that owing to a family member having Covid, the Police Officer due to present the report was unable to attend the meeting. Members having

any questions on the report were advised to email Ms Gilly Stanley, Area Community Development Lead who would contact Northumbria Police for a response.

Councillor Tye referred to the growth in youth anti-social behaviour in the West Sunderland area reflected in the report, noting that the largest increase was in the St Anne's Ward. He believed that this was as a direct consequence of the decrease in youth provision in the Ward and in particular following the closure of the Pennywell Youth Project which had operated from a purpose-built premises, funded from SRB finance, on land owned by the Church of England. He expressed in the strongest possible terms his disappointment at the role played by the Church of England in the closure and asked that the Chief Executive be requested to make representations to the Church that the loss of youth provision in St Anne's was satisfactorily addressed.

Councillor Watson concurred with the views expressed by Councillor Tye stating that she had been extremely disappointed with the decision of the Church as the Pennywell Youth Project not only catered for the young people of St Anne's but also those of South Hylton and Nookside.

Councillor Mullen expressed concern at the lack of notification from Northumbria Police to Ward Councillors regarding significant periods of staff absence and requested that Northumbria Police were asked to provide an explanation. Councillor Edgeworth asked that any response received was relayed to all Members of the Committee.

Councillor Dunn referred to the last paragraph of the report and asked if the Police could provide further details on the success of the Darker Nights Campaign.

There being no further questions or comments on the report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED the report be received and noted.

Report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Station Manager Andy Nelson presented a report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on the Service's performance indicators for the period 1st April, 2022 to 21st November, 2022 with particular reference to the L133 Incidents (all deliberate fires).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

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

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Burnicle regarding the reason for the increase in the number of car fires, Mr Nelson advised that regular weekly meetings were held with Northumbria Police regarding the cause of fire. In the recent past the increase had been attributed to low level organised crime, however there was no discernible pattern to the latest increase. Often it was something as simple as an object left in a vehicle overheating.

Councillor Tye condemned the growing trend of people who believed it was alright to attack 'Blue Light' Officers attending the scene of a fire, highlighting the latest incidents

of assault in Shrewsbury Road. He stated that such behaviour was absolutely unacceptable.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Crosby regarding the 'Safe and Well' visits referenced in the report, Mr Nelson advised that they entailed offering general fire prevention and home safety advice. This would include checks on smoke and CO2 detectors / alarms and advice on things to avoid such as overloading electrical sockets and the use of 'alternative' home heating methods in response to the cost of living crisis.

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

3. RESOLVED the report be received and noted

Report of Gentoo

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

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Gamblin referred to the recent coverage around the tragic impact mould and damp could have within the home and the concern this could cause tenants. She advised that the health and safety of its tenants was Gentoo's number one priority and to this end a dedicated team had been set up to deal with any concern and provide the necessary support. This included a dedicated phone line (525 5500) where tenants could report any concerns about mould or damp.

The Chairman thanked Ms Gamblin for her report and invited questions and comments from the Committee.

Councillor Haswell stated he appreciated the efforts being made regarding the prevention of damp and mould but noted that in the past it had usually taken 3 or 4 requests from a tenant or the intervention of a ward Councillor to have an issue assessed. He asked what had been done to rectify this and prevent the escalation to a local Councillor. Ms Gamblin replied that there was probably little in the way of change with regard to the approach taken, however Gentoo now had more staff to address the issue. She acknowledged that it might not always have got things right in the past, but tenants needed to continue to report issues as they occurred. The problem was made more difficult as people were understandably reluctant to leave their heating on with the windows open in the middle of a cost of living crisis.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Greener, Ms Gamblin advised that Gentoo did not install de-humidifiers but did use damp metres to monitor condensation in homes.

Councillor Burnicle referred to the Gentoo window replacement programme and highlighted the importance of installing windows with built in ventilators. It was a growing problem that modern homes were being built with windows that made them

virtually airtight. Ms Gamblin advised that she would email Councillor Burnicle a copy of the specification of the windows being used.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Edgeworth regarding the current position in respect of the area of green open space at Gartland Road, Ms Gamblin replied that she believed an application had been submitted to the local Planning Authority but that the matter was currently on hold.

Councillor Peacock referred to paragraph 4.2 regarding the phase 1 Pennywell Regeneration Scheme and offered his thanks to Ms Gamblin and the team at Gentoo for the work undertaken to date, particularly in relation to the asbestos removal.

Councillor Crosby referred to the damage caused by storm Arwen and asked for an update in respect of the outstanding fence repairs as some residents had raised concerns over security. In reply, Ms Gamblin stated that the appointed contractors were following a programme starting in the Coalfield area of the city where the outstanding repairs had now been completed. She asked Councillor Crosby to email her details of areas where security concerns had been raised.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman thanked Ms Gamblin for her attendance and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Report of the West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

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

(For copy report – see original minutes)

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

- The receipt of presentations from Wearside Women in Need and Yitka Graham from Sunderland University around evaluation and monitoring.
- The invitation to West area organisations who manage community buildings to apply for funding from Sunderland City Council, in partnership with Sunderland's Community Led Local Development Programme (CLLD). The funding was to support organisations to help keep their doors open and offer 'Warm Spaces' for those most in need during the autumn and winter months.
- The provision of 16 Warm Spaces in the West area of Sunderland. The Warm Spaces in Sunderland had been represented nationally on BBC Breakfast in October by Pallion Action Group who highlighted the support the Kayll Road Library Hub Warm Space provided.
- The distribution by West Area Organisations of Round 3 of the Sunderland City Council Household Support Funding.
- The receipt of funding by West Area Organisations to deliver phase 2 Positive Steps' – 1-2-1 wrap around support designed around the individual and phase 3

to deliver social prescribing activity to support people with a wide range of social, emotional or practical needs.

There being no questions or comments for Ms Noble, the Chairman thanked her for report, and welcomed and introduced Sam Hunter and Harry Young of the If U Care Share organisation who provided the Committee with a Comprehensive presentation highlighting the work of the charity in respect of young peoples' emotional and mental health.

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

West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

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

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

(For copy report – see original minutes)

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

6. RESOLVED that:-

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

West Area Budget Report

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

(For copy report – see original minutes)

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

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

7. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement as detailed in paragraphs 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be received and noted;
- (ii) Approval be given to the granting of NF funding of £27,000 to — Springboard in respect of Pallion Clean and Green as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report
- (iii) The application for NF funding of £27,000 received from Community Opportunities in respect of Pallion Clean and Green be rejected for the reasons detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report
- (iv) the approval of the 27 Community Chest applications from the 2022/23 budget as detailed in Annex 2 of the report be noted.

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

(Signed) P. GIBSON,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

1.0 Purpose of Report

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Sunderland West area between the following 8-week period (December 2022 – 28th February 2023)

2.0 Key Updates

Anti-Social Behaviour

Since the last Area Committee ASB across the area has fallen by 8%. The hotspot areas for ASB are currently McDonalds and the Silksworth and Springwell areas.

Motorcycle Disorder

Since the last Area Committee Motorcycle Disorder across the area has fallen by 6%. It is expected that as the days get lighter and weather gets warmer we anticipate another seasonal rise. However, Motorcycle Disorder features heavily as part of our Seasonal Planning and the Neighbourhood Team are devising several initiatives to combat this issue.

Crime

Since the last Area Committee crime has risen across the area by 3%. However, the area has recorded the lowest recorded crime rate in Sunderland and since the last Area Committee we have seen Drug Crime fall by 30%, Vehicle Crime fall by 23% and Criminal Damage fall by 7%.

Northumbria Connected

Northumbria Connected was launched last year and is the best way for people to receive information on those matters that are important to you and the community. Northumbria Connected allows you to share your priorities, concerns and views with us directly. It allows you to give direct feedback to the Police on how you think we should have tackled the problem. You can sign up by visiting the Northumbria Connected website www.northumbriacconnected.co.uk

REPORT AUTHOR Inspector 7598 Passey

14 March 2023

REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for Sunderland West Committee area from 1st April 2022 to 28th February 2023.

2 Background

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

3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

3.1 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles

There were 10 deliberate property fires, compared to 6 in the same period as last year. Sandhill and St Annes wards had 3 each of the 10 incidents. 2 of which were dwelling fires and 1 outdoor storage unit. Incident of note - Meadow nursery lodge, property and contents severely destroyed by fire having devastating impact on local community as no longer able to provide support. The continued partnership working with Northumbria Police, Gentoo, Sunderland city council and departments within have continued to work collaboratively to reduce these incidents. Both ops crews and prevention and education department have carried out hot strikes and ran localised initiatives in conjunction with local intelligence from LMAPS.

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

3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

There were 56 incidents reported during this period compared to last year when there were 29. An increase of 93%. Sandhill had 18 vehicle fires 12 of which were cars. Investigations into these fires have not established if any incidents were linked. TWFRS continue to work with Northumbria Police regarding all suspected malicious vehicle fires and shall continue to monitor any patterns and trends.

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

There have been 505 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 294 over the same period last year. This is an increase of 71% over the same reporting period. Pandemic lock downs during some of the reporting periods last

year played a part in these figures. Silksworth Ward has had most incidents - 152 incidents. In the first two quarters the grassed area close to Primate Road, Dr's surgery and former police station site accounted for majority of incidents within the ward. Since site security improvements the incidents have migrated to around the lake and the area between Perth Road and Silksworth Lane.

St Anne's ward 114 incidents – Area in and including King George playing fields. Predominantly grass or loose refuse fires.

Sandhill ward –71 incidents, the areas of Tay road and Thorney close.

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

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

There were a total of 558 deliberate fires in this reporting period. An increase of 71% on last Year. This is due to an increase in predominantly ASB activity. The remarkably hot dry weather during the earlier quarters played its part in the notable increase on the number of grass fires. Grass fires and loose refuse/rubbish incidents were particularly problematic across all wards. Incidents in the earlier quarters, prior to the multi-agency work to improve security of the former police station/Primate Road had significant impact on these figures.

Vehicle fire incidents year to date have seen a 93% increase. This will continue to be monitored by ourselves and partner agencies. TWFRS are working with Sunderland city council environmental department, Gentoo to tackle loose refuse fires across all areas. Fire crews continue to monitor and report uplifts in the "hot spot areas" the Report-It tool is now embedded across the service which is assisting with a faster more stream lined collaborative mechanism. Partnership work (Northumbria police) carrying out targeted patrols and estate visits continues alongside engagement work. Any information regards any type of deliberate fire setting should be reported via the anonymous fire stoppers number.

3.6 Community Involvement

Regular multiagency meetings which help ensure a joined up approach will continue to be key to any further success. Crews have attended several events put on by local community groups and partner agencies across the area. Several schools from across the East have been to Farringdon station where they have engaged with firefighters and learned valuable fire safety messages and the impact of deliberate fire setting and ASB. (Schools selected were data and intelligence lead) The events held or attended by crews are an opportunity to build good local community relations and a rapport with some of the youths in the area.

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

Our home Safe and well delivery. Targeting our most vulnerable members of our community. Operational crews from Farringdon continue to provide this service and have delivered 1129 safe and wells visits across all wards.

The Princes Trust based at Farringdon Community Fire Station is now running with a cohort of 9 young people. The programme is due to finish on the 12th April.

The latest Firefighter recruit's course which started on Monday 13th Feb and will finish 19th May 2023. 24 Probationary firefighters will be posted to stations across Tyne and Wear.

3.7 On-going Issues

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

The educational and engagement activities are key to reduce ASB and prevent attacks on emergency services. Over this reporting period there were 68 attacks on crews across Tyne and Wear. 13 of which were in the Sunderland district. Predominantly these incidents were projectiles thrown towards firefighters and or appliances.

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

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of this report.

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14 March 2023

REPORT OF GENTOO

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the West Area Committee from December to March 2023.

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 continue to work on a tenancy sustainability plan to support tenants impacted with the cost-of-living crisis, who may be facing poverty because they cannot heat their home, pay their rent, or buy the essentials they need for themselves or their children. Tenancies fail for multiple reasons of which financial resilience is only one, and often a symptom of the real cause, such as vulnerability, relationship breakdown, low incomes, and unemployment. The Gentoo support teams work with tenants to provide extra support and the Department of Levelling up Housing and Communities has held up the work of Gentoo's Positive Engagement officers, as good practice. The PEO's work with tenants who have complex needs, such as drug and alcohol issues, which impact their ability to sustain their tenancy.

A Gentoo cost-of-living survey was sent out through social media during November 2022, with tenants asked twelve questions relating to how well they thought they might cope with the cost of living. Within two weeks 1550 responses had been received.

When asked '*how worried are you about the cost-of-living crisis?*' 51% said extremely or very worried with only 6% saying not worried at all. When asked '*how well do you think you will be able to cope with the cost-of-living crisis?*', 46.47% said either extremely or very well. With 17.78% saying not so well or not well at all. Of all respondents, 76.27% had used a food bank in the previous 6 months. In response to '*What is your biggest concern about the cost-of-living crisis?*' 45.41% of respondents, stated, '*paying rent*' with '*paying energy bills*' at 24.59% and '*buying food*' at 22.47%.

Pension Credit is one of the most underclaimed benefits in the UK and is extra money to help you cover your costs if you're over State Pension age and living on a low income. Gentoo have promoted Pension Credit eligibility through social media and the website to encourage this group of tenants to claim. To also support this age group of vulnerable tenants, Gentoo have worked in partnership with the DWP and Northumbrian Water to identify those pensionable age tenants who would qualify for water rates support, the collaborative work with the agencies has resulted in approximately 2,762 tenants being awarded a discount of between 10 and 50% of their water charges (Gentoo now have 8,629 tenants who have benefited from this support).

There continues to be poverty for families receiving universal credit, Gentoo currently has 10,683 tenants claiming universal credit. These tenants are supported monthly during the first four months of their claim by specialist officers, who ensure that access to all available services and financial support is discussed.

We continue to support initiatives such as 'Share the Warmth' campaign which distributes used coats, scarfs, and hats to individuals in need, we continue to work with utility suppliers to support tenants struggling to pay their bills and offer support through Gentoo's 'Crisis Fund'. Currently this year (up to the end of February) 774 requests have been assessed, and a spend of £28,549 has already issued to tenants to top up their gas and electricity meters. Tenants are still able to access professional Money Matters support should they find themselves in financial difficulty and demand for this service has dramatically increased in the last three months.

- 3.2 The Tenant Satisfaction Measures were created by the Regulator of Social Housing as a new system for assessing how well social housing landlords in England are doing at providing good quality homes and services.
From 1 April 2023, landlords must start collecting data for the tenant satisfaction measures (TSM's) ready for submission to the regulator in Summer 2024, these results will be published in Autumn 2024.
The measures are intended to enable residents to scrutinise their landlord and hold them to account. The measures will also be used as a source of intelligence to the Regulator on whether landlords are meeting the regulatory standards. TSM's will be used alongside other tools to gain assurance that housing providers are providing good quality homes and services.
The TSMs, which will be collected through tenant surveys and landlord data, will cover five main themes, including repairs, building safety, effective complaint-handling, respectful and helpful tenant engagement, and responsible neighbourhood management.
The Group already have a pilot project underway to ensure readiness for the provision of data to the Regulator. The tenant surveys are being carried out by an independent organisation to allow for honesty and transparency.
- 3.3 Tracey McCann, from the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner, joined colleagues from our Housing Team on an estate walk on Pennywell in February. It was a positive day and great to share the challenges our neighbourhood teams face, as well as showing Tracey the positive investment work going on in Pennywell.

4. Investment & Renewal

- 4.1 Thorney Close windows scheme is on program to complete at the end of March 2023. There are 608 properties completed and 69 left to commence at the time of writing this report.
- 4.2 Pennywell Regeneration, work continues through phase 1 in the Upper Pennywell area. There are currently two streams, one in Prestbury Rd / starting in Presthope Road and the other stream currently in Penistone Road).
- 4.3 Australia Tower roof, ground penetrating radar survey 'Topographical Survey' started in February and scaffold is planned to start 6th March for 28 weeks.

- 4.4 Funding has been secured from Sunderland City Council for an additional 5 seating benches at Lakeside Village.
- 4.5 Gillingham Road, Grindon. Following consultation with residents regarding the bushes in the street (raised by the Sandhill ward councillors) I'm happy to confirm these have now been removed.
- 4.6 Farrington Garages, contractor MGM Construction have been approved to commence demolition of 62 garages that are no longer fit for rent (size, condition, and lack of demand).
- 4.7 External redecoration works at Hartley Wood has commenced (45 properties benefitting from this) this scheme will address the render and fencing.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

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14th March 2023

REPORT OF WEST AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

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

2. Background

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

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

- 3.1 The West VCS Network met in person in February 2023. At the meeting the network welcomed presentations on Next door neighbour, Household Support Fund, West Area Event 2023 and the Falls Prevention programme.
- 3.2 The network echoed a common pattern that they are seeing a significant increase in the number of residents accessing the support available, particularly in relation to the availability of food. The Bread and Butter Thing will be starting at Silksworth Youth and Community Centre from March 7th. The network welcomed this news and see it as a fantastic resource and support service for local residents
- 3.3 Warm Spaces are continuing to be a success across the West with some organisations having secure additional funding to offer activities and one to one support. These are called What Matters to You and Positive Steps. The Warm Spaces funding ends April 2023 and we anticipate that other areas of support will be looked at for the VCS.
- 3.3 Household Support round 3 is currently still on offer till end of March 2023. The demand for this support has been unprecedented and the priority is those who have not received a significant cost of living payment from the Government. The VCS recognise the need for additional support through the cost-of-living crisis and will work with Sunderland City Council to support those who are struggling financially.
- 3.4 Sunderland's Strength and Balance programme is being ran by Active Families NE across the West for one year. The programme which starts w/c 13th March is free and for those people aged 55 plus that are at risk of falling or who have fallen. The programme will run across various times and venues across the West
- 3.5 Youth Almighty Project have announced they will be hosting the West Area Community Event in Barnes Park. The focus this year will be improving physical and mental wellbeing of residents. The event will take place 29th June – 1st July and once again local West Area schools will be invited to attend for the first 2 days.

- 3.6 Holiday Hunger was delivered through the February half term and was well attended with organisations providing activities and a meal for all children participating.

4. Recommendation

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

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14 March 2023

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WEST SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report: -

- a. Provides an annual performance update of the West Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan, which will be the focus for the West Area Committee during 2022-2023.
- c. Provides an update on Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2022 -2023.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the West Area Committee has worked together to finalise their Delivery Plans. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland.

3. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:
- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
 - b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.
- 3.2 The Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans were approved at Cabinet in March 2020.
- 3.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Area Committee Delivery Plans have been developed to enable this to happen.
- 3.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. Neighbourhood and Community Board meetings will be held in July, November, February and April and dates are included in the council diary. If required, the Board may convene a further meeting(s) should there be a business need to do so and essential to ensuring delivery of the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan. All Committee members are invited to attend all board meetings.
- 3.5 Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body, and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committee for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in May 2022.
- 3.6 Area Plans from 2023/24 onwards are being developed, with data/intelligence gathering underway. Members will take part in a series of workshops and discussions to recommend

priorities and actions for inclusion in these plans, which will be agreed at June 2023 Area Committee.

4. Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023- Areas of Key Action/Progress

- 4.1 The Plan, which includes an introduction from the Chair of the Area Committee, commits to a significant number of priorities, which are being delivered within the West area of Sunderland, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan is monitored by the Area Committee and actions will continue to be addressed up to 2023, via the West Neighbourhood and Community Board.
- 4.2 Residents will be able to review the Area Committee Delivery Plan and monitor delivery of the plan via the Council's website which is available to access at www.sunderland.gov.uk, as well as through Area Committee update reports. Funding to support delivery of the plan has been allocated and further information can be found at **Item 4 Area Budget Report**
- 4.3 Progress against the Delivery Plan has been reported regularly to Neighbourhood and Community Board and Area Committee. Good news stories and promotion of projects and local information have been posted on the West Sunderland Community Facebook page.
- 4.4 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to March 2023.

Priority/Issue	Update
Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme	Highways officers attended the Neighbourhood and Community Board in November and February to discuss schemes for 2023/24. Wards are using the Walk and Talk budget to make any amendments. Schemes are being considered at Area Committee in March. Details in Item 3 Annex 2
Consider traffic calming measures on Silksworth Lane alongside parking restrictions	At the Neighbourhood and Community Board in February members discussed the parking issues around the Silksworth Ski Slope complex. The board are making a recommendation to Area Committee to approve £25k NF/NCIP funding towards parking improvements.
Sunderland Cemeteries.	The joint working group discussed parking issues and raised this issue at the Neighbourhood and Community Board. The Board are making a recommendation to Area Committee to approve £25k NCIP funding toward parking improvements
Receive updates from Sunderland All Together Consortium on project delivery and consider gaps when identified.	The February Neighbourhood and Community Board welcomed a presentation on the Youth ASB 12-month project the group were invited to apply to extend the projects by 18 months up to the value of £50k. The board are making a recommendation to approve.
Mental Health and Wellbeing support	Safetyworks! transport project provided an update to the Neighbourhood and Community Board. The board are making a recommendation to approve £5k towards transport costs for schools in the West to attend Safetyworks!
Improve access and knowledge of ICT to reduce social isolation	The Area Committee approved the project to be delivered by Media Savvy to start mid-April 2021. The VCS Network have been updated on the project and many groups are coming forward to be involved. Main hubs and mini hubs have been receiving technical support on equipment and access requirements. To date over 1000 people have accessed digital support.

	Media Savvy are attending the March Area Committee to present an update to the Area Committee.
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5. Recommendations - Members are requested to: -

- 5.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within **Annex 1**
- 5.2.1 Support the recommendation to approve the West Highways Improvements – details in **Item 3 Annex 2**

Annex 1 West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

Annex 2 West Highway Improvements

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West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

Updated March 2023



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

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

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

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

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

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

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
1. Work with private landlords by ward and proactively deal with issues using all available enforcement powers		
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City <i>More and better housing</i>		
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to West Neighbourhood and Community Board	West Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the West area.	The Assistant Director of Housing attended the February 2020 Neighbourhood and Community Board and updated on the developments within the service area.
2. Invest in Street Furniture including additional bins		
Links to: A Healthy City Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i>		
Receive an update on bins installations and new locations identified with members including smart bin technology in key locations	List to be provided to West Area and costs to be established for capital spend.	At the March 2021 Area Committee funding was approved to replace 48 110ltr bins, 4 dog bins, 19 post mounted and 6 benches. Bins were installed over the summer and continued into Autumn. Benches have now been installed. Funding approved NCIP £36,529
Removal or Painting of pedestrian barriers and other street furniture		Wards continue to use their Walk and Talk projects to address ward-based issues. Examples of which includes Pallion improving bollards on St Luke's Terrace and St Chad's painting fencing around Allendale Road. Clean and Green and Rangers projects have been improving street furniture across the wards.
3. Enhance local green spaces and encourage wider use including sports equipment, refurbishment of existing equipment and delivery of activities which support health and wellbeing		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i> A Healthy Smart City <i>Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i>		
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	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

	updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	Fields, Silksworth Recreation Park, Barnes Park, East Herrington Park and Thorney Close. Public Health funding as well as NCIP were approved, Project has an underspend of £33,393 to NCIP December 2022
Improve walking routes and fitness trails- linked to improved cycle routes- signage, improved surfaces, maps.	Promote View ranger and gather information from relevant service area to understand gaps in West and suggest improvements.	The relevant service areas attended the February Board and updated on plans for the city. Members supported the plans. Improvements have been made to routes across the West with vegetation removed. Work continues with the Stephenson Trail, with improvements being made 2022/2023.
Parks and Open Green Spaces		The Assistant Director of Community Resilience attended the July board and provided an update on Parks and Open green spaces and the capital investment proposals. A further update was provided at the April board, all improvements are progressing. Work continues to be delivered with further improvements and updates being provided to future Board meetings. The Ex-Bowls pavilion at King George Playing Fields has been advertised as a community asset, business plans were submitted and appraised, property services have now progressed with a legal offer for a long term lease. The successful community group are expected to complete on the legal agreement in early spring.
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

		<p>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.</p> <p>The joint working group discussed parking issues and raised this issue at the Neighbourhood and Community Board. The Board are making a recommendation to Area Committee to approve 25k NCIP funding toward parking improvements. Detail in Item 4 Annex 1</p>
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.	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign and In Bloom		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods		
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	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

<p>opportunities for residents/schools etc to get involved.</p>		<p>for 2022. Work continues across the West with Volunteering opportunities being promoted across the Wards. The Clean and Green team were actively involved in the Great British Spring Clean. Over 90 Volunteers worked with Clean and Green to collect 100 bags of rubbish and fill 4 van loads. The Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed to do a Call for Projects for each ward to ensure a localised approach to Clean and Green across the West. Applications have been received, appraised and consulted on and the Area Committee approved the following project in September 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean it and Green it Barnes – Community Opportunities £27,000 • Silksworth Ranger – Youth Almighty Project £26,995 • Clean it and Green it Sandhill- Community Opportunities £27,000 • Clean it and Green it St Anne's- Community Opportunities £27,000 • St Chad's Ranger – Youth Almighty Project £26,995 <p>Having amended and readvertised the Pallion Clean and Green Call brief the Area Committee approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean and Green – Springboard £27,000 <p>Total Neighbourhood Fund awarded £161,990</p>
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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 One project (The South Hylton Tansy Centre) has since returned £1644, and £1432 has been returned from the West wide scheme. £3067 Money returned March 23 Item 4
To understand more about the Enforcement measures and opportunities to enhance in the West to encourage more to 'Love where you live'		The West Enforcement project attended the July Neighbourhood and Community Board. The members of staff have now been recruited and so far over 1000 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 residents. Pick up localised parking issues – residential and shopping		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Great transport 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.
6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Great transport and travel links		

A Vibrant Smart City *People feeling safe in their neighbourhoods*
A Healthy City Smart City *Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods*

<p>Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme</p>	<p>Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to West Area Committee.</p>	<p>A report on proposed highways to include in the 2021 / 2022 Programme was considered by the Area Committee in March 2021 and agreed. Further updates have been received and Members have fed areas for consideration in the 2022-2023 programme. At the February Board meeting the Board considered the recommendations for 2022-2023 and made some changes.</p> <p>Following the various Task and Finish groups on highway improvements, proposals were presented to the Board in February. Those proposals were considered by Area Committee and approved</p> <p>Highways officers attend the Neighbourhood and Community Board in November and February to discuss schemes for 23/24. Wards are using Walk and Talk to make any amendments. Schemes are being considered at Area Committee in March.</p> <p>Funding approved NICP £270,971 and NF £17,913</p>
<p>Consider traffic calming measures on Silksworth Lane alongside parking restrictions</p>		<p>New traffic restrictions around the area have now been completed. Consideration to be made to future traffic calming measures. As part of the Task and Finish group traffic calming measures were incorporated into the suggestions.</p> <p>At the Neighbourhood and Community Board in February members discussed the parking</p>

		issues around the Silksworth Ski Slope complex. The board are making a recommendation to Area Committee to approve £25k Details in Item 4 Annex 1
7. Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i>		
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. The Clean and Green team and Rangers continue to support and make improvements to these routes.
8. Social Prescribing – develop local offer to improve health and wellbeing and access to services locally to reduce social isolation, improve mental health and support long-term health conditions, and ensure physical activity session are accessible and not cost or time prohibitive, in partnership with All Together Better		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City People enjoying independent lives</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
Ensure the West VCS continue to be supported to provide services and activities to local residents	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	<p>Activities and services have continued to be delivered throughout the year using Community Chest and Walk and Talk. Support has continued to be offered to ensure maximum external funding attracted. The West Area Neighbourhood and Community Board considered the need for improvement community transport and advertised a Call for Projects for a Community Mini Bus. At the September Area Community funding was approved for a community mini bus,</p> <p>The delivery of the minibus has been delayed due to a number of factors, the group have been advised that delivery is expected between November 2023 and February 2024.the price has also increased to 50k, with the remaining 10k being match funded by Youth Almighty Project. To mitigate the impact of the delay the group have begun to allow other groups to use the current vehicle. The project will provide updates to future board meetings.</p> <p>Neighbourhood fund £40,000</p>

West Area Committee in partnership with Public Health Funding to support health related projects in Sunderland West. Funding aligned- linking with Green Gym development	When green gym project delivered- ensure VCS are supported to maximise usage of equipment safely and effectively.	
9. Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events, activities and nurture family learning		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity at a grassroots level.	Area Co-ordinator to provide update in line with the development of support and capacity building as a strategic approach.	The VCS has continued to be supported by the Area Committee. The VCS Network continues to be supported to ensure they have access to internal and external funding opportunities. The Sunderland VCS Alliance has now been established and updates provided to members. A 'taking stock' survey have been completed by 33 organisations in the West with findings being discussed at the November Neighbourhood and Community Board. Results were considered alongside the activities within the ward, members will continue to consider this data and discuss at future meetings.
10. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS.	Update volunteer platform to enable matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.	Volunteers continue to be linked to residents and Voluntary groups who require support. 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.

		Volunteers logged on the better impact database have been contacted to over 70 volunteers have been recruited to support the warm spaces across the City. Warm spaces/community hubs continue to be developed and extended and volunteers continue to support this initiative.
11.Support communities to deliver local events		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
West Area Committee funded a large-scale event for 2022- delivered by Youth Almighty Project		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 invited Youth Almighty to apply for an event for 2023. The application was considered by West Area Committee in September 2022 and Funding approved Funding approved NF £80,000 (for 2022 and 2023 events)
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		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods		
Continue to support local traders and link in with flooding officers regarding local issues.		A Task and Finish group took place in September 2021, Members received updates on localised issues and City-wide provision.
13. Communicate heritage assets and delivery heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion		
Links to: 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		
Consider improvements to the Stephenson Trail – working alongside other areas (Coalfield and East)	July Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed to consider the Stephenson Trail and the heritage around the site. Need to understand the other areas interest and set up a Task and Finish group to consider.	<p>A multi area Task and Finish group continues to meet. The action plan has been developed to support this project and work continues. At the September Area Committee £50,000 Neighbourhood Capital funding was approved.</p> <p>A Stephenson Trail Task and Finish group with members from the Coalfield, East and West areas have developed an action plan and each of the three Area Committees have approved £50k funding.</p> <p>In February 2022, the Stephenson Trail Task Group received an update on the Walking the Routes results, which identified environmental and physical improvements required. Working with Council services and partners the Task Group is developing an action plan to improve the route of the trail.</p> <p>The Cultural Spring have delivered an Educational programme and have engaged with seven primary schools, whose location is near the Trail. The selected Schools in the</p>

		<p>West area have worked with specialists from the creative sector to produce an Education Pack which has now been shared with other Primary Schools within the City. In addition, there is an array of community activities on offer during 2022, which include: way markers competition; song writing; banners and flags project; photo competition; oral history recordings; pop up gigs across the summer months</p> <p>Three local community organisations (one from each of the Coalfield, East and West areas) are supporting the project by carrying out environmental and physical improvements with the support of volunteers. The groups will also assist in the design of interpretation boards for each area, at relevant points along the route. The groups will work in partnership with colleagues from Local Services who are also carrying out work to improve the trail. A celebration event took place in November 2022 at City Hall. All groups, schools, Members and volunteers were invited, it was a great event with schools from across the three areas attending.</p> <p>Funding approved NICP £50,000</p>
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

		<p>now in place with further landscaping work has been carried out, with coal tubs and a bench installed.</p> <p>Funding approved NF £17,500</p>
14. Invest in local shopping centres and support local businesses to ensure they continue to thrive		
Links to: <i>A Dynamic Smart City A stronger city centre with more businesses, housing and cultural opportunities</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
Continue with the capital improvement projects from local shopping centre budgets - Budgets remain in Sandhill, St Chad's and Barnes)		Wards have been considering the improvements that could be made, deep cleans are being delivered and wrapping of bins to bring identity to smaller shopping parades are being considered. The Festive lights funding has been used to enhance 3 shopping areas within the West.
15. Increase 5g access across all neighbourhoods and support people with digital resources		
Links to: <i>A Dynamic Smart City A lower carbon City with greater digital connectivity for all</i> <i>A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills</i>		
Improve access and knowledge of ICT to reduce social isolation	Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group. ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	<p>The Area Committee approved the project to be delivered by Media Savvy with the project beginning mid April 2021. The VCS Network have been updated on the project and many groups are coming forward to be involved. Main hubs and mini hubs have been receiving technical support on equipment and access requirements. To date over 1000 people have accessed digital support.</p> <p>Media Savvy are attending the March Area Committee to present an update to The Area Committee.</p>

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

		<p>funding providers to ensure that activities are increased where possible.</p> <p>Youth groups from across the West submitted applications to extend the holiday offer. The applications were approved at June's Area Committee, so far over 260 young people have access the holiday activities delivered across the summer months</p> <p>Total NF funding awarded £29,824</p>
18. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be safe together		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i>		
<p>Receive updates from Sunderland All Together Consortium on project delivery and consider gaps when identified.</p>		<p>Members received a presentation from Sunderland All Together Consortium, the Consortium were invited to full application for 2 project proposals. Applications and the details of the projects were approved at December Area Committee and work has begun to be delivered with regular meetings with Members and young people being involved in the delivery models.</p> <p>Since April young people have attended sessions (3523 attendees) and taken part in activities, the project has also supported 75 volunteers to deliver over 1700 hrs.</p> <p>The February Neighbourhood and Community Board welcomed a presentation on the Youth ASB 12 month project- the group were invited to apply to extend the projects by 18mths upto 50k. The board are making a recommendation to approve. See Item 4 annex 1 for more detail</p> <p>Funding approved NF £213,480</p>

Consider if facilities need capital improvements and or additional equipment for detached and outreach work.		<p>A Task and Finish group has met and discussed the support required for the VCS. Discussions are taking place with other Council departments to understand the capital improvements required. A further Task and Finish discussed these findings and fed back to the Board. A taking stock survey was currently by 33 groups Individual wards are working with groups to identify opportunities to utilise Walk and Talk Funding</p> <p>Funding approved NF £32,460</p>
Mental Health and Wellbeing support		<p>At the September Area Committee, the application for Mental Health and Wellbeing sessions in Secondary schools across the West delivered by If U Care Share. Regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board. To date over 1554 young people have been supported by this project. The group came along to the December Area Committee and updated on the project to date.</p> <p>Safety works transport project provided an update to the Neighbourhood and Community Board, the board are making a recommendation to approve 5k towards transport costs for schools in the West to attend Safetyworks! Detail can be found in item 4 annex 1</p> <p>Funding approved NF £44,496</p>
19. Support those who are struggling due to Universal Credit and other financial conditions		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience		

<p>Invite Welfare rights service to submit proposals for West Support - consider a 3-year proposal.</p>	<p>Understand if other areas are considering this priority and invite proposal.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood and Community Board received an update in November on the project and achievements to date Over 1000 residents have been supported with information, advice and guidance on benefits. 84 residents have received specialist support and 12 tribunal hearings were supported. Backdated payments of over 200k have been secured.</p> <p>Funding approved NF for 3 year project £150,000</p>
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WEST AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

15 FEBRUARY 2023

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023-24

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is for members to consider and recommend to Area Committee the list of streets for their area, to a value of £100,000 that should be included in the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2023-2024.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At November's Neighbourhood and Community Board members were informed of the process for developing and approving the 2023-2024 Highway Maintenance Capital Programme for works on the adopted highway network.
- 2.2 At the meeting Board members were informed that a citywide programme of priority schemes would be prepared by officers to a value of 75% of the available City Region Sustainable Transport Fund (CRSTF) Highway Maintenance budget allocation and that 25% of the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme would be allocated to the members for spend on their recommended list of maintenance schemes.
- 2.3 Subject to Cabinet approval and Council ratification the amount of CRSTF capital allocation for Highway Maintenance will be in the region of £2m. Based on this amount £500,000 in total has been allocated to the Regeneration Areas.

3.0 PROGRAMME

- 3.1 In determining the candidate streets for the proposed Highway Maintenance Programme 2023-2024, information has been analysed and considered from the following sources:
- Machine based and manual (driven and walked) condition surveys.
 - Councillors' input throughout the year, as well as the recent submissions following October's emailed invitation.
 - Reports from residents and businesses
 - Highway inspectors' reports and engineers' inspections.

Officers also examine accident claim locations and consider whether scheme work would be appropriate to mitigate future claims.

- 3.2 Appended to this report is a table, which contains the candidate streets for consideration. To assist members deliberations officers have prioritised a

list of streets (shown in bold), which totals the £100,000 (or thereabouts) area allocation and takes into account local priorities.

- 3.3 Members may wish to endorse this list or, following discussions with their Area colleagues, choose to replace some of those streets highlighted in the table with those that are not highlighted. A set of A4 plans setting out the limits of the works at each location will be distributed prior to the meeting and will be made available to the councillors to view online.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Neighbourhood and Community Board members are recommended to consider the streets listed in the table up to a value of £100,000 (or thereabouts), and confirm, the schemes to be recommended to the March West Area Committee for inclusion in the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2023-2024.

WEST AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

APPENDIX A

Members Recommendations for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2023-2024

STREET NAME	WARD	Treatment	Estimate Footway £	Estimate Road £
Barnes View – o/s 26	Barnes	Footway surfacing	6,000	
Chester Road – rear	Barnes	Road Resurfacing		12,750
*Eastfield Street – Junction	Barnes	Road Resurfacing		2,000
*Farnham Terrace – part	Barnes	Road Resurfacing		5,250
Henderson Road- part	Pallion	Road Resurfacing		19,050
Grindon Park	Sandhill	Carriageway Patching		2,250
Kirkwood Avenue-part	Sandhill	Road Resurfacing		15,000
*Sevenoaks Drive-part	Sandhill	Road Resurfacing		10,000
Norfolk Avenue No. 7-13	Silksworth	Road Resurfacing		8,550
Tunstall View- part	Silksworth	Road Resurfacing		9,750
Hylton Road- St. Luke's Road junction	St.Anne's	Road Resurfacing		12,950
Palmstead Road	St.Anne's	Carriageway Patching		2,000
Ascot Court	St. Chad's	Road Resurfacing		4,500
Ashford Road	St. Chad's	Road Resurfacing		6,750
Steep Hill – Phase 2	St. Chad's	Road Resurfacing		7,500
		SELECTION TOTAL	6,000	101,050

TOTAL = £107,050

TOTAL including Ward funding = £124,300

Those schemes not in bold and with an * are funded through Community Chest/Walk and Talk etc.

<p align="center">WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE 14 March 2023 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</p>	
<p>Title of Report: West Sunderland Area Budget Report</p>	
<p>Author(s): Assistant Director of Housing and Communities</p>	
<p>Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.</p>	
<p>Description of Decision:</p> <p>Committee are requested to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1. (b) Approve £14,393 NF and £10,607 NCIP towards parking improvements at Silksworth Ski Slope complex (c) Approve £25,000 NCIP towards parking improvements at Bishopwearmouth Cemetery (d) Approve Sunderland All Together Consortium NF funding of £49,760 – Youth ASB Item 4 Annex 1 (e) Approve Safetyworks! NF funding £5,000 towards Transport costs (f) Note the 45 West Community Chest approvals supported from 2022 / 2023, as detailed Item 4 Annex 2 	
<p>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes</p>	
<p>Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £479,188 (inc Youth allocation) for 2022/2023 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £500,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan and to attract other funding into the area.</p>	
<p>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.</p>	
<p>Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No</p>	<p>Relevant Scrutiny Committees:</p>
<p>Is it included in the Forward Plan? No</p>	

14 March 2023

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

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

2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

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

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2022 / 2023 (£447,428 and £31,760 c/f)					£479,188
West Area Community Minibus	-	£19,044			£498,232
Holiday Activities -Barnes	29.06.22			£4,955	£493,277
Holiday Activities- St Anne's	29.06.22			£4,999	£488,278
Holiday Activities – Pallion	29.06.22			£4,960	£483,318
Holiday Activities – Silksworth	29.06.22			£4,955	£478,363
Holiday Activities – Sandhill	29.06.22			£5,000	£473,363
Holiday Activities – St Chad's	29.06.22			£4,955	£468,408
Walk and Talk	29.06.22			£120,000	£348,408
West Event 2023	21.09.22			£40,000	£308,408
West Area Community Minibus	21.09.22			£40,000	£268,408
Clean it and Green it Barnes	21.09.22			£27,000	£241,408
Silksworth Ranger	21.09.22			£26,995	£214,413
Clean it Green it Sandhill	21.09.22			£27,000	£187,413
Clean it Green it St Anne's	21.09.22			£27,000	£160,413
St Chad's Ranger	21.09.22			£26,995	£133,418
Return Projects (Local Shopping Centres £5,776, Social Isolation £1,015, Derelict Land £500 and West Play £3,243)	7.12.22	£10,534			£143,952
Clean and Green Pallion	7.12.22			£27,000	£116,952

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2022 / 2023

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

2.3 The Neighbourhood and Community Board considered projects from previous years and agreed to recommend returning the budget for the following projects. The Board will continue to consider project underspend at the February Board.

- £9,991 Apprenticeship fund
- £3,076 Keep Sunderland West Tidy (West project and Tansy Centre)
- £24,975 the previously Aligned match funding to CLLD

Total Neighbourhood Funding to be returned £38,042 bringing the Neighbourhood Funding budget to £154,994

2.4 There is 3 application(s) to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration for approval detailed at **Item 4 Annex 1**

- Silksworth Ski Slope Parking Improvements – Sunderland City Council £10,607
- Sunderland All Together Consortium- Youth ASB £49,760
- Safetyworks! – West School Transport - £5,000

2.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£65,367**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£89,627**

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 / 2023

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

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2020 / 2023					£500,000
Festive Lighting Project	14.07.20			£10,000	£490,000
Green Gym Project	16.12.20			£65,000	£425,000
Environmental Services- Bin and Benches	16.3.21			£36,529	£388,471
Silksworth and Albany Pit Wheel	16.3.21			£17,500	£370,971
Stephenson Trail	16.3.21 and 22.09.21			£50,000	£320,971
Festive Lights Project- additional	16.6.21			£50,000	£270,971
West Highways Improvements	8.12.21 and 15.3.21			£270,971	Nil
Project return (Green Gyms)	7.12.22	£39,393			£39,393

Table Two: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023

3.2 West Area Committee has been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members will be responsible for allocating the funding through a majority decision at Area Committee.

- 3.3. The Capital Programme can be allocated in one year, or across more than one, depending on what proposals come forward throughout the year(s). The Area Committee have up to three years to allocate the full amount.
- 3.4 There are 2 application(s) to the Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme. presented to Area Committee for consideration for approval detailed at **Item 4 Annex 1**
- Silksworth Ski Slope Parking Improvements – Sunderland City Council £14,393
 - Bishopwearmouth Cemetery parking improvements – Sunderland City Council £25,000
- 3.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£39,393**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£Nil**

4. Community Chest

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

Ward	2022/2023 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Barnes	£10,000	-	£7,782	£2,218
Pallion	£10,000	-	£10,000	£0
Sandhill	£10,000	-	£3,275	£6,725
Silksworth	£10,000	-	£8,892	£1,108
St Anne's	£10,000	-	£9,955	£45
St Chad's	£10,000	-	£4,583	£5,417
Total	£60,000	-	£44,487	£15,513

Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2022 / 2023

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1
- 5.2 Approve £14,393 NF and £10,607 NCIP towards parking improvements at Silksworth Ski Slope
- 5.3 Approve £25,000 NCIP towards parking improvements at Bishopwearmouth Cemetery
- 5.4 Approve Sunderland All Together Consortium NF funding of £49,760 – Youth ASB **Item 4 Annex 1**
- 5.5 Approve Safetyworks! NF funding £5,000 towards Transport costs
- 5.6 Note the 45 West Community Chest approvals supported from 2022 / 2023, as detailed **Item 4 Annex 2**

Annexes

Annex One
Annex Two

Neighbourhood Fund/NCIP Executive Summary Proposals
Community Chest Grant Approvals

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Application No 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund and Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme
Name of Project	Parking Improvements at Silksworth Ski Slope Complex
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total NF Funding	Total NICP Funding
£25,000	£14,393	£10,607
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 Months	June 2023	June 25

Project Description (verbatim from application)

This project is to improve parking at Silksworth Ski slope complex. Plans will be develop and if required planning permission sought to reduce the negative impact that the parking is having on the surrounding communities.

Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
number of physical structures installed/removed to improve movement across the city	207	1
number of safety measurers installed/delivered to improve neighbourhoods	302	1

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	NF Contribution	NCIP Contribution
Parking Improvements at Silksworth Ski Slope	£25,000	£14,393	£10,607
Total	£25,000	14,393	£10,607

This project meets *Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting* Priority from the West Delivery Plan Neighbourhood and Community Board Recommendation Approve

Application No 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Capital Improvement Programme
Name of Project	Parking Improvements at Bishop Wearmouth Cemetery
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total NF Funding	Total NCIP Funding
£25,000	£Nil	£25,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 Months	June 2023	June 25

Project Description (verbatim from application)

This project is to improve parking at Bishopwearmouth Cemetery. Plans will be develop and if required planning permission sought to reduce the negative impact that the parking is having on the surrounding cemetery.

Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
number of physical structures installed/removed to improve movement across the city	207	1

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	NF Contribution	NCIP Contribution
Parking Improvements at Silksworth Ski Slope	£25,000	£Nil	£25,000
Total	£25,000	Nil	£25,000

This project meets *Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting* Priority from the West Delivery Plan Neighbourhood and Community Board Recommendation Approve

Application No 3

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Youth ASB
Lead Organisation	Sunderland All Together Consortium

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£54,760	£5,000	£49,760
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
18 Months	April 2023	September 2024

Project Description

(verbatim from application)

Sunderland All Together Consortium would like to continue to deliver the West Area Anti-Social Behaviour project for a further 18 months.

We will continue use our members to offer provision as an alternative to anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Delivery Partners and wards they will cover.

- Sunderland North Community Business Centre – Sandhill
- Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project and Youth Almighty Project – St Annes
- Youth Almighty Project – Silksworth, Barnes and St Chads
- Lambton Street Youth and Community Centre - Pallion

We will continue to use a flexible delivery model to engage with young people who may be at risk of or currently engaged in ASB.

Each wards delivery model may be different as it will be based around the needs of young people and issues within that ward.

We will work to the needs of the local areas and young people.

We will invest time to develop young people into peer workers.

Models our partners will use :

Detached Youth work

Detached youth work offers unique opportunities to engage young people in their social environments. By entering these social spheres, workers are able to slowly develop relationships with young people and public environments and ultimately improve individuals' safety within contexts that pose a risk of harm. Workers also create safe spaces in which young people can interrogate their own opinions and behaviours and try to embody healthier alternatives.

Detached youth work operates without the use of a building or activity and takes place where young people "are at" both geographically and developmentally. It delivers informal and social education and addresses whatever needs are presented to or perceived by the youth worker.

As Detached Youth Workers have no physical building or specific activity over which they have power or control, the relationship between young person and youth worker is entirely voluntary and constantly up for negotiation.

Outreach Youth Work

Outreach youth work is a form of youth work that takes place on young people's own territory such as streets, cafes, parks and retail parks at times that are appropriate to them and is a method of work that supports and compliments new and existing centre/project-based youth work. Primarily used to inform young people of services that exist in their locality and to encourage them to use such services, Outreach can also seek to identify, through consultation with young people, any gaps that exist in services aimed at meeting their needs.

Outreach is seen as an extension to centre-based work, Outreach work takes place when workers who are usually centre based go onto the streets with an agenda of their own to pursue, usually to encourage young people to attend their club, and also in this case to access the health/wellbeing services etc.

Targeted centre based provision

Targeted youth support aims to ensure that the needs of vulnerable young people are identified early and met by agencies working together effectively – in ways that are shaped by the views and experiences of young people themselves.

Street Sports in local parks

This method involves taking equipment out into identified hot spot areas and engaging with those hard to engage young people, using sport as a tool to get them in positive activities. Young people will have an opportunity to get support and have someone they can talk to who will listen.

Sport is increasingly recognised as having a role in prevention and early intervention work with children and young people at risk of, or already involved in, offending behaviour. Although sport is unlikely to stop offending by itself, it has the potential to make a positive contribution.

Pop up events in hot spot areas

Provide meaningful engagement activities such as football cage, street sports, WIFI access, BBQs, refreshments, and soft archery in or around identified hot spot areas.

Out of Centre Activities

Activities to support and inspire young people to engage with the outdoors or local facilities to learn valuable skills and make positive decisions.

Our aim of this model is to support young people to address the issues they are facing, learn coping mechanisms to support them in the future, and give them the confidence they need to make positive decisions.

Our delivery model will work on 4 levels.

- *Identification*
- Prevention
- Intervention
- Review / Evaluation

Identification

This is where we will work with partners and do our research

- Talk to local stakeholders (e.g. Police, shop keepers, Ward Councillors, Area Lead, ASB team, Community wardens, and community residents).
- We will look at any areas of interest, identify 'hot spots' where local young people gather, identify and note behavioural evidence e.g. graffiti, tagging, alcohol or drug usage.
- Talk to local young people and ask them what the issues are in their area in relation to them and their peers.
- Ask what local people think the issues are in their area in relation to young people.
- Map the area (what are the facilities like, are there barriers to young people engaging?)
- Find out trends—e.g. seasonal areas, local events.
- Find out Crime stats etc.

Prevention

It has become increasingly important to offer services that prevent young people becoming involved in crime and behaviours that have a negative impact on their future.

All delivery partners will share their resources and use a range of engagement tools as this is a great way to get young people engaged in detached youth work whether that is a cup of hot chocolate on a cold winters night or a BBQ in the summer months. Engagement tools are a great way to start a conversation and help build trusted relationships between young people and youth workers.

Engagement tools we will use:

- Hot chocolate
- BBQ
- Music—a portable speaker
- Cooking
- Issue based workshops
- Advocacy
- Leaflets and brochures
- Sports—street football
- Portable equipment such as football cage, roll out tennis court

We will continue to develop relationships and services that empower young people; it capitalises on their strengths to build their skills and attributes, and that increases their understanding of themselves, thus allowing for better outcomes and lifestyle choice for their future.

We will continue to work with the young people to raise their awareness of the potential consequences of risk-taking behavior and provide information, guidance, and support to enable young people to make informed life choices and raise their aspirations.

We focus on areas across Sunderland West where young people have been identified as being at risk of anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, and vulnerabilities.

Intervention

Detached youth workers will continue to get to know individuals and groups, what are their views and interests, what are their concerns? this is a time to learn about young people and what they want, offer emotional support and, with their guidance, develop a programme of intervention.

Intervention programs could include:

- Visits to places such as Goals, Everyone Active, Sunderland Wall and Ford football hub
- offering education such as drug or sexual health, or creating opportunities for learning skills such as music, arts or sports.
- Co design activities in partnership with young people where ASB is caused by lack of facilities and opportunities.
- Social Action Projects
- Pop up Provision
- Street Sports activities
- Together For Children Bus
- Some individuals may require very specific support including being referred and accompanied to other agencies.
- Signposting

It is our duty to stay well-informed and to be able to provide basic information on a range of issues that routinely matter to young people. Where more support is needed, detached workers will be prepared to introduce young people to other specialists and service providers who can meet their needs.

Evaluation

- Keeping key partners up to date throughout
- Changing things from lessons learned.
- Recording changes in young people and changes in other people's perceptions of young people in the locality.
- Qualitative data will include feedback from young people carried out using a variety of methods that will include young people's comments, session evaluation and overall evaluation.
- We acknowledge the importance of self- assessment, and therefore young people will be encouraged to take part in this process of self- identification of progression.

Additional Delivery Information

- The project will run over 18 months.
- Each ward will have 1 weekly session 2.5 hours long, where they will target young people who are at risk of anti-social behaviour.
- We will work to the needs of the local areas and young people,
- We will invest time to develop young people into peer workers.
- We will work closely with; and have clear communication channels to the police, LMAPS, ward councillors, area officers so that we have a joined-up approach to tackling ASB and we can use a combined intelligence to identify ASB hotspots. We will develop a clear referral process at the start of the project which will be shared with all partners.
- Delivery partners will meet with their 3 local ward councillors every quarter to update on the project and to discuss any concerns.
- During school summer holidays we will provide weekly a park event in each of the wards where all partners will deliver events and bring along resources to engage with young people – these will include food/BBQ, DJ, speed football, outdoor sports, the new Wear Here 4 You bus.

We understand that not all young people want to attend a youth centre, we will refer into alternative provision such as the everyone active centres, scout's groups, etc – where we can negotiate reduced rates, we will also use a detached youth work presence and take provision to the streets and spaces where young people choose to gather.

Project benefits delivered by our youth workers.

- Providing support to access activities or provision in local areas and informing young people of pathways for growth and personal development.
- Providing young people with access to informal learning opportunities, information and resources.
- Stimulating, positively challenging and empowering young people to make right life choices.
- Getting young people back into education, employment or training.
- Offering careers advice and guidance.
- Offering tailored support to vulnerable groups.
- Reducing further risk of serious youth violence.
- Supporting young people to become more resilient in their communities.
- Supporting community cohesion
- The ASB funding has allowed us to deliver additional sessions when requested, including weekends, especially in the St Anne's ward where we worked alongside the police to resolve issues with young people and public transport.

If funding is approved this project will allow us to also contribute toward funding introductory and level 2 youth work courses. Participants will be recruited through current volunteers and assistants, the young people that use the youth work organisations in the west and those interested from the surrounding neighbourhoods.

The youth work courses that we will deliver are accredited and approved by the National Youth Agency and they that learners meet the professional standards in youth work and are able to fully understand and meet the many diverse needs that young people present.

Including a training element will ensure that there are workers to deliver services and activities in Sunderland West; workers who understand the needs of young people, understand their issues and understand how to ensure young people have a voice and a role within shaping services.

Because the project will recruit from existing services for young people, then it is likely that the users of the organisations themselves will take part; it means that young people will become role models and peer advocates in their community.

Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
A Healthy City Output		
number of children and young people benefiting from this project		3240
number of people signposted into Public/VCS services		480
number of people receiving information, advice and guidance		2500
A Vibrant City Output		
number of volunteers recruited and participating		12
number of volunteer hours delivered		260
number of external organisations involved or supported		6
number of hours spent delivering this funded project		195
number of cultural, heritage and community events supported and delivered		12

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Delivery staff (2 qualified youth workers to cover 1 session per week over the lifetime of the project £14 hour, 2 workers for 2.5 hours = £70 per session £70 per session x 78 weeks' x 6 wards)	32,760		32,760
Resource and activity contribution £1500 per ward over lifetime of the project	9,000		9,000
Park/outdoor ward events (Ward Park events summer 2023 and Summer 2024, staff costs, resources/activity/food etc) £500 per event per ward 12 events in total over the lifetime of the project	6,000		6,000
Training budget to upskill young people to become peers and role models within local communities	2,000		2,000
Management and co ordination of the project	6,000	5,000	
	54,760	5000	49,760

This project meets *Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be safe together*
Priority from the West Delivery Plan Neighbourhood and Community Board
Recommendation Approve

Application No 4

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Transport Safetyworks!
Lead Organisation	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£5,000	£0	£5,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
16 Months	April 2023	July 2024

Project Description (verbatim from application)

Over the years of running the Sunderland SAFE programme, SafetyWorks! has welcomed all of the West area schools to the centre for the Year 6 programme. Schools are always keen to make a booking when approached, however the cost of transport can be a barrier. This is a problem that is increasing in the current climate as the cost of transport has increased significantly for schools. Being able to provide the transport to get the young people to and from the centre will allow us to hit the maximum number possible and provide important safety messages to these key target audiences.

SafetyWorks is a fun and interactive way to educate children and young people. The centre will provide sessions free of charge, to deliver an education programme around keeping safe and avoiding risks. This will be offered to all of the Year 6 from the 16 Primary Schools within the West area, the 4 Secondary School Year 8's, as well as the Link schools and youth groups within school holidays.

The SAFE programme targets Year 6 (age 10-11) children to help raise their awareness in different aspects of fire safety, personal safety and home safety; as they are at a key age when they will be going through the transition from Primary to Secondary school, and therefore may have more freedom and independence. We aim to improve the home and personal safety of Year 6 pupils, increase their risk awareness and give them the skills to avoid accidents and increase their confidence in how to deal with challenging situations

For Year 8 (age 13-14) pupils and older youth groups we provide important information about fire safety and the consequences of deliberate fires. Officers from Northumbria Police will facilitate a session around drugs/knife crime, the RNLI cover water safety and Nexus rail safety and antisocial behaviour around the Metro.

We try to ensure that the information provided in our sessions is relevant and reflects current and emerging issues in our society. The workshops are interactive and exciting for the pupils and whilst the aim of the projects is to raise safety awareness of young people, we also aim to increase their knowledge on what impact their actions can have on themselves and their communities, resulting in a reduction of antisocial behaviour. Last academic year, 13 Primary schools from the West area visited SafetyWorks! with 623 Year 6 pupils receiving important information about how to keep themselves and others safe. We received the following feedback from teachers;

'Very informative and interactive.'

'Children enjoyed it and learned a lot.' EAST HERRINGTON PRIMARY

'The children learnt lots of new information and the resources/building is very engaging for the children.' FARRINGDON ACADEMY

'The children really enjoyed every workshop and were fully engaged. They have learned essential safety information in real life settings. The e-safety was pitched perfectly for current issues. All staff were friendly and approachable.' SOUTH HYLTON

'Very organised. Children interested. Always relevant to what children need.' THORNEY CLOSE PRIMARY

Love the interactive tasks. Children all engaged in activities, thank you!' CHRISTS COLLEGE

Outputs:

Data Field	Code	Output Target
Number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	1,000
Number of external organisations involved or supported	306	5
number of hours spent delivering this funded project	307	50

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Transport to and from Safety Works! Interactive Safety Centre	£5,000	-	£5,000

This project meets *Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be safe together* Priority from the West Delivery Plan Neighbourhood and Community Board Recommendation Approve

West Area Committee
14 March 2023
Community Chest Awards April to March 2023

Barnes Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Pemberton Bowls Club	23.05.2022	-	£1,470
50 th Sunderland Brownies	10.08.2022	-	£500
10 th Scout Group	06.10.2022	-	£465.00
Active Families NE	25.01.2023	-	£2,400
Radio Sunderland for hospital	25.01.2023	-	£937
Keep Active	9.02.2023	-	£2,010
Remaining balance		-	£2,218
Pallion Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Springboard	30.05.2022	-	£566
Communities Together	30.05.2022	-	£203
PAG on B/H Dovecote Meadows	06.07.2022	-	£500
Lambton Street Youth Comm	10.08.2022	-	£920
50 th Sunderland Brownies	10.08.2022	-	£500
Events and Support Shopping	21.11.2022	-	£2,046
Springboard	2.12.2022	-	£318
Northern Allotments	20.01.2023	-	£1,250
St Lukes Neighbourhood Trust	15.12.2022	-	£1,000
Lambton Street Youth	2.12.2022	-	£1,250
S & D Royal society for the blind	20.01.2023	-	£1,447
Remaining balance			£0
Sandhill Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Headway Wearside	04.05.2022	-	£1,005
111 Squadron	14.06.2022	-	£750
Grindon Lane Karate	21.07.2022		£700
Hasting Hill Academy	21.11.2022		£170.00
The Angelus lunch club	11.01.2023	-	£650
Remaining balance			£6,725

Silksworth Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Silksworth Cricket Club	23.05.2022	-	£1,250
Silksworth Banner Group	06.07.2022	-	£1,000
New Silksworth Legion Club	06.10.2022	-	£924
New Silksworth Legion Cub	20.12.2022	-	£151
Silksworth Dancing Together	16.01.2023	-	£2,000
Sunderland Freshwater Angling Club	22.02.2023	-	£1,000
Friend of Tom Urwin	22.02.2023	-	£576
Silksworth Residents Group	20.02.2023	-	£1,987
Remaining balance			£1,108
St Annes Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
2 nd Hylton Guides	27.05.2022	-	£605
Pennywell Community Centre	27.05.2022	-	£491
Pennywell Youth Project	27.05.2022	-	£1,066
South Hylton Primary Care Academy	30.06.2022	-	£3,555
Hope 4 Kidz	29.07.2022	-	£1,000
West End FC	06.10.2022	-	£1,378
Royal British Legion	06.10.2022	-	£500
STEF LTD	23.11.2022	-	£1,000
Pennywell Community Centre	23.11.2022	-	£360
Remaining balance			£45
St Chads Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Herrington Village Show Group	21.07.2022	-	£545
Sunderland West End U16s	06.10.2022	-	£1,530
Holy Rosary Parish Centre	10.11.2022	-	£1,000
2nd Herrington Scout Group	10.11.2022	-	£500
Australia Tower Bingo	24.11.2022	-	£508
2 nd Herrington st chads guides	11.11.2022	-	£500
Remaining balance			£5,417