

West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

Updated December 2021



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: <i>A Dynamic Smart City 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: <i>A Healthy City Smart City 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 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 are due to arrive soon.
Removal or Painting of pedestrian barriers and other street furniture		The Neighbourhood and Community Board have agreed to hold further discussions regarding this priority later in the year. Wards continue to use their Walk and Talk projects to address ward based issues.
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: <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>		
Develop a plan for Green gyms – consider locations and equipment across the West	Area Committee Development Lead (ACDL) to coordinate and arrange a Task and Finish group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	The Area Committee approved the funding for the Outdoor gym equipment. Outdoor Gym equipment has been installed in Barnes Park and Silksworth Recreation Park, the other 4 sites are being installed shortly.

Improve walking routes and fitness trails- linked to improved cycle routes- signage, improved surfaces, maps.	Promote View ranger and gather information from relevant service area to understand gaps in West and suggest improvements.	The relevant service areas attended the February Board and updated on plans for the city. Members supported the plans and are also keen to enhance existing routes, further details to be discussed at a future Board meeting. Work continues with the Stephenson Trail, with improvements planned for 2022.
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. Work has begun to deliver the improvements and updates will be provided to future Board meetings.
Continue to develop ward based projects that utilise the Walk and Talk budget	ACDL to continue to work with ward members to deliver projects following member walk arounds.	Ward members continue to allocate the Walk and Talk budgets in each ward.
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 opportunities for residents/schools etc to get involved.	Continue to monitor the project and hold regular steering group meetings.	Environmental improvements/litter picks and community activities have been delivered across all wards. The steering group met in November and agreed to develop a refreshed action plan for 2022.
Develop plans for a West wide in bloom delivery	Continue to monitor projects approved.	The Neighbourhood and Community Board Launched a Call for Projects. Applications have been received for the Keep Sunderland West Tidy Programme. Applications were approved at September Area Committee and work has begun across the West.

To understand more about the Enforcement measures and opportunities to enhance in the West to encourage more to 'Love where you live'		At the September Area Committee the application for a West Enforcement project was agreed, recruitment is underway and the CCTV cameras have been ordered. The Neighbourhood and Community Board will receive regular updates on the progress made.
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 <i>Great transport and travel links</i>		
Consider parking issues at St Luke's Terrace		The Asset and Network Manager attended the Neighbourhood and Community Board and discussed the issues faced around the area with regards to parking. The Neighbourhood and Community Board will discuss the matter at a future meeting once site visits have taken place.
6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Great transport and travel links</i> A Vibrant Smart City <i>People feeling safe in their neighbourhoods</i> A Healthy City Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i>		
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to West Area Committee.	<p>A report on what 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. More details to be discussed at the February board and March Area Committee</p> <p>Various Task and Finish groups have taken place and each ward is now confirming the priorities within their neighbourhoods. The Neighbourhood and Community Board are</p>

		<p>asking Area Committee to consider aligning £270,971 of the West Neighbourhood Capital Investment Fund.</p> <p>More details will be developed and the full applications will be submitted to a future Area Committee.</p>
Consider traffic calming measures on Silksworth Lane alongside parking restrictions		<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>
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.		<p>Area Committee agreed a Play Improvement project. The project has experienced delays due to market conditions and in some cases vandalism to play areas. Work for Phase 1 is progressing with a variety of sites now complete. Work on the other sites will follow at a later date.</p>
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	<p>The relevant service areas attended the February Board and updated on plans for the city. Members supported the plans and are also keen to enhance existing routes, further</p>

		details to be discussed at a future Board meeting.
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.	Activities and services have continued to be delivered throughout 2020-2021 using Community Chest and Walk and Talk. Support has continued to be offered to ensure maximum external funding attracted.
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 Community Hubs receive on-going support and the VCS network continues to be supported to ensure they have access to all internal and external funding opportunities. Members received weekly performance reports throughout lockdown. The Sunderland VCS Alliance has now been established and updates provided to members at the September Board meeting.

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> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>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 were advertised with activities being held across the West working alongside the West Clean and Green project.
11. Support communities to deliver local events		
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West Area Committee funded a large-scale event for 2022- delivered by Youth Almighty Project		Event postponed until 2022. Schools have begun to be re-engaged by Youth Almighty Project; updates will be provided at key stages of the planning of the 3 day event.
Consider purchasing event equipment for communities		
Festive lights and celebrations	£60,000 approved from Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme	Each ward has considered the impact of lights and appropriate schemes have been installed. Those without suitable locations will consider this project and discuss details at a Future Board meeting.
12. Additional Drainage cleansing programme		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i>		
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: <i>A Vibrant Smart City 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>		

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. The Area Committee agreed to approve the £50,000 Neighbourhood Capital funding at the September Area Committee. The Schools Resource Pack, and Art Project Ideas has been developed and shared with Members, this is being developed with partners to ensure it is delivered to time.</p> <p>Future boards meetings will receive updates as the project progresses.</p>
Consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel	Work with the heritage team to consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel.	<p>The Area Committee agreed to Capital funding of £17,500. The planning application has been submitted and approved for the location behind the miners' cottages – opposite the ski slope. Meetings have been held with Highways to assess relocation/transport requirements. The tender package has been prepared and issued by the architect and is being progressed by the council's building services team.</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)		<p>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.</p>
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>		

A Dynamic Smart City <i>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.	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 being involved. The project has been working with existing provision to enhance the offer to local residents in addition to working with various community centres to develop an ICT hub. Recruitment has begun on the Digital Champions.
16. Create job clubs and education centres within local community venues including digital skill training and basic skills		
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City <i>More and better jobs</i> A Dynamic Smart City <i>More local people with better qualifications and skills</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>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 continues to be delivered – activity amended to reflect restrictions.
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.
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 50 young people have received meaningful engagement and 39 young people have progressed into Education, Training or Employment.
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> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience		
Receive update on Holiday hunger activities deliver 2019-2020 and consider deliver for 2020-2021.	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 to further extend 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 in the October holidays and plans made for December.
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> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience		
Receive updates from Sunderland All Together Consortium on project delivery and consider gaps when identified.		Members received a presentation from Sunderland All Together Consortium, the group were invited to full application for 2 project proposals. Applications have been consulted upon and appraised and the Neighbourhood and Community Board are making a recommendation to approve Neighbourhood Fund for West Youth activities £213,480 and West Youth ASB £32,460. Details in Item 4 Annex 1
Consider if facilities need capital improvements and or additional equipment for detached and outreach work.		A Task and Finish group has met and discussed the support required for the VCS. Discussions are taking place with other Council departments to understand the capital improvements required. A further Task and Finish group will discuss these findings and feed back to the Board. Individual wards are

		working with groups and identifying opportunities to utilise Walk and Talk Funding
Mental Health and Wellbeing support		At the September Area Committee, the application for Metal Health and Wellbeing sessions in Secondary schools across the West delivered by If U Care Share was approved £44,496. Regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.
19. Support those who are struggling due to Universal Credit and other financial conditions		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Access to equitable opportunities and life chances</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Improving community resilience</i>		
Invite Welfare rights service to submit proposals for West Support - consider a 3-year proposal.	Understand if other areas are considering this priority and invite proposal.	Area Committee agreed the 3 year project to the value of £150,000. Recruitment is underway and the additional support for local residents is being delivered. Up until September 2021, 196 residents have received information, advice and guidance and 120 residents are more resilient and able to help themselves in a crisis.