

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 14th December, 2023 at 5:30pm

**This meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at the City Hall,
Plater Way, Sunderland, SR1 3AA**

Membership

Cllrs D. Wilson (Chairman), S. Foster (Vice Chairman), M. Bond, M. Butler, K. Chequer, A. Chisnall, M. Hartnack, S. Johnston, J. McKeith, A. Samuels, A. Smith, P. Stewart, J. Usher, P. Walton and L. Vera

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ELAINE WAUGH
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

6th December, 2023

At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in REDBY COMMUNITY CENTRE, FULWELL ROAD, SUNDERLAND on 28 SEPTEMBER, 2023 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Foster in the Chair

Councillors Butler, Chisnall, Hartnack, Johnston, McKeith, Samuels, A. Smith, Stewart, Usher, Vera and Walton

Also in Attendance:-

Mr. Lee Bell	-	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services (TWFRS)
Ms. Judith Britton	-	Sunderland Community Action Group
Mr. Peter Curtis	-	Area Network Representative
Mr. Neil Guthrie	-	Development Director (Residential), Sunderland City Council
Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe	-	Partnership and Community Resilience Manager, Sunderland City Council
Insp. Stephen Prested	-	Northumbria Police
Ms. Joanne Stewart	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Ruth Walker	-	Area Network Representative
Ms. Beth Wilkie	-	Gentoo

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bond, Chequer and Wilson and on behalf of Mr. Richy Duggan, Area Network Representative

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 22nd June, 2023 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

North Area Committee Area Plan 2023-2026

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which presented for consideration and approval the North Sunderland Area Committee Area Plan for 2023-26 which would be the focus for the Committee during 2023-2024.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Foster presented the report which highlighted progress against the Committee's delivery plan, advising that good news stories and promotion of projects were shared at every opportunity. He also advised Members of the update on the Council's Service Plans, specifically relevant to the North Sunderland area which included a quarterly update on progress and was for information purposes only.

The information in the report having been fully considered, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-
 - The progress and performance updates with regard to the North Area Committee Plan 2023-2026 be received and noted; and
 - The progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans – Area Priorities be received and noted for information.

Partner Agency Reports - Northumbria Police Update

Northumbria Police submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with a community update and key performance information in relation to the North Sunderland Area.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Inspector Stephen Prested, Northumbria Police, presented the update report and provided Members with an update on the current numbers in relation to anti-social behaviour, burglaries, vehicle and violent crime in the North Sunderland Area.

He also provided Members with an update on other incidents of note in the North Sunderland Area including football disorder, motorcycle disorder, the SARA team and the Darker Nights autumn plan.

In response to comments and queries from Members regarding youth disorder and partnership working, Inspector Prested advised that they had outreach workers and wardens who looked at diversionary tactics for young people in the area to reduce anti-social behaviour. He explained that partners and agencies met to discuss what options

were available to them, share intelligence and to look at additional methods and tactics. They also looked at projects that had worked in other police forces with a view to replicate them, where appropriate.

Councillor Johnston raised the issue of cars meeting in the car park at Tesco's, Roker and then racing around the area. Inspector Prested advised he had spoken with the store management but as it was used by other facilities and stores it would be costly to look to zone it off. They would continue to look into further options collectively to solve the issue.

Councillor Hartnack referred to the use of high powered electric bikes that were being used in the area; with a lot being condoned by local food delivery outlets, and asked what opportunities there were to seize them. Councillor Stewart advised that residents in the Witherwack area had raised similar issues with young people on motorbikes and sought further detail on the designated site that had been in discussions. Inspector Prested advised that the plans to have a site for use by young people and their motorised vehicles had stalled between the three local authorities and added that it had been very difficult to identify a suitable plot of land.

Councillor Hartnack went on to state that the problem was getting worse and with Christmas soon there would be retailers in the city selling these vehicles to parents and asked if it would be worthwhile doing a marketing exercise to deter them from being bought and sold, with the support of the Area Committee.

Ms. Metcalfe commented that it could be raised as an issue for LMAPS to consider and ask if they could provide a multi-agency approach to tackling the issue; providing advice to retailers on the legal use of them.

Members having fully considered the report and asked all that they wished to, thanked Inspector Prested for his report and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- the update from Northumbria Police be received and noted; and
- the issue concerning high powered electric and motor bikes be raised through LMAPS.

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

The Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which gave performance monitoring details in relation to local indicators for the Committee from 23rd June to 12th September, 2023, compared with the same period in 2022.

(for copy report – see original minute)

Mr. Lee Bell, Station Manager, TWFRS, took Members through the report advising of the numbers of deliberate primary and secondary fires, giving a ward breakdown where available.

In relation to discussions around bonfire night, Mr. Bell advised that the Council had confirmed that they were making extra teams available from Environmental Services to go round estates and uplift any large items that looked as though they had been left out or set up as bonfires. They had combined communications which were to be circulated to secondary schools and through the prevention team to deliver a safety message and hopefully deter young people.

TWFRS had been working with Northumbria Police to ensure there would be extra Officers in the area on that weekend to deter fire crews being attacked as they had in previous years. The apparatus and officers had camera's which would upload footage and risk assessments would be undertaken so that crews did not attend bonfires where there was a risk to their own safety.

He also advised that as part of the education programme they offered, the prevention team went into schools targeting year groups and advising of the dangers of fires. He could ask the team to include information about setting fires in farmer's fields which was an issue that Members raised.

There being no further comment or questions for Mr. Bell, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the item be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports - Report of the North Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

The Voluntary and Community Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update with regard to the North Sunderland Area Voluntary and Community Sector network.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Ruth Walker, Area Network Representative, took Members through the report advising that the network had met twice in June and September, 2023 and shared the agenda items that had been covered. She also provided an update in relation to the Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance (SVSA) from August 2023.

Ms. Metcalfe advised that the next meeting was to be held on 26th October, 2023 at 1:00pm at the Marley Park Fire Station and all Members were welcome to attend should they wish to.

Members having no further comments or questions, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports - Gentoo Update

Gentoo submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update with regard to the work undertaken by Gentoo between June and September, 2023.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Beth Wilkie, Head of Neighbourhoods, took Members through the Committee advising of the dates of upcoming estate walks, the tenancy sustainment fund, recruitment activity and the investment and renewal projects.

Members overall were happy to see the improvements being made in communications with both themselves and residents by Gentoo and the better relationships that would forge from this going forward.

Having no further comments or questions, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

North Sunderland Area Committee Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Housing and Communities submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds and Community Chest and presented proposals for further funding requests.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe, Area Community Development Lead, presented the report and there being no applications for funding, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the financial statements as set out in tables 1 and 2 be received and noted; and
- (ii) the approvals for Community Chest supported from 2023/2024 as set out in the report be noted.

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

(Signed) S. FOSTER,
Chairman.

14th December 2023

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF NORTH SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD

North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023-2026

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report is to provide an update of progress against the Area Committee's Area Plan priorities, which will be the focus for the North Area Committee during 2023-2024.

2. Background

2.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function. The purpose of the Area Committees is to:

- Lead on the development, implementation, and effective delivery of an Area Plan, working closely with residents to ensure the plans include all main priorities for the Area, which enables residents to be resilient, The Area Plans are linked to the City Plan and other significant strategies for the city.
- Actively encourage local residents to become involved in shaping the Area Plan, ensuring delivery of activities to support matters which affect them.

2.2 The Article 10 Area Committee Area Plans for 2023 - 2026 were agreed by Area Committees in June 2023 and approved at Cabinet in July 2023.

2.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Area Plan.

2.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board supports the work of the Area Committee and specifically the delivery of the Area Plan. The Boards are chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee and are practical and action-orientated groups. The role of the Board is to respond to all priorities in the Area Committee Area Plan, as agreed by the Area Committee. They develop and implement plans for the delivery of each priority and make recommendations to the Area Committee based on information and research and working closely with partner agencies, particularly the VCS, to ensure effective delivery of the plan.

2.6 The Board is not a decision-making body, the work of the board is presented to each Area Committee via this Report of the Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board. The purpose of the report is to update on progress in relation to the delivery of the Area Plan in addition to making any recommendations of the Board to the Area Committee for final approval. Funding decisions to support delivery of the plan can be found at **Item 4 Area Budget Report**

2.7 Additionally all Sunderland City Council Service leads, when producing Service Plans this year, provided a list of Area Priorities, where relevant, for each of the five geographical Areas of Sunderland and have agreed that regular updates for those priorities will be appended to this report, to the relevant Area Committee, to provide quarterly performance updates (**Annex 2**)

3. Area Committee Area Plan 2023-2026- Areas of Key Action and Progress

- 3.1 November Board received a report to commence the process for the development of the 2024-2025 Highways Maintenance Programme and were updated on the 2023 – 2024 scheme progress
- 3.2 November Board received feedback from Marion Dixon, Assistant Director of Regulatory Services and Craig Mordue, Assistant Director of Transport and Infrastructure on their service areas.
- 3.3 Attached as **Annex 1** is the North Area Committee Delivery plan which highlights progress against the Area Committee plan. Good news stories and promotion of projects are shared at every opportunity.
- 3.4 Attached as **Annex 2** is an update on Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, specifically relevant to the area, including a quarterly update on progress for information purposes only.

4. Recommendations - Members are requested to:

- 4.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to North Area Committee Area Plan 2023- 2026. **Annex 1**
- 4.2 Consider the progress update with regard to Sunderland City Council Service Plans - Area Priorities, for information purposes only. **Annex 2**

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Item 2 Annex 1

North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023 - 2026

Updated December 2023

The Area Plan commits the Area Committee to a number of priorities, which will be delivered within the North of Sunderland. This Delivery Plan provides an update on progress on the Area Committee's Area Plan and will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the North Neighbourhood and Community Board

Priority	Progress Update
Dynamic Smart City We Will Have	
North Ward Based Raising Aspiration Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Meetings Held <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castle – 4th August 2023 • Redhill – 4th August 2023 • Southwick – 18th September 2023 • St. Peters – 25th October 2023 • Fulwell – 20th September 2023 <p>Ward Based Raising Aspiration Projects which end December 2023 have been successful with funding applications via the Links for Life Programme until 31st December 2024</p>
North Communication Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Newsletter Circulated May 2023 • Currently developing content for Newsletter to pick up celebrating projects awarded funding June – Dec Area Committee and delivery of funded projects
Benefit Advice/Guidance for Residents Focusing on Digital Inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Inclusion linked to UKSPF Digital Hubs in the North (funding in place) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go Online Sunderland 1st Edition Digital Inclusion Newsletter shared with Area Committee 1st September 2023 • UKSPF (UK Shared Prosperity Fund) Digital Health Hubs Update:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites across the North are currently undergoing surveys to identify upgrades required which will include enhancing wifi capabilities, upgrade of digital devices/furniture, upskilling of staff/volunteers • Locations shown in Amber are on a waiting list for future investment, subject to future funding being secured. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwick Community Project: The Salvation Army, Southwick • Roker Life Church, Roker • Thompson Park Community Centre, Southwick • Friends of Fulwell / NE Sports, Monkwearmouth Academy, Fulwell • Downhill Community Hub, Downhill • Castle Ward Hub, Castle
Regular Updates on the Delivery of Low Carbon Initiatives in the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Low Carbon initiatives received June 2023 • Ward Tree Planting Suggestions across the North submitted for consideration • Ward Tree Planting scheme expected Winter 2023 is at Roker Park with plans to plant 50 heavy standards subject to further checks and discussions with Natural England • Further tree planting schemes to be reported on for 2024 - 2025
Healthy Smart City We Will Have	
Provision of a Wide Range of Youth Activities Particularly in Areas Suffering from Anti-Social Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £20,000 ring fenced for Youth
A North Quarry Run	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park run is due to commence the end of September 2023 • Set up fees have been now paid to parkrun • Volunteers have been engaged and have begun to undertake core training • The project has received support from the parkrun ambassador in establishing the route and other areas of the required / necessary for the set up.
Supported the Delivery of a Play Zone Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work has progressed and the design has been informed by a community engagement exercise. Residents want to see the new facility as a safe space with the opportunity play sports such as football, basketball and netball. Football Foundation have approved application in principle and £50,000 secured from Health City Fund as match. Construction is hoped to start before the end of 2023 – currently in the planning process.

Health Related Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £10,000 ring fenced for future health related projects- potentially air quality monitoring therefore on hold for now to be discussed at future Board
Wildlife, Walking, Cycling and Running Destinations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hylton Dene 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward members currently meeting with Environmental Services
Wide Range of Social Prescribing Services and Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UKSP Funded Links for Life Call for Projects circulated to North VCS Network members 4th September 2023. The programme will build on the learning from the warm and welcoming spaces, ensuring we are able to offer services and support within our communities – support and activities which bring residents together, enable active engagement and improve health, wellbeing and financial resilience. • Successful projects within the North: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roker Life - Establish a portfolio of activities at the community hub - including specialist exercise, cookery, gardening, food growing, creative crafts, community fridge project, family activities, volunteer training, digital support (digital hub), to promote wellbeing and reduce the impact of the cost of living crisis, whilst bringing the community together and offering the opportunity to make new social connections. Activities will be open to local adults and families and will be free to all. Quarterly blocks of delivery approx. 20 hours per week • Sunderland Community Action Group - By working with local young people from all backgrounds we will engage and support them to make better informed choices, enabling them to take advantage of a range of positive opportunities made available to them. We want young people to become happier, healthier, safer and more linked for life. 4 x Youth Sessions per week 1 x Sports & Cycle Session per week • Redby Community Centre - Links for Life will support the regeneration of Redby Community Centre as a fully inclusive community venue that will actively meet/target the needs of the most vulnerable within the community. Providing a cohesive approach via a range of programmes that will proactively improve holistically the health and wellbeing of local residents. 4 Sessions per week Jan - Dec. Exercise, Arts & Crafts, Walking, Talking, Sport, Family targeted activities and exercises, offer of transport of those that may find it difficult to get to the Centre

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Opportunities for Castle and Redhill Wards - A range of activities will be available including coffee afternoon, finance/benefit advice, household support, keep warm packs, employability, arts & crafts, walking, trips, parent and toddler groups, bingo etc from warm and safe spaces in Downhill Hub (Digital Hub), The Castle, Redhouse CA and Castletown Church. We will help residents to improve their health and well being and will signpost and work with external partners to access additional support as required. Weekly session (2hrs) alternating from 4 venues within Castle and Redhill Wards • Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project - Using three themes we aim to improve the lives of the residents of Southwick; to do this we will address issues around the cost of living crisis; provide a community support hub and deliver a youth work programme. 12.5 hours per week. In partnership with Thompson Park CC (Digital Hub) Foodbank and Community Fridge Project, Cooking/Recipes, Benefits Advice, Support, Careers, Health & Wellbeing Activities - Exercise, Dance etc, Youth Work Projects • North East Sport Fulwell Links for Life - Providing a Family/Community Wellness Hub offering a wide range of services and activities to the local community - youth support, digital inclusion/literacy, health and wellbeing, cultural & community events, family support & community outreach, healthy lifestyle initiatives, volunteer engagement. 12 hours per week
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**Vibrant Smart City
We Will Have**

<p>Delivery of a Wide Range of Heritage and Culture Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hylton Castle – Current NF Project • Crossley Project • Southwick Illumination Project – Current NF Project up to 2024 • Fulwell Christmas Lights • Redhill Community Christmas • Cenotaph Area in Redhill • Castle Mural Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Committee June 2023 funding awarded for Crossley Project • Area Committee June 2023 funding awarded Fulwell Christmas Lights Project • Culture House – Leanne attended July Board • Redhill Community Christmas – Ward members currently developing proposals via the Ward Improvement Budget. Decision on funding made via responsive decision with a Santa is Coming to Redhill event to be held on 30th November 2023 and lighting to be installed early December 2023. • Successful Southwick Switch on Event held on Friday 24th November 2023 • Castle Mural Project – Ward Improvement Project - November Board agreed for full application to be presented to December 2023 Area Committee
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<p>North Events programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Battle Re-enactment • Thompson Park Event • Future Events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful Battle Re-enactment Event delivered 29th and 30th July 2023 with over 10,000 visitors • Thompson Park Event unfortunately cancelled twice due to the weather – expected to be rescheduled Spring 2024
<p>Regeneration of Thompson Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thompson Park Refurbishment – Current NF Project • Accessible Kit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All new play areas and refurbishment complete July 2023
<p>Support to VCS & Community Hubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downhill Hub – Current NF Project • Hylton Castle Community Hub • Redhouse Community Association • Community Warden Project to support community hubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redhouse Community Association Expression of Interest for Neighbourhood Fund to be presented to November Board • November Board agreed for Redhouse Community Association full application to be presented to December 2023 Area Committee
<p>Redevelopment of Downhill Wheeled Sports Park Site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of site into a Great North Forest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Committee June 2023 funding aligned for the development of a project which regenerates the site. Meeting held 7th August to commence discussions and planning
<p>Delivery of Roker & Seaburn Washing Facilities Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Committee June 2023 funding awarded for the delivery of the project
<p>Delivery of a Project with Addresses Motorcycle Disorder</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2023 Board received a report on a Motor Cycle Disorder Taskforce Pilot and considered proposals to support Sunderland City Council with an additional ASB Officer, preventative measures and electric bikes for Northumbria Police – Board agreed full application to be presented to December 2023 Area Committee

Item 2 Annex 2

Sunderland City Council Service Plans – North Area Priorities for information purposes only

ADULT SERVICES: Strategic Commissioning Team and Strategic Safeguarding Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Bodmin Assessment Service	Development of an assessment service for adults with mental health needs, in partnership with the Registered Social Landlord	TBC	10/23	The consultations with current residents and families have been completed. New accommodation / service provision has been identified for the residents and work with SCAS/ASC Social Work teams to progress these moves is ongoing.
Rotherham Road	Development of Supported Living Accommodation for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs, in partnership with the Registered Social Landlord	2/23	10/23	All building works are complete. Residents have been identified and work with SCAS/ASC Social Work teams to progress these moves is ongoing. Property will be handed over to SCAS from Bernicia early September. New residents will start a phased move into the service from September 2023. All 3 tenants have moved in. Service fully operational
Fulwell Community Resource Centre	Redevelopment of building-based day care services	4/23	TBC	Building surveys have been undertaken by Property Services and improvement works have been identified. Discussions are ongoing in relation to the implementation of the improvement works. Due to the implications around Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and the immediate need for SCC to prioritise surveys/inspections across the Councils building assets in the short term, Property Services are unable to take forward the required works in the day

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
				centres. As a consequence, we are in discussion with SCC on options that can support Commissioning to take the development work forward.
Brunswick Rd Assessment Service	Development of an assessment service for adults with mental health needs, in partnership with the Registered Social Landlord	TBC	4/24	7 tenants have been supported to move to alternative accommodation with the final 2 awaiting a move in date for their new accommodation. Scoping to commence re. refurb work in preparation for the new assessment service once the building is empty.

City Development: Economic Regeneration

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
North East Community Forest 2023/24 planting	Tree and hedgerow planting at a series of individual sites as part of Low Carbon Framework. Options for sites in each area to be assessed and then discussed with Neighbourhood & Community Boards	9/23	3/24	Individual planting schemes developed in further detail, with some requiring further consultation before the overall programme is finalised. Seven sites currently have in principle funding approval: Holmeside Phase 2 (East); Hetton Primary School (Coalfield); Rickleton Primary School (Washington); Roker Park (North), Silksworth Ski Slope and Pit Wheel (West); Doxford Park (East); Ryhope Junior School (East). An additional 3-4 sites are also being considered and are currently at the feasibility stage.
Low Carbon Framework and Action Plan	Range of city-wide low carbon programmes and projects across the seven strategic priority areas to include			Additional green-infrastructure projects (over and above NE Community Forest activity) include 'Tiny Forests' schemes to be planted at Sandhill View Academy (West) and Hudson Road Primary (East) subject to feasibility and final approvals; Link

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
	implementation within individual Area Committee areas			Together Heritage Lottery bid for £915,000 has been submitted – if successful it will support greenspace uplift to 13 sites across the Coalfield. Sunderland City Council is working in partnership with energy suppliers Utilita and E.On on the current phase of Energy Company Obligation (ECO4), which requires energy suppliers to implement energy efficiency improvements in residents' homes. The scheme is aimed at lower income and/or vulnerable households and less energy efficient properties with the aims of tackling fuel poverty, reducing carbon emissions from the domestic sector and improving thermal comfort. The ECO4 scheme was launched in October and is available to residents in all areas of Sunderland (city-wide). Utilita will include a particular focus on engaging with residents in Southwick (North) and E.On with residents in Hendon (East) during Nov/Dec to raise awareness of the scheme and its benefits to residents. Eco-4 will run to 2026 across the city.

City Development: Regulatory Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Sara (currently national lottery funded)	1 x Community Engagement Worker and office costs	1/21	3/25	Project continues to deliver agreed aims and outcomes via the SARA Strategic Board. External Evaluation is in year 2 of a 3-year evaluation. more in depth update can be given to forthcoming AC meetings if required.

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
				A paper will go to November Board meeting outlining the new Motorcycle Disorder team and the ask of AC
Thompson Park Event	Community Event		8/24	Postponed twice due to inclement weather therefore expected delivery Spring 2024
Hylton Castle Battle Re-enactment	Hylton Castle event		8/23	Event successfully held – supported by events funding

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Bereavement Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Cemetery Improvements	Prioritisation of improvement measures within area cemeteries according to an assessment of risk, need and local demand	June 22	Ongoing	<p>Meetings: The Cemetery Improvement Boards are now established and convene bi-monthly bringing together representatives from local Ward Members and managers from relevant Council departments. These meetings serve as a platform to identify pressing issues and local concerns in each cemetery and to reach agreement on the priority attached to each.</p> <p>Key improvements: Through site visits and local knowledge key areas of improvement have been identified in each cemetery developed into an action plan.</p> <p>Our immediate focus relates to Regulatory compliance for lawn section graves and the requirement to remove unauthorised grave surrounds and install formal personalisation areas where personal items are placed on graves. This uniformity and standardisation of grave sizes will enable us to</p>

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
				<p>achieve a higher standard of maintenance which will contribute to an overall enhancement of these areas. Additionally, to protect public safety within all cemeteries we have launched a dedicated memorial testing programme to assess the stability of all memorials. Upon receipt of the stock condition report in September, the Cemetery Improvement Boards (CIB) will review the findings, determine necessary works, establish a public communication strategy and prioritise tasks accordingly until the programme is adopted and forms part of standard operations.</p> <p>As part of the ongoing cemetery improvement works led by the Cemetery Improvement Boards, work is advancing on the enforcement of cemetery regulations relating to unauthorised items and enclosures on lawn section graves. In the coming week, signage will be installed in relevant cemetery sections providing advanced notice of the removal of unauthorised items on lawn section graves, following written notice of the requirements to remove items sent to each grave owner concerned.</p> <p>Following the initial removal works, operations will temporarily cease for the Christmas period and resume in January, continuing until complete. As part of the memorial safety programme in all cemeteries, safety audits have now been conducted and we are awaiting the findings from our consultants. Further updates will follow as the findings are available.</p> <p>Cemetery Improvement Board meetings will continue to convene on a bi-monthly basis and have been</p>

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
				instrumental in developing the process for the regulatory implementation. As regulatory enforcement becomes part of business as usual, and the memorial safety testing programme is underway, cemetery specific action plans will be introduced to identify and deliver on improvement works specific to each cemetery dependant on local requirements and need. In addition to the regulatory enforcement and MST programme, the board are currently reviewing options to improve cemetery maintenance including the sowing of low cover and slow growing clover seed in older sections as an alternative to grass, as well as increased signage relating to issues around the control of dogs in cemeteries.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Local Services

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Glyphosate Trial	A trial project to help us understand the impact of alternative weed control options in different environments, with a view to the potential elimination of the use of herbicides in weed killing.	1 st April 2023	September 2023	The 2023 trial which commenced on the 1st of April which is due to conclude on the 30th of September 2023 is enabling Local Services to ensure we capture a full weed season. The process is allowing us to monitor the impact of using alternative methods to Glyphosate, understand how effective other weed control methods can be, the impact these treatments have on the effectiveness of maintenance, resource, costs, equipment/training requirements,

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				<p>environmental and visual impact, and importantly the views of our residents.</p> <p>To date detailed records on all aspects of the trial are being gathered and analysed. Aspects such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application process • Environmental Impact • Cost • Effectiveness • Resident Feedback <p>We are continuing to engage with residents, our wider council colleagues, key city stakeholders and neighbouring authorities.</p> <p>We are also engaging with several other Authorities and organisations such as Cardiff Council, South Lanarkshire Council, Brighton Council the Amenity Forum and APSE.</p> <p>A final report will be produced and published following the conclusion of the trial. The further targeted trials which started in April have continued into November 2023. The detailed trial will provide clear evidence to review, enabling consideration of the available options, cost and resource implications for each method tested.</p> <p>The results of the trial will inform the appropriate next steps.</p>
Tree Surveying	A citywide tree inspection and mapping project.	May 2023	2027	Tree inspections and mapping commenced in May 2023. Starting in the East area to date we have surveyed and digitally mapped over 5000 trees. The

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				<p>survey will move into the West area over the coming weeks. The survey will enable SCC to fully understand our tree stock, which will in turn increase our ability to manage the risk more effectively. The survey will also facilitate a much more proactive approach to tree planting and replacement, establish how much carbon as a city our trees can sequester, it will also inform us of the overall impact of Ash Dieback disease. The data base as it grows will provide a deeper case by case record of each tree and its inspection record which will improve member and customer journeys as the information held will provide more detailed information when responding to customer requests and complaints.</p> <p>As of 9th of November 9,353 trees have been surveyed.</p>
E Technology Trials	Trialling alternative Electric equipment to replace petrol fuelled kit to reduce carbon emissions.	May 2023		<p>We continue to trial alternative kit not only to reduce carbon emissions but to reduce the hand arm vibration some kit exposes our workforce to. To date we have tested Electric hedge trimmers, chainsaws, strimmers and grass cutters. We are hoping in the coming weeks to explore hybrid chipper technology. We are also working with our fleet team to future proof our kit replacement programme factoring in the feedback we capture as part trials and are confident that over a period of time to further reduce our reliance upon petrol tools and equipment.</p> <p>Trials are continuing with appropriate tools being considered as part of our fleet replacement capital programme.</p>

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Bunny Hill Fencing	Fencing project to prevent ASB motor bike and quad access.	April 2023	July 2023	Fencing has been installed and positive feedback received
Blue Flag Information Boards	Information Map Boards to meet Blue Flag eligibility.	April 2023	June 2023	New Display Cases and Map Boards are erected and look really good. Positive feedback received.
Park Signage	New Park Signage at Roker Park & Hylton Dene	April 2023	March 2024	New boards are erected and look really good. Positive feedback received.
War Memorials	Improvement of GM offering at Fulwell War Memorial	October 2023	November 2023	Reduction of hedges and opened up the memorial with the thinning out of the surrounding bushes, to improve appearance and help reduce ASB.
Waste Bins	New Free Standing Waste Bins Dovedale Road Shops & Southwick Green	June 2023	October 2023	New bins requested at Dovedale Road Shops by residents and local members. New bins at Southwick Green arranged to replace existing units that were old and beyond economical use. New bins will enhance The Green visually and help the presentation of future Britain in Bloom entries led by the SARA Project with support from Local Services
Waste Bins	Replacement of damaged, rusted, and unfit for purpose post mounted bins. Coastal / Riverside gateway route including Dame Dorothy Crescent from Harbour View to the Wearmouth Bridge	November 2023	March 2024	Multiple post mounted bins are damaged, corroded, or are faulty beyond repair, or missing doors for example. Program of replacement to occur ahead of Spring 2024. Program of assessment and replacement to be completed by March 31 st 2024
Wildflower Introductions	Craigavon Road – outside the Castle Blackwood Road – Community Centre. Keir Hardie Way – Halfway House. Redhill – St Cuthbert’s Church.	March 2024	May 2024	Repeat introductions of Annual Native Species & Euroflower Wildflower planting at Key High Profile Locations in all 5 wards of Sunderland North. Rotavating and re-seeding to be completed by May 2024

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	Fishermen's Cottages – Whitburn Bents. Dovedale Rd – Fulwell Methodist Church. Torver Crescent – Mere Knolls Cemetery Entrance. Roker Park. St Peter's - Churchyard.			

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Winter Maintenance

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Winter Smart Solutions	Trials of several infrared road surface sensors across the highway network.	Continue through the winter of 2023/2024	Testing, development, and evaluation of technology and installation options remains ongoing through the winter of 2023/2024	<p>The selection, trial, and testing of additional Smart Road Surface Temperature measuring equipment supplied by the Smart City Team, remains ongoing. It is hoped that the additional equipment options being trialled will accurately enhance existing road monitoring and weather forecasting service provided by the Environmental Services, Winter Maintenance gritting team, and give the team are greater insight into the condition or road surfaces across the city during periods of cold.</p> <p>Following the recent trial of 10 smart sensors at a variety of key locations across the city, the detailed findings of the trial have enabled the Environmental Services Winter Maintenance Team, to further improve the planning for the essential replacement of the city's Vaisala weather station network and ensure that the positioning of the new equipment is</p>

				<p>optimised in response to the current and future development of new key routes and any road network changes across the city. With the new installations of modern Vaisala equipment occurring from May 2024, the road users of Sunderland can be assured the city will have some of the most advanced weather monitoring and forecasting equipment available, provided and supported by one of the market leaders in the industry.</p>
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HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Area Arrangements

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Developing the community support offer, working closely with the voluntary sector to enable maximise positive outcomes from Social Prescribing	Supporting VCS to develop their capacity to deliver commissioned services within communities	April 2023	March 2025	UKSPF funds secured to support VCS in Sunderland to deliver 12 months of community support across the city. VCS providers will support the establishment of the Links for Life social prescribing programme in Sunderland, signing a delivery charter, ensuring a digital platform is developed and delivery is evaluated to inform future community support service delivery
VCS Alliance – growing capacity of voluntary and community sector	Continue to work in partnership with the voluntary sector Alliance to maximise resources into the sector via external funding and grow social value resources	April 2023	March 2025	<p>VS Alliance developing their offer to support the sector.</p> <p>Since securing charitable status in April, the Sunderland VS Alliance asked the sector across Sunderland for a view on current needs and gaps in service offer. Following the completion of the surveys and further work with the Alliance Strategic and Operational Boards, funding priorities have been agreed which will inform future funding applications as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Older peoples' services •People with disabilities

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Young people (the need for more youth services) •Veterans •People affected by the cost-of-living crisis •People furthest from the job market, •Refugees •Mental health services <p>The Alliance has secured £45,000 ICB funding via VONNE to employ a Capacity Mapping Officer as part of a regional piece of work to review social prescribing and look at best practise for Sunderland and the Northeast region. The Alliance are working hand in hand with the Links for Life programme team to provide recommendations which will improve communities and prevent escalation of specialist services, to benefit the outcomes for local people. The Alliance is part of the Community Foundations Participatory Grant process developing funding opportunities for grass roots voluntary and community groups. Launch date to be confirmed.</p> <p>The Alliance will launch their membership scheme in October and will be promoting to all of the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations in Sunderland, asking them to register.</p> <p>The Alliance will also be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recruiting, inducting, and training new staff •Re-launching their website (with a membership hub) <p>The Alliance is working hard to secure the following members for the Alliance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A Treasurer •Trustees •Operational Board members

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				<p>The Council continue to support the VS Alliance in Sunderland, who are now an independent Charity as a member of their strategy board, alongside other VCS partners, Gentoo and the ICB.</p>
<p>Delivery of Financial Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan</p>	<p>Supporting residents within areas to improve their resilience</p>	<p>April 2023</p>	<p>March 2025</p>	<p>Continue to use household data and intelligence to identify issues and inform Support offer available within communities, working closely with partners including the voluntary sector. The UKSPF community support offer is supporting residents to become financially resilient and forms a core part of the wider Links for Life service offer.</p> <p>The team continues to talk to residents in communities about their experience and report on issues and themes from the conversations.</p> <p>The work is facilitated by excellent relationships already established with local VCS organisations.</p> <p>We are combining quantitative and qualitative data to provide context and a deeper understanding of the Lived experience of residents.</p> <p>We are currently refining a recording and reporting system to manage both statistical and anecdotal information so that if a service or partner organisation requires some contextual information we can find and provide it.</p>

Area Committee Update: LINKS FOR LIFE SUNDERLAND

Links for Life is Sunderland's approach to social prescribing; working with our partners to help people live the best life they can by linking them to community level services and support to make a lasting difference to their health and wellbeing.

Partners recognise that without growth of the service offer in the community we will not reduce health inequalities. Effort has gone into building support for voluntary and community groups who are delivering vital services within our communities.

WHAT IS SOCIAL PRESCRIBING?

Factors such as stress, unemployment, debt and loneliness can affect our health.¹ Also, one in five GP appointments are about issues wider than health, especially for people living in areas of high deprivation.²

Social Prescribing is about connecting people with activities and services that improve their physical and mental health, and wellbeing. It supports people to identify and discuss their own support needs, giving them time to focus on 'what matters to them' and taking a holistic approach to their health and wellbeing.

Supporting residents to improve their health and wellbeing through self-help and connections to community-based support services, often provided by our VCS services, is vital to support our residents with the range of social issues which drive up health inequalities in our city. Key benefits can include improved social connections, improvement in the management of health and health status, improvement in mental health and wellbeing and life enrichment.³

LINKS FOR LIFE SUNDERLAND

To build on all the positive work that already happens in Sunderland, partners are working on developing a model, called Links for Life Sunderland, which will be launched in April 2024.

Links for Life Sunderland will bring together people within communities, supporting everyone to have healthy, happy lives, with no one left behind.

A video has been produced all about Links for Life Sunderland – see here [Links for Life Sunderland - https://youtu.be/h8EizBukS40](https://youtu.be/h8EizBukS40)

What are the aims:

- Residents and partners will be able to easily find information, including community-based services, to make better informed choices to help their health and wellbeing.
 - People will recognise Links for Life Sunderland and will associate it with quality, accessibility and connectiveness.
 - Residents will be able to get support through more community-based partners, including VCS, through improved promotion, collaboration and demonstration of their impact.
 - Links for Life Sunderland will be developed on evidence-based practice and evaluation.
 - Investment will be targeted and driven by local data, intelligence and knowledge from the system.
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What are we doing:

- Creating the Links for Life Sunderland brand, informed by the views of residents and making sure it is recognised and visible across the city.
- Developing a 'digital community support platform', to make sure people can find the information and help they need.
- Mapping our community buildings and services to understand and help address gaps, making sure we focus our efforts on people and places that can't access services.
- Supporting the voluntary sector to grow the Links for Life offer within community settings. Including the provision of Community grant schemes to support voluntary sector organisations in developing Links for Life delivery centres within communities and ensure the difference their work makes to the lives of residents, is recognised and supported by all partners.
- Creating a charter that makes sure we have shared behaviours and values and everyone receives a good quality service that meets expectations
- Working alongside the community wealth building strategy / social value initiatives in the city to financially support our voluntary sector as well as support much needed improvements within our community facilities.

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Strategy

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
The service is generally responsive based on requests for service and the severity of empty property conditions. However, the Empty Homes Strategy identified the areas of the City where empty properties were most prevalent. Work to tackle empty properties is targeted in these areas.	This is not a specific project	Progressing	Initial presentation complete Future reports presented for Area Committee Information quarterly	A presentation on Empty Properties has been delivered to all Area Committees. This showed the data relating to area, Ward and across the City. An Empty Homes Report is being developed following the views and questions provided as part of the Area Committee discussions. This report will be presented to Area Committees quarterly

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Development

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Housing Delivery and Investment Plan 2020-26 – approved to deliver 574 new Council owned homes for letting, broken down into three workstreams: Empty Homes - 210 Bungalows - 193 Supported - 171	Empty Homes - 38 Bungalows - 40 Supported – 34	February 2020	March 2026	Empty Homes - 13 Bungalows - 23 Supported – 9 Note - Due to the current financial and economic position with increased inflationary pressures, increasing borrowing rates, increasing build costs and no growth in Homes England grant, properties linked to Housing Revenue Account (HRA) activities are suspended until the economic climate changes to enable the viability of the HRA in the future. Some non-HRA activity including supported accommodation which does not sit within the HRA will continue.

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Welfare Reform Service and Business Development

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion by	Area Committee quarterly update
Foodbank Support	Council currently supporting range of foodbanks / food aid organisations in all area of the city – majority in East / West via fresh food and FareShare – will be refining offer / support during the year	N/A	N/A	Service is currently collating foodbank usage in each local area to understand gaps in provision and issues within communities. Service also supporting foodbanks to receive donations ahead of the Christmas period Information continues to be made available for residents to access via website and also voluntary sector and partners such as housing, health, etc.

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Active Sunderland

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Parks Tennis Court Programme	Refurbish Tennis Courts in Thompson Park and Roker Park	5/23	7/23	Roker park - complete and operational from 25/8/23 Thompson park - practical completion scheduled for 12/9 – complete and operational
Parks Tennis Court Programme	Develop Tennis activation programme	6/23	10/23	Complete - taking place
Swim Bike Run programme	Develop new adult parkrun in Fulwell Quarry	9/23	Ongoing	Now scheduled to commence end of November
Swim Bike Run programme	Create new opportunities to participate in SBR and Go Tri – Seafront	4/23	Ongoing	Ongoing – new opportunities in place - will develop further
Swim Bike Run programme	Develop SBR Hubs from Adventure Sunderland	7/23	Ongoing	Opportunities not progressed at Adventure Sunderland - North offer is linked to Bike hub in place already adjacent to NGC
Regular Physical Activity Opportunities	Development of 1st Playzone in Southwick	2/24	4/24	Planning application submitted

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Public Health and Integrated Commissioning – Living Well

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Cycle scheme	Walking and Cycling activities for families in Southwick and Redhill	5/23	3/25	Delivery commenced July 23, programme supported wider initiatives in North. Next quarter focussed work with particular communities i.e. Redhill and partnerships with groups i.e SARA

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				<p>July – Sept delivery started positively with good numbers of engagement. Sept to December focussing on more targeted work. Information has been shared with Links workers, TfC family hubs etc working in the north for referral routes. Engagement with residents carried out to identify barriers to engagement that will be used to inform the programme moving forward.</p>
Development of Social prescribing physical hubs	To deliver a Social Prescribing 'hub' to allow for localised presence of the offer	4/23	3/25	Progressing model development
Targeted substance misuse related death prevention	Development of targeted substance misuse related death prevention interventions	6/23	03/24	<p>Targeted Outreach and identification of additional space including, Caring Changes (Southwick), Swan Lodge Hendon, Betsy Jenny's Community Café, Poplar House (Hendon) and Back on the Map (Hendon) in target areas.</p> <p>CGL also offer online sessions, and support service users in the Southwick/Hendon and St Peters area with free data sim cards to improve digital assess. This is alongside the enhanced harm reduction services to at risk clients.</p> <p>CGL are also expanding needle exchange provision with 7 pharmacies offering needle exchange in the targeted area.</p> <p>Oct 23 SSMTRG underspend to be used to deliver stimulant specific training within Wear Recovery</p>

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Stop Smoking Clinics	To deliver stop smoking clinics in the wards with the highest smoking rates.	4/23	12/23	<p>SSSS are actively investigating clinic/drop in sites within the high prevalence wards. The following clinics are either established, planned to start or in discussion:</p> <p>Hendon: Riverview Health Centre (established) Back on the Map (in discussion)</p> <p>Millfield: The Salvation Army (planned to start mid September)</p> <p>Pallion: St Luke's Neighbourhood Centre (planned to start early September)</p> <p>Redhill: Bunnyhill Centre (established)</p> <p>Castle: Bunnyhill Centre (established)</p> <p>Southwick: Salvation Army – Austin House (in discussion)</p> <p>SNYP (in discussion)</p> <p>Sandhill: Grindon Primary Care Centre (established)</p> <p>St Anne's: Grindon Primary Care Centre (established) Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre (planned to start soon)</p> <p>Washington North: Galleries Health Centre (established)</p>

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				<p>The Millenium Centre (planned to start mid-September)</p> <p>Central Sunderland: Betsy Jenny Wellbeing Café (established).</p>

HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Public Health – Starting Well and Health Protection

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Healthy Settings (Schools) - Castleview Enterprise Academy	School and key partners working together on identified priorities of mental health and RSHE	4/23	3/24	<p>Castleview has undertaken significant efforts to foster a healthy settings approach, with a primary focus on RSHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) and Mental Health.</p> <p>They have taken part in the Health Related Behaviour Survey 2023, completed with Y8 and Y10 pupils. The results have been shared with relevant staff to understand the results and to inform priorities.</p> <p>They have a dedicated governor and staff member have been appointed and five staff members have undergone training to serve as health advocates. Regular surveys are conducted with staff to understanding and addressing staff needs.</p> <p>25 staff members have completed Mental Health Champion Training, while three staff members</p>

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				<p>have undergone Mental Health First Aid training. They also have additional training plans including Youth Mental Health First Aid and scheduled MIND training for staff in December 2023.</p> <p>The school has organised various wellbeing activities, such as Wear Yellow Day, and has integrated mental health topics into the curriculum for PSHE education, ensuring a comprehensive focus on mental health across different age groups.</p> <p>A nutrition action group has been established to work on promoting healthy meals, and the school proudly achieved the Food and Nutrition Charter Mark in May 2023.</p> <p>Additionally Castleview has achieved RSHE bronze charter mark. They are focusing on three key themes including Healthy relationships, Body image, and Contraception identified from the student voice survey.</p>

TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN: Early Help Systems and Family Hubs

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Family Hub	The Family Hubs and Start for Life programme helps meet commitments in The best start for life: a vision for the 1,001 critical days, published as government policy in March 2021. This programme is jointly led by the	2022	2025	<p>Bunnyhill Family Hub</p> <p>Bunnyhill was launched in June 2023 offering a play space and</p>

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	<p>Department for Education (DfE) and Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC).</p> <p>The aim of Family Hubs is to join up and enhance services, ensuring all parents and carers can access the support they need when they need it. To bring services together and make them more accessible, improve the connections between families, professionals, services, and providers, and put relationships at the heart of family support.</p> <p>Following a competitive bidding process, 14 trailblazers were selected and awarded additional funding to go further and faster in delivering some or all of the Start for Life services funded by the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme – peri-natal mental health and parent-infant relationships, infant feeding, and parenting support. Sunderland were one of the 14 local authority areas who were awarded trailblazer status.</p> <p>https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/article/27857/Start-for-Life</p> <p>Sunderland will have 5 Family Hubs across the city offering services from conception up until the age of 18 or 25 for young people with special educational needs. The face to face offer Sunderland Family Hubs offer is mirrored as a virtual offer to our children, young people and families, with access to activities, services and resources on a new digital platform called My Best Life. MBL will also provide families with information around childcare, SEND local offer, support for older children and</p>			<p>several groups for early years such as baby massage, baby weaning. Bunnyhill runs a pregnancy yoga group. Co-Delivery with ante-natal services is well underway. Early years CAMH's worker sits within the hubs. A SALT worker will be working from the hubs in the new year. Pregnancies can be booked in at the hub. All of the hubs also deliver at least one session a week within other community organisations across the city.</p> <p>There are 5 peer support health workers across the hubs, aligned to support the delivery of services around peri-natal mental health and infant feeding.</p> <p>Young people's groups for primary and secondary age RISE are delivered weekly from all of the Family Hubs. The groups are based on a social prescribing model focused on improving mental health and well-being, improving the life chances of children and young people.</p> <p>There are 12 Family Champions trained so far across the hubs and</p>

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	<p>young people in addition to interactive resources that families can access at home.</p> <p>Our Family hubs sits in line with the national vision of building an Early Help System offering support to children and families across universal services, community support and targeted services which will all be available in our family hubs.</p> <p>Early Help targeted family support teams are co-located within the family hubs. These teams provide targeted support to families with children aged 0 to 19. The Early Help workers complete a robust assessment and plan, provide interventions and work alongside our partners to address the needs of children young people and their families.</p> <p>HAF continues to be available across all localities of the city now over all school holidays (not just Easter, Summer and Winter) due to enhanced funding from Public Health.</p>			<p>two parent carer panels made up of 9 and 10 members.</p> <p>The Parenting Team have co-produced a new parenting Course with Sunderland University and delivery has started of these courses within the hubs and there are new digital parenting seminars being launched.</p> <p>There are benefit and employment advice officers seconded to Early Help from DWP as part of the Supporting family's agenda and based in the Family Hubs. These workers offer benefit and employment advice to all families open to an Early Help or Social Care plan. Plans are currently being developed to offer "drop in" advice sessions, provided by the workers, to all families accessing the Family Hubs.</p>

CORPORATE SERVICES: Smart City Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Digital Inclusion	Delivery of a range of DI initiatives subject to interest/approval	4/23	4/26	Significant work ongoing, a newsletter is available and can be circulated if of interest and further

				<p>information can be found in the City Resources section of our website: www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com</p> <p>In addition, Digital Dashboards have been produced for every ward detailing the existing digital provision, challenges, and potential opportunities for consideration.</p>
Smart Cities	Opportunities for a range of digital and data solutions e.g. interactive play, smart bins etc	4/23	?	<p>Significant work ongoing, further information can be found across our website and in the Innovation Challenges section: www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com</p>

Ward Dashboards:

Population

10786

Child Poverty

600

Unemployed

3.3%

Older People in Poverty

31.0%

Older People Living Alone

39.8%

Can not Speak English

0.4%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

9

IMD Score

35.10

Income Deprivation

23.5%

Ave. Download Speed

136.01

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

Castle

Existing Digital Provision

Community Opportunities offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Residents can access 1-2-1 support, timetabled sessions or drop in sessions. Hylton Castle Community Hub provide all the support above, in addition to being a registered Data Bank,

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills and money are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

Higher levels of children and older people living in poverty, unemployment, income deprivation and older people living alone which may contribute towards loneliness.

Hylton Castle Community Hub, Coleridge Road is a short term lease to Hylton Castle Trust to deliver warm space therefore the challenge is as to whether the Trust wish to extend this lease

Limited broadband availability to buildings include: Hylton Castle Trust, Castletown CA, St. Bedes Community Venue

Potential Opportunities for Members

Develop more spaces for people to access face to face digital support.

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCCE at Castleview, The New Bridge, Town End Farm, Castletown, Hylton Castle, Trinity, The Link School and Behaviour Support Service at Springwell Dene.

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households

Promote digital skills and training to residents, volunteers and partners

Population

10741

Child Poverty

97

Unemployed

1.5%

Older People in Poverty

9.1%

Older People Living Alone

31.1%

Can not Speak English

0.1%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

25

IMD Score

9.00

Income Deprivation

6.1%

Ave. Download Speed

81.61

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

0.27

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

Fulwell

Existing Digital Provision

USKPF bid approved to develop one Community Digital Health Hub: Friends of Fulwell/NE Sports improving connectivity, access to devices and upskilling the workforce / volunteers.

Fulwell Infants and Fulwell Juniors are members of the NCCE.

Fulwell Library offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Residents can access 1-2-1 support, timetabled sessions or drop in sessions.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications

Free Sunderland WiFi available at Seaburn Coast and Park.

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind

Friends of Fulwell(FOF)/NE Sport ideally placed in the local community in addition they also work in partnership with Fulwell

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Challenges to Address

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People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

Top 10 wards registered as having limited broadband, via the DERI.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Monkwearmouth Academy and Seaburn Dene.

Friends of Fulwell and NE Sport based in Monkwearmouth Academy have excellent working relationship with the school. NE Sport engage with families who are affected by the Cost of Living crisis, can they raise awareness of digital support available.

Set up a Tech Mates/Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

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FOF provide support to older people, scope to support the Group signpost raise awareness of digital support available in the ward.

Population

11204

Child Poverty

862

Unemployed

4.0%

Older People in Poverty

33.5%

Older People Living Alone

35.6%

Can not Speak English

0.2%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

2

IMD Score

49.20

Income Deprivation

30.3%

Ave. Download Speed

126.49

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

0.39

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

Redhill

Existing Digital Provision

USKPF bid approved to develop one Community Digital Health Hub: Downhill Community Hub improving connectivity, access to devices and upskilling the workforce / volunteers.

Northern Saints, Willow Wood and Bexhill Primaries are all members of the NCCE.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills and money are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

Redhill does not have a large VCS provision however envisage it will have a high level of digitally excluded.

Highest levels of children and older people living in poverty and income deprivation in the North Area.

Only youth provision is delivered from Downhill Community Hub therefore there is a need for further consideration to ensure the Digital Health Hub can support all age groups in the ward.

Higher levels of unemployment.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Spaces for people to access face to face digital support. Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Redhouse Academy, Harry Watts, English Martyrs and St John Bosco.

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks.

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused

Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households

Co-design and deliver a project tailored to an 'at risk' group of people or within a physical location.

Potential for Downhill Hub to continue to develop their relationship with Redhouse CA. Peer mentor support.

Population

10823

Child Poverty

689

Unemployed

4.1%

Older People in Poverty

32.1%

Older People Living Alone

39.9%

Can not Speak English

0.4%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

3

IMD Score

48.50

Income Deprivation

30.0%

Ave. Download Speed

77.39

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

0.20

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

Southwick

Existing Digital Provision

USKPF bid approved to develop a Community Digital Health Hub: Thompson Park Community Centre, improving connectivity, access to devices and upskilling the workforce / volunteers.

Foundation of Light, Grace House, Salvation Army, Southwick Community Centre, and Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Residents can access 1-2-1 support, timetabled sessions or drop in sessions. Southwick Neighbourhood Community Project, also provide a Data Bank service.

Free Wi-Fi available in Thompson Park, along with interactive play.

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support.

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub supporting social prescribing to raise awareness of support.

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind.

SNYP main youth provider in the Southwick Ward in addition SARA project works in partnership with Salvation Army to offer out of school provision.

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills and money are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

Higher levels of children and older people living in poverty, older people living alone which may contribute towards loneliness, unemployment and income deprivation.

Many active VCS orgs in Southwick, risk of silo intervention. Consideration needs to be given to co-ordinating digital intervention across the road to reduce competition and duplication.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Develop more spaces for people to access face to face digital support.

Raise awareness and encourage sign up to the NCCE at Grange Park, Southwick Primary and Beacon of Light

Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks.

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households

Promote digital skills and training to residents, volunteers and partners

Population

9914

Child Poverty

191

Unemployed

2.8%

Older People in Poverty

17.6%

Older People Living Alone

33.2%

Can not Speak English

0.6%

IMD Ward Rank (/25)

24

IMD Score

19.70

Income Deprivation

12.5%

Ave. Download Speed

83.74

% of prem unable to receive 30Mbit/s

0.04

Digital Inclusion Scoreboard

St. Peter's

Existing Digital Provision

USKPF bid approved to develop one Community Digital Health Hub: Roker Life improving connectivity, access to devices and upskilling the workforce / volunteers.

Veterans in Crisis offers Wi-Fi access, along with access to digital devices. Residents can access 1-2-1 support, timetabled sessions or drop in sessions.

Working with Schools on digital careers, work placements and T-qualifications.

Currently building links with VCS organisations, including schools to provide further support.

Encouraging organisations to share activities to a centralised hub to support social prescribing to raise awareness of support available.

Significantly influencing investment to install broadband provision in all areas, to ensure no one and no where is left behind.

Free Sunderland Wi-Fi available at Roker Beach and Park.

Challenges to Address

Local insights suggests that limited digital connectivity; low personal data allowances; access to digital devices and lack of digital skills are common barriers to digital inclusion.

People more at risk of digital exclusion are children and young people; ethnic minority groups, people without a job; people on low wages. Further consideration for Veterans, single parents and people with disabilities.

Top 10 wards registered as having limited broadband, via the DERI.

Higher levels of older people living in poverty.

Highest level of ethnic minorities living in the North.

Potential Opportunities for Members

Develop more spaces for people to access face to face digital support. Deliver marketing campaigns to tackle digital exclusion e.g. low cost broadband, being safe online, etc.

Encourage sign up to the NCCE at Redby and St Benet's Primaries.

Set up a Tech Mates / Buddies Volunteering Scheme

Encourage sign up to the Digital Inclusion Network and operate data banks (like a food bank but instead provides free SIM cards)

Explore funding opportunities to introduce free friendly Wi-Fi into publicly accessible buildings, open spaces and parks.

Set up IT donation points and encourage people to gift their old devices which can be upcycled and reused

Set up a Digital Device Loan Scheme or Lending Libraries for digitally excluded households

Co-design and deliver a project tailored to an 'at risk' group of people or within a physical location.

Redby CA have a new management committee, investment in building is scheduled. Opportunity to expand community offer, and enhance the digital offer to young people via existing

REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE**1.0 Purpose of Report**

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to the North Sunderland Area.

2.0 Key Updates**Total Crime**

Up 8.6% increase of 344 crimes

From research a key area that has increased is now the area of A5q1 which is the area of Timber Beach road where retail premises have experienced increase in Shopliftings and Burglaries to commercial Premises.

There has been numerous repeat victims inclusive of the Palm Public house where Lee Forbister has been arrested and Charged with Burglary to the Palm.

Anti-Social Behaviour

Increase of 17.6% which equates to - 166 incidents.

ASB in Sunderland North is low in comparison to the other parts of Sunderland, once again the area of concern is focussed around Roker retail park and also the Metro station for Stadium of Light A5O8.

There is a POP plan in place for the retail park and also additional security staff are now aligned with the stores in the retail park, in addition we are working alongside Leoni Kameli from VRU who supports us with staff on the transport hubs inclusive of the metro station (Stadium of Light)

Wetherwack has also remained quite high with ASB numbers with a lot of this being linked to Bonfire weekend, there has been in excess of 30 arrests made with the majority being Juveniles who have progressed through the court process and Criminal Behaviour Orders and Evictions are being prepared in respect of some Offenders.

Burglary Dwelling

Residential Burglary is down by 5.9% year to date, this equates to a reduction of 8 Burglaries.

Targets and areas are discussed in our 4 weekly meeting around all Burglaries with a dedicated team focussing on Burglaries.

There has been a number of key Offenders arrested and sentenced to imprisonment throughout this year.

There are no specific patterns or themes to the Burglaries and are spread over the area.

Commercial Burglaries

Up by 72.4% year to date, this equates to an increase of 55 crimes.

This has been a high increase in numbers but we have a number of Offenders arrested and Remanded. John Campbell was released from Prison and further arrested for another Burglary to Easy Bathrooms currently on bail conditions awaiting a further court date. Arrests of Kenny Roberts, Shaun Ellwood, John Campbell and Lee Forbister have dramatically reduced the numbers of Burglaries being committed,

Vehicle crime

Increase of 15.3 % with an increase of 37 incidents, this includes vehicle interference and also theft of motor vehicles.

The main area is Red House with a number of vehicles being attacked in Hotel car parks, crime prevention work ongoing.

Violent Crime

The key area is around Roker area.

Increase of 4.8 % which equates to 73 incidents.

This relates to main area of Violence without injury which includes crime of harassment, Roker retail park and also the area of Hylton Castle have recorded the highest increases and the research show the majority are incidents without violence.

Other incidents of note

Operation Sceptre ran for 7 days in November, this is a National Operation aimed at knife crime, prevention, education, deterrence and enforcement actions were carried out over this period with some excellent results from both Police and partners involved in the Operation.

Bonfire Weekend.

This was once again a very challenging period, the Friday and Saturday nights were very quiet with an increase in incidents on the 5th November, a lot of planning went into this Operation (Vulcan) and also city wide plans were prepared for around 8 weeks leading up to the night.

Police recorded 48 incidents in both South Tyneside and Sunderland from mid day on the 5th until 10pm, a number of further incidents occurred after this time period that were dealt with by response Officers after the Operation was stood down, Police and Fire Services worked very well together coordinating attendances at Fires.

Unfortunately two vehicles were burnt out in area of Southwick an investigation is being progressed.

Motorcycle Disorder

Sgt Chris McClennan and a team of 8 Officers now make up a motorcycle disorder team, their shift pattern is a Neighbourhood pattern working days and lates, the team have been in place for a week now and made some good in roads into the location and seizure of bikes.

The team is being utilised across all of Southern and dedicated to Motorcycle disorder both petrol and electric.

REPORT AUTHOR Inspector Stephen Prested



Contents

The following data set contains general information relating to fire incidents/ASB fires in this reporting area. This is for public information and sharing for the purposes of reducing ASB and fire crime.

Primary fires include all fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures or any fire involving casualties, rescues, or fires attended by five or more appliances. Secondary fires include refuse, bin, derelict vehicle fires and grass fires. A secondary fire does not involve casualties or rescues.

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The information provided in this summary has been obtained from the Incident Recording System (IRS) and is correct AS AT 09:00hrs of the day the following dashboards are viewed.

Please note:

Some incident data may be subject to change, also some incidents may not appear in the report at the time of production. If you have any queries regarding the data included in this document please do not hesitate to contact us. We would also be grateful for any suggestions, comments and feedback, please feel free to contact a member of the Data and Information Team:

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Date Range

9/13/2023

11/30/2023

LI 14- Number of deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
1	0	0.00 %

Incident Reference	Date	Time	Station Name	District Name	Ward Name	Property Hierarchy
51027983	10/27/2023	20:52:28	Marley Park (M)	Sunderland	Southwick	Outdoor/Outdoor structures/Outdoor storage

Ward Breakdown

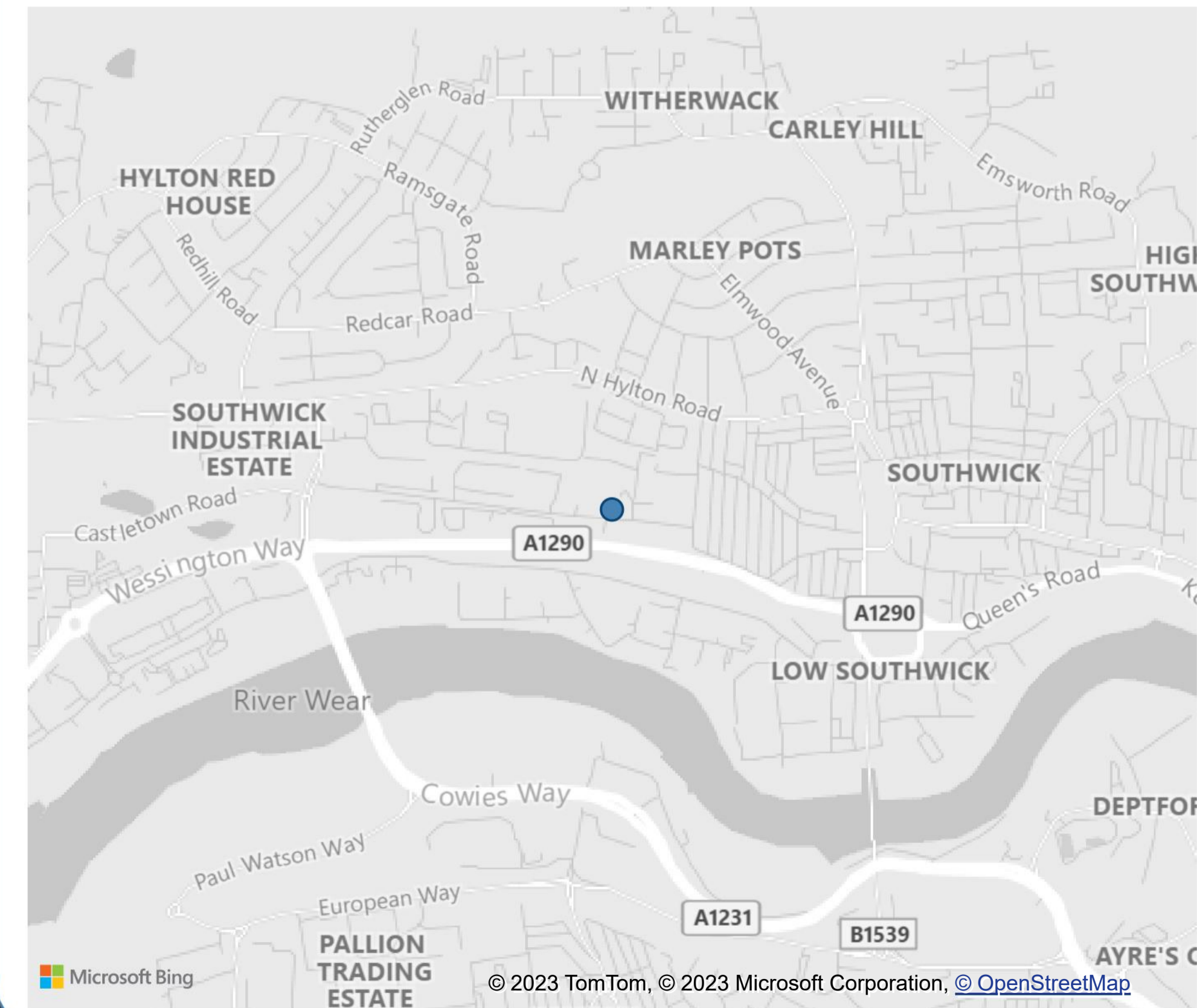
Ward Name	Incident Count
Southwick	1
Castle	0
Fulwell	0
Redhill	0
St Peter's	0
Total	1

Property Type Breakdown

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Outdoor storage	1
Total	1

Incident Heatmap by Ward

● Southwick



Date Range

9/13/2023

11/30/2023

LI 15- Number of deliberate primary road vehicle fires

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
15	14	7.14 %

Incident Reference	Date	Time	Station Name	District Name	Ward Name	Property Hierarchy
51030768	11/26/2023	20:10:55	Marley Park (M)	Sunderland	Southwick	Road Vehicle/Motorcycle
51030473	11/23/2023	00:19:43	Marley Park (M)	Sunderland	Redhill	Road Vehicle/Car
51030186	11/18/2023	17:46:59	Marley Park (M)	Sunderland	Southwick	Road Vehicle/Motorcycle
51030100	11/17/2023	21:12:06	Marley Park (M)	Sunderland	Castle	Road Vehicle/Car
51029298	11/8/2023	01:40:26	Marley Park (M)	Sunderland	Redhill	Road Vehicle/Car

Ward Breakdown

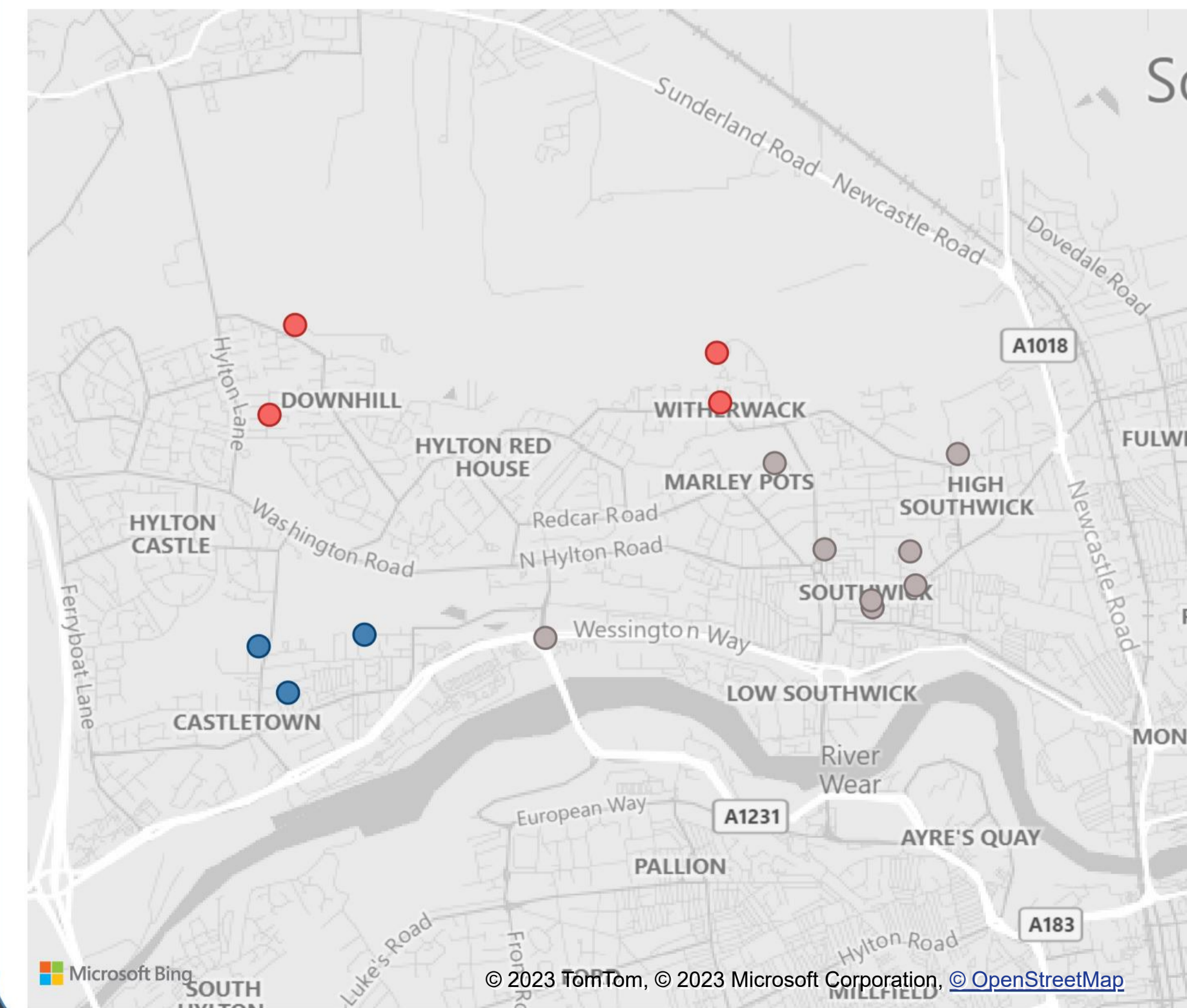
Ward Name	Incident Count
Southwick	8
Redhill	4
Castle	3
Fulwell	0
St Peter's	0
Total	15

Property Type Breakdown

Property Level 3	Incident Count
Car	8
Van	3
Motorcycle	2
Caravan unspecified	1
Multiple Vehicles	1
Total	15

Incident Heatmap by Ward

● Castle ● Redhill ● Southwick



Date Range

9/13/2023

11/30/2023

LI 16- Number of deliberate secondary fires

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
90	60	50.00 %

Incident Reference	Date	Time	Station Name	District Name	Ward Name	Property Hierarchy
51030735	11/26/2023	15:36:35	Marley Park (M)	Sunderland	Redhill	Outdoor/Outdoor structures/Refuse/rubbish tip
51030741	11/26/2023	16:07:21	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Castle	Outdoor/Other outdoors (including land)/Loose refuse (incl in g
51030311	11/20/2023	15:54:04	Marley Park (M)	Sunderland	Redhill	Outdoor/Other outdoors (including land)/Loose refuse (incl in g
51030321	11/20/2023	19:06:15	Marley Park (M)	Sunderland	Redhill	Outdoor/Outdoor structures/Small refuse/rubbish/recycle conta
51030250	11/19/2023	19:10:57	Sunderland Central (N)	Sunderland	Southwick	Outdoor/Outdoor structures/Small refuse/rubbish/recycle conta

Ward Breakdown

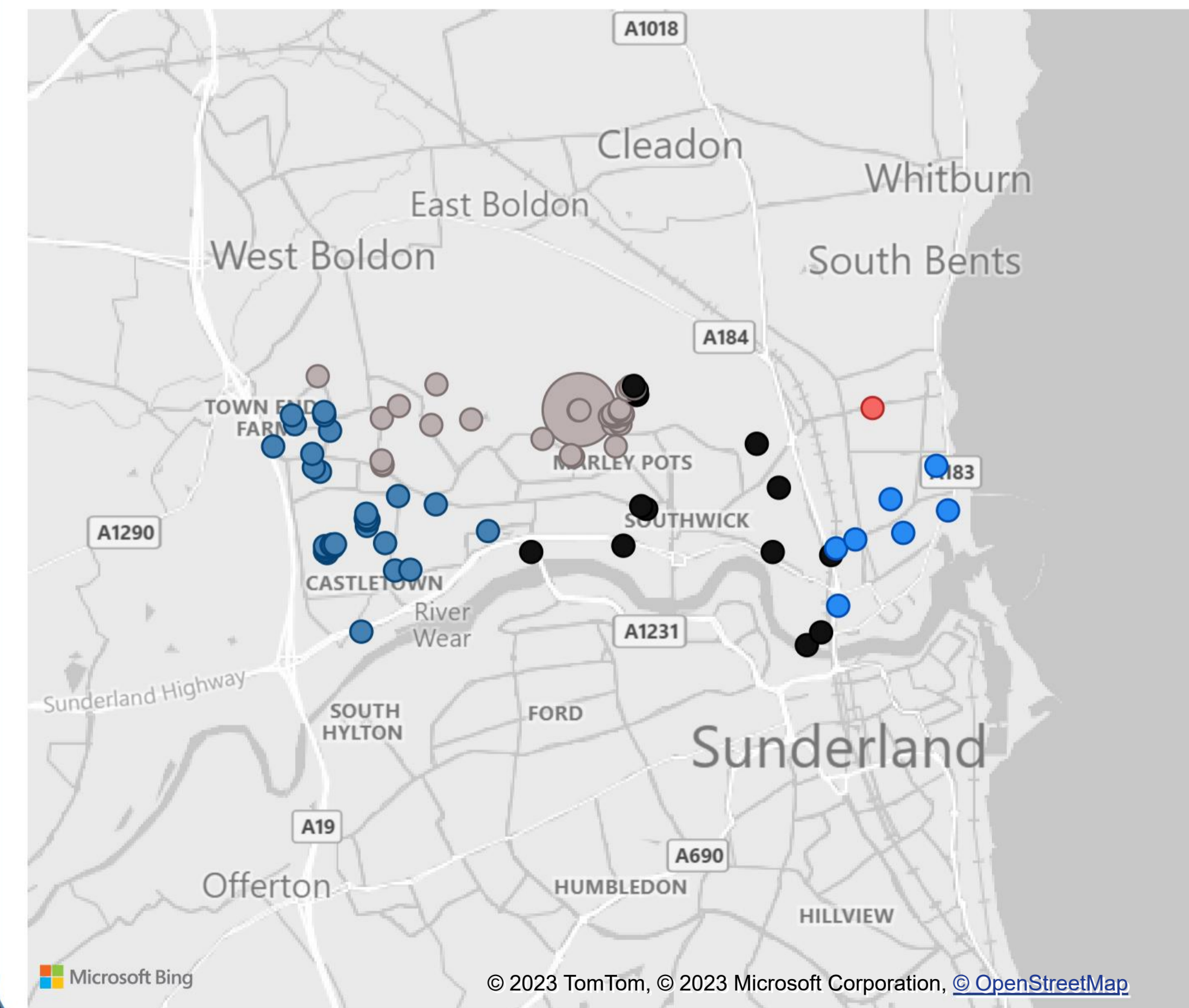
Ward Name	Incident Count
Castle	34
Redhill	33
Southwick	15
St Peter's	7
Fulwell	1
Total	90

Property Type Breakdown

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	34
Refuse/rubbish tip	18
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	13
Wheelie Bin	11
Total	90

Incident Heatmap by Ward

● Castle ● Fulwell ● Redhill ● Southwick ● St Peter's



Date Range

9/13/2023

11/30/2023

LI 33- Number of Deliberate Fires

Incidents In Time Frame	Same Period Last Year	% Change
106	74	43.24 %

Incident Reference	Date	Time	Station Name	District Name	Ward Name	Property Hierarchy
51030735	11/26/2023	15:36:35	Marley Park (M)	Sunderland	Redhill	Outdoor/Outdoor structures/Refuse/rubbish tip
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Ward Breakdown

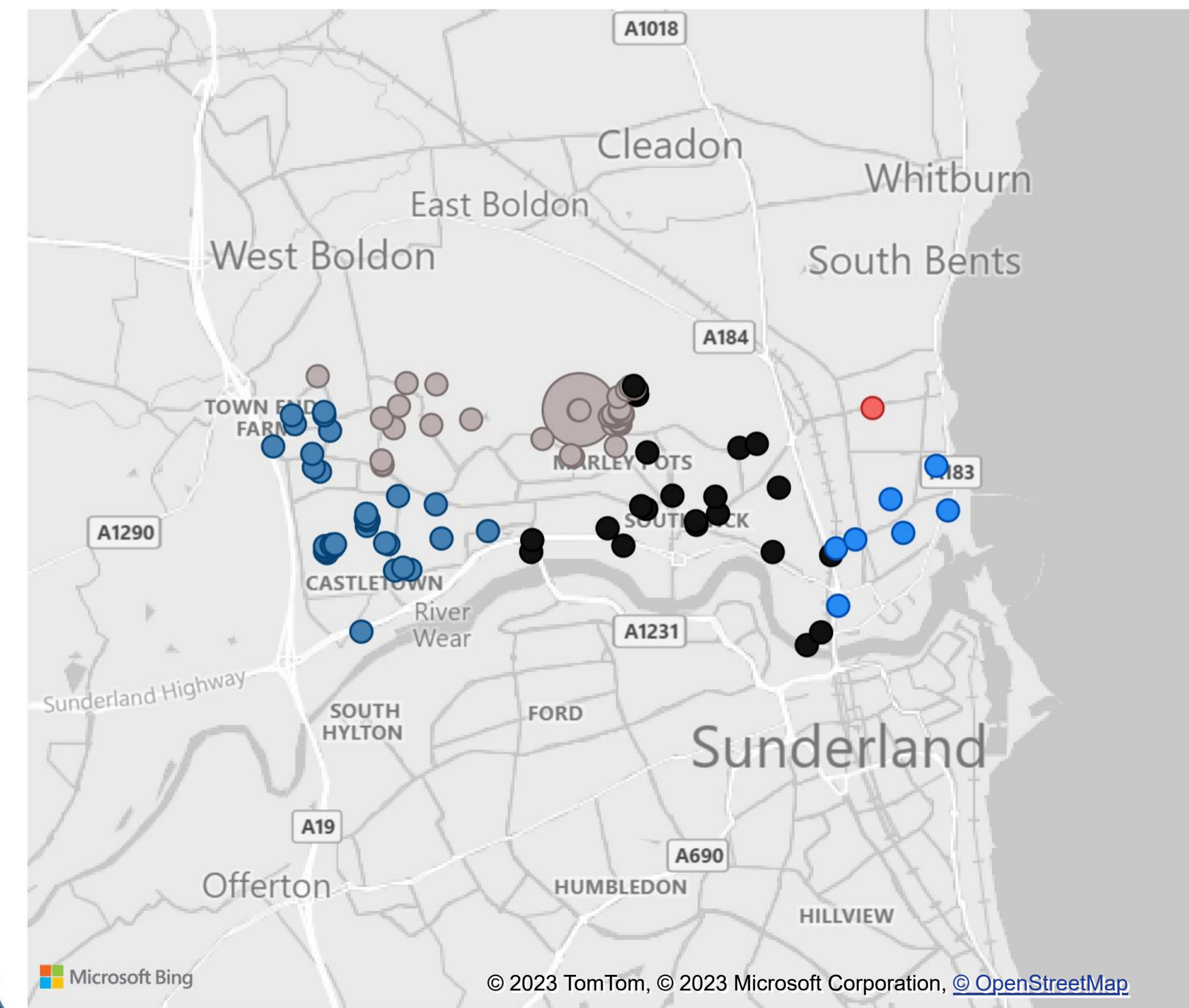
Ward Name	Incident Count
Castle	37
Redhill	37
Southwick	24
St Peter's	7
Fulwell	1
Total	106

Property Type Breakdown

Property Level 4	Incident Count
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	34
Refuse/rubbish tip	18
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	13
Wheelie Bin	11
Total	91

Incident Heatmap by Ward

● Castle ● Fulwell ● Redhill ● Southwick ● St Peter's



14th December 2023

REPORT OF NORTH AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the North 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 have been established 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 North 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 North VCS Network is made up of over 100 local groups and strategic local/national/regional partners. The network meets on a regular basis to share good practice, support one another and receives regularly updates as part of an information share e bulletin distributed via the Sunderland VS Alliance.

3. North Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN) Progress Report

3.1 The North VCS Network met in June 2023 at Castletown Methodist Church, September 2023 at Redhouse Community Centre and October 2023 at Marley Park Community Fire Station

3.2 The meetings have included the following agenda items:

- Health Screening Programmes
- Networking and Information Share Opportunities
- Change the Game
- Wear Moving
- Makem Money – Small Grants Programme
- Sunderland Software City Skills Programme

3.3 Members of the network who signed the Pledge for Links for Life were invited to apply for the new call for projects in September. The programme is building on the learning from the warm and welcoming spaces by:

- ensuring we are able to offer services and support within our communities
- ensuring we have support and activities available which bring residents together
- enabling active engagement and improve health, wellbeing and financial resilience.

Successful projects will deliver Links for Life from January 2024

3.4 Member of the Network received information on the free membership scheme with Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance(SVSA) and were also invited to attend 'Let's Communicate' online event with SVSA in November 2023.

3.5 The Network received an update on progress made on the staff recruitment for SVSA, they also received information on the support offered to the sector, including the support offered to the sector on funding applications. Information was also received on the Social Value and volunteering opportunities support offered.

3.6 The Network representatives regularly consult with the Network to ensure that the agenda items reflect their requirements.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested

- To note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the North VCSN.

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North AREA COMMITTEE

14 December 2023

REPORT OF GENTOO

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the North Area Committee for the period September to December 2023.

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be provided to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current Gentoo developments, projects, and priorities and to ensure members are fully aware of their opportunities to work collaboratively with Gentoo.

3 Update on Neighbourhood Services

- 3.1 **Allocations**, Gentoo is the largest social landlord within the City and responsible for the management of almost 30,000 properties. We work closely with Sunderland City Council, who have statutory (or legal) duties for housing in Sunderland, for example, the responsibility for the prevention of homelessness and assistance for those who are homeless. We recognise that the way homes are allocated is a matter of real importance to people. The demand for social housing in Sunderland far outstrips supply and therefore we seek to allocate homes in a way which primarily houses people with the greatest need.

Gentoo operates a banding system for letting their empty homes, Customers will be placed in a band, which is appropriate to their current circumstances.

Band 1+ Applicants living in renewal area

Band 1 Statutory or Urgent Social Housing Need - applicants who have an immediate need to move, some examples include homeless applicants, applicants with severe mobility issues, Gentoo customers who are experiencing severe harassment and assessed as being at risk if not rehoused (included victims of domestic abuse).

Band 2 High Housing need - applicants who have a priority housing need, some examples include applicants at risk of homelessness, applicants needing to move on from supported accommodation, Gentoo customers who are under or over occupying their current home, Gentoo customers who have children in flats, Gentoo customers who need to move for financial hardship, or applicants who have a mobility or disability and rehousing would support them.

Band 3 General Need - Open to all applicants

Our register on 31 October 2023 shows the current banding position of applicants:

There are 30,519 live applicants registered for housing on our allocations register. Of these 148 applicants are Band 1 (urgent housing need), 304 applicants are Band 2 (high housing need), and 30,067 applicants are in Band 3 (general needs).

We have allocated 1203 new homes since April 2023, 493 were applicants with a priority need.

- 3.2 **Estate walks**, invites will be sent during December for the quarterly estate walks that are due to take place in January 2024, these are a great opportunity to identify estate improvements, gather feedback from partners, and for the residents in the area to see collaborative working across the agencies.
- 3.3 **Bonfire Night**, over the weekend of 5 November 2023, our Grounds Maintenance Team worked in partnership with Sunderland City Council to help keep our communities safe by patrolling the city to identify any illegal bonfires. The team successfully removed **15 tonnes of rubbish** that was destined for a bonfire.
- 3.4 **Gentoo Christmas Campaign** 🎄🎁, to help support customers and families who may struggle over the festive period, we've launched our annual Christmas campaign with three themes that include, a Christmas dinner (delivered on 22 December), a Christmas gift from a secret Santa or a Theatre visit to see the pantomime (Saturday 9 December).

4. **Investment & Renewal**

- 4.1 Whickham Street, the properties in Whickham Street have now been demolished and site has now been fully cleared. We are currently working on landscaping the area.
- 4.2 Albany House, the internal modernisations in Albany house including kitchens, bathrooms and rewires are due for completion by 8 December 2023.
- 4.3 Southwick roofing scheme, the works are nearing completion and weather dependant the scheme will be finished by 22 December 2023.

5. **Recommendations**

- 5.1 Note the content of this report.

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NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE
14th December 2023
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

North Sunderland Area Budget Report

Author(s):

Assistant Director of Housing and Communities

Purpose of Report:

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Plan, with the overall aim to respond to the needs of residents and ensure the delivery of activities and projects to support matters which affect residents and enable them to be resilient. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

Description of Decision:

Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statements set out in **Tables 1 and 2**.
- (b) Approve Neighbourhood Fund of **£20,000** to Sunderland City Council for the Motorcycle Disorder Taskforce Project as set out in **Section 2.3 and Item 4 Annex 1**
- (c) Approve Neighbourhood Fund of **£10,000** to Redhouse Community Centre for the Refurbishment Project as set out in **Section 2.3 and Item 4 Annex 1**
- (d) Approve Neighbourhood Fund of **£21,774** to Castletown Scouts for the Castletown Mural Project as set out in **Section 2.3 and Item 4 Annex 1**
- (e) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 as set out in **Item 4 Annex 2**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £404,516 (inc Youth allocation) for 2023/2024 from the Neighbourhood Fund to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Area Plan and to attract other funding into the area.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

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

Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

14th December 2023

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING and COMMUNITIES

North 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 Plan, with the overall aim to respond to the needs of residents and ensure the delivery of activities and projects to support matters which affect residents and enable them to be resilient. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds 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 2023/ 2024:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2023 / 2024 (£404,516 and £13,782 c/f)					£418,298
Sunderland City Council – Roker & Seaburn Washing Facilities Project	22.06.23			£10,000 (previously aligned)	£418,298
North East Bus Preservation Trust – All Aboard the Crossley Project	22.06.23			£5,000	£413,298
Fulwell Community Library – Christmas at Fulwell Project	22.06.23			£6,000	£407,298
Downhill Wheeled Sports Park	22.06.23		£100,000		£307,298
Ward Improvement Project – Castle	22.06.23		£30,000		£277,298
Ward Improvement Project Redhill,	22.06.23		£30,000	£6,930 via responsive decision 16.11.23	£247,298
Ward Improvement Project –Southwick,	22.06.23		£30,000		£217,298
Ward Improvement Project – Fulwell	22.06.23		£30,000		£187,298
Ward Improvement Project –St. Peters	22.06.23		£30,000		£157,298

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2023 / 2024

- 2.2 North Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated **£418,298** Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects for 2023/2024
- 2.3 There are **3** application(s) to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration for approval detailed at **Item 4 Annex 1**
- Sunderland City Council – Motorcycle Disorder Taskforce Project - **£20,000**
 - Redhouse Community Centre – Refurbishment Project - **£10,000**
 - Castletown Scouts - Castletown Mural Project - **£21,774**
- 2.4 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£51,774 (£21,774 previously aligned)**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£127,298**

3. Community Chest

- 3.1 Each ward has been allocated a ward budget of **£10,000** to support projects which complement the Area Plan. Ward Councillors lead on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received .Where it is 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.
- 3.2 The Table below details the Community Chest awards starting balance for 2023 - 2024. **Annex 2** shows the approvals, supported to date 2023 - 2024

Ward	2023/2024 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Castle	£10,000	-	£9,005	£995
Fulwell	£10,000	-	£3,887	£6,113
Redhill	£10,000	-	£7,849	£2,151
Southwick	£10,000	-	£10,000	£0
St Peters	£10,000	-	£6,297.01	£3,702.99
Total	£50,000	-	£37,038	£12,962

Table Two: Community Chest Funding Statement 2023 / 2024

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Note the financial statements set out in **Tables 1 and 2**
- 4.2 Approve Neighbourhood Fund of **£20,000** to Sunderland City Council for the Motorcycle Disorder Taskforce Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 4 Annex 1**
- 4.3 Approve Neighbourhood Fund of **£10,000** to Redhouse Community Centre for the Refurbishment Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 4 Annex 1**

- 4.4 Approve Neighbourhood Fund of **£21,774** to Castletown Scouts for the Castletown Mural Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 4 Annex 1**
- 4.5 Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2023 – 2024 as set out in **Item 4 Annex 2**

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Applications for North Neighbourhood Fund

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Motorcycle Disorder Taskforce Project
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£20,000	£0	£20,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
1 Year	December 2023	November 2024

Project Description

The full project description is detailed below:
(**verbatim from application**)

The Police's Southern Area Command has experienced a 55% increase in reports this current 12-month period when compared to the same period in 2021/22 with a rise from 1238 to 1917 incidents.

Reports continue to increase to the Council, and we have seen an increase in Cllr enquiries and MP approaches to this issue.

The below table demonstrates Northumbria Police breakdown for the current 12-month period vs the previous 12-month period. It shows increases in reported motorcycle disorder across the city.

Area	Current 12 months	Previous 12 months	% change
A1/A2 (East)	125	80	+56%
A3/4 (West)	395	265	+49%
A5 (North)	243	192	+27%
A6 (Coalfields)	241	145	+66%
A7 (Washington)	269	193	+39%

Motorcycle disorder has consistently been highlighted a prominent issue for residents and / or ASB victims through Police and Council surveys.

The Safer Communities Survey (SCS) is a telephone survey conducted by Northumbria Police where residents are asked about their perceptions of their local areas and the services provided by the Police and Council. During the 12 months through to September 2023, 'Mini-motos / Scramblers / Off-road motorbikes' was the problem residents identified most frequently when they were asked which problem they wanted to see tackled first, (selected by 18% of residents that identified a problem in their local neighbourhood). 25% of those surveyed in Southern area command stated that they wanted to see the problem of motorcycle disorder tackled first.

Sunderland City Council carries out a resident survey annually led by Ipsos which is a postal survey to a random address sample. Results from 2022 showed that tackling anti-social behaviour remains a top priority for residents, and that feelings of safety both in the city centre and local area had decreased since 2021. In addition, the survey asks residents to explain in their own words why they feel unsafe. Although these have not been coded and quantified, they provide a sense of some of the issues that are concerning residents. In addition to the similar concerns listed from 2021, in 2022 we saw an increase in mentions of joy riding / bikes on roads in the responses.

PROPOSED NEW PROCESS

The Council in partnership with Northumbria Police will pilot a motorcycle disorder taskforce commencing in the autumn to provide a dedicated response to any antisocial or criminal use of motorcycles or e-bikes across South Tyneside and Sunderland.

The proposed initial resourcing for the taskforce is 1 x Sgt, 8 x PCs & 1 PCSO and 1 X ASB Officer from Sunderland and 1 x ASB from South Tyneside. Sunderland's ASB Officer will be employed by SCC and seconded into the team. **All Police and Council staff will be dedicated to the team and will not be removed for other operational businesses. This commitment has been given by the Police and Crime Commissioner.**

The team will provide weekly returns to Police and Council Senior Managers on drafted expected outcomes and KPI's. **Please see appendix one for early indications of what the performance management framework will look like.** This is to be agreed in forthcoming weeks.

Ongoing review of performance and learning will be carried out by Northumbria Police Chief Inspector for Communities and the Council's Neighbourhood Enforcement Manager.

The team will be co-located at Washington Police Station.

The team will work both proactively and reactively on a range of preventative, educational, disruption and enforcement tactics. **They will actively work to identify those responsible and take robust action against them.**

The contribution to the Sunderland ASB post would be £10K per Area Committee.

The dedicated ASB Officer will be a pivotal role in the team. The officer will support Northumbria Police on enforcement tactics utilising all powers available but will also drive forward the education and prevention strand of the Partnership action plan (see appendix 1 for additional information).

Area Committee are also asked to consider whether they would like to identify an area-based pot of money for any design out works/preventive measures to hot spot locations within their areas. **It is recommended this pot should be 6K from the North Area Budget.** Through data analysis and intelligence, the anti-social behaviour officer will look to identify the most problematic locations across the 5 regeneration areas and with specialist advice from crime prevention officer's and relevant teams determine if any appropriate and cost effective 'design out' actions can be carried out e.g., the installation of boulders, camera installation etc. **All design out/preventative measures will be managed by Sunderland City Council and will purely spent in the area that the funding is from and will include Area Committee members in the consultation of any proposed works.**

Area Committee are also asked to consider **£4,000** towards the cost of electric bikes to be used solely in the North by Northumbria Police to support the delivery of this project and the wider policing support in the North.

The City Centre and HALO Team in Hetton have already proven how effective electric bikes are for covering ground and improving officer visibility. CSO's and PC's would utilise the bikes and they would be available for all three neighbourhood teams in Sunderland North to utilise.

Electric bikes are invaluable especially for tackling motorbike ASB, local offenders who have the knowledge of short cuts are too often able to evade officers as they use pathways unsuitable for cars and lose officers on foot. The electric bikes would enable the teams and others to work smarter, more ground coverage, more visibility which leads to more satisfied residents and businesses.

Total cost to the North Area Committee for this project would be **£20,000.**

BENEFITS

The current approach to motorcycle disorder is mainly led by Neighbourhood Police Teams and the Council's Neighbourhood Enforcement Team. The consistency and efficacy of this response has been inhibited by capacity issues, officers' remit being spread across all aspects of anti-social behaviour and the cross-sector nature of offending. The team will provide a dedicated and flexible response to any issues identified.

It is acknowledged that there may be underreporting in this area, and this has been communicated to local teams in community forums. The promotion of this taskforce is likely to stimulate reporting, intelligence submissions and engagement as a direct result of well communicated results.

The current response to motorcycle disorder has been identified as a source of victim dissatisfaction. The taskforce will guarantee follow-up with clear communication around action taken. The impact of the taskforce on ASB satisfaction will be monitored throughout the pilot. There will be an opportunity to engender trust and confidence through a 'we asked, you said, we did' approach.

Appendix 1

ASB Officer duties (list not exhaustive and will develop as the team embeds)

- **Target those young people that are disengaged who in the main are carrying out the motorcycle disorder by going out to areas where young people congregate and linking with youth projects.**
- Develop a hard-hitting education package for delivery in schools/colleges and universities.
- Proactive visits to both primary and secondary schools to educate children on the importance of road safety and the consequences of riding off road vehicles illegally (work with families who have been impacted negatively by the illegal use of motorbikes and get permission to share their story)
- Devise, Manage and monitor relevant parts of Partnership Action Plan
- Liaise with fuel stations and put something in place for them to be able to report off road/suspicious vehicles being fuelled up to try get perpetrators identified off their CCTV footage alongside limiting where bikes can be fuelled.
- Train allotment teams and any other agencies on intelligence submissions and information on how to report re storage of bikes etc
- Become an admin on all the Sunderland City Councils Local area Facebook pages to be proactively posting about what the team is doing and how the public can help us tackle the issues.
- Speak with other local authorities to discuss what powers they use to help tackle motorcycle disorder.
- Victims follow up and feedback.
- Issue ABA's, CPW's CPN's where applicable.
- Prepare case files for Injunctions/CBO's where appropriate.
- Community Engagement days raising awareness of the laws around Motorcycles/Quads/Electric scooters to both adults and children.
- Attend resident meetings.
- Be actively involved in the "Back on Track" programme running in the primary schools in the coalfields and explore how this can be rolled out across the city
- Identify hotspot areas by reports made to the council ASB team.
- Organise site visits to problematic locations and consider the installation of preventative measures for identified areas such as A frames, boulders, gates and CCTV.
- Manage area budgets and prepare reports to Cllrs.
- Review customer journey for reports to the council and develop new mechanism dedicated to this issue.
- SPOC for links to all council departments such as highways, planning, environmental services

- **Makes links and work closely with commissioned youth services and voluntary and community sector agencies in identified areas.**
- **Working closely with wardens and review BWC footage, download stills, engagement with schools for ID, social media etc**
- **Proactive patrols to hotspot areas to gather information and intelligence.**
- Leaflet drops in hotspot areas to inform residents how to report vehicle ASB.
- Support/assist in applications by completion of appropriate statements or required paperwork in support of an application for a search Warrant requested by Police on evidence obtained.
- **Engage with local Councillors to promote the team and encourage reporting. Obtain dates of appropriate resident meetings and encourage social media post sharing via Councillors.**
- **Collate all actions on a daily/weekly basis for required Area Committee reports.**

Weekly reporting measures (list not exhaustive)

- **Number of bikes seized**
- **No of drone deployments**
- **No of section 59 notice issued**
- **No of arrests**
- **No of intel submissions**
- **No of proactive operations**
- **No of tenancy enforcement actions**
- **No of asb tools and powers actions e.g. home visit, ABA, CPW etc**
- **No of victims contacted**
- **No of victim referrals**
- **No of design out measures**
- **No of school inputs**
- **Offender referrals (YOLO etc or adult pathways)**
- **No of voluntary offenders**
- **Number of summons – there will be traffic matter (e.g. no insurance) which won't be arrestable offences**
- **No Media submissions and Social Media Posts**
- **No Premises search**

Costs:

Item and Description	NF Contribution	Match Funding	Total Cost
Sunderland City Council ASB Officer	10,000	0	10,000
Preventative Measures	6,000	0	6,000
E Bikes	4,000	0	4,000
Total	£20,000	£0	£20,000

Total Request from Neighbourhood Fund £20,000

Recommendation:

November Board recommended approval of full application to be presented December Area Committee to deliver to the following priority:

- Vibrant Smart City – Addressing Motorcycle Disorder

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Refurbishment
Lead Organisation	Redhouse Community Centre

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£14,772	£4,772	£10,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
3 Months	1 st January 2024	31 st March 2024

Project Description

The full project description is detailed below:
(verbatim from application)

Redhouse Community Centre was formed in 1952 where it met in Redhouse School to raise funds and develop a community provision, the Community Centre then opened in 1961 and has been delivering a wide range of services and activities to the local community.

The Community Centre is located at the heart of the community it serves, ran purely by volunteers and the services and activities delivered from the Centre to benefit as many local residents as possible include:

- Tea Dance
- Craft
- Luncheon Club
- Karate
- Coffee Mornings
- Bowls
- Social/Bar
- Keep Fit
- Slimming Group
- Charity Events
- Cultural Spring Events and Activities
- Football Presentations

Due to the wide and varied programme offered the Centre is extremely successful and has over 304 members with 450 – 500 people attending on a weekly basis. In order to continue to provide these activities and services the committee have identified the following requires refurbishment:

- Ladies Toilets

The North Area Committee in 2018 supported the Community Centre with funds for kitchen and gents toilet refurbishment since that time the Community Centre have carried out additional renovations and refurbishments including installing additional storage, centre redecoration and replacing furnishings. The refurbishment of the ladies toilet will see the Centre fully upgraded to meet the needs of the local community

Costs:

Item and Description	NF Contribution	Match Funding	Total Cost
Toilet Refurbishment	£10,000	£4,772	£14,772
Total	£10,000	£4,772	£14,772

Output	Target
Number of Existing Assets Improved	1

Recommendation

November Board recommended approval of application to December Area Committee to deliver to the following priority:

- Vibrant Smart North – Support to VCS & Community Hubs

Application No. 3

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Castletown Mural Project
Lead Organisation	Castletown Scouts

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£21,774	£0	£21,774
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 Months	1 st January 2024	30th June 2024

Project Description

The full project description is detailed below:
(verbatim from application)

Castletown Scouts group are passionate about their local history and heritage and are working closely with local residents and local business owner to lead an application on their behalf to deliver a project which sees a Hylton Mining Banner Mural installed on the gable end and rear of 19 Ethel Terrace, Castletown.

Castletown has no reminder of its 79 years of coal mining history. Hylton Colliery was open from 1900 - 1979, sadly with 58 miners killed at work during this time, some as young as 14 years old. With countless many others injured and maimed working almost 2,000 feet below ground. As a memorial this mural project will deliver a painting of the banner and it is also hoped to provide an information panel bearing the names of those in memorial. It wasn't always dark, bleak and miserable in coal mining communities there were also many times of happiness and pride in the local community and to represent this the mural will be vibrant and colourful. The mural will be of the banner which is unique to the Hylton Colliery and the pride of its coal mining community

The building owner has no objections to the project and has confirmed permission and this has been received in writing and is included in the application pack

Stage one of the project will be to commission an artist and provide a photo of the banner which will form the basis of the mural the artist will then provide drawings/dimensions in order to submit to Sunderland City Council for Advertising Consent. The artist will also advise on any works required to the gable end to enable mural to be installed. In addition an interpretation panel will be installed as part of the project.

Castletown Scouts, Local Ward members and the artist will continually have conversations with local residents to ensure they are fully on board with the project and it is acknowledging their heritage.

Project lead will submit advertising consent online via planning portal

Stage two of the project will be Advertising Consent in place and any works to the gable end carried out

Stage three of the project will be the painting of the mural on the gable end, rear of the building and also the installation of an interpretation panel

Stage four of the project will be an official unveiling by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Sunderland which the Scouts will lead on behalf of the Local Community who will be consulted with and support in identifying attendees for event.

Any ongoing maintenance required of the mural will be picked up via Castletown Scouts engaging with the local community

Costs:

Item and Description	NF Contribution	Match Funding	Total Cost
Advertising Permission Costs	526	0	526
Artist Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressure Washer Hire • Primer • Spray Paint • Design • Labour • Underground Scene on Yard Ward 	11,360	0	11,360
Works to Gable End: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of Foliage • Rendering • Scaffolding 	3,000	0	3,000
Event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band • Refreshments • PA Hire 	2,000	0	2,000
Storm Guard Interpretation Panel & Art Work & Installation	3,000	0	3,000
Contingency	1,888	0	1,888
Total	£21,774	£0	£21,774

Output	Target
Number of existing assets improved	1
Number of community events supported and delivered	1
Number of visitors footfall at neighbourhood events	100

Recommendation

November Board recommended approval of full application to be presented to December Area Committee to deliver to the following priority:

- Vibrant Smart North – Delivery of a Wide Range of Heritage and Culture Projects – Castle Ward Improvement Project

Item 4 Annex 2

North Area Committee

14th December 2023

Community Chest Awards April – December 2023

Castle Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Castletown Scout Group (2 nd payment)	16.02.23		£1,667
Castletown Community Association	05.04.23		£500
Castletown Methodist Church	17.07.23		£1,215
Golden Gloves Boxing	22.08.23		£473
Castletown Scout Group	29.11.23		£2,650.00
Castletown Primary	29.11.23		£2,500.00
Remaining balance - £995			£9,005
Fulwell Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
St Andrews Snooker Club (joint with St Peters)	09.06.23		£1,512
Seaburn Dene Primary	17.07.23		£2,375
Remaining balance - £6,113			£3,887
Redhill Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Redhouse & District CA	24.05.23		£3,610
Redhouse Community Tea Dance	18.07.23		£450
Gentoo	18.07.23		£1,884
Community Opportunities	14.11.23		£1,395
Downhill Community Garden	28.11.23		£510.00
Remaining balance - £2,151			£7,849
Southwick Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Southwick & Witherwack Community Development Trust	06.04.23		£987
SARA Policing Team	06.04.23		£889
Grace House	06.04.23		£993
Grange Park Primary School	06.04.23		£985
Weights & Cakes	12.05.23		£1,000
JLYSG	12.05.23		£960
High Southwick Homing Society	12.05.23		£1,000
Guildacre Social Club	18.07.23		£1,000
Southwick Village Green Preservation Society	07/09/23		£737
Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project	16/10/23		£470

Holy Trinity Church	29/11/23		£979
Remaining balance - £0.00			£10,000
St. Peter's Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Changing Lives (2 nd Payment)	16.03.23		£2478.01
St Andrews Snooker Club (joint with Fulwell)	09.06.23		£1,008
Sunderland Community Action Group	13.06.23		£1,848
Sunderland Samaritans			£963
Remaining balance - £3,702.99			£6,297.01