

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 23rd June, 2022 at 5:30pm

**This meeting will be held at Committee Room 1, City Hall,
Plater Way, Sunderland.**

Membership

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

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ELAINE WAUGH
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

15th June, 2022

At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held at COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY, 24th MARCH, 2021 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Foster in the Chair

Councillors Butler, Chequer, Doyle, Hartnack, S. Johnston, Leadbitter, McKeith, Samuels, A. Smith, Stewart and Usher

Also in Attendance:-

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| Ms. Catherine Auld | - | Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration, Sunderland City Council |
| Ms. Joanne Coulson | - | Community Support Worker, Sunderland City Council |
| Mr. Peter Curtis | - | Area Network Representative |
| Mr. Colin McCartney | - | Head of Operations, Gentoo Housing |
| Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe | - | Area Community Development Lead, Sunderland City Council |
| Insp. Stephen Prested | - | Northumbria Police |
| Ms. Joanne Stewart | - | Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council |

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 D. MacKnight, Howe and D. Wilson and also on behalf of Mr. Richy Duggan and Mr. Peter McIntyre.

Declarations of Interest

The following Members made declarations of interest in relation to the applications for funding as part of the Defibrillator Project at Item 3 of the agenda and took no part during consideration of those applications:-

Councillor Butler – Southwick Youth and Community Association and Thompson Park Community Association

Councillor Chequer – Southwick Youth and Community Association, Thompson Park Community Association and Grace House.

Councillor A. Smith – Southwick Youth and Community Association and Thompson Park Community Association

Councillor P. Stewart – Redhouse and District Community Association

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 14th December, 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

North Sunderland Area Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020 – 2023

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Committee Neighbourhood and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which presented the North Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and provided an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Foster took Members through the report providing a summary of the key areas of action and/or progress of the Board, up to February, 2022, with greater detail set out in the annex to the report, which informed the Area Activity Tracker to allow residents to monitor Area Committee's progress throughout the year.

Member were shown a short video presentation which summarised the outcomes and achievements of the Committee, the Board and the relevant Task and finish Groups who had been working with hard with VCS groups and partners to deliver priorities based on resident consultation.

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

2. RESOLVED that:-

- The progress and performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan for 2020/23 be received and noted and the proposals for future delivery as set out in annex 1 to the report be agreed;
- The recommendations of the North Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance programme for the area for 2022-2023 as set out in annex 2 of the report be agreed; and
- The North Sunderland Area Committee video update be noted.

North Sunderland Area Committee Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to

allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest and presented proposals for further funding requests.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe, Area Community Development Lead, presented the report drawing attention to the recommendations detailed within the report.

The Chairman asked that the issue of funding for the provision of electric bikes for use by Northumbria Police be referred to a future meeting of the Neighbourhood and Community Board to allow a full discussion to be undertaken.

Members having had any questions answered, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the issue of funding for electric bikes for Northumbria Police be forwarded to the Neighbourhood and Community Board for further discussion;
- (ii) the financial statements as set out in section 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be received and noted;
- (iii) approval be given to the allocation of £1,709.50 from the Neighbourhood Fund to the Southwick Youth and Community Association for the Defibrillator Project;
- (iv) approval be given to the allocation of £1,150 from the Neighbourhood Fund to Redhouse and District Community Association for the Defibrillator Project;
- (v) approval be given to the allocation of £885 from the Neighbourhood Fund to Thompson Park Community Association for the Defibrillator Project;
- (vi) approval be given to the allocation of £1,000 from the Neighbourhood Fund to Veterans in Crisis CIC for the Defibrillator Project;
- (vii) approval be given to the allocation of £1,170 from the Neighbourhood Fund to Castletown Community Association for the Defibrillator Project;
- (viii) approval be given to the allocation of £1,000 from the Neighbourhood Fund to Grace House for the Defibrillator Project;
- (ix) approval be given to the allocation of £1,759 from the Neighbourhood Fund to St. Bede's Community Project for the Defibrillator Project;
- (x) approval be given to the allocation of £1,170 from the Neighbourhood Fund to Hylton Castle Working Men's Club for the Defibrillator Project; and
- (xi) the seven approvals for Community Chest supported from 2021/2022 be 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)

Mr. Curtis, Area Network Representative took Members through the report advising that the network had their first face to face meeting in March, 2022 and shared the agenda items that had been covered.

Members of the Committee were advised that a Sunderland VCS Alliance had been formed to support a strong, vibrant and accessible VCS and that the first workshop had went really well.

Mr. Curtis advised that the cost of living crisis was going to place a great strain on resident of the city and the VCS network and informed Members that vulnerable residents in the community were still raising concerns about leaving their homes and lacking confidence in reintegrating back in to normal day to day society.

Members praised the work of the VCS Network throughout the pandemic and appreciated all that had been carried out in supporting some of the most vulnerable in the community.

The report having been considered, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Northumbria Police Update

Inspector Prested of Northumbria Police gave an update to the Committee on the current position with regards to crime and anti-social behaviour data and of any on-going issues in the North Sunderland area.

Members were provided with a verbal summary of crime figures within the area and were advised of successful and forthcoming operations in relation to the North Sunderland area of the city.

As part of his presentation Inspector Prested had advised that, following discussions they had secured the community engagement bus to be present at Hylton Castle on Saturdays which they hoped would work as a deterrent for youth disorder and anti social behaviour in the area whilst also being available to offer advice and guidance to young people.

With regards to comments from Councillor Hartnack around negative comments from residents regarding the 101 telephone system, Inspector Prested advised that he understood the frustrations as it could take some time to get an answer but asked Members to continue signposting residents to use the service; explaining that new staff were being trained to be able to take more calls; although it could take up to thirty minutes on the phone to fully record a crime. Councillor Stewart advised that the issue had recently been raised with the Police and Crime Commissioner who had made a commitment to provide additional resources from the forthcoming budget.

In relation to criminal damage and incidents of graffiti in the North Sunderland area, Inspector Prested advised that it had not been abusive or racist and had been cleaned away after being informed quite quickly of it. He explained this could be quite expensive as some had to be removed manually. Investigations and more research

was ongoing and they had a number of leads to follow up with the hope of a successful outcome.

In response to a further query from Councillor Hartnack, Inspector Prested advised that they did bid for resources for the North Sunderland area but that they were deployed following an assessment linked to whether there was 'threat, harm and risk'. Should Offices have a particular concern for a patrol presence in an area they would submit a bid to be reviewed and if it was deemed appropriate the relevant resources would be deployed.

Members having thanked the Officer for the update and had their queries answered, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the update from the Northumbria Police be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services

Ms. Metcalfe advised that in the absence of a presenting officer, should Members have any questions, they could be emailed to herself and she would ensure that a response was provided.

Councillor Doyle raised his frustrations that there was no representative in attendance again and asked if they could be contacted to understand why they were unable to attend. Ms. Metcalfe commented she would contact Mr. Makin who had attended previously and provide feedback to the Committee.

Members thanked the Officer for the update, and it was:-

6. RESOLVED that any questions be forwarded to the Area Community Development Lead to gather a response.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and thanked those Members who would not be standing at the forthcoming elections for their input and involvement over the years; wishing them well in their retirement; and closed the meeting.

(Signed) S. FOSTER,
Chairman.

23RD June 2022

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF NORTH SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:-

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

2. Background

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

3. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements

3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.

3.2 The Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans were approved at Cabinet in March 2020.

3.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Area Committee Delivery Plans have been developed to enable this to happen.

3.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. Neighbourhood and Community Board meetings will be held in July, November, February and April and dates are included in the council diary. If required, the Board may convene a further meeting(s) should there be a business need to do so and essential to ensuring delivery of the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan. All Committee members are invited to attend all board meetings.

3.5 Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body, and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committee for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in May 2022.

3.6 Other local groups / boards where North Area Committee has Elected Member representation are outlined below for information: -

| Group | Elected Member Representatives |
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| North Sunderland Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (L.M.A.P.S) | Cllr Denny Wilson |
| North VCS Area Network | Cllr Denny Wilson – Co-chair |
| CLLD Local Advisory Group | Cllr Stephen Foster |

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

- 4.1 The Plan, which includes an introduction from the Chair of the Area Committee, commits to a significant number of priorities, which are being delivered within the North area of Sunderland, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan is monitored by the Area Committee and actions will continue to be addressed up to 2023, via the North Neighbourhood and Community Board.
- 4.2 Residents will be able to review the Area Committee Delivery Plan and monitor delivery of the plan via the Council’s website which is available to access at www.sunderland.gov.uk, as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. Funding to support delivery of the plan has been allocated and further information can be found at **Item 3 Area Budget Report**
- 4.3 Progress against the Delivery Plan has been reported regularly to Neighbourhood and Community Board and Area Committee. Good news stories and promotion of projects and local information have been posted on the North Sunderland Community facebook page. An overview of some key statistics and achievements from 2021/22 is contained in **Annex 3 – year in numbers**, and **Annex 4 – Communications Plan**
- 4.3 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to June 2022.

| Priority/Issue | Update |
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| Love Where You Live | ACDL is working with VCS organisation Friends of Fulwell to support them in the delivery of a project that achieves a “Goby the Fish” project at Seaburn. Environmental Services have provided feedback on ideas for the installation and advice and guidance on emptying the recyclables. The project lead is developing the application in consultation with local residents, environmental services and planning |
| Invest in Parks, Play Areas, Cycle and Walking Routes | <p>Thompson Park:</p> <p>Task and Finish Group formed and have worked in partnership with Friends of Thompson Park on a regeneration plan in order to provide an activity and destination park for all ages.</p> <p>December 2020 Area Committee agreed an alignment of £200,000 for the regeneration of Thompson Park and £25,000 of this to be a match to Places to Ride application with full applications to be presented to future Board and Area Committee.</p> |

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| | <p>The Group were successful with a Places to Ride funding application to deliver a cycling skills area in the park and education/ training with match funding to be considered at the June Area Committee. June 2021 Area Committee agreed the match of £25,000 to deliver the Places to Ride Project. The installation of the Places to Ride skills area was completed May 2022.</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further £100,000 for the development of Thompson Park. June 2021 Area Committee agreed the alignment of £100,000.</p> <p>Design Services are currently working up design proposals and costs and these are expected late September for the Task and Finish Group to consider. Initial design proposals considered by the Task and Finish Group with amendments requested and a deadline of February 2022 provided.</p> <p>Further design proposals shared with Ward Councillors February 2022, Assistant Director of Community Resilience advised of the potential for further Council capital investment into Thompson Park subject to receiving full and costed proposals, Meeting to be held with Ward Councillors and Design Services and updates to be provided to a future Board meeting.</p> <p>Accessible Play Equipment:</p> <p>Area Committee via the responsive decision making process agreed £16,975 for the installation of an Ability Swing with Flat Seat at Hylton Castle Play Area as part of a project which will also see the installation of an Ability Whirl Self Propelled with Safety Surfacing</p> <p>A contractor has now been appointed for the installation of the Ability Swing. The Wheelchair Accessible swing, Ability Self Propelled Whirl, and additional swings installed May 2022.</p> |
| <p>Social Prescribing</p> | <p>November Board considered the five Raising Aspiration Project applications and recommend approval of the applications for a further 2 years to the December Area Committee which was agreed. Feedback on the Raising Aspiration's Projects will be provided to Area Committee, by Ward, throughout 2022 - 2023</p> <p>February Board considered applications submitted from VCS organisations to provide accessible Defibrillators and recommended approval of all applications to the March Area Committee which were agreed.</p> |
| <p>Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events,</p> | <p>Downhill Community Hub:</p> <p>Task and Finish Group formed and worked with the voluntary sector leaseholder in order to develop capital proposals to assist in the refurbishment of the Downhill Community Hub. December and March Area Committees approved £100,000 in total for the refurbishment project.</p> |

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| <p>activities and nurture family learning</p> | <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further £100,000 for the development of an application that will assist in the delivery of services and activities from the hub and link to the skateboard park in the locality. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £100,000. The project lead is currently developing a full application to be considered.</p> <p>April Board considered the full application and recommended approval to June Area Committee details of which are included at Item 3 Annex 1</p> |
| <p>Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe</p> | <p>February Board received a presentation from young people. The board agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group in order to develop a Call for Project brief to be presented to a future board and then recommend to Area Committee for approval along with a request for £50,000 per ward from 2022 – 2023 Neighbourhood Fund.</p> <p>April 2022 Area Committee via Responsive Decision agreed the alignment of £50,000 per ward and the release of the Youth Project Brief subject to full applications to be presented to the Task and Finish Group and future Area Committee. June 2022 the Task and Finish Group met to discuss the applications and agreed to invite all applicants to a meeting with the Group to discuss further development of the applications</p> |
| <p>Communicate heritage assets and deliver heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion</p> | <p>Hylton Castle:</p> <p>June 2021 Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £100,000 for the development of a project that will lead towards the restoration of the chapel and cellars. June Area Committee agreed the alignment and the Hylton Castle Trust are working towards developing the full application that will best meet the needs of the Castle Project.</p> <p>April 2022 Board considered the full application and recommended approval to June Area Committee subject to additional information included within the application on what the chapel will be used for when restored details of which are included at Item 3 Annex 1</p> <p>February 2022 Board agreed in principle to recommend to a future Area Committee the alignment of £100,000 from the Neighbourhood Fund allocation for 2022 – 2023 for a project which will develop the Castle as a Winter Events Venue.</p> <p>April 2022 Board considered the full application and recommended approval to June Area Committee subject to additional information included within the application on future sustainability of the project details of which are included at Item 3 Annex 1</p> |

5. Recommendations - Members are requested to: -

- 5.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within **Annex 1**.
- 5.2 Note the Area Committee Governance arrangements for 2022-2023 outlined in **Section 3 and Annex 2**
- 5.3 Note the Year in Numbers outlined in **Section 4 and Annex 3**
- 5.4 Note the Communications Plan outlined in **Section 4 and Annex 4**

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| Annex 1 | North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023 |
| Annex 2 | Neighbourhood and Community Board Terms of Reference |
| Annex 3 | Year in Numbers |
| Annex 4 | Communications Plan |

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North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

Agreed 23rd July 2020



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

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

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

1. Tackle empty properties
2. Derelict land
3. Affordable homes
4. Love Where You Live
5. Transport Routes and Parking
6. Highways, pavements and street lighting
7. Parks, play, cycle and walking routes
8. Social Prescribing
9. Support voluntary and community sector
10. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe
11. Volunteer platform
12. Support communities to deliver local events
13. Improve CCTV and Enforcement
14. Promote Heritage Assets and Deliver Heritage Activities
15. Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage

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

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

| Neighbourhood Investment priority | | |
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| Action | Next Steps | Update |
| 1. Tackle Empty Properties | | |
| Links to: A Dynamic Smart City – More and Better Housing | | |
| <p>Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to North Neighbourhood and Community Board to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of empty properties and related issues in the North • Pro-active action in place in relation to properties allowed to go into a state of dilapidation by rogue landlords | <p>North Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the North area.</p> | <p>Graham Scanlan, Assistant Director of Housing attended February Board and provided an update</p> <p>October Board received a presentation from the Private Sector Housing Team and the support to private landlords and accreditation schemes</p> |
| 2. Review all derelict land and properties and develop plan to address each site with partners and residents to further create green and cultural communities | | |
| Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhood | | |
| <p>Executive Director Economy and Place to provide an update on derelict land and properties to North Neighbourhood and Communities Board.</p> <p>Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration to provide updates on Sunderland City Councils Low Carbon Commitment</p> | <p>North Area Committee to consider update and how they can support the development of sites within the North area</p> | <p>October Board received a presentation from the Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration on the Low Carbon Commitment including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline of Commitment • Citywide Emission Targets • 2030 Shadow Board • Young Peoples Advisory Group • Links to North Sunderland Delivery Plan • North Sunderland good practice examples • Discussion on future ideas <p>An area within Redhill Ward was raised as a potential site to link to the low</p> |

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| | | carbon agenda with green space redevelopment and improvements at Downhill Skatepark. Potential funding alignments to be discussed at Board/Area Committee |
| 3. Create more affordable homes | | |
| Links to: A Dynamic Smart City – More and Better Housing | | |
| Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to North Neighbourhood and Community Board | North Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the North area. | |
| 4. Launch ‘Love where you live’ campaign | | |
| Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhood | | |
| Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More residents Participating in their Community | | |
| Links to: Sunderland’s Community Wealth Strategy – Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement | | |
| Continue to receive updates from the North Raising Aspiration Projects on their litter picks and environmental projects and ensure they advertise opportunities for residents/schools etc to get involved. | ACDL to continue to provide updates on delivery to the Neighbourhood and Community Board | February Board received feedback on the Wild flowering the North Project June 2021 Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £25,000 in order to support the development of a bulb planting/environmental project within St. Peters Church. June 2021 Area Committee agreed the alignment of £25,000 . The St. Peters Church Environment Project was agreed by the Area Committee via a delegated decision on 22 nd July 2021 |

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| | | <p>St. Peters Church Environment Project planting is now complete with blooms expected 2022</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £25,000 in order to support the development of an Art Project and Washing Facilities at Seaburn Sea Front. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £25,000</p> <p>ACDL is working with VCS organisation Friends of Fulwell to support them in the delivery of a project that achieves a “Goby the Fish” project at Seaburn. Environmental Services have provided feedback on ideas for the installation and advice and guidance on emptying the recyclables. The project lead is developing the application in consultation with local residents, environmental services and planning</p> |
| <p>5. Review transport routes in partnership with all providers in consultation with residents. Need to also pick up parking issues – residential and shopping</p> | | |
| <p>Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Great transport and Travel Links</p> | | |
| <p>VAS Signage Project in development for North Area which will provide 2 signs per ward which will be circulated to 40 locations across the North</p> | <p>North Area Committee agree the funding and locations of the signs.</p> <p>Once agreed the Neighbourhood and Community Board will receive regular</p> | <p>Signs are now installed across the North and rotational programme in operation.</p> |

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| | updates on the locations and effectiveness of the signs | <p>April Board discussed the potential for additional signs – consultation held with members and Infrastructure and Transportation are to provide costs to inform further discussions at future Board</p> <p>Members receive updates on VAS rotational programme.</p> <p>December 2021 members considered further proposals for additional VAS signage locations and were advised of SCC plans to purchase 1 additional VAS sign for the North. Costs are in the process of being worked up for 4 additional VAS signs to be considered at a future Board and Area Committee</p> |
| 6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting | | |
| Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – People Feeling Safe in their Neighbourhoods Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhood | | |
| Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme. | Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to North Area Committee | <p>March Area Committee agreed 2021 – 2022 Programme</p> <p>November Board received an update on the progress of the Highways Maintenance Programme 2021-2022</p> <p>February Board received and considered the Highways Maintenance</p> |

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| | | <p>Programme recommendations for 2022 – 23. Agreed to recommend approval to March Area Committee subject to further discussions to be held with the St. Peters and Southwick Ward Councillors.</p> <p>March Area Committee agreed the Highways Maintenance Programme recommendations for 2022 - 2023</p> |
| <p>7. Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users</p> | | |
| <p>Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Visiting Sunderland and More Residents Informing and Participating in Cultural Events, Programmes and Activities</p> <p>Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhood – People Enjoying Independent Lives – Reduced Health Inequalities Enabling More People to Live Healthier Longer Lives</p> <p>Links to: Sunderland’s Community Wealth Strategy – Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement</p> | | |
| <p>Develop a plan for the regeneration of Thompson Park as an activity and destination park for all ages in partnership with Friends of Thompson Park</p> | <p>Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group.</p> <p>ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board</p> | <p>Task and Finish Group formed and have worked in partnership with Friends of Thompson Park on a regeneration plan in order to provide an activity and destination park for all ages.</p> <p>December 2020 Area Committee agreed an alignment of £200,000 for the regeneration of Thompson Park and £25,000 of this to be a match to Places to Ride application with full applications to be presented to future Board and Area Committee.</p> <p>The Group were successful with a Places to Ride funding application to</p> |

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| | | <p>deliver cycling skills area in park and education/ training with match funding to be considered at the June Area Committee. June 2021 Area Committee agreed the match of £25,000 to deliver the Places to Ride Project. The installation of the Places to Ride skills area was completed May 2022.</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further £100,000 for the development of Thompson Park. June 2021 Area Committee agreed the alignment of £100,000.</p> <p>Design Services are currently working up design proposals and costs and these are expected late September for the Task and Finish Group to consider</p> <p>Initial design proposals considered by the Task and Finish Group with amendments requested and a deadline of February 2022 provided.</p> <p>Further design proposals shared with Ward Councillors February 2022, Assistant Director of Community Resilience advised of the potential for further Council capital investment into Thompson Park subject to receiving full and costed proposals, Meeting to be</p> |

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| | | held with Ward Councillors and Design Services and updates to be provided to a future Board meeting. |
| Develop a plan for small scale improvements in Roker Park in partnership with Friends of Roker Park and within the Heritage status of the Park | ACDL to support the Friends of Roker Park to develop plan and funding applications | Online Friends of Roker Park meetings held November 2020 and February 2021 – group are actively moving forward with suggestions put forward via social media and Friends meetings |
| Develop a plan for improvements at Hylton Dene as a wildlife and walking, cycling and running route/destination | To be discussed at future Neighbourhood and Community Board | |
| Identify accessible Play Equipment available across Sunderland North | City Wide Condition Survey currently in process of being developed. Request submitted for North information to be released as soon as practicably possible | Area Committee via the responsive decision making process agreed £16,975 for the installation of an Ability Swing with Flat Seat at Hylton Castle Play Area as part of a project which will also see the installation of an Ability Whirl Self Propelled with Safety Surfacing A contractor has now been appointed for the installation of the Ability Swing. Wheelchair Accessible Swing, Ability Self Propelled Whirl and additional swings installed May 2022 |
| Receive updates on Improvements to Parks, Open Spaces and Play within Sunderland North | North Area Committee to consider the updates and how they can influence and add value. | July Board received a presentation on the proposals for improvements to Parks, Open Spaces and Play across Sunderland North |

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| | | <p>July Board received a presentation on the proposals for the Seaburn public realm regeneration including the new play park plans and Cut Throat Dene</p> <p>November Board received a presentation which gave an update on improvement at Roker Park and plans for the Roker Park Lodge/Café</p> <p>November Board received a presentation on Cemetery Improvement Plans. Members provided with the opportunity to join the Cemetery Improvement Board</p> <p>February Board received an update on Hylton Dene, Downhill Complex, Fulwell Quarry and Roker Park</p> |
| <p>8. Social Prescribing – develop local offer to improve health and wellbeing and access to services locally to reduce social isolation, improve mental health and support long-term health conditions, and ensure physical activity session are accessible and not cost or time prohibitive, in partnership with All Together Better</p> | | |
| <p>Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Reduced Health Inequalities Enabling More People to Live Healthier Longer Lives – Access to equitable Opportunities and Life Changes, People Enjoying Independent Lives – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhoods</p> <p>Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More Resilient People – More Residents Participating in Their Communities</p> <p>Links to: Sunderland’s Community Wealth Strategy – Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement - Business Growth and Investment in Voluntary and Community Sector – Improving Community Resilience</p> | | |
| Ensure 5 Ward based Raising Aspirations Projects are providing services and activities to local residents | ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board | The 5 ward based Raising Aspirations Projects continue to deliver services and activities to the local community |

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| | | <p>including providing Covid Community Hub Support.</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £50,000 per ward for the development of applications for a further 2 years June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £250,000</p> <p>The five Raising Aspiration Project leads are currently developing full applications to be considered at the November Board.</p> <p>November Board received updates from the five Raising Aspiration Project leads on the delivery of the projects to date.</p> <p>November Board considered the five Raising Aspiration Project applications and recommend approval of the applications for a further 2 years to the December Area Committee which was agreed</p> <p>Feedback on the Raising Aspiration Projects will be provided to Area Committee, by Ward, throughout 2022 – 2023</p> |

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| Ensure North Communication Project keeps local communities up to date with activities and services on offer and promotes the North Area | ACDL coordinates the content and delivery of the North Communication Project in partnership with the Neighbourhood and Community Board | <p>Project currently on hold due to COVID-19 and newsletter is to promote activities delivered in the Ward however work is commencing on delivering the leaflet element of the project</p> <p>Leaflet celebrating the investment in Sunderland North is currently in development with anticipated distribution Winter 2021</p> <p>Distribution commenced January 2022</p> |
| North Area Committee in partnership with Public Health Funding have supported health related projects in Sunderland North | ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board | <p>Quarterly Monitoring Updates provided to Board</p> <p>July Board received a presentation on Ageing Well Sunderland and the opportunity to support the Time to Talk and Walk initiative</p> <p>February Board to consider applications in order to make recommendation to March Area Committee for Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations to provide accessible Defibrillators across Sunderland North.</p> <p>February Board considered applications submitted from VCS organisations to provide accessible Defibrillators and recommended approval of all</p> |

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| | | applications to the March Area Committee which were agreed |
| Beach Access North East leading on a project on behalf of Sunderland Seafront Steering Group to install a container adjacent to Marine Activities Centre which will house beach accessible wheelchairs with volunteers managing booking of the wheelchairs | September North Area Committee to consider a funding application to deliver this project | <p>September Area Committee agreed funding for the project, project lead is now working with Sunderland City Council on the planning process</p> <p>Beach Access North East carrying out trials of wheelchairs on 1st of June at Roker Beach with members of the Sunderland Seafront Steering Group</p> <p>Due to increased costs and the environmental restrictions and requirements at the site the project requires additional funding – Beach Access North East have joined Crowdfund Sunderland and are actively seeking donations to support the project thereby ensuring local community support.</p> <p>March 2022 planning application submitted. Planning application approved</p> |
| 9. Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events, activities and nurture family learning | | |
| <p>Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City – More People Visiting Sunderland and More Residents Informing and Participating in Cultural Events, Programmes and Activities – More Residents Participating In Their Communities</i></p> <p>Links to: <i>Sunderland’s Community Wealth Strategy – Developing the Role of Anchor Institutions – Socially Productive Asset Management – Community Empowerment Engagement and Involvement – Business Growth and Investment in Voluntary and Community Sector</i></p> | | |

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| <p>Support the development of former Downhill School into a community hub current delivery includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Activities • Boxing Club • Nursery <p>Potential for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional facilities to support the boxing Club retain affiliation • Additional sporting activities utilising both inside and outside space • Gardening Club • Additional Youth activities • Parent and Toddler Groups • Activities for Older/Socially Isolated • Resident Group support | <p>Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group. ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board</p> <p>.</p> | <p>Task and Finish Group formed and worked with the voluntary sector leaseholder in order to develop capital proposals to assist in the refurbishment of the Downhill Community Hub. December and March Area Committees approved £100,000 in total for the refurbishment project.</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further £100,000 for the development of an application that will assist in the delivery of services and activities from the hub and link to the skateboard park in the locality. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £100,000. The project lead is currently developing a full application to be considered. April 2022 Board considered the full application and recommended approval to June Area Committee details of which are included at Item 3 Annex 1</p> <p>Fulwell Community Library:</p> <p>March Area Committee agreed funding of £18,250 to support the installation of a new roof and solar panels at Fulwell Community Library.</p> <p>Redby Community Centre:</p> |

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| | | The North Area Committee in January 2022 via the responsive decision making process have approved funding of £12,000 to Redby Community Centre for repairs to the Roof |
| 10. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe | | |
| Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Feeling Safe in Their Homes and Neighbourhoods - More Residents Participating In Their Communities Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Access to Equitable Opportunities and Life Chances Links to: Sunderland’s Community Wealth Strategy - Community Empowerment Engagement and Involvement – Business Growth and Investment in Voluntary and Community Sector – Improving Community Resilience | | |
| Neighbourhood Funding in place for Youth Partnership delivery across all wards in North Neighbourhood Funding in place for School Holiday delivery 2020 £20,000 Neighbourhood Funding in Place for youth activities 2020 - 2021 | Updates on delivery of provision to be provided to the Neighbourhood Community Board | £20,000 funding in place for youth activities 2020 – 2021 March 2020 Area Committee approved £35,000 for the delivery of school holiday activities within the 2020 – 2021 school holiday periods with the project leads delivering services, activities and support within COVID guidelines and restrictions March 2021 Area Committee agreed to align the £40,000 available for youth activities for the extension of school holiday activities for 2021 – 2022 to the existing providers. June Area Committee agreed the school holiday 2021 – 2022 application for the £40,000 budget available. A summary of the Summer Holiday 2021 provision was |

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| | | <p>provided in the September Area Committee Video.</p> <p>February Board to receive a presentation from youth providers across Sunderland North on the provision available and the services and activities requested by young people. To help inform future decision on funding to be considered by the Board and Area Committee.</p> <p>Potential funding alignment and proposals for the development of a Task and Finish Group with one representative per ward to be discussed at February Board.</p> <p>February Board received a presentation from young people. The board agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group in order to develop a Call for Project brief to be presented to a future board and then recommend to Area Committee for approval along with a request for £50,000 per ward from 2022 – 2023 Neighbourhood Fund.</p> <p>April 2022 Area Committee via Responsive Decision agreed the alignment of £50,000 per ward and the release of the Youth Project Brief subject to full applications to be</p> |

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| | | presented to the Task and Finish Group and future Area Committee. June 2022 the Task and Finish Group met to discuss the applications and agreed to invite all applicants to a meeting with the Group to discuss further development of the applications. |
| 11. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities | | |
| Links to: A Vibrant Smart City - More Residents Participating In Their Communities | | |
| Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS. | Update volunteer platform to enable matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area. | Volunteers registered on the North Platform have been provided with a booklet of volunteering opportunities from projects based within Sunderland North and City Wide |
| 12. Support communities to deliver local events | | |
| Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More residents participating in their Communities – More People Visiting Sunderland and More Residents Informing and Participating in Cultural Events, Programmes and Activities | | |
| Links to: Sunderland’s Community Wealth Strategy – Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement - Business Growth and Investment in the Voluntary and Community Sector | | |
| North Area Committee supported Southwick Illumination Project since 2012 – further additions required 2020 | <p>July North Area Committee agreed £10,000 capital funding to support festive lighting project</p> <p>September North Area Committee agreed further £10,000 capital funding to support Southwick Festive Lighting Project</p> | Due to COVID 19 restrictions a Christmas Switch On Event could not be held 2020 however the Christmas Tree was installed and dressed on Southwick Green and was switched on in line with all other Christmas Lighting across the City on the 19 th of |

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| | | <p>November. Additional lighting will be installed in 2021</p> <p>Procurement process progressing for additional lighting installation 2021</p> <p>Timeline provided by Procurement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity issued mid July • Awarded mid August <p>Procurement process now completed and provider appointed to install additional lighting on Southwick Green for 2021</p> <p>Additional lighting installed and successful Switch On Event delivered by Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project on 26th November 2021</p> <p>Future Board to consider funding for illumination lighting and switch on for 2022</p> <p>Future Board to consider how the North Area Committee can influence the City Wide programme of events and the usage of locations across Sunderland North</p> |

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| 13. Increase safety through the improvement of CCTV and additional enforcement | | |
| Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhoods Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Feeling Safe in Their Homes and Neighbourhoods | | |
| North Area Committee funded CCTV and Enforcement project operational and ongoing | July Neighbourhood and Community Board received feedback on the current CCTV/Enforcement project and agreed the set up of a Task and Finish group to consider the feasibility of additional CCTV/Masts/Airtime costs | <p>Task and Finish Group formed and members consulted on hotspot areas in order to inform CCTV solutions. March Area Committee agreed a Neighbourhood Investment Capital Application of £100,000 and Neighbourhood Fund of £61,366 and aligned an additional £38,634 bringing the total amount available for the CCTV project to £200,000.</p> <p>A Neighbourhood Fund application was agreed by members in May 2021 through the responsive decision making process of £4,191.42 for the purchase of additional masts in order to provide re-deployable CCTV for Roker Park.</p> <p>An application for enforcement camera solutions has been developed from the remaining aligned funds after significant testing of cameras. This application for £34,400 was agreed at June Area Committee.</p> <p>North Area Committee Councillors received feedback from the Area Chair on the Local Multi Agency Partnership</p> |

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| | | <p>meetings which included updates on camera options and locations.</p> <p>LMAPS regularly discuss Sunderland City Council Drone Project which will see staff trained as drone pilots and drones used with the aim of tackling ASB.</p> |
| 14. Communicate heritage assets and deliver heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion | | |
| <p>Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Visiting Sunderland and More Residents Informing and Participating in Cultural Events, Programmes and Activities</p> <p>Links to: Sunderland’s Community Wealth Strategy – Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement</p> | | |
| <p>Develop a project which provides access to event space at Hylton Castle in order to support bringing the community together and future sustainability of the Project</p> | <p>July Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the set-up of a Task and Finish group to develop plans to consider the proposals for the development of event space at Hylton Castle</p> <p>ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board</p> | <p>Task and Finish Group formed, December Area Committee agreed the alignment of Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding of £100,000 and the Hylton Castle Trust developed an application for the Hylton Castle Events Space Project which was agreed at June Area Committee for £100,000.</p> <p>June 2021 Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £100,000 for the development of a project that will lead towards the restoration of the chapel and cellars. June Area Committee agreed the alignment and the Hylton Castle Trust are working towards developing the full application that will best meet the needs of the Castle Project.</p> |

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| | | <p>April 2022 Board considered the full application and recommended approval to June Area Committee subject to additional information included within the application on what the chapel will be used for when restored details of which are included at Item 3 Annex 1</p> <p>February 2022 Board agreed in principle to recommend to a future Area Committee the alignment of £100,000 from the Neighbourhood Fund allocation for 2022 – 2023 for a project which will develop the Castle as a Winter Events Venue</p> <p>April 2022 Board considered the full application and recommended approval to June Area Committee subject to additional information included within the application on future sustainability of the project details of which are included at Item 3 Annex 1</p> <p>Fans Museum:</p> <p>March Area Committee agreed funding of £11,384 to support the development of Architectural Design, Videography, Photography and a Digital Tour Project.</p> |

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| Action | Next Steps | Update |
| 15. Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage | | |
| Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhoods Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Visiting Sunderland and More Residents Informing and Participating in Cultural Events, Programmes and Activities Links to: Sunderland’s Community Wealth Strategy – Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement | | |
| Southwick Green Redevelopment Phase 1 to commence July 2020 | Regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board | <p>Southwick Green Redevelopment Phase 1 near completion. Local VCS organisations, Springboard, Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project and Southwick Green Preservation Society have supported the project with bulb and winter planting led by the Southwick SARA Project and supported by Southwick Community Chest funding.</p> <p>February Board agreed for Southwick Ward Councillors to consider the original proposals for the Southwick Green Redevelopment and develop phase 2 proposals taking into consideration a local voluntary and community sector organisation proposals for heritage signage and potential of external funding to support project. Full proposals to be presented to future Board and Area Committee for consideration. SCC Design Services are developing costs and proposals which will be presented to Southwick Ward Cllrs when available. Design</p> |

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| | | <p>Services are expected to have proposals in place September 2021</p> <p>Southwick Ward Councillors have considered the proposals and have requested amendments with a deadline of February 2022.</p> <p>Potential funding alignments to be discussed at future Board/Area Committee.</p> |

Neighbourhood and Community Board – Terms of Reference

The Neighbourhood and Community Board is a working Board of the Area Committee for the delivery of the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan – Delivery Plan.

Membership and Role

Chair

- The Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board is also the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. Should the Vice-Chair be unable to chair the Board, the Board will be chaired by the Area Committee Chair
- The content and order of items on the agenda and the amount of time allocated to each item will be set in consultation with the Board Chair, who will ensure that the activities of the Board are contributing to the delivery of Area Committee priorities / Neighbourhood Delivery Plan.
- The Chair will progress matters and make recommendations to the Area Committee where necessary together with regular progress reports on the work of the Neighbourhood and Community Board.
- The Chair will highlight issues and opportunities to the Neighbourhood Community Board, Area Committee and relevant Portfolio Holder.

Elected Members

- Attendance of the Neighbourhood and Community Board is open to all Ward Members
- Members will adopt a fair and equitable overview of the Area and ensure that Neighbourhood and Community Board activity is based upon evidence of need and opportunity.

Support Officers

Relevant Council Officers - will attend the Board as the link between their service and the business of the Board, as and when required.

Designated Area Community Development Lead– supports the Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board in delivering priorities; ensuring links are made to the Area VCS Network and wider partners where relevant.

Governance Officers - will provide governance advice and administrative support for all meetings of the Board, which will include arranging meeting times /venues and action points.

Frequency

Neighbourhood and Community Board meetings will be held in July, November, February and April and dates included in council diary. If required, the Board may

convene a further meeting(s) should there be a business need to do so and essential to ensuring delivery of the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan.

Reporting Arrangements

The Neighbourhood and Community Board will report four times per year to the Area Committee (meetings are held in June, September, December and March) through both oral and written reports presented by the Chair of the Neighbourhood and Community Board, assisted by the designated Area Community Development Lead.

Remit of the Neighbourhood and Community Board

The remit of the Neighbourhood and Community Board is to:

- Respond to all priorities in the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Agree to the development / implementation of plans for each priority and make recommendations to the Area Committee based on information and research.
- Ensure that the use of Area Committee resources reflect the priorities of the Area Committee and support the delivery of the City Plan at a local level and as detailed in the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Work with partner agencies, particularly the VCS, to ensure the delivery of the City Plan at a local level and as detailed in the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Receive monitoring information in relation to expenditure from agreed funds e.g. Community Chest, Neighbourhood Fund and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital.
- Recommend applications for funding from the Council's Neighbourhood Fund and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital to the Area Committee for approval.

The Board has no formal decision-making authority on operational matters or budget expenditure but acts as an informal discussion forum making recommendations to the Area Committee. Where necessary, a majority vote will be required to carry forward any recommendation(s) to the Area Committee.

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Neighbourhood Investment Plan covering the wards of Castle, Fulwell, Redhill, Southwick, St Peter's



Our year in numbers



3 Wildflower and Bulb planting projects supported at St Peters Church and Southwick Green



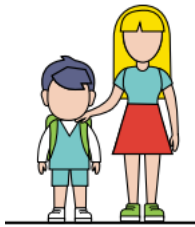
435 Families Supported – Fulwell Raising Aspirations



305 People Accessing Social Isolation Services – Southwick Raising Aspirations



71 Social Isolation Support Activities Delivered – Castle Raising Aspirations



477 Young people attending Youth Provision – St Peters Raising Aspirations



12 Monthly Community Litter Picks supported – Redhill Raising Aspirations



1 Wheelchair Accessible Swing installed



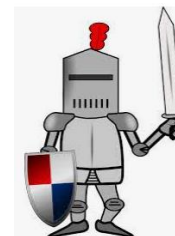
1 Southwick Illuminations Switch On Event delivered



8 Community Defibrillators to be installed



2,256 young people benefiting from school holiday activity



2 Suits of Armour installed at Hylton Castle



1 Cycling Skills Area installed at Thompson Park

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Neighbourhood Investment Plan covering the wards of Castle, Fulwell, Redhill, Southwick, St Peter's



Area Committee's Communication Plan Report April 2021 to March 2022



105

Good news stories promoting Area Committee's work



48

Facebook posts promoting Area Committee's, VCS and Partners ...



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Campaigns pushed out across the community



72

Residents participating in consultation events



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People 'reached' via Social Media



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Opportunities to access funding streams promoted



19

Groups received support to secure additional funding into the Area.



74

Volunteering opportunities promoted

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE
24th June 2022
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

North Sunderland Area Budget Report

Author(s):

Assistant Director of Community Resilience

Purpose of Report:

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

Description of Decision:

Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1.
- (b) Consider the approval of NF of **£100,000** to Hylton Castle Trust for the Castle Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- (c) Consider the approval of NF of **£100,000** to Hylton Castle Trust for the Christmas at the Castle Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- (d) Consider the approval of NF of **£100,000** to Community Opportunities Ltd for the Downhill Hub Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- (e) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 as set out in **Section 4 Annex 2 and Annex 3**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £430,680 (inc Youth allocation) for 2022/2023 from the Neighbourhood Fund and had £500,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan and to attract other funding into the area.

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

Item 3

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

24th June 2022

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

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

2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

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

| Project Name | Committee Date | Returned | Aligned | Approved | Remaining |
|---|----------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| Starting Balance for 2022 / 2023 | | | | | £430,680 |
| Activities for Young People | | | £250,000 | | £180,680 |
| Fulwell Community Library | (25.03.21) | £5,750 | | | £186,430 |
| School Holiday Activities 2020/2021 | (19.03.20) | £877 | | | £187,307 |

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2022 / 2023

2.2 North Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £430,680 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects.

2.3 There are 3 applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration:

- Hylton Castle Trust – The Castle Project £100,000
- Hylton Castle Trust – Christmas at the Castle £100,000
- Community Opportunities Ltd – Downhill Community Hub £100,000

2.4 The total Neighbourhood fund budget requested for approval is **£300,000 (£200,000 previously aligned)** If approved, the remaining balance will be **£87,307**

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 / 2023

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

| Project Name | Committee Date | Returned | Aligned | Approved | Remaining |
|---|----------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| Starting Balance for 2020 / 2023 | | | | | £500,000 |
| Festive Lighting Project | 15.07.20 | - | - | £10,000 | £490,000 |
| Southwick Illuminations Project | 17.09.20 | - | - | £10,000 | £480,000 |
| Regeneration of Thompson Park | 10.12.20 | - | £175,000 | £25,000 | £280,000 |
| Places to Ride (£25,000 from 10.12.20 alignment approved at Area Committee on 30.06.21) | 30.06.21 | | | | |
| Event Space at Hylton Castle (£100,000 aligned at Area Committee on 10.12.20) | 30.06.21 | - | - | £100,000 | £180,000 |
| Development of Former Downhill School into a Community Hub | 25.03.21 | - | - | £80,000 | £100,000 |
| North Additional CCTV | 25.03.21 | | | £100,000 | £0 |

Table Two: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023

3.2 North Area Committee was allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members were responsible for allocating the funding through a majority decision at Area Committee.

3.3. The Capital Programme can be allocated in one year, or across more than one, depending on what proposals come forward throughout the year(s). The Area Committee have up to three years to allocate the full amount.

4. Community Chest

4.1 Each ward has been allocated a budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest will be moving online to make the process easier for Groups to access the funds, however, if Groups need digital support Area Arrangements will provide it to ensure inclusivity. Ward Councillors will continue to lead on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where its become difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.

4.2 A list of Community Chest approvals from the 2021/22 budget is shown in **Annex 2**

4.2 The table below details the Community Chest current budget position for 2022/2023. **Annex 3** shows the approvals supported to date for 2022/23

| Ward | 2022/2023 Allocation | Returned | Approved | Remaining |
|--------------|----------------------|----------|---------------|----------------|
| Castle | £10,000 | - | £0 | £10,000 |
| Fulwell | £10,000 | - | £1550.50 | £8.449.50 |
| Redhill | £10,000 | - | £0 | £10,000 |
| Southwick | £10,000 | - | £2,000 | £8,000 |
| St. Peters | £10,000 | - | £1,045.50 | £8.954.50 |
| Total | £50,000 | - | £4,596 | £45,404 |

Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2022 / 2023

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in Table One, Two and Three.
- 5.2 Consider the approval of NF of **£100,000** to Hylton Castle Trust for the Castle Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.3 Consider the approval of NF of **£100,000** to Hylton Castle Trust for the Christmas at the Castle Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.4 Consider the approval of NF of **£100,000** to Community Opportunities Ltd for the Downhill Hub Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.5 Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 as set out in **Section 4 Annex 2 and Annex 3**

Annexes

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| Annex 1 | Neighbourhood Fund Applications |
| Annex 2 | Community Chest Grant Approvals 2021/2022 |
| Annex 3 | Community Chest Grant Approvals 2022/2023 |

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Applications for North Neighbourhood Fund

Application No. 1

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Funding Source | Neighbourhood Fund |
| Name of Project | The Castle |
| Lead Organisation | Hylton Castle Trust |

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total cost of Project | Total Match Funding | Total NF Application |
| £155,591.90 | £55,591.90 | £100,000 |
| Project Duration | Start Date | End Date |
| 2 Years | July 2022 | Summer 2024 |

Project Description

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

The Castle at Hylton Castle has recently undergone a significant restoration over the last three years which in summary included a steel structure being lifted into the existing walls, a roof covering and floors created, alongside windows being fitted. This has enabled the internal use of the Castle structure so residents and the wider visiting public can engage with this significant heritage asset, viewing the remaining historic structure while also reliving some of the historic past of the site and local area.

Capital works to the Castle structure are complete and full building control sign off was granted on 26th May, 2021. The second phase of site development aims to bring the expansive external grounds into the visitor offer. £110,000 has been secured from National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) Covid-19 support fund to enable the installation of temporary fencing and a marquee to the rear area of the Castle site. The North Area Committee have also allocated £100,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funds to support the installation of a permanent fence and the Event Space Project We have been working with Historic England and an Accredited Conservation Architect to gain agreement for Scheduled Monument Consent and this was granted in principal in early May 2022. In parallel to this, an application has been submitted to the Planning Department and is currently being consulted on through the relevant statutory processes.

This application to Neighbourhood Fund builds on that proposal and seeks to secure funds to enable the further exploration and first phase of renovations at St Catherine's Chapel, Hylton Castle. The Chapel sits in a detached location to the north-east of the castle gatehouse and is surrounded by mature trees. The chapel is at a higher ground level than the gatehouse, close to the northern boundary wall of the site.

The Chapel consists of a main Nave space, with large east window and high windows to both the north and south elevations. The entrance is located in the west wall with a high-level mullioned window above. The ground to the east is raised with a large concrete base inside the nave. There are blocked doorways to the north and south walls and piscine to the south

wall, along with other ambulatory openings. To both the north and south walls, towards the west end, there are double height arches giving access to the two double storey transepts. These are chamfered with lancet windows, still surviving, to the west on the southern transept.

Externally the west elevation is characterised by a large arch feature which contains a high-level stone mullioned widow and an arched doorway below with squared quoins. Generally, the walls are constructed with large sandstone coursed blocks although there are areas of other walling. The Chapel currently stands as a roofless structure, with the Nave walls extending full height up to eaves level and including the apexes to both the gable walls, which are capped with stone water tables.

The Chapel is described in the listed building description as dating back to c1400 with alterations in c16 and repairs c18. A comprehensive priced condition survey has been completed by Doonan Architects and their consulting engineers to consider costs of restoration of the Chapel which include addressing areas of cracking, erosion, repointing mortar. The survey is currently being extended to include a study to determine the structural and cost implication of installing a roof and consider the options for the use of glass in the windows and roof structure to tie in with the history of glass in the City and discussions have already begin with the National Glass centre team to work together on this. This approach would make the building weather tight and enable power to be connected to the building.

The feasibility study will include providing sketches of structures and associated costs and will include the advice of a structural engineer and quantity surveyor. £5,000 plus VAT has been allowed in this proposal to enable the conservation architects to complete more comprehensive design information once the preferred options of repair and restoration have been agreed with such as Historic England, English Heritage and Sunderland City council. A further amount of £7,500 has been ringfenced to allow the accredited conservation architect to submit the required schedule monument approvals and to meet the planning permission requirements associated with the restoration works.

A budget allocation of £77,500 has been identified to contribute to the first phase of repair works which will include addressing cracks to the stonework, replacing mortar and filling gaps to remove water traps and water ingress into the stone and digging out and replacing degraded mortar. Some work is required to piece in stones to match the existing stones and point up the surrounding stones, install ties within bed joints across cracks to the buttresses, make good the mortar capping. The inner face of stones to the southern transept is severely eroded and will require 6 courses of stone to be carefully removed, the inner face cut back and be rebuilt. There is also a need to renew various areas of mullion and also tracery stone, and to inspect the stability of the remaining crest which potentially needs a steel bar inserting to support the coping. All works will be carried out in full consultation with Historic England and will be led by the Conservation Architect.

A budget allocation of £10,000 has been allocated to management costs, ecological and archaeological surveys. Hylton Castle Trust will apply to external bodies such as Arts Council, Historic England, National Lottery Heritage Fund to secure support to deliver phase two of the repairs which will include the installation of a roof and windows to the structure. The repaired Chapel will retain a further heritage asset in the City of Sunderland and will complement the offer available at the Hylton Castle site.

Project Costs:

| Item and Description | Total Costs | Match Costs | NF Contribution |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|

| | | | |
|---|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Roof and window design drawings | £5,000 | | £5,000 |
| Conservation Architect – planning and SMC | £7,500 | | £7,500 |
| management costs, ecological and archaeological surveys | £10,000 | | £10,000 |
| Repairs and restoration works | £133091.90 | £55591.90 | £77,500 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Total | £155,591.90 | £55591.90 | £100,000Com |

Recommendation

April Board recommended Approval as part of the area priority **Promote Heritage Assets and Deliver Heritage Activities**

Application No. 2

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Funding Source | Neighbourhood Fund |
| Name of Project | Christmas at the Castle |
| Lead Organisation | Hylton Castle Trust |

| | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total cost of Project | Total Match Funding | Total NF Application |
| £165,000 | £65,000 | £100,000 |
| Project Duration | Start Date | End Date |
| 2 Years | July 2022 | Winter 2023 |

Project Description

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

The Castle at Hylton Castle has undergone a significant restoration over the last three years which in summary included a steel structure being lifted into the existing walls, a roof covering and floors created, alongside windows being fitted. This has enabled the internal use of the Castle structure so residents and the wider visiting public can engage with this significant heritage asset, viewing the remaining historic structure while also reliving some of the historic past of the site and local area. Capital works to the Castle structure are complete and full building control sign off was granted on 26th May, 2021.

The second phase of site development aims to bring the expansive external grounds into the visitor offer. £110,000 has been secured from National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) Covid-19 support fund to enable the installation of temporary fencing, boundary fencing, fitted out marquee to the rear area of the Castle site and extended car parking provision matched to £100,000 Neighbourhood Capital Funding awarded June 2021 for the Hylton Castle Events Space Project.

This application to Neighbourhood Fund builds on that proposal and seeks to secure funds to enable development of the enclosure area and wider grounds by developing a Winter Spectacular in the grounds of Hylton Castle and Dene. This proposal will enable the development of the first phase of what will be an annual event to showcase an important North Sunderland heritage asset and provide residents with an opportunity to explore the outdoor environment and socialise in their community.

The display will be developed utilising the trees/woods at either side of the entrance to the site entering via a light tunnel for vehicles leading to a pedestrian only tunnel taking visitors through to the rear of the site. The trees to the roadside of the Castle will be illuminated and there will be a bespoke illumination scheme within the Chapel ruins. There will be a range of static and revolving projections in front of the Castle, and these will complement the external lighting system already in place at the site. To create the element of surprise the main focus of the phase one display will be to the rear of the castle. A submission has recently been agreed by Sunderland City Planning department with Historic England providing Scheduled Monument Approval process agreement to install 320 metres of temporary fencing in an arena style and providing a marquee structure within this.

A series of special features with high interactivity and providing stopping points for photo opportunities will be situated in the grounds to the rear of the site and may include such as Giant baubles which can be walked through, giant reindeer you can be pictured with. We will also incorporate some educational aspects to the display potentially being static musical instruments such as wood hanging from rope displays, giant xylophone made from metal etc.

The display will use floodlighting and festooning to create safe and well-lit walkways while shadowing some of the extensive areas of the site to create mystery. Volunteers will create a winter spotter of items that will be hidden around the spectacular to complement the smaller Christmas themed features which would be deployed in key areas to enhance the main displays but also these are very attractive to children of all ages.

It is proposed to purchase the illumination items and such as the festoon and tree lighting will be used all year round to support such as summer camps for young people. Purchasing also gives access to a wider range of items as the availability to lease is much restricted in choice.

The Trust intend to build on the illuminations experience year on year with the ultimate aim to create a regional visitor attraction, highlighting the heritage assets of Sunderland. Trustees will be discussing with Senior Council Officers how the event can tie in to the City Events offer following a trial with the Business Improvement District Halloween activities in 2021.

Project Costs:

| Item and Description | Total Costs | Match Costs | NF Contribution |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Key large scale spectacular items | £35,000 | | £35,000 |
| Festoons/floodlighting and Castle projection aspects - | £10,000 | | £10,000 |
| Smaller Christmas features | £ 3,000 | | £ 3,000 |
| Light tunnels, small marquee hire for activities etc | £ 25,000 | | £ 25,000 |
| Cables/extensions/consumables | £ 2,000 | | £ 2,000 |
| Design and curation of scheme | £10,000 | | £10,000 |
| Volunteer resources for musical equipment and displays | £10,000 | | £10,000 |
| HCT Management and insurance costs | £ 5,000 | | £ 5,000 |
| | £65,000 | £65,000 | |

| | | | |
|---|----------|---------|----------|
| Events Marquee and enclosure (total cost and in kind) | | | |
| | | | |
| Total | £165,000 | £65,000 | £100,000 |

Recommendation

April Board recommended Approval as part of the area priority **Promote Heritage Assets and Deliver Heritage Activities**

Application No. 3

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Funding Source | Neighbourhood Fund |
| Name of Project | Downhill Community Hub |
| Lead Organisation | Community Opportunities Ltd |

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total cost of Project | Total Match Funding | Total NF Application |
| £113,928.23 | £13,928.23 | £100,000 |
| Project Duration | Start Date | End Date |
| 2 Years | July 2022 | April 2024 |

Project Description:

The application has been developed by Community Opportunities and the full project description is detailed below:

(verbatim from application)

The Downhill Community Hub is based in the Redhill ward and has been subject to recent and ongoing remedial works supported by funding from the Neighbourhood Fund. This has enabled single glazed metal framed windows to be replaced with double glazed units, security to be improved and modernised, the crumbling tarmac entrance way has been dug out and reapplied and a dedicated upgraded entrance area has been created. The next phase of capital works will include improvements to the large on-site kitchen area, toilets and hall activity space.

Activities in the hub are being developed to respond to issues and ideas raised by residents through the recent Let's Talk public consultation exercise and will also contribute to achieving the strategic priorities set out in the City Plan. To date this includes after school clubs regularly attracting over 25 +children per session, holiday activity clubs attracting over 30 participants per session, regular activities for young people with disabilities and additional needs and targeted youth activities. A toddler group has recently commenced, and a small book, games and jigsaw share club is currently under development. Cooking sessions will be rolled, working in partnership with the community garden, when the next phase of refurbishments are complete.

This proposal seeks to enable the creation of a Hub Co-ordinators role for a two year period to take forward the next phase of delivery of services for the community. The Co-ordinator will work closely with the Redhill Raising Aspirations project to carry out a further consultation with residents in the area to ensure we have an understanding of services they would like to engage with. Previous consultation feedback suggested this would include utilising the extensive indoor and outdoor facilities to provide a range of environmental activities such as a community garden, home grown allotment ideas, children's scavenger hunts and picnics. The Hub will provide a base for the delivery of such as training, learning, employability support and will work in close partnership with the North REACT project expertise to deliver this and with the a a range of partners to facilitate introductory sports, leisure and health activities.

The Co-ordinator will set up a reference library at the reception area which will also house a 'swap shop' of books, jigsaws, games etc. We will set up an ICT drop in point and offer hands on help for people to apply digitally for such as their bus passes, book leisure activities and outings online and support residents to gain confidence in working within the digital world.

The centre is currently well used on an evening and the Co-ordinator will target extending the daytime use through establishing a luncheon club, exercise and sports sessions, social club sessions such as coffee morning, cooking classes and building up an archive of photos and memories of the Redhill ward over the years. We will offer dance classes and potentially such as brunch clubs and relaxation sessions. We will continue our work in partnership with the Covid Community Hubs and support individual residents in the community to access early intervention support in partnership with such as social care services.

The co-ordinator will be responsible for facilitating room rental for local groups, taking fees, operating the booking system and compiling funding applications for small pieces of project delivery and developing to secure funds to sustain the future of service delivery. We have allowed costs to cover in-centre cleaning and caretaking/repair requirements, activity resources and equipment and a contribution towards costs of rent, rates and utilities.

Project Costs:

| Item and Description | Total Costs | Match Costs | NF Contribution |
|--|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Hub Co-ordinator – salary and oncosts @ 21%- two years | £60,454.00 | 0 | £60,454.00 |
| Holiday and sickness cover | £8,138.00 | 0 | £8,138.00 |
| Cleaning, caretaking etc – 1.5 hours per week x 7 days | £6,936.93 | | £6,936.93 |
| Activity Resources and Equipment inc office equip | £18,000 | £ 6,000 | £12,000.00 |
| Contribution to rent, utilities, rates and repairs | £10,400 | | £10,400.00 |
| Management and accounting | £10,000 | £7,928.93 | £ 2,071.07 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Total | £113,928.93 | £13928.93 | £100,000 |

Recommendation

April Board recommended Approval as part of the area priority: **Support the Voluntary and Community Sector to Provide Additional Services and Extend Opening times with Local Community Venues as Well as Host Community Events, Activities and Nurture Family Learning**

Item 3 Annex 2

North Area Committee

23rd June 2022

Community Chest Awards April 2021 to March 2022



| Castle Ward Budget | £10,000 | | Approvals |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| Bexhill Academy | 06.09.21 | | £2,000 |
| Castletown Primary School | 04.02.22 | | £2,000 |
| Hylton Castle Trust | 04.02.22 | | £2,681 |
| St Bedes Community project | 04.02.22 | | £1,000 |
| Hylton Castle Trust | 25.03.22 | | £2,000 |
| Remaining balance | | | £319 |
| Fulwell Ward Budget | £10,000 | | |
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| Fulwell Infant School Academy | 26.08.21 | | £1,100 |
| Sunderland City Council – Mere Knolls | 26.08.21 | | £400 |
| NE Bus Preservation Trust | 26.08.21 | | £600 |
| Hands On NE CIC | 10.09.21 | | £1,249 |
| Cuthbertson Court Social Club | 22.11.21 | | £500 |
| Fulwell Community Library | 22.11.21 | | £1,500 |
| Seaburn Dene Primary | 02.03.22 | | £1,800 |
| Sunderland City Council-Dorking Road | 25.03.22 | | £2,800 |
| Remaining balance | | | £51 |
| Redhill Ward Budget | £10,000 | | |
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| Sunderland City Council – North Hylton Road | 16.07.21 | | £2,310 |
| Sunderland City Council – VAS Project | 15.03.21 | £2,540.13 | - |
| St. Cuthbert’s Community Hall | 23.11.21 | | £920 |
| Willow Wood Community School | 04.02.22 | | £1,421.21 |
| Downhill Pond & Garden Group | 04.02.22 | | £1,418.21 |
| Community Opportunities | 25.03.22 | | £916.25 |
| Friends of Bunnyhill | 25.03.22 | | £1553.03 |
| Redhouse CA | 25.03.22 | | £420 |
| Sunderland City Council – Sineage | 25.03.22 | | £880 |
| Sunderland City Council - Bins | 25.03.22 | | £2,700 |
| Remaining balance | | | £1.43 |
| Southwick Ward Budget | £10,000 | | |
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| SARA Project – Planting | 02.07.21 | | £77 |
| Southwick Community Centre – Sewing Group | 02.08.21 | | £200 |
| Sunderland Connect Network | 06.09.21 | | £1,000 |
| Creative Seed | 06.09.21 | | £1,000 |
| Southwick Primary | 06.09.21 | | £991.43 |

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|--|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Sunderland Young Peoples Bike Project | 06.09.21 | | £1,000 |
| Holy Trinity Church | 06.09.21 | | £1,000 |
| Southwick Community Centre – Sewing Group | 02.08.21 | £200 | - |
| SARA Project – Planting | 23.11.21 | | £107.50 |
| Thrift Don't Throw/Just Let Your Soul Grow | 11.03.22 | | £1,000 |
| Sunderland Home Grown | 25.03.22 | | £1,000 |
| Fulwell Mill – Community Opportunities | 25.03.22 | | £745.81 |
| Thompson Park CA | 25.03.22 | | £1,442 |
| Sunderland City Council – SARA project | 25.03.22 | | £636 |
| Remaining balance | | | £0.26 |
| St. Peter's Ward Budget | £10,000 | | |
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| Fulwell Infant School Academy | 06.09.21 | | £500 |
| Dame Dorothy Primary School | 23.11.21 | | £1,267.60 |
| Sunderland City Council on behalf of Nexus | 02.03.22 | | £5,367.67 |
| Roker Community Singers | 25.03.22 | | £714.72 |
| Roker Model Boat Club | 25.03.22 | | £431.81 |
| Bede's Monastery @ Monkwearmouth | 25.03.22 | | £1700 |
| Remaining balance | | | £18.20 |

Item 3 Annex 3

North Area Committee

23rd June 2022

Community Chest Awards April – June 2022

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Castle Ward Budget | £10,000 | | Approvals |
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| | | | |
| Remaining balance | | | £10,000 |
| Fulwell Ward Budget | £10,000 | | |
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| North East Bus Preservation Society | 25.05.22 | | £750 |
| Redby CA (joint with St Peters) | 30.05.22 | | £800.50 |
| Remaining balance | | | £8449.50 |
| Redhill Ward Budget | £10,000 | | |
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| | | | |
| Remaining balance | | | £10,000 |
| Southwick Ward Budget | £10,000 | | |
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| Fans Museum | 13.04.22 | | £1,000 |
| Cakes & Weights | 25.05.22 | | £1,000 |
| Remaining balance | | | £8,000 |
| St. Peter's Ward Budget | £10,000 | | |
| Project | Approval Date | Returned | Approvals |
| Enon Baptist Church | 30.05.22 | | £245 |
| Redby CA (joint with Fulwell) | 30.05.22 | | £800.50 |
| Remaining balance | | | £8954.50 |

23rd June 2022

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 in order to share good practice, support one another and receives regularly updates as part of an information share e bulletin.

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

3.1 The North VCS Network met in June 2022

3.2 The meeting included the following agenda item:

- UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- Networking and Information Share Opportunities

3.3 Regular funding bulletins are provided to the Network to ensure VCS organisations are kept informed of funding opportunities available.

3.4 The Network received the Area Committee Call for Projects for youth activities and applications are submitted and currently undergoing assessment and consultation.

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

3.5 Following significant consultation with the Area Voluntary and Community Sector Networks, a Sunderland VCS Alliance has been formed to support a strong, vibrant, and accessible VCS which both influences and supports delivery of key services in the city. The Alliance is sector-led through the five Area VCS Networks and financially supported by Sunderland City Council, Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group and Gentoo, alongside external funding secured via the ESIF Community Led Local Development Programme. The Alliance is building upon the importance and strengths of area-based VCS structures and networks, increasing capacity in the sector wherever possible, to support the delivery of the ambitions of the Sunderland City Plan, Neighbourhood Investment Plans, Sunderland Community Wealth Building Strategy and the Community Led Local Development Strategy.

The VCS across Sunderland have worked tirelessly for decades and particularly throughout the pandemic, the VCS Alliance is committed to working hard to ensure the VCS is supported and strengthened over the coming years, working with other Anchor Institutions across the city.

The strategic aim of the Alliance is to develop a VCS Strategy and Delivery plan which results in significant investment for the sector. The Alliance has already worked hard to submit a funding application to the UK Community Renewal Fund, growing volunteering and work placement opportunities across the sector.

The Alliance will ensure the VCS has a strategic voice in the city to inform the design, implementation and delivery of services including commissioning opportunities of those partner organisations to support delivery of the City Plan, Neighbourhood Investment Plans and Community Wealth building Priorities.

The Sunderland VCS Alliance website can be located here: [Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance - Sunderland City Council](#) where you can read the VCS Alliance Delivery Plan, minutes of meetings, meet the team and access information, advice and resources.

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

23 June 2022

REPORT OF GENTOO

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the North Area Committee from March 2022 to June 2022.

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be presented to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

3. Update on Neighbourhood Services

- 3.1 Gentoo achieved the following headline performance during 2021/22 (ending 27 March 2022):

| Activity | Target | Actual |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Rent Collected as % of rent due | 100% | 100.01% |
| Cash Collected | £123,292,170 | £123,303,545 |
| Standard Arrears and Housing Benefit Recovery | £2,440,004 | £2,491,899 |
| Total CTA's as % of debit | 2.9% | 2.89% |
| Relet times (All) | 44 days | 70.13 days |

Although total arrears increased by £52K over the year this is still exceptional performance in the current environment and this benchmarks very well against our peer group.

Relet times were impacted by Covid in terms of both customers and staff, as we were unable to push properties through as quickly as possible. We are working on this as a key area for improvement during 2022/23.

Our Money Matters Team Performance during 2021/22 is set out below:

| Activity | Actual |
|--|------------|
| Customer Gains | £1,075,953 |
| Debt advised upon | £663,545 |
| Water Rates Support Claimed on behalf of Tenants | £491,064 |
| Money Matters Team referrals | 860 |
| New Universal Credit Claims – tenants supported | 1531 |
| Crisis Fund | £7,652 |

It is anticipated this year will again be very challenging in terms of income collection and rent loss due to a number of external factors including the cost-of-living rise. We have increased the value of our crisis fund from £10,000 to £50,000 and will be working collaboratively with Sunderland City Councils 'Crisis Support Offer' once this is shared to support our tenants.

4. Investment & Renewal

4.1 Detailed below is the proposed Investment Plan programme for North area during 2022/23.

Property Investment Programme 2022/23 - North Area

| Programme Type | Principal Contractor | Estate | Properties | Low Rise Blocks / Listed Buildings | Medium Rise Blocks | High Rise Blocks | Sheltered Blocks / Supported Living | Customers Benefiting From Works | Comments |
|--|---|--|---|---|--------------------------|------------------------|--|---|---|
| Communal Area Decoration |  | TBC TBC | | | | | | | 22/23 Communal Decoration List TBC |
| | | Totals | 0 | | | | | 0 | |
| Internals (Kitchen/Bathroom/Full Rewire - as required) |  | Carley Hill Castletown Fulwell Monkwearmouth Red House Roker | 82 16 1 1 1 1 | | | | | 82 16 1 1 1 1 | |
| |  | Southwick Town End Farm Witherwack | 17 23 135 | | | | 1 | 34 23 135 | |
| | | Totals | 277 | | | | 1 | 294 | |
| Environmentals - Garage Improvements |  | Southwick Red House Witherwack | 1 11 26 | | | | | 1 11 26 | |
| | | Totals | 38 | | | | | 38 | |
| SHDF - Loft Insulation Top Ups |  | Carley Hill Castletown Hylton Castle Marley Potts Red House Roker Southwick Town End Farm Witherwack | 1 7 12 10 15 6 7 10 1 | | | | | 1 7 12 10 15 6 7 10 1 | Subject to Survey Subject to Survey Subject to Survey Subject to Survey Subject to Survey Subject to Survey Subject to Survey Subject to Survey Subject to Survey |
| | | Totals | 69 | | | | | 69 | |
| Automatic Opening Vents (AOV's) and/or Fire Alarm Replacements |  | Monkwearmouth | | | | 7 | | 364 | |
| | | Totals | | | | 7 | | 364 | |

The investment plan proposed spend for North area in 2022/23 is £2,516,190.

5. New build in North area

Gentoo are currently managing a number of new build sites across North area. The new build units provided will be affordable rent, shared ownership and rent to buy. The numbers are below:

| Site/scheme | Start date current and proposed | Completion | Units | Contractor | Affordable Rented | Shared ownership | Rent to buy units |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Leeway Green, Carley Hill | March 2021 | August 2022 | 24 | Esh | 24 | - | - |
| Crosstree Park, Downhill | September 2021 | June 2023 | 41 | Engie | 31 | 10 | - |
| Wellspring Park, Townend Farm | April 2022 | November 2023 | 71 | Engie | 53 | 18 | - |
| Cricketers Hill, Carley Hill | September 2022 | October 2025 | 115 | TBC | 87 | 18 | 10 |
| Old Mill Road, Southwick | November 2023 | October 2025 | 64 | TBC February 2023 | 48 | 10 | 6 |
| Williamson Park, Fulwell, quarry site | May 2024 | August 2026 | 110 | Out to tender May 2023 | 82 | 17 | 11 |

6. Recommendations

6.1 Note the content of this report.

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Current Planning Applications(North)

Between 01/05/2022 and 31/05/2022

| Reference | Address | Proposal | Date Valid | Target Date for Decision |
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| 22/00947/FUL | 26 Westcliffe Road Sunderland SR6 9NP | Erection of single storey rear extension. | 02/05/2022 | 27/06/2022 |
| 22/00965/FUL | Station Apartments Station Road Fulwell Sunderland SR6 9DG | Erection of railings above existing boundary wall to front elevation. | 11/05/2022 | 06/07/2022 |
| 22/01045/FUL | 10 Lynthorpe Grove Fulwell Sunderland SR6 9HH | Erection of single storey rear extension. Raise existing single storey rear kitchen/utility room/store roof, convert utility/store to bedroom, and add a flat roof rooflight to existing kitchen. | 13/05/2022 | 08/07/2022 |
| 22/01087/FUL | 18 Maydown Close Sunderland SR5 3DZ | Erection of a two storey side extension | 19/05/2022 | 14/07/2022 |
| 22/01120/CLP | 18 Kings Avenue Sunderland SR6 8DE | Erection of detached shed. | 24/05/2022 | 21/07/2022 |

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| 22/01130/FUL | 18 Alston Crescent Fulwell Sunderland SR6 8NQ | Erection of a single storey side extension. | 25/05/2022 | 20/07/2022 |