

**Sunderland City Council Service Plans – East Area Priorities, for information purposes only.**

**ADULT SERVICES: Strategic Commissioning Team and Strategic Safeguarding Team**

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
St Cuthberts	In partnership, with Strategic Housing, development of Supported Living Accommodation for adults with social care, support and accommodation needs	9/23	TBC	Demolition of the old church to commence September 2023. The Commissioning Team are working with Strategic Housing / SCAS around the design and requirements of the properties. Expected work to start on site February 2024

**City Development: Regulatory Services**

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Sail (currently VRU funded)	1 x Violence Reduction Lead  1 X legal support officer	12/22	12/25	Project continues to deliver agreed aims and outcomes via the SAIL strategic Bd. more in depth update can be given to forthcoming AC meetings if required
CCTV Project (currently AC funded)	5 x mini dome CCTV cameras  To enhance the existing East cameras for tackling issues of ASB and environmental crime.	06/23	06/25	Cameras received August 23 and agreeing deployment areas.
SHIP	City Centre project to tackle hostels and homeless issues		04/25	Fixed term positions advertised – recruitment ongoing

## CORPORATE SERVICES: Smart City Team

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Digital Inclusion	Delivery of a range of DI initiatives subject to interest/approval	4/23	4/26	Significant work ongoing, a newsletter is available and can be circulated if of interest and further information can be found in the City Resources section of our website: <a href="http://www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com">www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com</a>
Smart Cities	Opportunities for a range of digital and data solutions e.g. interactive play, smart bins etc	4/23	?	Significant work ongoing, further information can be found across our website and in the Innovation Challenges section: <a href="http://www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com">www.sunderlandoursmartcity.com</a>

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Bereavement Services

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Cemetery Improvements	Prioritisation of improvement measures within area cemeteries according to an assessment of risk, need and local demand	June 22	Ongoing	<p>Meetings: The Cemetery Improvement Boards are now established and convene bi-monthly bringing together representatives from local Ward Members and managers from relevant Council departments. These meetings serve as a platform to identify pressing issues and local concerns in each cemetery and to reach agreement on the priority attached to each.</p> <p>Key improvements: Through site visits and local knowledge key areas of improvement have been identified in each cemetery developed into an action plan.</p> <p>Our immediate focus relates to Regulatory compliance for lawn section graves and the requirement to remove unauthorised grave surrounds and install formal</p>

				<p>personalisation areas where personal items are placed on graves. This uniformity and standardisation of grave sizes will enable us to achieve a higher standard of maintenance which will contribute to an overall enhancement of these areas.</p> <p>Additionally, to protect public safety within all cemeteries we have launched a dedicated memorial testing programme to assess the stability of all memorials. Upon receipt of the stock condition report in September, the Cemetery Improvement Boards (CIB) will review the findings, determine necessary works, establish a public communication strategy and prioritise tasks accordingly until the programme is adopted and forms part of standard operations</p>
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#### ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Local Services

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Glyphosate Trial	A trial project to help us understand the impact of alternative weed control options in different environments, with a view to the potential elimination of the use of herbicides in weed killing.	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2023	September 2023	The 2023 trial which commenced on the 1st of April which is due to conclude on the 30th of September 2023 is enabling Local Services to ensure we capture a full weed season. The process is allowing us to monitor the impact of using alternative methods to Glyphosate, understand how effective other weed control methods can be, the impact these treatments have on the effectiveness of maintenance, resource, costs, equipment/training requirements, environmental and

				<p>visual impact, and importantly the views of our residents.</p> <p>To date detailed records on all aspects of the trial are being gathered and analysed. Aspects such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application process</li> <li>• Environmental Impact</li> <li>• Cost</li> <li>• Effectiveness</li> <li>• Resident Feedback</li> </ul> <p>We are continuing to engage with residents, our wider council colleagues, key city stakeholders and neighbouring authorities.</p> <p>We are also engaging with several other Authorities and organisations such as Cardiff Council, South Lanarkshire Council, Brighton Council the Amenity Forum and APSE.</p> <p>A final report will be produced and published following the conclusion of the trial.</p>
Tree Surveying	A citywide tree inspection and mapping project.	May 2023	2027	<p>Tree inspections and mapping commenced in May 2023. Starting in the East area to date we have surveyed and digitally mapped over 5000 trees. The survey will move into the West area over the coming weeks. The survey will enable SCC to fully understand our tree stock, which will in turn increase our ability to manage the risk more effectively. The survey will also facilitate a much more proactive approach to tree planting and replacement, establish how much carbon as a city our trees can sequester, it will also inform us</p>

				of the overall impact of Ash Dieback disease. The data base as it grows will provide a deeper case by case record of each tree and its inspection record which will improve member and customer journeys as the information held will provide more detailed information when responding to customer requests and complaints.
E Technology Trials	Trialling alternative Electric equipment to replace petrol fuelled kit to reduce carbon emissions.	May 2023		We continue to trial alternative kit not only to reduce carbon emissions but to reduce the hand arm vibration some kit exposes our workforce to. To date we have tested Electric hedge trimmers, chainsaws, strimmers and grass cutters. We are hoping in the coming weeks to explore hybrid chipper technology. We are also working with our fleet team to future proof our kit replacement programme factoring in the feedback we capture as part trials and are confident that over a period of time to further reduce our reliance upon petrol tools and equipment.
City Centre Gum Removal Project	Chewing gum removal project	April 2023	2024	20k Awarded to SCC in 2022 Phase 1 chewing gum removal programme completed in identified areas. A further application was submitted to continue with gum removal in 2023, 25k has now been awarded to SCC for a phase 2 gum removal programme which will commence in further targeted areas in Sept 2023 with a completion date of Nov 2023.
Levelling Up	Barley Mow Park Improvements.	April 2023	March 2024	Barley Mow Park secured 86K from the Gov levelling up fund to improve the Park due to its location. Firstly the Park had a dramatic face lift, removing large shrub, removing unhealthy trees, removing unwanted stumps and removing old fencing. Then new trees have been planted including 20 fruit trees. In total 42 new trees have been planted. A number of allotment beds have been built for community use (BOTM) are helping assign these beds to the correct responsible members

				of the community. The old Park Office will soon be transformed into a usable space including kitchen, toilet and storage for allotment users. New picnic benches and a bike rack will also be fitted. The project was to be finished May 2023 however contract work has delayed this and a new expected completion date of Nov 2023 set
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**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES: Winter Maintenance**

<b>Project/Programme</b>	<b>Project Detail</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by</b>	<b>Area Committee quarterly update</b>
Winter Smart Solutions	Trials of several infrared road surface sensors across the highway network.	Continue through the winter of 2023/2024	Testing of various options remains ongoing through the winter of 2023/2024	The selection, trial, and testing of additional Smart Road Surface Temperature measuring equipment supplied by the Smart City Team, remains ongoing. It is hoped that the additional equipment options being trialled will accurately enhance existing road monitoring and weather forecasting service provided by the Environmental Services, Winter Maintenance gritting team, and give the team are greater insight into the condition or road surfaces across the city during periods of cold.

## HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Area Arrangements

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Warm spaces – developing into Community Hubs	The current warm spaces which were funded to support residents during the cost-of-living crisis will be supported to develop their offer, to support residents longer term, with five permanent community hubs established linked with social prescribing	April 2023	March 2024	Links for Life delivery plan developing, working closely with the VCS. Call for projects will be circulated in September to support VCS to enhance delivery within communities.
Developing the community support offer, working closely with the voluntary sector to enable maximise positive outcomes from Social Prescribing	Supporting VCS to develop their capacity to deliver commissioned services within communities	April 2023	March 2025	As above
VCS Alliance – growing capacity of voluntary and community sector	Continue to work in partnership with the voluntary sector Alliance to maximise resources into the sector via external funding and grow social value resources	April 2023	March 2025	VS Alliance developing their offer to support the sector.
Delivery of Financial Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan	Supporting residents within areas to improve their resilience	April 2023	March 2025	Using household data and intelligence to identify issues and inform support across services.  Establishing partnerships to deliver support to communities, including the VCS through Links for Life Sunderland

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				<p>Working through the Partnership Task Force Group to share knowledge and insights, leading to collaborations, such as a working arrangement with Gentoo on Cost-of-Living issues, including workshops to develop information and ensure the best support is provided to residents across all services.</p> <p>The team continues to talk to residents in Welcoming Spaces about their experience and report on issues and themes from the conversations.</p> <p>The work is facilitated by excellent relationships already established with local VCS organisations. We are combining quantitative and qualitative data to provide context and a deeper understanding of the Lived experience of residents. We are currently refining a recording and reporting system to manage both statistical and anecdotal information so that if a service or partner organisation requires some contextual information we can find and provide it.</p>



## HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Housing Strategy

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<p>The following wards show a high prevalence of empty properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hendon</li> <li>• Millfield</li> <li>• St Michaels</li> <li>• Washington North</li> <li>• Pallion</li> <li>• Hetton</li> <li>• Southwick</li> <li>• Barnes</li> <li>• Copt Hill</li> <li>• St Peters</li> </ul> <p>The service is generally responsive based on requests for service and the severity of empty property conditions. However, the Empty Homes Strategy identified the areas of the City where empty properties were most prevalent. Work to tackle empty properties is targeted in these areas.</p>	<p>This is not a specific project</p>	<p>Progressing</p>	<p>Initial presentation complete</p> <p>Future reports presented for Area Committee Information quarterly</p>	<p>A presentation on Empty Properties has been delivered to all Area Committees. This showed the data relating to area, Ward and across the City.</p> <p>An Empty Homes Report is being developed following the views and questions provided as part of the Area Committee discussions.</p> <p>This report will be presented to Area Committees quarterly</p>

## HEALTH HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES: Active Sunderland

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Parks Tennis Court Programme	Refurbish Tennis Courts in Ryhope Park and Barley Mow Park	5/23	7/23	Ryhope - complete and operational Barley Mow - - practical completion scheduled for 12/9
Parks Tennis Court Programme	Develop Tennis activation programme	6/23	10/23	Complete - taking place
Swim Bike Run programme	Develop new parkrun opportunities for young people in Mowbray Park	6/23	Ongoing	Complete - taking place
Regular Physical Activity Opportunities	Consultation and development of Bid for Playzone in East - location tbc	7/23	10/23	Engagement session in member diary 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Weight Management Service	Establish 1 delivery site for the targeted offer	5/23	12/23	Delayed due to appointment of team member - scheduled to commence Oct

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

Project/Programme	Project Detail	Start Date	Due for Completion/ Full expenditure by	Area Committee quarterly update
Development of Social prescribing physical hubs	To deliver a Social Prescribing 'hub' to allow for localised presence of the offer	4/23	3/25	Progressing model development
Targeted substance misuse related death prevention	Development of targeted substance misuse related death prevention interventions	6/23	03/24	Targeted Outreach and identification of additional space including, Caring Changes (Southwick), Swan Lodge Hendon, Betsy Jenny's Community Café, Poplar House (Hendon) and Back on the Map (Hendon) in target areas.  CGL also offer online sessions, and support service users in the Southwick/Hendon and St Peters area

				<p>with free data sim cards to improve digital assess. This is alongside the enhanced harm reduction services to at risk clients.</p> <p>CGL are also expanding needle exchange provision with 7 pharmacies offering needle exchange in the targeted area.</p>
Stop Smoking Clinics	To deliver stop smoking clinics in the wards with the highest smoking rates.	4/23	12/23	<p>SSSS are actively investigating clinic/drop in sites within the high prevalence wards. The following clinics are either established, planned to start or in discussion:</p> <p>Hendon: Riverview Health Centre (established)</p> <p>Back on the Map (in discussion)</p> <p>Millfield: The Salvation Army (planned to start mid September)</p> <p>Pallion: St Luke's Neighbourhood Centre (planned to start early September)</p> <p>Redhill: Bunnyhill Centre (established)</p> <p>Castle: Bunnyhill Centre (established)</p> <p>Southwick: Salvation Army – Austin House (in discussion)</p> <p>SNIP (in discussion)</p> <p>Sandhill: Grindon Primary Care Centre (established)</p> <p>St Anne's: Grindon Primary Care Centre (established)</p> <p>Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre (planned to start soon)</p>

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