

West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

Updated September 2021



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

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

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

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

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

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

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
1. Work with private landlords by ward and proactively deal with issues using all available enforcement powers		
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to West Neighbourhood and Community Board	West Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the West area.	The Assistant Director of Housing attended the February 2020 Neighbourhood and Community Board and updated on the developments within the service area.
2. Invest in Street Furniture including additional bins		
Receive an update on bins installations and new locations identified with members including smart bin technology in key locations	List to be provided to West Area and costs to be established for capital spend.	At the March Area Committee funding was approved to replace 48 110ltr bins, 4 dog bins, 19 post mounted and 6 benches. Bins have been installed over the summer and will continue into September. Benches are due to arrive soon.
Removal or Painting of pedestrian barriers and other street furniture		The Neighbourhood and Community Board have agreed to hold further discussions regarding this priority later in the year
3. Enhance local green spaces and encourage wider use including sports equipment, refurbishment of existing equipment and delivery of activities which support health and wellbeing		
Develop a plan for Green gyms – consider locations and equipment across the West	Area Committee Development Lead (ACDL) to coordinate and arrange a Task and Finish group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	The Area Committee approved the funding for the Outdoor gym equipment. Due to the market conditions the project has seen some delays. Installation is now expected Autumn 2021.
Improve walking routes and fitness trails- linked to improved cycle routes- signage, improved surfaces, maps.	Promote View ranger and gather information from relevant service area to understand gaps in West and suggest improvements.	The relevant services areas attended the February Board and updated on plans for the city. Members supported the plans and are also keen to enhance existing routes, further details to be discussed at a future Board meeting.

Parks and Open Green Spaces		The Assistant Director of Community Resilience attended the July board and provided an update on Parks and Open green spaces and the capital investment proposals. Work has begun to deliver the improvements and updates will be provided to future Board meetings.
Continue to develop ward based projects that utilise the Walk and Talk budget	ACDL to continue to work with ward members to deliver projects following member walk arounds.	Ward members continue to allocate the Walk and Talk budgets in each ward.
4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign and In Bloom		
Continue to receive updates from the Clean and Green Project and the Voluntary Community Sector on community litter picks and environmental projects and ensure they advertise opportunities for residents/schools etc to get involved.	Full application approved at September 20 Area Committee for the extension.	Delivery has continued and been adapted to ensure each ward has easy to access activities, this has ensured regular participants and welcomed new volunteers. The Community allotment has been a great outlet for the volunteers. Environmental improvements/litter picks and community activities have been delivered across all wards throughout the summer.
Develop plans for a West wide in bloom delivery	To be considered at a future board meeting	The Neighbourhood and Community Board Launched a Call for Projects, Applications have been received from all wards within the West. Details of the applications can be found in Item 4 Annex 1
To understand more about the Enforcement measures and opportunities to enhance in the West to encourage more to 'Love where you live'		Neighbourhood and Community Board received an update on the Enforcement measures and progress made across the West and invited a full application for a 2 year project for an additional Enforcement officer, 2 Neighbourhood wardens, CCTV and signage. This proposal was considered using the

		responsive decision making process and £229,977 was approved from the Neighbourhood Fund.
5. Review transport routes in partnership with all providers in consultation with residents. Pick up localised parking issues – residential and shopping		
Consider parking issues at St Luke's Terrace		The Asset and Network Manager attended the Neighbourhood and Community Board and discussed the issues faced around the area with regards to parking. The Neighbourhood and Community Board will discuss the matter at a future meeting once site visits have taken place.
6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting		
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to West Area Committee.	<p>A report on what proposed highways to include in the 2021 / 2022 Programme was considered by the Area Committee in March 2021 and agreed.</p> <p>A Task and Finish group took place in July 2021, each ward submitted suggestions for highways work. This detail will be developed and costs and proposals will be presented to a future board and Area Committee</p>
Consider traffic calming measures on Silksworth Lane alongside parking restrictions		<p>New traffic restrictions around the area have now been completed. Consideration to be made to future traffic calming measures.</p> <p>As part of the Task and Finish group traffic calming measures were incorporated into the suggestions.</p>
7. Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users		

West Area Committee approved 120k to improvements to play areas in the West.		Area Committee agreed a Play Improvement project. The project has experienced delays due to market conditions and in some cases vandalism to play areas. Work for Phase 1 has started on Hylton Road Playing fields and the other sites are expected to follow shortly. The other sites will follow at a later date.
Consider improvements to existing cycle routes and improve digital routes	Request update from relevant service on City and Area Plans and then consider capital improvements to support Area improvements.	
Consider new cycle routes	Relevant Officers invited to a future board meeting, to discuss City plans and local proposals	The relevant services areas attended the February Board and updated on plans for the city. Members supported the plans and are also keen to enhance existing routes, further details to be discussed at a future Board meeting.
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		
Ensure the West VCS continue to be supported to provide services and activities to local residents	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	Activities and services have continued to be delivered throughout 2020-2021 using Community Chest and Walk and Talk. Support has continued to be offered to ensure maximum external funding attracted.
West Area Committee in partnership with Public Health Funding to support health related projects in Sunderland West. Funding aligned- linking with Green Gym development	When green gym project delivered- ensure VCS are supported to maximise usage of equipment safely and effectively.	
9. Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events, activities and nurture family learning		

Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity at a grassroots level.	Area Co-ordinator to provide update in line with the development of support and capacity building as a strategic approach.	The VCS has continued to be supported by the Area Committee, the Community Hubs receive on-going support and the VCS network continues to be supported to ensure they have access to all internal and external funding opportunities. Members received weekly performance reports throughout lockdown. The Sunderland VCS Alliance has now been established and updates provided to members at the September Board meeting. The Manager has now been appointed and updates will continue to be discussed at VCS network meetings.
10. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within 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 continue to be linked to residents and Voluntary groups who require support. Volunteering opportunities for the Great British Spring Clean were advertised with activities being held across the West working alongside the West Clean and Green project.
11. Support communities to deliver local events		
West Area Committee funded a large-scale event for 2022- delivered by Youth Almighty Project		Event postponed until 2022. Schools will be reengaged in September/October by Youth Almighty Project; updates will be provided at key stages of the planning of the 3 day event.
Consider purchasing event equipment for communities		
Festive lights and celebrations	£60,000 approved from Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme-	Each ward has provided ideas and costs are being confirmed at a ward level.

12. Additional Drainage cleansing programme		
Continue to support local traders and link in with flooding officers regarding local issues.		A Task and finish group is due to be held in September 2021
13. Communicate heritage assets and delivery heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion		
Consider improvements to the Stephenson Trail – working alongside other areas (Coalfield and East)	July Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed to consider the Stephenson Trail and the heritage around the site. Need to understand the other areas interest and set up a Task and Finish group to consider.	<p>A multi area Task and Finish group met and an action plan has been developed to support this project. The Area Committee agreed to align £50,000 towards this project with detail to be provided to a future Board.</p> <p>In August 2021, Members received an update from the Stephenson Trail Task Group who identified the need for educational and recreational activities to be available to promote and celebrate the route. An outline proposal for Schools Resource Pack, and Art Project Ideas has been developed and shared with Members. The feedback received agreed to recommending approval of £30,000 (£10,000 West) from the previously allocated £150,000 joint funding (Coalfield, East and West Area Committees), for delivery of the project. It is further recommended that the remaining £120,000 (£40,000 West) is approved to deliver information boards/signage and environmental improvements, detail to be agreed by the Task and Finish Group.</p>

Consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel	Work with the heritage team to consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel.	The Area Committee agreed to Capital funding of £17,500. Planning application submitted and approved for the location behind the miners' cottages – opposite the ski slope. Meetings have been held with Highways to assess relocation/transport requirements and tender package prepared and issued by architect and being progressed by councils building services team.
14. Invest in local shopping centres and support local businesses to ensure they continue to thrive		
Continue with the capital improvement projects from local shopping centre budgets - Budgets remain in Sandhill, St Chad's and Barnes)		Wards have been considering the improvements that could be made, deep cleans are being delivered and wrapping of bins to bring identify to smaller shopping parades being considered. The Festive lights funding has been used to enhance 3 shopping areas within the West.
15. Increase 5g access across all neighbourhoods and support people with digital resources		
Improve access and knowledge of ICT to reduce social isolation	Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group. ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	The Area Committee approved the project to Media Savvy with the project beginning mid April 2021. The VCS network have been updated on the project and many groups are coming forward to being involved. Next steps are the establishing of the hubs and recruiting digital champions.
16. Create job clubs and education centres within local community venues including digital skill training and basic skills		
West Area Committee Invited Pennywell Youth Project (PYP) to apply for an extension to the CLLD project	PYP invited to full application for CLLD extension utilising existing alignment of funding from previous years allocation.	The project continues to be delivered – activity amended to reflect restrictions.
Continue to receive updates on existing CLLD projects in the West and consider extensions to	Receive a performance update on existing projects.	Update on existing projects was provided to the Neighbourhood and Community board. Further updates have been provided to ward

existing projects and consider new applications requiring match		<p>members. Call for projects – Round 4 of the Sunderland Community Led Local Development programme is now open and will close at 23:59 on Wednesday 30 June 2021. This call invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) which support the delivery of Strategic Objective 1: Enhancing employment and skills provision; Strategic Objective 2: Boosting enterprise and entrepreneurship; Strategic Objective 3: Improving community capacity, partnership working and social innovation.</p> <p>An Expression of Interest was received from Sunderland North Community Business Centre and was then invited to full application. The Area Committee are being asked to consider the match funding of £42,500 from Neighbourhood Fund for the West REACT project 2, details in Item 4 Annex 1</p>
Continue to receive updates on West NEET project	Receive a performance update on existing project.	The NEET project delivered by Youth Almighty Project alongside other young providers in the West. In Quarter 4 20-21 a further 5 young people were supported. Throughout this project 51 young people have received meaningful engagement and 39 young people have progressed into Education, Training or Employment.
17. Eating healthy meals and learning to prepare and cook food, delivery sessions within local community.		
Receive update on Holiday hunger activities deliver 2019-2020 and consider deliver for 2020-2021.	Receive a performance report from existing projects delivering holiday hunger activities and consider proposals for future need and delivery.	The Area Committee approved £48,000 to further extend the Holiday Hunger activities projects across the West. The 6 project leads submitted applications to deliver sessions across the May, Summer, October, Christmas, February and Easter 2022 holiday periods.

18. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be safe together		
Receive updates from Sunderland All Together Consortium on project delivery and consider gaps when identified.		Mid Term Evaluation has been received and circulated to Members. Future delivery to be considered at a future board meeting.
Consider if facilities need capital improvements and or additional equipment for detached and outreach work.		A Task and Finish group has met and discussed the support required for the VCS. Discussions are taking place with other Council departments to understand the capital improvements required. A further Task and Finish group will discuss these findings and feedback to the Board.
		An Expression of Interest was received and considered from If U Care Share to deliver Metal Health and Wellbeing sessions in Secondary schools across the West, the project was invited to full application and Area Committee are being asked to consider this application for £56,592, details in Item 4 Annex 1
19. Support those who are struggling due to Universal Credit and other financial conditions		
Invite Welfare rights service to submit proposals for West Support- consider a 3-year proposal.	Understand if other areas are considering this priority and invite proposal.	Area Committee agreed the 3 year project to the value of £150,000. Recruitment is underway and the additional support for local residents is being delivered. Regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.