

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF EAST NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

East Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report presents the East Area Committee's Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023 and provides Members with updates against the East Area Priorities.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the East Area Committee has worked together to finalise their element of the Delivery Plans. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland. The Council also undertook further consultation with residents, during June 2020, to ensure the priorities were still relevant post COVID-19.
- 2.2 In July 2020, Area Committee agreed to host one to one ward discussions to identify local priorities. The notes from the ward discussions were presented to a Board meeting later in the month. At the Board meeting Members had difficult decisions to make and carried out a short-listing exercise to identify key priorities and actions which they would like to see actioned in year one of the delivery plan. The new Delivery Plan was presented to Area Committee in September 2020 and approved.

3. Key Areas of Influence / Achievements

- 3.1 Outlined below is a summary of actions and discussions held against specific priorities identified in the Delivery Plan held between December 2020 and March 2021, with greater detail set out in **Annex 1**, which informs the Area Activity Tracker to allow residents to monitor Area Committee's progress throughout the year.

Area Priority	Update
Section 4: Love Where You Live	<p>East Rangers</p> <p>An evaluation of the Project was presented to the December 2020 Board. Members were made aware that the East Rangers had carried over 552 Task Days, 165 Litter Picks and 48 educational campaigns by recruiting and involving over 3,000 volunteers who delivered over 15,000 hours of voluntary work with an estimated in-kind contribution of £180,000. Due to the success of the Project the Board endorsed a recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee for £95,193, as set out in the Area Budget Report, to continue the programme up until April 2022 and align works with the council's Local Services and Environmental Enforcements Teams.</p>
	<p>Walk and Talk Programme</p> <p>The financial position of the ward budgets was reviewed in December 2020, with the agreement that the project will continue as is, with a review of budgets being discussed in the new financial year.</p>

Section 5: Enforcement	<p>Ryhope Task Group</p> <p>A Task Group has been established with representatives from Land and Property, Local Services, Highways, Environmental Enforcement, Eco Team, Northumbria Police and Ryhope Councillors. An update report was presented to the March Board, outlining a list of actions, set out in the Delivery Plan, which have been delivered since November 2020. It was agreed to provide regular updates, as and when required, and to learn from the practices being developed to roll out across other wards i.e. Doxford.</p>
Section 6: Invest in Highways	<p>Highways Task Group</p> <p>In December 2020, discussions and site meetings were held to discuss options, with an interim update provided to the Board in January 2021. Based on further discussions and advice provided the Infrastructure and Commercial Services Team, the February 2021 Board received an outline of a funding proposal. The Board endorsed a recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee for £214,800, as set out in the Area Budget Report, to carry out capital works to reduce speeding and dangerous driving at identified sites.</p>
	<p>Highways Maintenance Programme 2021 / 2022</p> <p>All East Councillors received notification to submit damaged or uneven highways in the wards and forward the information onto the Highways Department by the end of November 2020. A report on proposed highways to include in the 2021 / 2022 Programme, based on the intelligence shared by Members, was submitted to the February 2021 Board. Members endorsed the recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee to include the highways works, as set out in Annex Two.</p>
Section 7: Invest in Parks	<p>At the February 2021 Board, Members were consulted upon a list of projects which were identified as part of development opportunities in Doxford, Barley Mow, Backhouse, Burn and Ryhope Recreation Parks.</p> <p>The Board endorsed a recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee for £205,886, as set out in the Area Budget Report, to carry out capital works to invest in the Area's Parks.</p>
Section 8: Community Cohesion	<p>More Males</p> <p>The original purpose of the call for project was to target males over 50 years old and encourage a healthier lifestyle by reducing levels of smoking and drinking alcohol and getting out and about more. Due to the pandemic the project proposals were changed to focus on providing emotional and wellbeing support. CHANCE and Back on the Map have both delivered successful project and were quick to react and provide pandemic support to residents in their neighbourhoods. Unfortunately, Raich Carter has remained closed since April 2020, with all staff furloughed. Once restrictions ease discussions between Area Arrangements and Raich Carter will need to be held to understand and agree next steps.</p>

	<p>Positive Parenting The original purpose of the call for project was to target parents and carers of 0-5 year olds, along with the child(ren) to look towards improving key development milestones. Due to the pandemic three of the four projects have not commenced and are on hold. Ryhope Community Association did re-start in September 2020 and have continued to support parents and children. Once restrictions ease discussions between Area Arrangements and Keep Active, Groundwork North East and Raich Carter will need to be held to understand and agree next steps.</p>
Section 9: Support the voluntary and community sector	<p>CHANCE At the March Board, CHANCE's Centre Manager presented plans on how the organisation would like to transform an under used car park into a safe play space, based on consultation carried out with children and residents.</p> <p>The Board endorsed a recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee of £16,500, as set out in the Area Budget Report, to install a climbing wall, multi-use play station, seating and an art feature.</p>
	<p>Fancy a Day Out An update on the Fancy a Day Out Programme was provided to the March 2021 Board meeting. Headline information is included in Annex One.</p> <p>Members value the Programme and the existing Partnership and endorsed the recommendation to seek alignment of £40,000, as set out in the Area Budget Report, to carry out a call for projects to deliver a further programme during 2021 / 2022, with applications being presented to a future meeting for consideration.</p>
Section 9: Get Online (G.O.!) Project	<p>An evaluation of the GO! Project was presented to the December 2020 Board. Members were keen to see the project continue.</p> <p>Since December 2020 discussions have been held with Millfield Councillors to identify a new lead for the ward, which is proposed to be St Marks Community Association, along with existing Partners who are: The Box Youth and Community Project, Back on the Map and Blue Watch Youth Centre. In addition, two new potential Partners, Sunderland Bangladesh International Centre and Protech have been identified to lead on two new elements to strengthen the G.O! Project which involve BAME communities and setting up an ICT ReUse Scheme.</p> <p>The Board endorsed a recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee of £99,250, as set out in the Area Budget Report, which will enable the project to continue up until September 2022.</p>
Section 12: Fear of Crime	<p>Maximising Community Assets Four organisations were awarded a grant, these are: The Box Youth and Community Project, Blue Watch Youth Centre, Sunderland Community Hub Boxing Club and East End ABC.</p> <p>The Programme was to enable community buildings to open their doors on a Friday and Saturday night to young people to reduce the risk of youth disorder. Due to the pandemic two project</p>

	<p>proposals were changed and adapted from being centre based to providing outreach, detached and crisis support these projects were delivered by The Box Youth and Community Project and Blue Watch Youth Centre who complied with Youth Federation guidance relating to covid restrictions.</p> <p>The remaining two project proposals were unable to change, based on guidance from the Amateur Boxing Association and have had to be put on hold until the covid restrictions ease. After which discussions will be held to agree next steps.</p>
Section 13: Preserve heritage.	<p>Stephenson Trail</p> <p>In January 2021 the inaugural Task Group meeting was held with representatives from the Coalfields, East and West Sunderland Area Committees, Council Services, Hetton Colliery Railway 200 Trust and Sustrans. A vibrant discussion was held, with suggestions coming from all attendees which assisted in the development of an Action Plan.</p> <p>To enable the Task Group to be proactive the Board endorsed a recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee to align £50,000, as set out in the Area Budget Report, to enable the delivery of the Action Plan.</p> <p>Both West and Coalfields Area Committee are considering a similar request.</p>
Section 13: Preserve heritage	<p>At the March 2021 Board, an update was provided on the success of Sunderland's Heritage Zone (HAZ) initiative, and the progression made with building projects: Mackie's Corner and 170-175 High Street West.</p> <p>Further restoration projects under the HAZ Partnership Scheme are planned for later this year, including a new shop front for the Elephant Tea Rooms. Alongside this activity, the wider HAZ programme continues to engage residents, schools and the general public through its Heritage Skills Programme and promotional activities.</p>

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested to:

- a) Note the endorsements listed by the Neighbourhood and Community Board relating to the: East Street and Park Rangers, Investment in Highways, Investment in Parks, Highways Maintenance Programme 2021 / 2022, CHANCE's car park developments, Fancy a Day Out call for projects funding opportunity, the Get Online (G.O.!) digital project and the Stephenson Trail Task Group, as set out in Annex One and the Area Budget Report.
- b) Note that the Walk and Talk Programme and budget will be rolled over into 2021 / 2022 and continue, as is.
- c) Note all relevant updates set out in **Annex 1** relating to: Ryhope Task Group; More Males Project, Positive Parenting Project, Maximising Community Assets and the Heritage Action Zone.
- d) Agree the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes 2021/2022, set out in **Annex 2**.
- e) Note the Area Committee video update.

Background papers	East VCS Area Network discussions and feedback Neighbourhood and Community Board reports and minutes East Area Committee July, September and November 2020 Reports Sunderland Cabinet March 2020 Report Sunderland City Council Service Delivery Plans 2020 / 2021 Sunderland City Plan 2019 / 2030 Neighbourhood Funding Performance Management Reports Highways Maintenance Programme 2021 / 2022 Neighbourhood Funding Application Forms Highways, Stephenson Trail and Ryhope Task Groups Update Reports
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Annex 1	East Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023
Annex 2	Proposed Highways Maintenance Programme 2021 / 2022

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