

15<sup>th</sup> December 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.

#### 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](http://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. Funded projects are providing presentations to Area Committee the St. Peters Ward Raising Aspirations Project delivered a presentation to June Area Committee and Castle and Redhill Raising Aspiration Project will be delivering a presentation at September Area Committee.
- 4.3 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to November 2022.

Priority/Issue	Update
<b>Love Where You Live</b>	<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>The project will be presented to November Board for discussion and future recommendations to Area Committee.</p> <p>November Board discussed the aligned funds for washing facilities and installation of additional bins and agreed to defer any decision to progress this project to a future Board.</p>
<b>Invest in Parks, Play Areas, Cycle and Walking Routes</b>	<p><b>Thompson Park:</b></p> <p>City Development are now leading on this project with Chief Officer Group (COG) confirming additional capital funding to support the North Area Committee funding. Ward members</p>

	<p>and Area Chair have been provided regular updates and a timeline for delivery of the project. It is anticipated that the first phase including new pathways and additional play areas will be installed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.</p> <p>November Board considered a funding application for the delivery of Phase 1 of the Thompson Park Regeneration and recommended approval to December Area Committee details of which are included in <b>Item 3 Annex 1</b></p>
<p><b>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</b></p>	<p><b>Downhill Community Hub:</b></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. Area Committees approved <b>£100,000</b> in total for the refurbishment project.</p> <p>June 2021 Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further <b>£100,000</b> 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 2021 Area Committee agreed the alignment of <b>£100,000</b>.</p> <p>April 2022 Board considered the full application and recommended approval to June 2022 Area Committee which was agreed.</p> <p>A Taking Stock Survey is currently being carried out via the North VCS Network in order understand the needs of the sector in managing their buildings, volunteer support required, programme of services and activities delivered all of which will be used for them to benefit from social value support.</p> <p>The North VCS Network was provided with the opportunity to apply for funding to deliver Warm Space projects across the North. Details of all warm spaces within the North are included on the following link:</p> <p><a href="#">North Area - Sunderland City Council</a></p>
<p><b>Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe</b></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.</p> <p>Through the responsive decision making process Area Committee agreed the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group in July 2022.</p>

<p><b>Promote heritage assets and deliver heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion</b></p>	<p><b>Hylton Castle:</b></p> <p>June 2021 Board agreed to recommend an alignment of <b>£100,000</b> for the development of a project that will lead towards the restoration of the chapel and cellars. June 2021 Area Committee agreed the alignment.</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. Full application agreed at June 2022 Area Committee</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. Full application agreed at June 2022 Area Committee</p>
<p><b>Support Communities to Deliver Local Events</b></p>	<p><b>Southwick Switch On:</b></p> <p>Previous funding from North Area Committee to deliver the annual switch on has been in place since 2012 and has covered up to the Switch On Event of 2021 further funding of <b>£13,300</b> to deliver future events was agreed at September Area Committee.</p> <p>Switch on event delivered by Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022</p>
<p><b>Social Prescribing</b></p>	<p>July Board considered an Expression of Interest to develop a Park Run at the Quarry the Board agreed the development of a full application to be presented to September Area Committee within the previously aligned Health Funding. September Area Committee agreed funding of <b>£5,000</b>.</p> <p>Installation commenced September 2022 in order to provide a container and beach wheelchairs on Marine Walk in Roker for the North Area Committee Funded Beach Access North East Project</p> <p>Successful promotion and launch of the BANE project carried out on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022</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 Receive the presentation on the Fulwell Raising Aspirations Projects

Annex 1      North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

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