

**East Area Arrangements 2021 / 2022**

**1. Purpose of Report**

**1.1 This report:-**

- a. Provides an annual performance update of the East Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and governance arrangements.
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan, which will be the focus for the East Sunderland Area Committee during 2021 onwards.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the East Sunderland 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. All Committee members are invited to attend all Board meetings. The Terms of Reference provides further information, and is set out in **Item 3, Annex 1**.
- 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 2021, with Cllr Elizabeth Gibson acting as Chair and Cllr Michael Dixon as Vice-Chair.
- 3.6 Other local groups / boards where East Sunderland Area Committee has Elected Member representation are outlined below: -

Group	Elected Member Representatives
East Sunderland Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (L.M.A.P.S)	Cllr Michael Dixon and Cllr Lynda Scanlan
East VCS Area Network	Cllr Elizabeth Gibson as Co-Chair All East Area Councillors

#### 4. East Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023

- 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 East 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 East Neighbourhood and Communities 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 4 Area Budget Report**
- 4.3 At March 2021, Area Committee members agreed to host ward meetings to consider the list of Area Priorities which cover the three year delivery plan, and indicate, from a ward perspective which priorities they would like to focus on during 2021 / 2022 (Year Two) of the Delivery Plan. Items not considered under Year Two will automatically fall under Year Three.
- 4.4 During May and June 2021 Members shared their views with the Area Community Development Lead, who shared the results from the ward meetings with the Area Chairs. The Chairs considered the feedback and have outlined the proposed Delivery Plan for Year Two. A synopsis is shown in Table One highlighting the year in which Area Priorities have or will be considered, with greater detailed set out in **Item 3, Annex 2**. The Delivery Plan is a working document, which will include addition information from other public sector partners and VCS Area Network, where relevant.

3 Year Priority Lists	Year One	Year Two	Year Three
Derelict land	✓		
Affordable homes	✓		
Reduce fear of crime	✓		
Community cohesion	✓		
Volunteer platform	✓		
Neighbourhood Watch	✗		
Tackle empty properties and Private Landlords	✓	✓	
Love Where You Live	✓	✓	
Environmental Enforcement	✓	✓	
Support local organisations	✓	✓	
Highways, pavements and street lighting	✓	✓	
Parks, play, cycle and walking routes	✓	✓	
Preserve heritage	✓	✓	
Digital technology and 5G		✓	
Bloom activities		✓	
Social prescribing		✓	
Enhance local green space		✓	

Carbon and plastic pollution		✓	
Use of existing and vacant properties		✓	
Fuel poverty		✓	
Credit solutions		✓	
More than a Foodbank		✓	
Local Events		✓	
Heritage assets and activities			✓
Job clubs and educational centres			✓
Youth clubs and spaces			✓

Table 1: List of East Area Priorities across 2020 - 2023

- 4.5 The Delivery Plan, commits Area Committee to a significant number of priorities, which will be delivered within the East 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 year via the East Neighbourhood and Communities Board.

## 5. Recommendations

### 5.1 Members are requested to: -

- a. Note the Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood and Community Board, as set out in **Item 3, Annex 1**, and consider the progress and performance update with regard to the East Sunderland Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within **Item 3, Annex 2**.
- b. Note the Area Committee video update which summaries the annual performance of the Area Committee during 2020 / 2021. A summary of the Area Committee performance will also be shared with Full Council later in 2021.

Annex 1 Neighbourhood and Community Board, Terms of Reference  
Annex 2 East Sunderland Area Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023 (Year Two)

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