

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 14th December, 2021 at 5:30pm

This meeting will be held at Council Chamber, Sunderland Civic Centre, Burdon Road, Sunderland.

Membership

Cllrs D. Wilson (Chairman), S. Foster (Vice Chairman), M. Butler, K. Chequer, J. Doyle, M. Hartnack, G. Howe, K. Jenkins, S. Johnston, S. Leadbitter, D. MacKnight, J. McKeith, A. Samuels, A. Smith and P. Stewart.

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ELAINE WAUGH
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

2nd December, 2021

At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held at COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER, 2021 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Butler, Doyle, Foster, Howe, Jenkins, Leadbitter, McKeith and Samuels

Also in Attendance:-

Ms. Joanne Coulson	-	Community Support Worker, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Peter Curtis	-	Area Network Representative
Ms. Tracy Hassan	-	VCS Alliance Manager, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Colin McCartney	-	Head of Operations, Gentoo Housing
Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe	-	Area Community Development Lead, Sunderland City Council
Inspector Stephen Prested	-	Northumbria Police
Ms. Joanne Stewart	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Chequer, Hartnack, Johnston, D. MacKnight, A. Smith and Stewart and also on behalf of Mr. Richy Duggan, Mr. Peter McIntyre and Ms. Ruth Walker.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 30th June, 2021 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

North Sunderland Area Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020 – 2023

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Committee Neighbourhood and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which presented the North Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and provided an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Foster took Members through the report providing a summary of the key areas of action and/or progress of the Board, up to September 2021, with greater detail set out in the annex to the report, which informed the Area Activity Tracker to allow residents to monitor Area Committee's progress throughout the year.

Councillor Foster invited Members to view the short video presentation which detailed the work undertaken to deliver the school holidays activities during summer 2021 as part of the North Sunderland Area Delivery Plan.

The information in the report and video presentation having been fully considered, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-

- The progress and performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan for 2020/23 be received and noted and the proposals for future delivery as set out in annex 1 to the report be agreed; and
- The Area Committee video update which summarised the School Holiday activities delivered during Summer 2021 be received and noted.

North Sunderland Area Committee Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest and presented proposals for further funding requests.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Metcalfe, Area Community Development Lead, presented the report drawing attention to the recommendations detailed within the report.

Members having had any questions answered, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the financial statements as set out in paragraphs 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be received and noted; and
- (ii) the thirteen approvals for Community Chest supported from 2021/2022 be noted.

Partner Agency Reports - Report of the North Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

The Voluntary and Community Sector Network submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update with regard to the North Sunderland Area Voluntary and Community Sector network.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr. Curtis, Area Network Representative took Members through the report advising that the network had met in June, July and September via Microsoft Teams since the last meeting of the Area Committee and shared the agenda items that had been covered.

Members of the Committee were advised that the pandemic had brought providers together over the five wards to help provide support to the North Sunderland Area and that they continued to work together and plan ahead for future programmes and support work in the community.

Members praised the work of the VCS Network throughout the pandemic and commended those that had been involved in providing support to the community which was very much appreciated. Members commented that they did not know what they would have done without the level of support the network and VCS organisations had been able to offer.

The Chairman praised the magnificent work of the voluntary and community sector groups had provided throughout the CoVid pandemic, and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Northumbria Police Update

Inspector Prested of Northumbria Police gave an update to the Committee on the current position with regards to crime and anti-social behaviour data and of any on-going issues in the North Sunderland area.

Members were provided with a verbal summary of crime figures within the area and were advised of successful and forthcoming operations in relation to the North Sunderland area of the city.

As part of his presentation Inspector Prested had advised that, following discussions with Together for Children, the holiday activity bus had been secured with the opportunity to deploy it for 150 sessions which would help better engage with young

people in the area. In response to a query from Councillor Samuels, Inspector Prested advised that the 150 session would be over a twelve month period, with some issues around facilities needing to be worked out. He explained that the activity bus would be the initial attraction, then allowing the community engagement team and staff to start working with the young people that attend.

With regards to comments from Councillor Howe around concerns over drug dealing in the area, Inspector Prested advised that if they received intel they could look at any specific areas and if necessary could work towards issuing warrants, introducing disruption tactics and undertaking proactive work.

In relation to additional controls and cover throughout the Roker Illuminations event Inspector Prested informed the Committee that there would be patrols carried out along the whole of the seafront. There were three teams in place to go wherever the demand was at a particular time, with cameras also deployed to help cover the area during the event.

Members having thanked the Officer for the update and had their queries answered, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the update from the Northumbria Police be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Services

Ms. Metcalfe advised that in the absence of a presenting officer, should Members have any questions, they could be emailed to herself and she would ensure that a response was provided.

Members thanked the Officer for the update, and it was:-

6. RESOLVED that any questions be forwarded to the Area Community Development Lead to gather a response.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) D. WILSON,
Chairman.

14th December 2021

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF NORTH SUNDERLAND
NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD**

North Sunderland Area Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:

- a. Presents the North Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023; and
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the North 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. The Council also undertook further consultation with residents, during June 2020, to ensure the priorities were still relevant post COVID-19.

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 the working group for the Area Committee and the Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. 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 and 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 June 2021.

4. Areas of Key Action and Progress

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action and/or progress of the Board, up to November 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.

Priority	Update
Love Where You Live	<p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £25,000 in order to support the development of a bulb planting/environmental project within St. Peters Church. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £25,000.</p> <p>The St. Peters Church Environment Project was agreed by the Area Committee via a delegated decision on 22nd July 2021</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £25,000 in order to support the development of an Art Project and Washing Facilities at Seaburn Sea Front. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £25,000</p>
Invest in Parks, Play Areas, Cycle and Walking Routes	<p>Thompson Park:</p> <p>Task and Finish Group formed and have worked in partnership with Friends of Thompson Park on a regeneration plan in order to provide an activity and destination park for all ages.</p> <p>December Area Committee agreed an alignment of £200,000 for the regeneration of Thompson Park and £25,000 of this to be a match to Places to Ride application with full applications to be presented to future Board and Area Committee.</p> <p>The Group were successful with a Places to Ride funding application to deliver cycling skills area in park and education/ training with match funding to be considered at the June Area Committee. June Area Committee agreed the match of £25,000 to deliver the Places to Ride Project</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further £100,000 for the development of Thompson Park. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £100,000.</p> <p>Design Services are currently working up design proposals and costs and these are expected late September for the Task and Finish Group to consider. Initial design proposals considered by the Task and Finish Group with amendments requested and a deadline of February 2022 provided.</p> <p>Accessible Play Equipment:</p>

	<p>Area Committee via the responsive decision making process agreed £16,975 for the installation of an Ability Swing with Flat Seat at Hylton Castle Play Area as part of a project which will also see the installation of an Ability Whirl Self Propelled with Safety Surfacing</p> <p>Parks, Open Spaces and Play:</p> <p>July Board received a presentation on the proposals for improvements to Parks, Open Spaces and Play across Sunderland North</p> <p>July Board received a presentation on the proposals for the Seaburn public realm regeneration</p> <p>November Board received a presentation which gave an update on improvement at Roker Park and plans for the Roker Park Lodge/Café</p>
Social Prescribing	<p>North Raising Aspirations Projects:</p> <p>The 5 ward based Raising Aspirations Projects continue to deliver services and activities to the local community including providing Covid Community Hub Support.</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £50,000 per ward for the development of applications for a further 2 years June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £250,000</p> <p>The five Raising Aspiration Project leads are currently developing full applications to be considered at the November Board.</p> <p>November Board received updates from the five Raising Aspiration Project leads on the delivery of the projects to date.</p> <p>November Board considered the five Raising Aspiration Project applications and recommend approval of the applications for a further 2 years details of which are included in Item 3 Annex 1</p>
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	<p>Downhill Community Hub:</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. December and March Area Committees approved £100,000 in total for the refurbishment project.</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further £100,000 for the development of an</p>

	<p>application that will assist in the delivery of services and activities from the hub and link to the skateboard park in the locality. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £100,000. The project lead is currently developing a full application to be considered.</p> <p>Fulwell Community Library:</p> <p>March Area Committee agreed funding of £18,250 to support the installation of a new roof and solar panels at Fulwell Community Library.</p>
Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe	<p>School Holiday Programme:</p> <p>March 2020 Area Committee approved £35,000 for the delivery of school holiday activities within the 2020 – 2021 school holiday periods with the project leads delivering services, activities and support within COVID guidelines and restrictions</p> <p>March 2021 Area Committee agreed to align the £40,000 available for youth activities for the extension of school holiday activities for 2021 – 2022 to the existing providers. June Area Committee agreed the school holiday 2021 – 2022 application for the £40,000 budget available. A summary of the Summer Holiday 2021 provision was provided in the September Area Committee Video.</p>
Increase safety through the improvement of CCTV and additional enforcement	<p>Task and Finish Group formed and members consulted on hotspot areas in order to inform CCTV solutions. March Area Committee agreed a Neighbourhood Investment Capital Application of £100,000 and Neighbourhood Fund of £61,366 and aligned an additional £38,634 bringing the total amount available for the CCTV project to £200,000.</p> <p>A Neighbourhood Fund application was agreed by members in May 2021 through the responsive decision making process of £4,191.42 for the purchase of additional masts in order to provide re-deployable CCTV for Roker Park.</p> <p>An application for enforcement camera solutions has been developed from the remaining aligned funds after significant testing of cameras. This application for £34,400 was agreed at June Area Committee.</p>
Communicate heritage assets and deliver heritage activities to improve health and	<p>Hylton Castle:</p> <p>Task and Finish Group formed, December Area</p>

<p>wellbeing and improve community cohesion</p>	<p>Committee agreed the alignment of Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding of £100,000 and the Hylton Castle Trust developed an application for the Hylton Castle Events Space Project which was agreed at June Area Committee for £100,000.</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £100,000 for the development of a project that will lead towards the restoration of the chapel and cellars. June Area Committee agreed the alignment and the Hylton Castle Trust are working towards developing the full application that will best meet the needs of the Castle Project.</p> <p>Fans Museum:</p> <p>March Area Committee agreed funding of £11,384 to support the development of Architectural Design, Videography, Photography and a Digital Tour Project.</p>
<p>Celebrate local heritage:</p>	<p>Southwick Green Redevelopment Phase 2:</p> <p>February Board agreed for Southwick Ward Councillors to consider the original proposals for the Southwick Green Redevelopment and develop phase 2 proposals taking into consideration a local voluntary and community sector organisation proposals for heritage signage and potential of external funding to support project. Full proposals to be presented to future Board and Area Committee for consideration</p>

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to:

- i. Consider the progress and performance update with regard to North Sunderland Neighbourhood and Community Board Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1.
- ii. Note the Area Committee video update which summarises the support to Socially Isolated and Vulnerable Residents.

Annex 1

North Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023

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Item 2 Annex 1

North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

Agreed 23rd July 2020



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 North 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 North 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 North Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

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| 1. Tackle empty properties | 9. Support voluntary and community sector |
| 2. Derelict land | 10. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe |
| 3. Affordable homes | 11. Volunteer platform |
| 4. Love Where You Live | 12. Support communities to deliver local events |
| 5. Transport Routes and Parking | 13. Improve CCTV and Enforcement |
| 6. Highways, pavements and street lighting | 14. Promote Heritage Assets and Deliver Heritage Activities |
| 7. Parks, play, cycle and walking routes | 15. Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage |
| 8. Social Prescribing | |

It is now the responsibility of North 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. Tackle Empty Properties		
<p>Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to North Neighbourhood and Community Board to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of empty properties and related issues in the North • Pro-active action in place in relation to properties allowed to go into a state of dilapidation by rogue landlords 	North Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the North area.	<p>Graham Scanlan, Assistant Director of Housing attended February Board and provided an update</p> <p>October Board received a presentation from the Private Sector Housing Team and the support to private landlords and accreditation schemes</p>
2. Review all derelict land and properties and develop plan to address each site with partners and residents to further create green and cultural communities		
Executive Director Economy and Place to provide an update on derelict land and properties to North Neighbourhood and Communities Board.	North Area Committee to consider update and how they can support the development of sites within the North area	
3. Create more affordable homes		
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to North Neighbourhood and Community Board	North Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the North area.	
4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign		
Continue to receive updates from the North Raising Aspiration Projects on their litter picks and environmental projects and ensure they advertise opportunities for residents/schools etc to get involved.	ACDL to continue to provide updates on delivery to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	<p>February Board received feedback on the Wild flowering the North Project</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £25,000 in order to support the development of a bulb planting/environmental project within St.</p>

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		<p>Peters Church. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £25,000.</p> <p>The St. Peters Church Environment Project was agreed by the Area Committee via a delegated decision on 22nd July 2021</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £25,000 in order to support the development of an Art Project and Washing Facilities at Seaburn Sea Front. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £25,000</p>
5. Review transport routes in partnership with all providers in consultation with residents. Need to also pick up parking issues – residential and shopping		
VAS Signage Project in development for North Area which will provide 2 signs per ward which will be circulated to 40 locations across the North	<p>North Area Committee agree the funding and locations of the signs.</p> <p>Once agreed the Neighbourhood and Community Board will receive regular updates on the locations and effectiveness of the signs</p>	<p>Signs are now installed across the North and rotational programme in operation.</p> <p>April Board discussed the potential for additional signs – consultation held with members and Infrastructure and Transportation are to provide costs to inform further discussions at future Board</p> <p>Members receive updates on VAS rotational programme.</p>
6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting		

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
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 North Area Committee	March Area Committee agreed 2021 – 2022 Programme November Board received an update on the progress of the Highways Maintenance Programme 2021-2022
7. Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users		
Develop a plan for the regeneration of Thompson Park as an activity and destination park for all ages in partnership with Friends of Thompson Park	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	Task and Finish Group formed and have worked in partnership with Friends of Thompson Park on a regeneration plan in order to provide an activity and destination park for all ages. December Area Committee agreed an alignment of £200,000 for the regeneration of Thompson Park and £25,000 of this to be a match to Places to Ride application with full applications to be presented to future Board and Area Committee. The Group were successful with a Places to Ride funding application to deliver cycling skills area in park and education/ training with match funding to be considered at the June Area Committee. June Area Committee agreed the match of £25,000 to deliver the Places to Ride Project June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further £100,000 for the

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		<p>development of Thompson Park. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £100,000.</p> <p>Design Services are currently working up design proposals and costs and these are expected late September for the Task and Finish Group to consider</p> <p>Initial design proposals considered by the Task and Finish Group with amendments requested and a deadline of February 2022 provided.</p>
Develop a plan for small scale improvements in Roker Park in partnership with Friends of Roker Park and within the Heritage status of the Park	ACDL to support the Friends of Roker Park to develop plan and funding applications	Online Friends of Roker Park meetings held November 2020 and February 2021 – group are actively moving forward with suggestions put forward via social media and Friends meetings
Develop a plan for improvements at Hylton Dene as a wildlife and walking, cycling and running route/destination	To be discussed at future Neighbourhood and Community Board	
Identify accessible Play Equipment available across Sunderland North	<p>City Wide Condition Survey currently in process of being developed.</p> <p>Request submitted for North information to be released as soon as practicably possible</p>	Area Committee via the responsive decision making process agreed £16,975 for the installation of an Ability Swing with Flat Seat at Hylton Castle Play Area as part of a project which will also see the installation of an Ability Whirl Self Propelled with Safety Surfacing

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
Receive updates on Improvements to Parks, Open Spaces and Play within Sunderland North	North Area Committee to consider the updates and how they can influence and add value.	<p>July Board received a presentation on the proposals for improvements to Parks, Open Spaces and Play across Sunderland North</p> <p>July Board received a presentation on the proposals for the Seaburn public realm regeneration</p> <p>November Board received a presentation which gave an update on improvement at Roker Park and plans for the Roker Park Lodge/Café</p> <p>November Board received a presentation on Cemetery Improvement Plans</p>
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 5 Ward based Raising Aspirations Projects are providing services and activities to local residents	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	<p>The 5 ward based Raising Aspirations Projects continue to deliver services and activities to the local community including providing Covid Community Hub Support.</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £50,000 per ward for the development of applications for a further 2 years June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £250,000</p>

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Action	Next Steps	Update
		<p>The five Raising Aspiration Project leads are currently developing full applications to be considered at the November Board.</p> <p>November Board received updates from the five Raising Aspiration Project leads on the delivery of the projects to date.</p> <p>November Board considered the five Raising Aspiration Project applications and recommend approval of the applications for a further 2 years details of which are included in Item 3 Annex 1</p>
Ensure North Communication Project keeps local communities up to date with activities and services on offer and promotes the North Area	ACDL coordinates the content and delivery of the North Communication Project in partnership with the Neighbourhood and Community Board	<p>Project currently on hold due to COVID-19 and newsletter is to promote activities delivered in the Ward however work is commencing on delivering the leaflet element of the project</p> <p>Leaflet celebrating the investment in Sunderland North is currently in development with anticipated distribution Winter 2021</p>
North Area Committee in partnership with Public Health Funding have supported health related projects in Sunderland North	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	<p>Quarterly Monitoring Updates provided to Board</p> <p>July Board received a presentation on Ageing Well Sunderland and the</p>

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		opportunity to support the Time to Talk and Walk initiative
Beach Access North East leading on a project on behalf of Sunderland Seafront Steering Group to install a container adjacent to Marine Activities Centre which will house beach accessible wheelchairs with volunteers managing booking of the wheelchairs	September North Area Committee to consider a funding application to deliver this project	<p>September Area Committee agreed funding for the project, project lead is now working with Sunderland City Council on the planning process</p> <p>Beach Access North East carrying out trials of wheelchairs on 1st of June at Roker Beach with members of the Sunderland Seafront Steering Group</p> <p>Due to increased costs and the environmental restrictions and requirements at the site the project requires additional funding – Beach Access North East have joined Crowdfund Sunderland and are actively seeking donations to support the project thereby ensuring local community support.</p>
9. 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		
<p>Support the development of former Downhill School into a community hub current delivery includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Activities • Boxing Club • Nursery <p>Potential for:</p>	<p>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</p> <p>.</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. December and March Area Committees approved £100,000 in total for the refurbishment project.</p>

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional facilities to support the boxing Club retain affiliation • Additional sporting activities utilising both inside and outside space • Gardening Club • Additional Youth activities • Parent and Toddler Groups • Activities for Older/Socially Isolated • Resident Group support 		<p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further £100,000 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 Area Committee agreed the alignment of £100,000. The project lead is currently developing a full application to be considered.</p> <p>Fulwell Community Library:</p> <p>March Area Committee agreed funding of £18,250 to support the installation of a new roof and solar panels at Fulwell Community Library.</p>
10. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe		
<p>Neighbourhood Funding in place for Youth Partnership delivery across all wards in North</p> <p>Neighbourhood Funding in place for School Holiday delivery 2020</p> <p>£20,000 Neighbourhood Funding in Place for youth activities 2020 - 2021</p>	<p>Updates on delivery of provision to be provided to the Neighbourhood Community Board</p>	<p>£20,000 funding in place for youth activities 2020 – 2021</p> <p>March 2020 Area Committee approved £35,000 for the delivery of school holiday activities within the 2020 – 2021 school holiday periods with the project leads delivering services, activities and support within COVID guidelines and restrictions</p> <p>March 2021 Area Committee agreed to align the £40,000 available for youth activities for the extension of school</p>

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		holiday activities for 2021 – 2022 to the existing providers. June Area Committee agreed the school holiday 2021 – 2022 application for the £40,000 budget available. A summary of the Summer Holiday 2021 provision was provided in the September Area Committee Video.
11. 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 registered on the North Platform have been provided with a booklet of volunteering opportunities from projects based within Sunderland North and City Wide
12. Support communities to deliver local events		
North Area Committee supported Southwick Illumination Project since 2012 – further additions required 2020	<p>July North Area Committee agreed £10,000 capital funding to support festive lighting project</p> <p>September North Area Committee agreed further £10,000 capital funding to support Southwick Festive Lighting Project</p>	<p>Due to COVID 19 restrictions a Christmas Switch On Event could not be held 2020 however the Christmas Tree was installed and dressed on Southwick Green and was switched on in line with all other Christmas Lighting across the City on the 19th of November. Additional lighting will be installed in 2021</p> <p>Procurement process progressing for additional lighting installation 2021</p> <p>Timeline provided by Procurement:</p>

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity issued mid July • Awarded mid August <p>Procurement process now completed and provider appointed to install additional lighting on Southwick Green for 2021</p> <p>Additional lighting installed and successful Switch On Event delivered by Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project on 26th November 2021</p>
13. Increase safety through the improvement of CCTV and additional enforcement		
North Area Committee funded CCTV and Enforcement project operational and ongoing	July Neighbourhood and Community Board received feedback on the current CCTV/Enforcement project and agreed the set up of a Task and Finish group to consider the feasibility of additional CCTV/Masts/Airtime costs	<p>Task and Finish Group formed and members consulted on hotspot areas in order to inform CCTV solutions. March Area Committee agreed a Neighbourhood Investment Capital Application of £100,000 and Neighbourhood Fund of £61,366 and aligned an additional £38,634 bringing the total amount available for the CCTV project to £200,000.</p> <p>A Neighbourhood Fund application was agreed by members in May 2021 through the responsive decision making process of £4,191.42 for the purchase of additional masts in order to provide re-deployable CCTV for Roker Park.</p>

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		<p>An application for enforcement camera solutions has been developed from the remaining aligned funds after significant testing of cameras. This application for £34,400 was agreed at June Area Committee.</p> <p>North Area Committee Councillors receive feedback from the Area Chair on the Local Multi Agency Partnership meetings which include updates on camera options and locations.</p>
14. Communicate heritage assets and deliver heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion		
Develop a project which provides access to event space at Hylton Castle in order to support bringing the community together and future sustainability of the Project	<p>July Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the set-up of a Task and Finish group to develop plans to consider the proposals for the development of event space at Hylton Castle</p> <p>ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board</p>	<p>Task and Finish Group formed, December Area Committee agreed the alignment of Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding of £100,000 and the Hylton Castle Trust developed an application for the Hylton Castle Events Space Project which was agreed at June Area Committee for £100,000.</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £100,000 for the development of a project that will lead towards the restoration of the chapel and cellars. June Area Committee agreed the alignment and the Hylton Castle Trust are working towards developing the full application that will</p>

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		<p>best meet the needs of the Castle Project.</p> <p>Fans Museum:</p> <p>March Area Committee agreed funding of £11,384 to support the development of Architectural Design, Videography, Photography and a Digital Tour Project.</p>
15. Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage		
Southwick Green Redevelopment Phase 1 to commence July 2020	Regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	<p>Southwick Green Redevelopment Phase 1 near completion. Local VCS organisations, Springboard, Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project and Southwick Green Preservation Society have supported the project with bulb and winter planting led by the Southwick SARA Project and supported by Southwick Community Chest funding.</p> <p>February Board agreed for Southwick Ward Councillors to consider the original proposals for the Southwick Green Redevelopment and develop phase 2 proposals taking into consideration a local voluntary and community sector organisation proposals for heritage signage and potential of external funding to support project. Full proposals to be presented</p>

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		<p>to future Board and Area Committee for consideration. SCC Design Services are developing costs and proposals which will be presented to Southwick Ward Cllrs when available. Design Services are expected to have proposals in place September 2021</p> <p>Southwick Ward Councillors have considered the proposals and have requested amendments with a deadline of February 2022.</p>

<p align="center">NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE 14th December 2021 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</p>	
<p>Title of Report: North Sunderland Area Budget Report</p>	
<p>Author(s): Assistant Director of Community Resilience</p>	
<p>Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funding, Neighbourhood Investment Plan Capital Programme and Community Chest, and presents proposals for further funding requests.</p>	
<p>Description of Decision:</p> <p>Committee are requested to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1. (b) Consider the approval of NF funding of £50,000 to Community Opportunities and Castle Raising Aspirations Phase 3 Project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (c) Consider the approval of NF funding of £50,000 to Community Opportunities and Redhill Raising Aspirations Phase 3 Project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (d) Consider the approval of NF funding of £50,000 to NE Sport and Fulwell Raising Aspirations Phase 3 Project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (e) Consider the approval of NF funding of £50,000 to Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project and Southwick Raising Aspirations Phase 3 Project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (f) Consider the approval of NF funding of £50,000 to Sunderland Community Action Group and St. Peter's Raising Aspirations Phase 3 Project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1 (g) Note the 21 Community Chest approvals supported from 2021/2022, as detailed Item 3 Annex 2 	
<p>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes</p>	
<p>Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £657,783 (inc Youth allocation) for 2021/2022 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £500,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme to deliver key priorities identified in the relevant Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan and to attract other funding into the area.</p>	
<p>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.</p>	
<p>Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? No</p> <p>Is it included in the Forward Plan? No</p>	<p>Relevant Scrutiny Committees:</p>

Item 3

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

14th December 2021

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

North Sunderland Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Area Committee Neighbourhood Funds, Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

- 2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2021 / 2022:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2021 / 2022					£657,783
North CCTV project (£38,634 aligned at Area Committee on 25.03.21)	24.05.21 (via Delegated Decision)	-	-	£4,191	£657,783
Sunderland North Wheelchair Accessible Swing	27.05.21 (via Delegated Decision)	-	-	£16,975	£640,808
Sunderland & District Classic Vehicle Society – Heritage Event	30.06.21	-	-	£2,000	£638,808

School Holiday Activities 2021 – 2022 (£40,000 aligned at Area Committee on 25.03.21)	30.06.21	-	-	£40,000	£638,808
North CCTV Project (£38,634 aligned at Area Committee on 25.03.21)	30.06.21	-	-	£34,400	£638,808
Seaburn Art Project	30.06.21		£25,000		£613,808
St. Peters Church Environmental Project (£25,000 aligned at Area Committee on 30.06.21)	22.07.21 (via Delegated Decision)			£25,000	£588,808
Downhill Community Hub Services & Activities	30.06.21		£100,000		£488,808
Hylton Castle – Chapel and Cellar Project	30.06.21		£100,000		£388,808
Thompson Park Regeneration	30.06.21		£100,000		£288,808
Five Ward Based Raising Aspirations Projects	30.06.21		£250,000		£38,808

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2021 / 2022

- 2.2 North Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £657,783 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects.
- 2.3 There are five applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration:
- **Castle Raising Aspirations Phase 3 – Community Opportunities** £50,000
 - **Redhill Raising Aspirations Phase 3 – Community Opportunities** £50,000
 - **Fulwell Raising Aspirations Phase 3 – NE Sport** £50,000
 - **Southwick Raising Aspirations Phase 3 – SNYP** £50,000
 - **St. Peter's Raising Aspirations Phase 3 – SCAG** £50,000
- (ALL PREVIOUSLY ALIGNED)
- 2.4 The total Neighbourhood fund budget requested for approval is **£250,000** (previously aligned). If approved, the remaining balance will be **£38.808**

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 / 2023

- 3.1 The table below shows the financial position of North Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme for 2020 / 2023.

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2020 / 2023					£500,000
Festive Lighting Project	15.07.20	-	-	£10,000	£490,000
Southwick Illuminations	17.09.20	-	-	£10,000	£480,000

Project					
Regeneration of Thompson Park	10.12.20				
Places to Ride (£25,000 from 10.12.20 alignment approved at Area Committee on 30.06.21)	30.06.21	-	£175,000	£25,000	£280,000
Event Space at Hylton Castle (£100,000 aligned at Area Committee on 10.12.20)	30.06.21	-	-	£100,000	£180,000
Development of Former Downhill School into a Community Hub	25.03.21	-	-	£80,000	£100,000
North Additional CCTV	25.03.21			£100,000	£0

Table Two: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023

3.2 North Area Committee has been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members will be responsible for allocating the funding through a majority decision at Area Committee.

3.3. The Capital Programme can be allocated in one year, or across more than one, depending on what proposals come forward throughout the year(s). The Area Committee have up to three years to allocate the full amount.

4. Community Chest

4.1 Each ward has been allocated a budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest remains the same. With ward Councillors leading on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it has become difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.

4.2 The table below details the Community Chest awards starting balances for 2021 / 2022. **Annex 1** shows the approvals supported, July to September.

Ward	2021/2022 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Castle	£10,000		£2,000	£8,000
Fulwell	£10,000		£5,349	£4,651
Redhill	£10,000	£2,540.13	£3,230	£9,310.13
Southwick	£10,000	£200	£5,375.93	£4,824.07
St. Peters	£10,000		£1,767.60	£8,232.40
Total	£50,000	£2740.13	£17,722.53	£35,017.60

Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2021 / 2022

5. Recommendations:

5.1 Note the financial statements set out in Table One, Two and Three.

5.2 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£50,000** to Community Opportunities and Castle Raising Aspirations Phase 3 Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**

5.3 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£50,000** to Community Opportunities and Redhill Raising Aspirations Phase 3 Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**

- 5.4 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£50,000** to NE Sport and Fulwell Raising Aspirations Phase 3 Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.5 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£50,000** to Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project and Southwick Raising Aspirations Phase 3 Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.6 Consider the approval of NF funding of **£50,000** to Sunderland Community Action Group and St. Peter's Raising Aspirations Phase 3 Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.7 Note the 21 Community Chest approvals supported from 2021 / 2022, as detailed **Item 3 Annex 2**

Annexes

Annex Two

Annex One

Neighbourhood Fund Applications

Community Chest Grant Approvals

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Applications for North Neighbourhood Fund**Application No. 1**

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Castle Ward Raising Aspirations Phase 3
Lead Organisation	Community Opportunities

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£69,081.44	£19,081.44	£50,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 Years	April 2022	March 2024

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATION**Project Description:**

This proposal seeks to extend the delivery of the Castle Raising Aspirations project and build on the partnership work delivered across Organisations in the Castle Ward of North Sunderland. The project has been instrumental in engaging residents as volunteers into several local projects including the Hylton Castle Project, local environmental projects including Hylton Dene, planting wildflowers, local litter picks, addressing fly tipping hotspots and working to support the delivery of holiday activities for young people.

We propose through the Castle RA project to undertake a resident's questionnaire, building on the response to the Let's Talk events and consultation that was carried out shortly before the pandemic in Spring 2020. The responses to the questionnaires will enable the local Councillors and Castle Project to work together to provide responses to local needs identified. We anticipate this will include some of the areas as detailed below, but this list will be reviewed following the resident consultations.

Activities for children and young people – the ward lacks a dedicated youth club delivery space. Sessions run from a range of local buildings but do not provide a consistent facility for young people to drop in to when they may need support. The Castle RA project will undertake a survey with young people to understand what activities they would like to engage in, produce an updated brief on what is available at each of the local schools, uniformed groups and Organisations so they are informed of activities available for their benefit, develop an offer for young people that compliments existing provision and builds on their interests in the environment, healthy eating their neighbourhoods and heritage, sports such as football, dance etc and enables the development of several safe spaces for them to meet their friends and engage in structured activities. This may be provided from rooms within the Organisations based in the ward or developing new provisions, and we recognise access to ICT is key for young people and therefore we propose to establish some key Wi-Fi spots and meeting points in the ward.

Castle RA will work closely with local police and residents to address hot spots of known anti-social behaviour which regularly includes Hylton Dene, Chapel at Hylton Castle, local shopping parades and local green spaces such as Hylton Castle Park. We will work with the wider Community Opportunities team to provide bespoke diversionary activities, and again this will be based on responses gathered from consultations with young people and may be as simple as taking a football and nets to a green space or exploring knife crime, drug and alcohol use etc.

We will continue to provide play activities for younger residents of the area, engaging them into such as Woodland Walks, sports and crafts activities and linking with local environmental projects such as Forest School.

The Castle ward RA project will continue to encourage volunteering both in ward-based projects, such as Hylton Castle and Dene but also supporting the wider North area and Sunderland City offer by promoting such as the coast to coast route, heritage trail, riverside walks etc. We will continue to promote health and well-being activities for local families and will link with the Sunderland North biking hub, guided walks developed with Hylton Castle volunteers, fundraising events for such as cancer awareness etc.

We will develop bespoke target programmes to encourage young people to volunteer, engage in training and education or support them to explore the world of work through such as the Brighter Futures programme which links participation with gaining a provisional licence. We will extend this programme to work with adult residents who may be socially isolated, lacking in confidence by buddying them to attend local groups and activities.

The Castle ward has an abundance of businesses based within it, both at local shopping parades and along the Riverside. We will work actively with the local REACT project to engage those businesses and understand their needs while encouraging corporate volunteering and social investment into the ward. We recognise the potential this may bring in accessing the job vacancies that may develop in these companies and how these can be shared more proactively with local residents.

Finance

The Castle project will be staffed by a part-time Project Co-ordinator (this is a full-time post with half of the time based in the Redhill ward), a part-time children and young peoples activity officer, with support from a bank of sessional staff with diverse skills in such as sport, environmental activities etc. The project will be managed by Wendy Cook, Youth and Community Manager within Community Opportunities. Funding allocations have been aligned to cover costs of producing questionnaires, providing mobile ICT, session activity resources such as sports equipment, craft materials and replenishing environmental equipment. We have also allowed for costs relating to volunteering such as DBS checks, small equipment, and training. A separate line in the budget has been allocated for diversionary and out of ward activities which may include such as trips to Silksworth sports complex, theatre visit, a meal out as part of exploring healthy eating, linking with the sports centre at Downhill Hub and accessing discounted gym passes etc.

Additional funding support for the project has been secured from the Community Led Local Development Fund (CLLD) towards the salary of the Project Officer through to March 2023 and Community Opportunities reserves of £1837.58 towards resources.

Draft Programme – consultation exercises will be carried out weekly during the daytime as will information sharing and bespoke activities will be developed to respond to fly tipping, issues in the play park etc :

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Day	Social group - crafts, visits	Community Gardening/Litter Pick/ Planting	Volunteering in the Dene	Health and Well-being - cooking, walking group, stop smoking, digital skills etc	Youth Council and Castle Young People Forum	Monthly residents consultation	

Night		Play Session		Sports session - dance, swimming, biking, aerobics	Play Session	Youth Session	
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Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Redhill Ward Raising Aspirations Phase 3
Lead Organisation	Community Opportunities

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£69,081.44	£19,081.44	£50,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 Years	April 2022	March 2024

Project Description:

In phase one of the Ready Steady Redhill project we proposed to run a 15-month programme of community engagement and capacity building activity for residents of the Redhill ward, specifically targeting Children and Young People and wider environmental, health and well-being and volunteering work. We have successfully delivered a range of play activities at Downhill Centre and sessions regularly attract an average of 25 young people. We have provided regular youth sessions for older young people and are currently renovating their meeting space at Downhill Centre and improving the resources available to them with such as higher capacity Wi-Fi links. Regular holiday activity provision has been available for young residents across all holiday periods, and we have included this approach in our phase 2 delivery costings.

We ran a joint project with the Castle ward for young people not in employment, education, or training, locally branded at the Brighter Futures project. The programme is developed to work with some of the harder to reach young people who may be experiencing issues around mental health, drug use and anti-social behaviour and concentrates on exploring the world of work, pathways to secure a job (including volunteering work) and considers the impact of having a disposable income available to access such as sporting events, eat out, travel etc. We will run similar programmes in phase two of the project.

We have supported the development of Downhill Community Garden and linked this closely with the work of Downhill Pond volunteers and the two groups have now merged and are working through the process of considering forming a constituted group. We have actively worked with a group of residents who wished to address issues in the Bunnyhill area of the ward and have developed the 'Friends of Bunnyhill' group and have carried out local litter picks and also progressing to explore becoming a constituted group. SNCBC/Community Opportunities have delivered a range of support to socially isolated residents of Redhill during Covid-19 and have continued befriending contact as we moved out of the pandemic restrictions and intend to provide local coffee mornings, dominoes afternoons and potentially a luncheon club from the start of the phase two programme.

Volunteering is at the heart of the work that Community Opportunities deliver, and we have encouraged local residents to volunteer during the pandemic helping with delivering food parcels, prescriptions etc, participating in litter picks and volunteering in local projects such as Hylton Castle. We will continue to promote and buddy people into volunteering as part of the phase two project and this may be for an hour a month through to something on a regular weekly basis. We will provide opportunity for local residents to train in such as food hygiene, delivering children's activities and providing support to events and will support Organisations to develop a volunteering pathway and as appropriate policies and procedures to enable safe volunteering.

We have delivered a range of sporting activities for young people across the school holidays and within centre-based sessions and have reprofiled the delivery of some dance, aerobics/fitness, and healthy

cooking sessions from January to September 2022 when the planned renovation work to the Downhill Centre Hall area should be complete. This will also allow us to develop the area for families to hire at low costs for such as children's parties and family events and for us to run themed activities from such as Easter egg hunts, Halloween, and Christmas activities such as wreath making, Christmas stalls etc. We propose to continue delivering this successful work and address areas of our planned work that have been impacted by Covid19, and this is reflected in the extended delivery period of the phase one project. This has specifically included some of the planned activities at Downhill Centre and while the Community Hub approach has progressed and investment has been secured, the renovation work has taken longer than anticipated due to issues with securing contractors and materials.

This, along with the operating restrictions, has slowed the planned start of the toddler group although we propose to commence this in the New Year and will be continued through this phase two programme. We are beginning the development of a neighbourhood watch scheme and are working with local residents to encourage their participation in such as reporting fly tipping, local litter picking, highlighting anti-social behaviour and coming together as a group to consider local action.

We are currently developing the planned questionnaire to gather the views of local residents following on from the Let's Talk community survey work that was carried out just prior to the pandemic. We will use this information to design further service delivery and ensure we have meaningful engagement of residents into community life and local projects. We will also be surveying local businesses to understand how we can support the delivery of local services but work with them to consider corporate volunteering.

We have linked with Redhouse Primary School and hope to develop these discussions further to extend in-centre delivery into the Redhouse Estate. We will also actively pursue communications with Redhouse Academy and some joint working with St Cuthbert's Church took place during the pandemic and we will explore with them the opportunity of delivering from the base.

The project will continue to be led by a Co-ordinator who also works in the Castle Raising Aspirations Project, and she is supported by a sessional environmental officer who will provide two sessions a week of support to local groups, lead local litter picks, address issues such as dog fouling and fly tipping. The remainder of the team comprises sessional play and youth staff. Additional funding was attracted to the phase one project through the Community Led Local Development scheme and Holiday Activity Funding which enabled us to deliver across the summer holidays with 4 weeks of this delivery being for 4 hours a day. Cllid funding is secured to March 2023 and forms part of this proposal, and we are confident we can continue to attract additional external funding for our work with young people.

Finance

The Redhill project will be staffed by a part-time Project Co-ordinator (this is a full-time post with half of the time based in the Redhill ward), a part-time children and young peoples activity officer, with support from a bank of sessional staff with diverse skills in such as sport, environmental activities etc. The project will be managed by Wendy Cook, Youth and Community Manager within Community Opportunities. Funding allocations have been aligned to cover costs of producing questionnaires, providing mobile ICT, session activity resources such as sports equipment, craft materials and replenishing environmental equipment. We have also allowed for costs relating to volunteering such as DBS checks, small equipment, and training. A separate line in the budget has been allocated for diversionary and out of ward activities which may include such as trips to Silksworth sports complex, theatre visit, a meal out as part of exploring healthy eating, linking with the sports centre at Downhill Hub and accessing discounted gym passes etc.

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Evening		Play Session		Youth session	Play Session	Saturday afternoon - Pond and garden activities and volunteering	

Application No. 3

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Fulwell Ward Raising Aspirations Phase 3
Lead Organisation	NE Sport CIC

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£72,032	£22,032	£50,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 Years	January 2022	December 2023

Project Description:

Our proposal is to continue our support in the community and help create and establish a new vibrant central community hub in Fulwell for young people and the wider community. This would act as a catalyst to attract further funding into the Fulwell ward and City of Sunderland.

After the past four years of the raising aspiration lead in Fulwell ward we find ourselves with a real exciting opportunity to develop something special over the coming two years in the Fulwell Ward as we have just agreed a five year lease with Monkwearmouth Academy to develop the Rotunda building into a community asset for the ward of Fulwell this project will help establish and really build a strong foundation for this new hub whilst continuing to serve the wider community.

We have built this application and project to address and focus on the following areas:

- Activities for young people
- Activities for older people
- Environmental projects
- Activities that help address social isolation

This project would give the financial support needed to support our activities by employing two part time community development workers.

Activities for young people

Why is it needed? Young people have been affected by covid as much as anyone their life and education and been thrown into turmoil. Whilst measures to stay home during Covid are absolutely necessary to save lives, it has dramatically impacted young people's mental health. Recently, Mind revealed that 83% of respondents to their young people survey said that the pandemic had made their mental health worse since school and youth provision closures.

What we propose We propose to run and support a variety of activities for young people to help both with their mental health and physical wellbeing including:

Create a new vibrant safe space for young people, we will be here at the newly formed hub every night Monday to Friday 5 to 7pm. We will continue to offer our already established youth club on Wednesdays 5 to 7pm. This funding stream will enable us to expand our service further by giving young people and the community a space from where to work and play. The week would look like this:

- Monday Table Tennis Club
- Tuesday young youth group ages 8-12
- Wednesdays youth group ages 12-18

- Thursdays community use, youth social action working groups (eg setting up and helping food banks)
- Fridays drop in football kick about ages 11-16

We have spoken to young people and continue to speak to young people on a daily basis and without a shadow of doubt what comes out every time is the need for their own space. We have held extensive consultation over a number of years with young people.

A new community hub on an evening would help to discourage some of the anti-social behaviour that takes place. We ran an open drop in pilot session for young people during the six week holidays; these proved immensely popular and if successful we would use this project to help support this over the coming two years. Then in the winter using the new indoor space of the Rotunda building.

Activities would include:

- Youth clubs
- Table Tennis clubs
- 8 Ball Pool
- Holiday clubs
- Baking
- Arts & Crafts
- Team Building
- Seasonal parties ie Halloween, Christmas
- Drop in football sessions (Kickabout aimed at young people ages 11-16)

We also actively encourage youth social action and through this social action, we will actively engage and work with young people to take a lead role in activities in the community such as litter picks, environmental projects, community art and offer a place for young people to design their own activities. We will offer work placements to young people and offer training and mentorship support in skills such as finance, business management and various other skills as we support young people through education and into employment. Many young people are currently suffering mental health problems and we will build their confidence to enable them to seek out employment and voluntary positions.

Running so many activities for young people would help us to build up trust and we will help young people to try to discard bad habits such as smoking and drinking, we have these conversations on a daily basis with young people at our sessions.

Activities for older people and those suffering from Social Isolation

Why is it needed? There is little doubt about the devastating impact that covid has had on the elderly people months of being cooped up at home have led to muscle weakness – ‘deconditioning’ as clinicians term it - and sometimes a reduced sense of balance, increasing the risk of falls. Older people are often afraid to leave their homes and some have stopped exercising completely.

What we have done previously

We have helped support local residents through offering advice and support and signposting people to services in the area such as Fulwell library and Fulwell Community Centre. We have also run several planting projects with residents as well as litter picks.

We have also organised:

- Carol singing, we arranged for schools to visit care homes in the Fulwell Ward to sing Christmas Carols
- Activity packs, we have delivered activity packs to well over 100 local elderly residents these would include crossword puzzles, word searches gardening projects such as sunflower seeds or

planting planters, these proved enormously successful

- After delivering in the Fulwell Ward over the past 4 years now we are very well known and have a database of over 35 local residents who faced isolation through covid. People are happy to see us for a chat in the street or can pay them a doorstep visit as we deliver activity packs off or shopping.
- We have offered shopping support as well as prescription pick ups, using volunteers to help those most in need.

What we propose:

We propose to build on our existing work and continue to work with our partners to maximise our reach to those who are either elderly or socially isolated, we will continue to act as a community hub and work closely with SCC taking in referrals through Social Prescribing and helping to either provide or sign people to the relevant services.

Working with Fulwell Library we will help promote coffee mornings, quizzes and events to offer somewhere for those socially isolated a safe space to go.

We will look at developing and building on our existing digital hubs and continue to look at opportunities to develop digital training opportunities that will be hugely beneficial in increasing confidence in IT skills.

We will engage with elderly people, working closely with Fulwell Library who have an excellent track record of supporting older people. We can work towards getting people active once again. We will help signpost people to existing services in Fulwell ward and also help set up and run some of our own activities including:

- Table Tennis
- Volunteering projects
- Digital learning
- Intergenerational projects
- Promote Fulwell Library as a digital hub
- Sign post to food banks and where necessary support with shopping
- Help sign post people to services

We would work to support existing social groups and also encourage new befriending groups to be set up.

Environmental projects

Why is it needed?

Our local environment is becoming an ever precious commodity and something that is now at the top of the world's agenda. We must do everything possible to make a positive difference. After years of consultation with young people they put litter problems at the top of their concerns and the environmental damage that it does to the local area, especially the beaches that we are blessed with.

What we propose

We are already well connected in our community on environmental projects and have excellent links with Emma Smith Coast Project Officer (North Sunderland) Phil Dorian SCC, Louise Harrington Durham Coast and have plans in place to work on a project at Seaburn Dene which is situated where we are based, the new community hub would be ideal as a meeting point and base for volunteers. We also have the possibility of funding from Northumbrian water which will be a great boost to the area.

We will help run and support numerous litter picks and clean ups in the Fulwell Ward, working with established litter picking groups, volunteers and local traders shops collaboratively we can really help to make a difference.

We have good links with major companies including Nissan and PWC who have ran corporate volunteer

days. We will look at using these links in the future but also expanding our network to ensure we can maximise our positive impact on the community.

Working in the community over the past four years as given a very strong link with the schools in the Fulwell ward and we know that environmental projects are very much top of their agenda, we have in the past ran several large scale projects with 100s of young people taking in social action including beach cleans and planting projects through this project we will ensure this continues with new exciting projects in the future.

We would actively recruit volunteers to help with our environmental projects, both litter picking and planting projects can have a major impact on not just the environment but also peoples health and mental wellbeing which is a real additional bonus in getting people active and back outdoors.

Application No. 4

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Southwick Ward Raising Aspirations Phase 3
Lead Organisation	Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£63,316	£13,316	£50,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 Years	January 2022	January 2024

Project Description:

The proposal for the Southwick Raising Aspirations is set out below and aims to reinvigorate community spirit and community spaces in Southwick. The project will focus on the two community centres in the Southwick ward – Southwick Community Association and Thompson Park Community Centre and there will be four main strands for development:

1. Digital Community Hubs

We will create a digital community hub in each community centre. This will give people access to I.T. equipment and support. People will be supported to access online services needed for everyday life such as paying bills, registering for health or civic services. We will have employment drop-ins so that people can search online for jobs and apply for them with support. We can facilitate training via google platform to teach individuals how to set up an email, shop safely online, book appointments, pay bills and make the most of social media. Learning new skills keeps the mind sharp, it improves memory and learning digital skills will promote independence and dignity.

2. Social action and volunteering

We will recruit a diverse range of volunteers and have regular social action projects to get people involved in specific pieces of work. There will be regular volunteering opportunities such as helping the mobile and static community libraries; maintaining gardens and green spaces or helping out in foodbank or school uniform donation space; there will be social action projects too where we will have a call to action in the community and gather people together to complete tasks such as community gardening, litter picking, decorating, community fun days. There are many benefits to volunteering – it can build skills for employment, boosting a CV. It can also boost mental health and give a feel good factor.

3. Health and wellbeing programme

Both community centres will have a range of community activities available that specifically aim to improve health and well being as well as reduce health inequalities in Southwick. The activities will be a mixture of free, fully funded activities and some paid, where the spaces are hired out privately to ensure a source of income. We will also have a small amount of funds set aside for those who cannot afford to pay but still want to participate. The activities will be diverse – available to older and young people as well as family activities. Improving health will assist in the city strategy of starting, living and ageing well.

4. Support for those in need

In each centre we will use spaces to support the most vulnerable in our community. We will have a foodbank, welfare rights drop-in, school uniform donation/distribution point for the local primary and secondary schools, advice and guidance sessions, resources to address period poverty, community shop with clothes and toys available to take or leave a small donation for; we will have Christmas gift/food drop-off points to support the most disadvantaged families and children

General management

As part of the project we will include some general management of the two centres :

- Identifying areas for development – such as general building maintenance
- liaising with contractors i.e. plumbers, council workers
- opening and closing of the building
- attending committee meetings and preparing reports for these
- promoting the work on social media

Running throughout the duration of the project will be ongoing consultation and engagement with users of the community associations and the local community to ensure that the services and activities offered continue to meet their needs. In addition social media pages will be regularly updated and we will hold open days to ensure that the local community are aware of the services and activities available at the community associations and the opportunities available to hire the space for family celebrations.

As and when we have programmes in place with timetables of delivery we will ensure these are shared widely through as many mediums as possible. – social media, local posters, linking with the North Area Committee Communication Project.

Sustainability

When the two centres were opened, we lived in a period when some people could give their time freely; it was not unusual for only one parent/spouse to go out to work. People retired at 60. This often meant there were people in the community who could give a lot of their time making sure the centres were well used and maintained. Unfortunately this isn't the case any more and running whole organisations voluntarily is difficult; it now requires people who know about policy, who can keep books and have an understanding of community development and managing volunteers. We hope that by funding the project for two years we can identify need and attract further funding to ensure the sustainability of the two centres, both placed in a community with high numbers of deprivation and disadvantage. SNYP will support with the fundraising and we have over 40 years

worth of experience in securing money for work in Southwick. We will also hire out spaces in the two centres for groups such as martial arts, fitness classes, parties and events etc to bring in some income for the centres. They both have members only bars which will also be utilised as a way of investing in the centres.

Application No. 5

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	St. Peter's Ward Raising Aspirations Phase 3
Lead Organisation	Sunderland Community Action Group

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£60,000	£10,000	£50,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 Years	December 2021	December 2023

Project Description:

Sunderland Community Action Group has developed a range of services that directly address the issues facing children, young people, and older members of the community in St. Peter's. In addition, we will develop a wider range of local services, informed directly by ongoing community consultation including; disabled activities, adult and community learning, volunteering opportunities and a wide range of Health and Wellbeing activities supporting families and vulnerable adults. Consultation with members of our local community is at the heart of our ongoing program development. All activities will be reviewed with the needs of local young people and their wider community taken in to account

SCAG will deliver an eclectic mix of Youth & Community provision which will include:

2- centre-based Youth Work Sessions delivered from Dame Dorothy Community Hub, designed to appeal to a range of age groups.

1- Older peoples social club, focusing on reducing isolation through direct contact befriending, and trips out into the local community, socialising and building positive relationships with Staff and their peers.

2- Detached Youth work sessions targeting known ASB hotspots across the St Peters ward.

1- Multi (Match funded) sport/Cycling activities based at St Peters Sports & Cycle hub, delivering an alternative to ASB we will deliver a range of Healthy sports-based activities.

A total of 6 dedicated Youth & Community sessions per week x 52 weeks per year

Monday 6-8pm Dame Dorothy Y&C Hub

Intermediate group. 9-12yrs

This session is designed to cater for young people making the transition from Primary into secondary school. This is a really important time in a young person's life. By working closely with this age group youth workers will be able to form a long-term positive relationship which will be beneficial for the long-term future of youth development in the St Peters ward.

We will target local young people via our detached Youth work team. We will also work along-side the North community Hub and local the Police team who can also make referrals, helping to steer young people away from known ASB hot spots into positive structured activities.

Youth workers will engage with young people through a range of fun based programs and activities, ensuring that there is something for everyone to access.

We will also offer young people an opportunity to become more involved in the learning and decision-making process, by taking an active part in the long-term development of the project via regular consultation. We will also utilise the adjoining green space in the warmer summer months for larger group sports activities.

We will use a minimum two qualified members of staff delivering a 2-hour face to face session (2.5hrs) in total including set up and clean up time. This session will allow young people to take part in a range of positive activities to meet their social, emotional, physical, and cognitive needs whilst promoting positive behaviour, building confidence, self-esteem and developing their own personal skills, knowledge and abilities. The young people will also gain access to a healthy snack, arts and crafts, games, outdoor sports etc. Staff will also deliver a range of appropriate issue-based work and continue to develop our links with the Police, Tyne & Wear Fire Service etc. All sessions will be planned, delivered, and evaluated with the input of young people to ensure the activities met their individual & collective needs.

Thursday 7-9pm

Issue based Drop in. 14-18yrs

This session is designed to offer young people access to information and support on a range of issues that affect young people across the St Peters ward. We will promote this session in the local academy school and also through our Street based Detached youth work sessions. Youth workers will offer a range of issue-based provision while also offering a Ccard drop-in service. Our staff are fully trained to deliver this provision and will be on-hand to offer any additional support to young people accessing this service. Staff will also have a range of information on hand in both hard copy and hand-held tablet form where young people can access a range of dedicated on-line websites. This service will be informal and have a drop-in style atmosphere. This session will be used to discuss a range of issues that have impacted on the local community including issues relating to the covid pandemic. We will actively promote other health/issued based services and will encourage other like-minded professionals to populate this space offering guest speaker/ direct information to young people accessing the Hub. We will use a minimum of two qualified members of staff delivering a 2-hour face to face session (2.5hrs) in total including set up and clean up time. This session will allow young people to access a range of positive activities which will support their social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs whilst promoting positive information sharing, building confidence, self-esteem while developing their own personal life skills, knowledge and abilities. Young people will have a direct influence (via consultation) on the type of sessions delivered in order to meet their individual/ group or community needs.

St Peters Sport & Cycle Hub

Saturday 9am-12noon

11+

SCAG community coaches will provide a range of activities which are suitable for all ages. Local people will have the opportunity to access a wide range of cycles including adapted cycles for people with disabilities, these include mountain and city bikes, specialist trikes and dual tandems, hand cycles and electric bikes. Our staff will also be on hand to support local people to also access a range of fishing and multi-sport equipment. Staff will also provide supervised activities like small-sided football, basketball, Netball and volleyball via the city of Sunderland University MUGA.

This activity will provide local people of all ages with somewhere to go and something to do. This activity will also be used as a catalyst to steer younger people away from ASB and into a positive activity's promoting a healthier lifestyle. We will use a minimum of two qualified members of staff delivering a 2-hour face to face session (2.5hrs) in total including set up & clean up time

Community Outreach Support

Following on from delivering the successful Covid Champions project across St Peters ward. We would like to develop an older peoples social club in the area. We currently have a cluster of older residents many of whom are vulnerable and isolated within their own community.

This activity will focus on reducing isolation through direct contact and befriending. We will achieve this aim by delivering a range of tailored support, social trips out and a dedicated day club delivered from a local community centre.

We will encourage participants to access a range of relevant information via our own staff team as well as also inviting likeminded service providers to offer support and guidance. This activity will help build long-term positive relationships, while focusing on positive wellbeing and active engagement. We will also be utilising modern technology via a range of external support and equipment offering in-housing training and support.

Detached Youth work

Wednesday & Friday

7-9pm

11-17yrs

These sessions are designed to be flexible and will focus on relieving ASB issues, consultation, information sharing and relationship building.

Detached workers will support key events in the area, for example the Air Show and the City Illuminations etc. Detached Youth workers will offer support and sign post young people directly into organised structured activities, relieving pressure on front-line services like the police and Tyne & Wear Fire Service regarding ASB across the ward.

For those young people who may not want to access organised activities straight away Workers will continue to interact with the aim of strengthening relationships and offering a range of sporting/fitness, fun activities as tools to address issues that affect young people's everyday lives i.e. crime, sexual health, education and the law. Youth workers will carry a range of resources including leaflets and flyers plus "Fast Track" information and support via the world wide web using a Wi-Fi roaming laptop and an android mobile phone.

Workers will continue to collaborate with the local police team and other relevant service providers across the ward. The sharing of information will help gain a greater understanding of current issues affecting St Peters ward. Youth workers will focus on detailed discussions regarding the dangers of crime and anti-social behaviour. Practical support will be given to young people who may also be victims of crime and active and positive links forged between young people, youth workers and the local beat police.

Youth workers will monitor the current group dynamics of young people who congregate within this area. The warmer months brings an influx of transient young people from across the City into St Peters ward, which bring the increased likelihood of anti-social behaviour and crime which brings a negative impact on local residents and business owners across the ward. We will use a minimum of two qualified members of staff delivering a 2-hour face to face session (2.5hrs) in total including information recording time. This session will allow young people to take part in a range of positive activities which will meet their social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs whilst promoting positive behaviour, building confidence, self-esteem and developing their own personal skills, knowledge and abilities.

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of these projects which deliver to the North Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of **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 Sessions are Accessible and Not Cost or Time Prohibitive**

Item 3 Annex 2

North Area Committee

14th December 2021

Community Chest Awards April 2021 to March 2022

Castle Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Bexhill Academy	06.09.21		£2,000
Remaining balance			£8,000
Fulwell Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Fulwell Infant School Academy	26.08.21		£1,100
Sunderland City Council – Mere Knolls	26.08.21		£400
NE Bus Preservation Trust	26.08.21		£600
Hands On NE CIC	10.09.21		£1,249
Cuthbertson Court Social Club	22.11.21		£500
Fulwell Community Library	22.11.21		£1,500
Remaining balance			£4,651
Redhill Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Sunderland City Council – North Hylton Road	16.07.21		£2,310
Sunderland City Council – VAS Project	15.03.21	2,540.13	
St. Cuthbert's Community Hall	23.11.21		£920
Remaining balance			£9,310.13
Southwick Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
SARA Project – Planting	02.07.21		£77
Southwick Community Centre – Sewing Group	02.08.21		£200
Sunderland Connect Network	06.09.21		£1,000
Creative Seed	06.09.21		£1,000
Southwick Primary	06.09.21		£991.43
Sunderland Young Peoples Bike Project	06.09.21		£1,000
Holy Trinity Church	06.09.21		£1,000
Southwick Community Centre – Sewing Group	02.08.21	£200	
SARA Project – Planting	23.11.21		£107.50
Remaining balance			£4,824.07
St. Peter's Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Fulwell Infant School Academy	06.09.21		£500
Dame Dorothy Primary School	23.11.21		£1,267.60
Remaining balance			£8,232.40

14th December 2021

REPORT OF NORTH AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the North Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

2. Background

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.
- 2.2 North Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.
- 2.3 The North VCS Network is made up of over 100 local groups and strategic local/national/regional partners. The network meets on a regular basis in order to share good practice, support one another and receives regularly updates as part of an information share e bulletin.

3. North Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN) Progress Report

- 3.1 The North VCS Network met via Microsoft TEAMS in June, July, September, October and December 2021.
- 3.2 The meetings have included the following agenda items:
- Community Wealth Strategy and VCS Alliance Update
 - North Community Support Worker Introduction
 - Digital Employment Tool
 - Energising Sunderland Project
 - Sunshine Cooperative – CLLD Update
 - Sunderland Community Action Group – CLLD Update
 - IAPT Awareness Update
 - North Community Hub Update
 - Love Amelia
 - Home Group Service
 - National Building Society – Support to Young People
 - Kooth Service
 - North Youth Offer
 - Southwick Village Green Preservation Society
 - Crowdfund Sunderland
 - Networking and Information Share Opportunities
- 3.3 Regular funding bulletins are provided to the Network to ensure VCS organisations are kept informed of funding opportunities available.

- 3.4 A collaboration of North Area VCS groups came together to submit an application to Community Resilience for Targeted Covid Community Champions Project. This application was successful and the partnership is working well ensuring those important Covid messages are reaching residents from the North Area.
- 3.5 Organisations from across the Network are beginning to deliver more of their much needed services as restrictions change. Activity programmes continue to look very different to ensure organisations are working within government guidelines to keep everyone safe by respecting social distancing and implementing rigorous hygiene procedures.
- 3.6 Following significant consultation with the Area Voluntary and Community Sector Networks, a Sunderland VCS Alliance has been formed to support a strong, vibrant, and accessible VCS which both influences and supports delivery of key services in the city. The Alliance is sector-led through the five Area VCS Networks and financially supported by Sunderland City Council, Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group and Gentoo, alongside external funding secured via the ESIF Community Led Local Development Programme. The Alliance is building upon the importance and strengths of area-based VCS structures and networks, increasing capacity in the sector wherever possible, to support the delivery of the ambitions of the Sunderland City Plan, Neighbourhood Investment Plans, Sunderland Community Wealth Building Strategy and the Community Led Local Development Strategy.

The VCS across Sunderland have worked tirelessly for decades and particularly throughout the pandemic, the VCS Alliance is committed to working hard to ensure the VCS is supported and strengthened over the coming years, working with other Anchor Institutions across the city.

The strategic aim of the Alliance is to develop a VCS Strategy and Delivery plan which results in significant investment for the sector. The Alliance has already worked hard to submit a funding application to the UK Community Renewal Fund, growing volunteering and work placement opportunities across the sector.

The Alliance will ensure the VCS has a strategic voice in the city to inform the design, implementation and delivery of services including commissioning opportunities of those partner organisations to support delivery of the City Plan, Neighbourhood Investment Plans and Community Wealth building Priorities.

The Sunderland VCS Alliance website can be located here: [Sunderland Voluntary Sector Alliance - Sunderland City Council](#) where you can read the VCS Alliance Delivery Plan, minutes of meetings, meet the team and access information, advice and resources.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested

- To note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the North VCSN.

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Current Planning Applications(North)

Between 01/10/2021 and 30/11/2021

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/02324/VAR	Land South Of Keighley AvenueDownhillSunderland	Variation of Conditions 3 and 4 attached to approved planning application 20/01181/FUL due to the result of the findings following additional site investigation. The remediation strategy referred to under condition 3 to be superseded with revised reports.	01/10/2021	31/12/2021
21/02315/FUL	69 Cairns RoadSunderlandSR5 1QS	Erection of a two storey extension to side with single storey extensions to front and rear and loft conversion.	01/10/2021	26/11/2021
21/02331/FUL	3 Newbridge AvenueSunderlandSR5 1LD	Erection of single storey side extension	04/10/2021	29/11/2021
21/02184/FUL	Land To Rear Of88 Rotherfield RoadSunderlandSR5 5DE	Erection of new fence	05/10/2021	30/11/2021
21/02375/VAR	8 Whitburn Bents RoadSunderlandSR6 8AD	Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of approved application 20/00465/SUB to keep existing drive access points over the highway	07/10/2021	02/12/2021

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/01615/FUL	Tennon House Ferryboat LaneSunderlandSR5 3JN	Change of use of ground and first floor from offices (Use Class E) to storage and distribution (Use Class B8)	07/10/2021	02/12/2021
21/02387/FUL	51 Mansfield CrescentRokerSunderlandSR6 9LH	Erection of replacement garage and driveway and relocation of entrance/drive access onto Mansfield Crescent.	11/10/2021	06/12/2021
21/02346/DEM	Former Builders Yard And Office7 & 8 Easington StreetSheepfoldsSunderland	Demolition of former builder's yard and office.	12/10/2021	09/11/2021
21/02318/FUL	85 Staveley RoadSunderlandSR6 8LB	Erection of a two storey extension to side with single storey extensions to front and rear	12/10/2021	07/12/2021
21/02415/VAR	Unit 1 And Unit 2 (Former Wickes/Dallas Carpets)Thomsen Retail ParkCastellian RoadSunderlandSR5 3NU	Removal of Condition 10 (Sale of Non-food items only) attached to planning application reference: 93/1543, in order to permit the use of the premises for Class E(a) retail use (including food) and Class E(d) Indoor sport, recreation or fitness.	14/10/2021	13/01/2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/02411/SUB	4 Roker TerraceSunderlandSR6 9NB	Change of use from dwellinghouse to supported accommodation for mothers and their children (aged 0-5) for no more than 4 mothers and their children, with associated alterations; removal of existing flat roof dormer to front elevation and erection of 2no bay windows within front roof slope, new full width dormer window to rear with Juliet balcony, replacement double glazing throughout, insertion of new doors to ground floor front bay window, replacement of existing pebble dash finish to walls with new, flat, white render finish, repainting and refurbishment (part retrospective).	14/10/2021	09/12/2021
21/02407/FUL	3 Middleham CourtSunderlandSR5 5HQ	Erection of a single storey rear extension	14/10/2021	09/12/2021
21/02441/FUL	11 Normanby CourtSunderlandSR6 0RE	Erection of a single storey rear extension including french doors and juliet balcony to rear first floor.	18/10/2021	13/12/2021
21/02442/ADV	Bristol Street Motors1 SilverbriarSunderland Enterprise ParkSunderlandSR5 2TB	Installation of 3no. non illuminated flag signs	19/10/2021	14/12/2021

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/02446/FUL	21 Rosedale AvenueSunderlandSR6 8BD	Erection of a two storey side extension and single storey extension to front and rear.	19/10/2021	14/12/2021
21/02455/FUL	206 Roker AvenueSunderlandSR6 0BN	Change of use from a car dealership (sui generis) to retail use (Class E).	19/10/2021	14/12/2021
21/02461/FUL	84 Castle ViewCastletownSunderlandSR5 3AL	Change of use of part ground floor to 1.no self contained flat	21/10/2021	16/12/2021
21/02476/FUL	33 Kildare SquareSunderlandSR5 4AZ	Erection of a 2no. bed bungalow to side of existing dwelling including 1no. parking space	22/10/2021	17/12/2021
21/02431/FUL	2 Eskdale RoadSunderlandSR6 8AN	Conversion of existing garage into ensuite/ utility room and external window and door alterations including addition of french doors to side and rear elevations.	22/10/2021	17/12/2021
21/02470/FUL	10 Retford SquareSunderlandSR5 5ND	Erection of single storey side extension to create granny flat.	22/10/2021	17/12/2021
21/02525/FUL	7 Pauline AvenueSunderlandSR6 9JN	Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension	28/10/2021	23/12/2021

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/02526/FUL	99 Sidecliff RoadSunderlandSR6 9JR	Erection of a single storey extension to rear	28/10/2021	23/12/2021
21/02404/FUL	3 Crofters WaySunderland	Erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of garage to habitable room	28/10/2021	23/12/2021
21/02542/ADV	Castellian RoadSunderlandSR5 3NV	Erection of 1no. externally illuminated, V-shaped freestanding totem sign.	29/10/2021	24/12/2021
21/02588/FUL	10 Whitburn TerraceSunderlandSR6 8JB	Erection of a single storey rear extension	04/11/2021	30/12/2021
21/02590/LB3	Former Builders Yard And Office7 & 8 Easington StreetMonkwearmouthSunderland SR5 1BA	Demolition of the southern and northern gable walls of redundant former builder's yard and office.	04/11/2021	30/12/2021
21/02483/FUL	165 Fulwell RoadFulwellSunderlandSR6 9JQ	Creation of access onto a classified road.	04/11/2021	30/12/2021
21/02401/FUL	7 Newbridge AvenueSunderlandSR5 1LD	Demolition of existing detached garage. Erection of two storey side extension with single storey extension to rear	04/11/2021	30/12/2021

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/02599/FUL	29 Dykelands Road Sunderland SR6 8EW	Erection of a single storey rear extension	08/11/2021	03/01/2022
21/02471/FUL	6 Troutbeck Road Sunderland SR6 8LA	Erection of two storey extension to side/ rear and single storey extensions to front and rear.	10/11/2021	05/01/2022
21/02676/OU4	Land North Of Emsworth Road Carley Hill Sunderland	Outline application for residential development - Class C3 - Up to 110 Units (All Matters Reserved)	12/11/2021	11/02/2022
21/02665/FUL	1 Ryedale Sunderland SR6 8AQ	Erection of a single storey extension to rear	12/11/2021	07/01/2022
21/02689/SUB	2 Grange Park Avenue Sunderland SR5 1NS	Conversion of existing garage to utility / storage area and erection of a single storey extension to rear	13/11/2021	08/01/2022
21/02686/FUL	Vincent House Eskdale Road Sunderland SR6 8AN	Erection of two storey side extensions including dormer windows to front and rear.	15/11/2021	10/01/2022
21/02679/FU4	Land North Of Emsworth Road Sunderland	Erection of 115no residential dwellings (Class C3).	15/11/2021	14/02/2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
21/02390/FUL	9 Blanchland Drive Sunderland SR5 1PT	Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension.	16/11/2021	11/01/2022
21/02723/FUL	33 Prince George Avenue Sunderland SR6 9AG	Erection of a single storey extension to front and rear	19/11/2021	14/01/2022
21/02652/FUL	21 Gloucester Avenue Sunderland SR6 9ED	Erection of a single storey rear extension	22/11/2021	17/01/2022
21/02521/FUL	40 Lingdale Avenue South Bents Sunderland SR6 8AZ	Erection of new boundary fence	23/11/2021	18/01/2022
21/02749/LB4	Seaburn Tram Shelter Whitburn Road Seaburn SR6 9NS	Removal of internal partitions and seating, restoration of roof and cast-iron pillars; erection of glazed timber panels to enclose the building and various other works to enable the conversion to a cafe.	24/11/2021	19/01/2022