

## WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

**Wednesday 21 September 2022 at 5:30pm**

**Council Chamber, City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland SR1 3AA**

### Membership

Cllrs P Gibson (Chair), Haswell, (Vice Chair), Ayre, Burnicle, Crosby, Dunn, Edgeworth, Greener, Mann, Mc Donough, Mullen, Nicholson, O'Brien, Peacock, G. Smith, P. Smith, Tye and Watson.

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**13 September 2022**

**At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, on WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE 2021 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors, Ayre, Burnicle, Crosby, Dunn, Greener, Haswell, Mann, McDonough, Mullen, Nicholson, Peacock, G. Smith, P. Smith, Tye and Watson.

**Also Present:-**

Kelly Brougham	VCS Network Representative, Active Families N.E.
Victoria Gamblin	Head of Operations, Gentoo
Sarah Lattaway	Sunderland VCS Alliance Community Support Worker
Andy Nelson	Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Karen Noble	VCS Network Representative, Pallion Action Group
David Noon	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Helen Peverley	Area Arrangements Strategic Manager, Sunderland City Council
Gilly Stanley	Area Community Development Lead, Sunderland City Council
Jon Ritchie	Executive Director of Corporate Services, Sunderland City Council
Gemma Robinson	Sgt. Northumbria Police

Representatives from the West Area Youth Providers and the Sunderland All Together Consortium.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Edgeworth and O'Brien.

**Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Tye declared an interest in Item 4 on the agenda (West Sunderland Area Committee Budget Report) as Chairman of Youth Almighty and left the meeting at the appropriate point taking no part in any discussion or decision thereon.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023**

Councillor Haswell, Chair of the West Area Neighbourhoods and Community Board, presented the report (copy circulated) which:-

- i) Presented an annual performance update on the West Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023
- ii) Provided an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan which would be the focus for the West Sunderland Area Committee during 2022 /23 and;
- iii) Provided an update on the Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2022 /23

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chairman thanked Councillor Haswell for his report and it was:-

### **2. RESOLVED that:-**

- i) the progress and performance update with regard to the West Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020/23 be noted,
- ii) approval be given to the proposals for the future delivery as contained within Annex 1 of the report.
- iii) Area Committee Governance arrangements for 2022-2023 outlined in Section 3 and Item 2 Annex 2 be noted
- iv) the Year in Numbers outlined in Section 4 and Annex 3 be noted
- v) the Communications Plan outlined in Section 4 and Annex 4 be noted

## **Report of the West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network**

The Network submitted a progress report (copy circulated) which briefed members on issues pertinent to the Committee and the Voluntary and Community Sector.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Consideration was given to the report presented by Kelly Brougham which highlighted the following VCS Network activity undertaken since its last report to the Committee:-

- i) The receipt of the following presentations from:-
  - Cultural Spring on the Stephenson Trail
  - Actives Families on the Wellbean Machine
  - Sunderland City Council on the Weed Killing pilot,
  - Youth Almighty on the Barnes Park West Area Event,
  - Sunderland City Council on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund:

- ii) The work of the West Area Neighbourhood and Community Board in partnership with a variety of organisations including Sunderland VS Alliance to review opportunities to utilise existing and vacant community buildings and assets to support the creation of cultural hubs, leisure activities and safe places to bring the community together.
- iii) the 'Connectedness' event designed by Sunderland Wellbeing Network which was held at Silksworth Youth and Community Centre in April.
- iv) the work of the West Area organisations in continuing to distribute Round 2 of the Sunderland City Council Household Support.
- v) the ongoing work of the West Area partner organisations to address holiday hunger in the West Area.
- vi) the election of Karen Noble of Pallion Action Group as the new West VCS rep following the decision of Bill Leach to step down. (The Committee paid tribute to Bill for all the hard work he had done on its behalf over the years and welcomed Karen to the meeting).
- vii) the attendance of Joanne Laverick at various Strategic and operational meetings with the VCS Alliance.

The Committee then received an update from the representatives of the West Area Youth Providers and the Sunderland All Together Consortium on the West Area Youth Activities and West ASB project which brought to life and placed in context the work being commissioned by the Committee through the West Sunderland Neighbourhood and Community Board.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor P. Smith regarding what would be his next priority if money was not an issue, Kevin Howard of Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub advised that it would be to appoint more staff. There were currently only 2 members of staff available in respect of ASB activities and if one was unable to make it, the evening would have to be cancelled. He would also like to prioritise an upgrade to the building to provide improved kitchen and storage facilities.

Councillor Haswell placed on record his appreciation for the fantastic job being undertaken in the community by Lambton Street and Mr Howard replied that he would pass this on to everyone at the Centre.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor McDonough regarding whether the Council provided funding for training for the VCS in respect of bid writing etc, Sarah Lattaway explained that the VCS Alliance was currently looking to identify any gaps in respect of community organisation needs. It was in a constant dialogue and provided workshops in respect of community intelligence, bid writing and funding opportunities.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor McDonough as to whether there was anything the Committee could do to contribute, Gilly Stanley advised that the Task and Finish Group had discussed undertaking a review of Community needs. This was ongoing and each VCS organisation was being contacted regarding the services they provided to help identify any gaps. This intelligence would enable informed decisions to

be made. The results of the review would be presented to the Area Committee Board shortly in the form of a number of 'Asks'

Councillor McDonough stated that he was aware of a number of free bid writing courses to which the VCS could be signposted. Councillor Burnicle concurred stating that he had benefitted massively from the free bid writing courses. In addition, Councillor Burnicle praised the work that Mr Howard had undertaken as a boxing coach at Lambton Street and the enormously positive impact it had made to so many people's lives.

Councillor Tye advised that Sunderland had been highlighted by the Government for the work being done in pulling the community together and was 1 of 46 Local Authorities invited to bid for investment from the Government's Community Ownership Fund. It was an opportunity not to be missed and was something that the Committee members could all support.

Councillor Mann welcomed the update provided by Lisa regarding the work carried out by Pennywell Youth Project. In particular she welcomed the work undertaken with the enforcement officers and the Jubilee celebrations. She knew the amount of work the team put in and believed they were really raising the bar.

Councillors McDonough and P. Smith welcomed the update provided by Sophie Clinton in respect of the Youth Activities and measures to reduce antisocial behaviour carried out by Youth Almighty. Councillor McDonough highlighted the great work undertaken by Youth Almighty in Herrington and Farringdon in respect of ASB and urged the Police to liaise with the team in this regard. Councillor Smith praised the work carried out by Youth Almighty and in particular the efforts of Joanne Laverick, Phil Tye and Sophie who had striven for years to keep a lid on ASB.

In response to an update from Ruth Walker in respect of activities in the Sandhill Ward, Councillor Tye stated that Sandhill was now probably the biggest issue in terms of Youth Activities given the demise of the A690 project which had left a massive gap to fill.

In conclusion Sophie Clinton briefed the Committee on the preparations for the West Area Event to be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

There being no further questions or comments for Ms Brougham, the Chairman thanked her for her report, and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

### **Report of Gentoo**

Victoria Gamblin, Head of Operations, Gentoo Group presented a report, (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities for the period March to June 2022 together with a summary of the annual performance of Gentoo's Neighbourhood Services for 2021/22.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chairman thanked Ms Gamblin for her report and invited questions and comments from the Committee.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Mann, Ms Gamblin advised that following the pandemic, the ban on evictions had been lifted in October, 2021. There had been a number of evictions but nothing that was alarming. Councillor Mann welcomed the help that had been provided to families by Gentoo's Money Matters team.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Crosby regarding the Gartland Road consultation, Ms Gamblin advised that she understood that Councillor O'Brien was going to contact the Havelock Road office to arrange a walkabout. With regard to a request from Councillor Crosby for an update on the storm damage repairs, Ms Gamblin advised that 2,000 repairs (mainly fencing) were outstanding across the city, and these were being done on an area basis.

In response to enquiries from Councillor McDonough, Ms Gamblin replied that she had no update as yet with regard to Australia Tower and she would check the position regarding the Lakeside boiler replacement and get back.

With regard to an enquiry from Councillor Mullen regarding the ownership issue in respect of the land in Barnes behind the Springwell Health Centre, Ms Gamblin advised that she would contact the Operations Manager on his behalf.

Councillor Burnicle referred to paragraph 3.1 of the report and asked if the figure of £50,000 in respect of the crisis fund related to the West Area or the City as a whole and how were people able to access it? Ms Gamblin confirmed that it was the city wide figure and that £5,000 had been allocated since April. Applications to the fund could be made by ringing the Gentoo Money Matters Team. Karen Noble also drew Councillor Burnicle's attention to paragraph 3.4 of the VCS report regarding the distribution of Round 2 of the Council's Household Support Funding.

Councillor P. Smith congratulated Ms Gamblin on the new build properties at Bellman Green stating it was the perfect fit for that plot of land.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman thanked Ms Gamblin for her attendance and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

### **Report of Northumbria Police**

A report by Inspector Baker of the Northumbria Police Force (copy circulated) was submitted which provided the Committee with an update on and key performance information in relation to the Sunderland West area for the period March to May 2022

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chairman thanked Sgt Robinson for presenting the report and invited questions from the Committee.

Councillor Mullen referred to the lack of mention of drug related crime in the report as he was aware of 3 cannabis farms having been shut down during the time period. He also stated that when people reported crime, they did not get a response which had the effect of discouraging future reporting. In conclusion he stated that residents had never seen the new PCSO in comparison to the daily visits to the area that were undertaken previously. In reply the meeting was advised that the PCSOs did patrol the area and did so on foot. In terms of crime reporting nothing was ignored. Anything reported was investigated and collated for intelligence purposes.

Councillor Peacock stated that he had been informed by residents that they were not going to bother reporting crime anymore as it seemed that no action was taken, and they never received a response. He advised that of greatest concern to most residents was the extent of motorcycle ASB particular in the St George's Playing Field Area. People locally knew who the perpetrators were and there was a fear that there would be a fatality if it was not tackled. There was also the fear that people may retaliate out of frustration. It had got to a point where the perpetrators were openly challenging the Police and 'rubbing their faces in it' on social media.

Ms Robinson advised that if you ring in to report a crime there would not be a response back unless the crime was personal to you. It was Northumbria Police policy not to chase motorcyclists engaging in ASB because of the risk it posed to both the perpetrators and the wider public. The issue was also frustrating for the Police, but they needed the public to continue to report the problem. Councillor McDonough referred to the no chase policy and advised that the Durham Constabulary had its own off-road unit who were authorised to chase offenders and perhaps it was time that a similar unit was employed by Northumbria Police. In response to an enquiry from Councillor Ayre as to whether the problem was worsening, the Committee was advised that it remained pretty much the same but that was not good. The Police tried to gather photographic evidence of the bikes and the riders concerned but generally the riders wore balaclavas which made this difficult. Councillor Ayre also asked if there were any facilities locally, where motorcyclists could go to drive off road legally and safely as he was aware there was one in Stanley. Jon Ritchie advised that Sunderland, Gateshead and South Tyneside Councils were looking to provide such a facility and were currently working to identify a suitable site.

Councillor Haswell advised that there had been a fatality in Ford as a result of off-road motorcycling. He acknowledged the frustrations of the Police and asked if staff surveys could be used to highlight the issue to policy makers at the Force. The Committee was informed that this could be fed into staff surveys. The issue centred on the risk of injury not only to the Police and perpetrators but also to innocent people unrelated to the offence if the Police engaged in a chase. The issue was frustrating and there had to be a better solution however there was not one to hand as yet.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor P. Smith, regarding the ASB centred on the former Farringdon Hall Police Station, Ms Robinson advised that the Police worked jointly with the Fire Service, visiting schools to warn of the dangers. The parents of the young people concerned were also spoken to however the message didn't seem to be getting through.

Councillor P. Smith stated that she missed the Police presence on the streets in Silksworth. There were rising levels of ASB and drug crime in the area and increasing



problems with money lenders. She worried that the problems would only worsen with the coming of the dark nights.

Councillor G. Smith stated that the 111 system must be short of call handlers as it was impossible to get through. He added that he also felt that the presence of the PCSOs was less visible. Ms Robinson replied that the 111 operators answered calls as quickly as possible and that her PCSOs were currently out on patrol this evening. Patrols would not always be on foot and there were occasions when they would need to use cars.

Councillor Burnicle referred to a section of Chester Road near Chester Gate where the speed limit had recently been reduced to 30mph however traffic continued to speed past at 60mph plus. He advised that he had asked the Highways team to install 30 signs on the approach, but they had replied they were unable to do so for legal reasons. Ms Robinson advised that Northumbria Police operated a 'speed watch team' and she would bring the issue to their attention.

Councillor Mann referred to the format of the report included with the agenda papers and expressed concern that it was flimsy, lacking in detail and requested that future reports were much more comprehensive. Councillor Crosby concurred stating that the report was lacking in specifics. Mr Ritchie suggested that perhaps the Police could use the report the Force submitted to the East Area Committee as a template as it was generally fairly informative. Ms Robinson replied that she would take the comments back to the report author.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman thanked Sgt. Robinson for her attendance and it was:-

5. RESOLVED the report be received and noted.

### **Report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service**

Station Manager Andy Nelson presented a report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on the Service's performance indicators for the period 1st April, 2022 to 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 with particular reference to the L133 Incidents (all deliberate fires).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chairman thanked Mr Nelson for his report and invited questions from Members

Councillor Burnicle referred to the ongoing issues of ASB centred on the old Farringdon Hall Police station and asked if it was possible to get a temporary CCTV camera at the site or that pressure could be brought to bear on the building's owners to pay for security. Mr Ritchie advised that a review of current fixed camera provision was currently underway, and he would feed this request in. Councillor Tye advised that the owners of the building had now been served with a Community Protection Notice warning and that failure to comply with its requirements could ultimately result in a term of up to 5 years imprisonment.

Councillor Peacock highlighted a video posted on social media of an arson attack on play equipment in King George's Park and the work of the fire service being impeded by young people running around while they were trying to tackle the fire. He also advised that similar attacks had been made on South Hylton Play Park and suggested that perhaps they should be priority areas for the attention of enforcement officers.

In response to a further enquiry from Councillor Peacock as to whether the number of vehicle fires were the result of electrical faults or arson, Mr Nelson advised that he did not have that information to hand but suspected that it would be down to arson.

Councillor Mann paid tribute to the outstanding work being undertaken by the Fire and Rescue Service in trying times particularly in relation to the horrifying attacks they had recently been subjected to while carrying out their duties.

There being no further questions or comments it was:-

6. RESOLVED the report be received and noted

### **West Area Budget Report**

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Gilly Stanley Area Community Development Lead, presented the report highlighting the Committee's financial statement, details of projects approved under delegated powers for support from the 2021/22 and 2022/23 Community Chest budgets, together with details of proposals for the allocation of funds from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement as detailed in paragraphs 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be received and noted;
- (ii) Approval be given to the granting of NF funding of £4,955 to — Barnes ward- Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre in respect of Holiday Activities as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report
- (iii) Approval be given to the granting of NF funding of £4,999 to — St Anne's ward- Pennywell Community Centre in respect of Holiday activities as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report
- (iv) Approval be given to the granting of NF funding of £4,960 to – Holiday activities – Pallion ward- Lambton Street Youth and Community Centre in respect of Holiday activities as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report

- (v) Approval be given to the granting of NF funding of £4,955 to – Silksworth ward- Youth Almighty Project in respect of Holiday activities as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report
- (vi) Approval be given to the granting of NF funding of £5,000 to – Sandhill ward- Community Opportunities in respect of Holiday activities as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report
- (vii) Approval be given to the granting of NF funding of £4,955 to – St Chad's ward- Farrington Youth and Community Centre in respect of Holiday activities as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report
- (viii) Approval be given to the granting of NF funding of £4,955 to – Barnes ward- Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre in respect of Holiday activities as detailed in Item 4 Annex 1 of the report
- (ix) Approval be given to the granting of NF funding of £120,000 (20k per ward) - Walk and Talk – Ward improvements as detailed in Item4 Annex1
- (x) the approval of the Community Chest applications from the 2021/22 budget as detailed in Annex 2 of the report be noted; and
- (xi) the approval of the Community Chest applications from the 2022/23 budget as detailed in Annex 3 of the report be noted.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

(Signed) P. GIBSON,  
Chairman.

## **REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE**

### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Sunderland West area between the following 8-week period (July 2022 – 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2022)

### **2.0 Key Updates**

#### **Overall crime Update**

Crime: 8-week period to 03-09-22

Crime numbers are on a par with 2020 and 2021 figures which is a fair position to be in as Covid-19 had a big impact on crime reporting. The most significant crimes are crimes against a person with no injury and then criminal damage. The area with the most crimes recorded is the Hylton Lane Estate and King George Playing Fields areas and then Ford Estate. The most recorded crimes are vehicle crime, damage, crimes against a person with no injury and public order.

It should be noted that the number of recorded crimes is low when compared to other sectors within the City and Area Command. The reality is Sunderland West has the lowest number of recorded crimes for any sector in the command.

#### **Burglary Dwelling.**

Having just reviewed all the Burglary Dwelling crimes, Sunderland West is still performing very well in this crime category. As with other crime categories we are on a par with 2020 and 2021 figures and as such this sector does not flag as an area command hot spot for burglary offences.

There is a re-emerging issue in relation to garage burglaries mainly in our Sunderland South area (mostly in the East area committee area) however it is not entirely confined to that sector. The target of these offences has been pedal cycles/scooters/mopeds. There is a great deal of work on going in relation to these offenses and suspects.

#### **Burglary Commercial**

Again, very low number of offences compared to other sectors. Most of the reports are within the St Anne's and Pallion wards but as discussed, the low number does not result in the sector becoming a hot spot.

#### **Vehicle crime**

Vehicle crime is showing an increase on previous years and is a focus for the team at present. Again, the sector does not flag as an area command hot spot due to relatively low numbers however it a priority for the team as it also impacts on anti-social behaviour performance. The team with partners has several operations underway and have made several arrests with more to follow.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour**

ASB: 8-week period to 03-09-22

Main calls were concerns for safety; 315 ASB incidents, 225 of them were in the area to the North of Durham Road. Most of the disorder is around inconsiderate behaviour/rowdy behaviour then neighbour disputes, then under 18 related disorders, then motorcycle disorder. The most ASB occurred in, King George Playing Fields, Hylton Lane Estate and Springwell.

We are currently tracking at similar reporting levels to 2021 and are below 2020 figures which is where I would expect us to be. The team are working on our Autumn operations and will be focusing on our hotspots. We have several city-wide initiatives on going now which I am heavily involved in along with several varied partners.

The autumn plan will focus on King George playing fields and the surrounding area and motorcycle/pedal cycle ASB and theft.

### **Lighter nights Campaign update**

The lighter Nights campaign worked very well, with some excellent partnership work between Police, Fire service, environmental services, Local authority and Gentoo which has seen a big reduction in the main hot spot of North Moor Lane.

**REPORT AUTHOR Inspector 7011 Baker**

21 September 2022

## REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE

### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for Sunderland West Committee area from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

### 2 Background

- 2.1 At its November 2011 meeting Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

### 3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

#### 3.1 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

#### 3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires excluding Primary road vehicles

There were 7 deliberate property fires, compared to 4 in the same period as last year. Sandhill ward had 3 of the 7 incidents. 2 of which were dwelling fires and 1 outdoor storage unit. The continued partnership working with Northumbria Police, Gentoo, Sunderland city council and departments within have continued to work collaboratively to reduce these incidents. Both ops crews and prevention and education department have carried out hot strikes and ran localised initiatives in conjunction with local intelligence from LMAPS.

The continued partnership work carried out to tackle the rise in incidents at the former police station has produced positive results. Site security has been key to help alleviate some of problems posed to crews. The site is still a concern as the measures put in place may only deter for so long. The only way for this area to be removed from services radar is the regeneration of the site. To assist in reducing the number of deliberate property fires, crews continue to patrol and report unsecure premises in conjunction with ASB reporting, the crews also utilise the Report-It tool.

#### 3.3 LI15 Number of primary road vehicle fires started deliberately

There were 24 incidents reported during this period compared to last year when there were 9. An increase of 166%. Barnes and Pallion had 5 vehicle fires respectively over this period. 3 incidents in Pallion were in close proximity (Santorin close, Fletcher Close, Felixstowe Road). It is believed that they were not connected in any way, however TWFRS continue to work with Northumbria Police regarding this matter and shall continue to monitor.

#### 3.4 LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately

There have been 461 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 147 over the same period last year. This is an increase of 213% over the same reporting period. Pandemic lock downs during some of the reporting periods last year played a part in these figures. Some problematic areas have been Silksworth Ward

- 148 incidents. In particular the grassed area close to Primate Road, Dr's surgery and former police station site. Since site security improvements the incidents have migrated to around the lake and the area between Perth Road and Silksworth Lane. St Anne's ward 87 incidents - areas such as rear of Palgrove Road and Hollinside Square. Predominantly grass or loose refuse fires. Sandhill ward – 65 incidents, the areas of Tay road and Thorney close. Continued partner working with local authority, Gentoo, environmental services and Northumbria police. Increased patrols, Joint social media targeting and messaging. Community engagement work with youths has been carried out by crews both following incidents and during patrols. Partner agencies providing opportunities during the school holidays have been supported by crews. Education and fire safety messaging has been given on all opportunities to engage.

### **3.5 LI33 All deliberate Fires (combination of LI14, LI15 and LI16)**

There were a total of 183 deliberate fires in this reporting period. An increase of 266% on last Year. This is due to an increase in predominantly ASB activity. The remarkably hot dry weather during this period has had notable increase on the number of grass fires. Grass fires and loose refuse/rubbish incidents were particularly problematic across all wards. The period prior to improved security of the former police station, Primate Road have taken up a large amount of time of fire service and partner resources and significantly impacted on figures.

Vehicle fire incidents having decreased in quarter one have now increased (more than doubling on the rolling quarters figures. This will be monitored by ourselves and partner agencies. TWFRS are working with Sunderland city council environmental department, Gentoo to tackle loose refuse fires across all areas. Fire crews continue to monitor and report uplifts in the "hot spot areas" the Report-It tool has gone live across the service which is assisting with a faster more stream lined collaborative mechanism. Partnership work (Northumbria police) carrying out targeted patrols and estate visits continues alongside engagement work. Any information regards any type of deliberate fire setting should be reported via the anonymous fire stoppers number.

### **3.6 Community Involvement**

Throughout the schools summer holidays crews attended several events put on by local community groups and partner agencies across the area. The events attended was an opportunity to build good local community rapport with some of the youths in the area and to gather information so crews could arrange safe and well appointments.

Barnes Park community days had fire service representation over the 3 day event. Community education and safety information was delivered alongside our chip pan demonstration unit in conjunction with partner agencies. Educating hundreds of children from several local schools from the west area across the 2 days. The family day (Saturday) had an appliance and crew attend to engage and educate all ages throughout the day.

Plans in place to have chip pan demonstration unit and a prevention team attend the Saturday too, next year.

Our home Safe and well delivery. Targeting our most vulnerable members of our community. Operational crews from Farrington continue to provide this service and have delivered 532 safe and wells visits across all wards.

Planning and preparation for our darker night's campaign is underway. With a series of multiagency meetings due to take place to ensure a joined up approach. All schools in hot spot areas will be initially targeted in the build up to bonfire night with some locations having joint police and fire visits enforcing key ASB and fire safety messages.

The Princes Trust based at Farringdon Community Fire Station is now working to recruit for their 3<sup>rd</sup> cohort of young people this year. Following partner support and attendance alongside our whole time fire crew recruitment campaign we currently have 8 young people from various backgrounds provisionally booked on the programme due to be commence later this month.

The services recruitment campaign will begin again on the return of the schools and colleges, branching out to underrepresented members of the community to enable further representation from underrepresented groups within the fire service. The latest recruit's course started on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept and will finish in December.

### 3.7 On-going Issues

Collaboration with Northumbria police and local authority partner's continues to reduce incidents as highlighted in the report. It is essential that any fire related issues are reported to myself, (Andrew Nelson, Station Manager) or using Fire Stoppers 0800 169 5558, so I can action/address with my crews. My watches continue to work close within their respective ward areas to create community links (similar to the Police). The watches continue to deliver ASB initiatives – uplifts, premises security, and educational interaction.

The educational and engagement activities are key to reduce ASB and prevent attacks on emergency services. Over this reporting period there were 26 attacks on crews across Tyne and Wear. Predominantly these incidents were projectiles thrown towards firefighters and or appliances.

Any questions please feel free to contact on the details below.

## 4. Recommendations

### 4.1 Note the content of this report.

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21 September 2022

## REPORT OF GENTOO

### **1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the West Area Committee from July to September 2022.

### **2 Background**

- 2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be presented to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up to date on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

### **3 Update on Neighbourhood Services**

- 3.1 On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August the Neighbourhood staff from the Havelock Office and Athenaeum office moved into City Hall. Please be reassured that our service offer to tenants has not changed and Neighbourhood Coordinators will still be on the estates daily and tenants can request home appointments if required.
- 3.2 You should all have had emails from the Neighbourhood Coordinators with their contact information and invitations to their next quarterly multi agency Estate Inspections and would really welcome your input and attendance on these.
- 3.3 At last committee we shared with you that further work was required in allocating our properties more efficiently and I am pleased to confirm that steady progress has been made with this and our void property numbers continue to decrease on a weekly basis.
- 3.4 Peabody Report, following the publication of the death of a Peabody Housing association tenant whose body lay undiscovered for such a long period of time, Gentoo undertook a piece of work to look into the 'lessons learned' from Peabody's failures to identify concerns for this tenant earlier. Due to our processes in relation to gas safety, income collection and property inspections we are confident that such a landlord failure would not happen in one of our tenancies.
- 3.5 We have placed further staffing resource into the local teams to support our tenants who maybe struggling with the cost of living. The staff are primarily supporting customers with budgeting those on Universal Credit / low incomes and referring tenants on to a number of support agencies such as the Green Doctors, they are energy efficiency experts who identify waste that costs people money, in turn making homes cheaper to heat and reducing the amount of electricity or gas that tenants use. They also look at support from Northumbria Water for their water bills, and benefit maximisation.
- 3.6 Gentoo have entered into an agreement with other Housing providers called 'The Bread & Butter Thing'. The Bread-and-Butter Thing (TBBT) is a charity that makes life more affordable for people on a low income. Their mission is to create a fair solution for people in poverty and their long-term aim is to address the premiums that people in poverty pay for food, loans, energy and other everyday essentials, simply because of their personal circumstances. It works by collecting surplus food and staple goods that often end up going to waste from supermarkets, factories, and farms and distribute them at a discount price through community hubs, our first area in the City to be able to access this will be Pennywell. For just £7.50, shopping bags can be filled with an average of £35 worth of items made up of quality,

nutritious food. Each week tenants can access three bags of produce, including fresh fruit and vegetables, chilled goods, as well as cupboard staples such as pasta and cereal.

- 3.7 An initial discussion has been held between staff from Gentoo, the Council and Voluntary Sector Alliance to look at approaches to social value to see how we can work together to maximise the impact of any investment to meet the needs of our communities. An example of this is Gentoo's multi £million contract to deliver a whole house approach to refurbish our stock, soon to commence in Pennywell. Initial discussions have taken place with community organisations and schools in the area to find out what projects/services they are currently delivering and how social investment could help them sustain or develop new opportunities to tackle local issues. This information is being discussed with the contractors appointed to deliver the programme of work and together we are developing and agreeing a list of interventions to address some of these local needs. Projects/services identified to date which will make a positive difference include crisis intervention relating to food and fuel poverty, food and cooking initiatives also linked to developing community allotments, projects to tackle young peoples' mental health issues, raising aspirations of young people, employment and training opportunities. Our contractors are also very keen to offer volunteering opportunities for their staff to get involved in campaigns and "team challenge" type activities. We are able to monitor the activities and projects the contractors support via TOMs Social Value portal which will also provide the social value generated via this investment.

#### **4. Investment & Renewal**

- 4.1 Thorney Close windows scheme is up and running with Anglian being the provider, no concerns or complaints from tenants who are benefitting from the upgrade to their homes.
- 4.2 Re-Gen are the contractor working on the Pennywell Regeneration scheme and have set up an office in the Pennywell Community Centre. There is a Community Event planned for the 12th of September where tenants will be able to see samples of various materials and finishes including:
- Bricks for Hylton Road
  - Fence panel and concrete post
  - Gate to be used
  - Render
  - Grey roof tile to go with rustic red – also with verge trims (grey for both tiles)
  - Bonding gutter – to show any privates – if the above is to be done on rafters, this could join the two colours to show how it will be between a Gentoo property and a private household
  - Flat roof material
  - A canopy
  - Sample window
  - Painted fence board in chosen colour
  - Painted concrete lintel in chosen colour

Start date for the contract is still October 2023.

- 4.3 Lumsden Wood Partnership are the contractors who have started works to Lakeside towers carrying out external wall surveys. These works are part of the requirements of the Building Safety Act, so we can obtain further details about the fabric of the building. Each tower will be surveyed over the next couple of months.
- 4.4 We are in the process of appointing a contractor to carry out the roofing repairs to Australia Tower, which was damaged during Storm Arwen. To ensure value for money, we have had

to get quotes from several contractors, which has caused a delay in the works starting. Once we have a contractor and a start date confirmed, we will communicate this to yourselves and the residents.

## **5. Recommendations**

### **5.1 Note the content of this report.**

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21 September 2022

## REPORT OF WEST AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regards to the West 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 are in place 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 West 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 West VCS Network is made up of over 70 local groups, as well as strategic local/national/regional partners. The network meets in the West on a regular basis to share good practice and support one another. The network feeds into a virtual network and feed into and receives weekly updates as part of an information share.

### 3. West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network (AVCSN) Progress Report

- 3.1 Youth Almighty delivered the Barnes Park West Area Event with funding from the West Area Committee. It was held over 3 days with 15 schools attending from the West on the Thursday and Friday which was a total of 694 schoolchildren over the 2 days. The Saturday was attended by an estimated 10,000 people
- 3.2 West Area Organisations have reported an increase in demand in services whilst distributing Round 2 of the Sunderland City Council Household Support Funding. The funding ends in September and the Voluntary and Community Sector are bracing for a peak in demand for household support. It is anticipated that increased cost of living crisis and the DWP announcement around getting people into better paid jobs/more hours will put pressure on the VCS in the winter months to provide support for households.
- 3.3 Sunderland City Council & the West Area Committee have invited organisations to submit applications on a ward basis to deliver a series of environmental projects which will clean up local neighbourhoods and communities. There is also a call out for organisations to submit a bid for a West Area Minibus. Approval of successful grants for both these projects will be announced September 21<sup>st</sup> 2022.
- 3.4 West Area partner organisations started to deliver Holiday activities during the Summer holidays with a variety of West area projects delivering a range of healthy, fun activities alongside snacks and a meal for many young people. Free snow tubing sessions for organisations supported by West Area Committee were offered by Everyone Active as part of previous Area Committee funding. Free trips to Safety works have also been offered by the Safety Works Transport Project.
- 3.5 Network members have been updated regarding the Sunderland VCS Alliance West Community Support Worker securing a new job and leaving the Alliance on 28<sup>th</sup> October. The network would like to thank Sarah for her support and wish her well in her new job.

#### **4. Recommendation**

4.1 Members are requested to note the content of this report.

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21 September 2022

## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WEST SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

### West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

#### 1. Purpose of Report

##### 1.1 This report:-

- a. Provides an annual performance update of the West Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan, which will be the focus for the West Area Committee during 2022-2023.
- c. Provides an update on Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2022 -2023.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the West Area Committee has worked together to finalise their Delivery Plans. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland.

#### 3. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:
- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
  - b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.
- 3.2 The Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans were approved at Cabinet in March 2020.
- 3.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Area Committee Delivery Plans have been developed to enable this to happen.
- 3.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. Neighbourhood and Community Board meetings will be held in July, November, February and April and dates are included in the council diary. If required, the Board may convene a further meeting(s) should there be a business need to do so and essential to ensuring delivery of the Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan. All Committee members are invited to attend all board meetings.
- 3.5 Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committee for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in May 2022.

#### 4. Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023- Areas of Key Action/Progress

- 4.1 The Plan, which includes an introduction from the Chair of the Area Committee, commits to a significant number of priorities, which are being delivered within the West area of Sunderland, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan is monitored by the Area Committee and actions will continue to be addressed up to 2023, via the West Neighbourhood and Community Board.
- 4.2 Residents will be able to review the Area Committee Delivery Plan and monitor delivery of the plan via the Council's website which is available to access at [www.sunderland.gov.uk](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk), as well as through Area Committee update reports. Funding to support delivery of the plan has been allocated and further information can be found at **Item 4 Area Budget Report**
- 4.3 Progress against the Delivery Plan has been reported regularly to Neighbourhood and Community Board and Area Committee. Good news stories and promotion of projects and local information have been posted on the West Sunderland Community facebook page.
- 4.4 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to August 2022.

Priority/Issue	Update
<b>'Love where you live'</b>	<p>Environmental improvements/litter picks and community activities have been delivered across all wards. The steering group met in November and agreed a refreshed action plan for 2022. Work continues across the West with Volunteering opportunities being promoted across the Wards. The Clean and Green team were actively involved in the Great British Spring Clean. Over 90 Volunteers worked with Clean and Green to collect 100 bags of rubbish and fill 4 van loads. The Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed to do a Call for Projects for each ward to ensure a localised approach to Clean and Green across the West.</p> <p>Applications have been received, appraised and consulted on and the Board are making a recommendation to West Area Committee to approve 5 projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean it and Green it Barnes – Community Opportunities £27,000</li> <li>• Silksworth Ranger – Youth Almighty Project £26,995</li> <li>• Clean it and Green it Sandhill- Community Opportunities £27,000</li> <li>• Clean it and Green it St Anne's- Community Opportunities £27,000</li> <li>• St Chad's Ranger – Youth Almighty Project £26,995</li> </ul> <p>The Neighbourhood and Community board are making a recommendation to reject</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean it and Green it Pallion – Community Opportunities £27,000</li> </ul> <p>The Neighbourhood and Community board would like to adapt the Pallion Call for Project brief and readvertise the opportunity in October 2022.</p> <p>Total Neighbourhood Fund recommended for approval £134,990</p>
<b>Social Prescribing and Support to the VCS</b>	<p>Activities and services have continued to be delivered throughout the year using Community Chest and Walk and Talk. Support has continued to be offered to ensure maximum external funding attracted.</p>

	<p>The West Area Neighbourhood and Community Board considered the need for improvement community transport and advertised a Call for Projects for a Community Mini Bus. 2 applications were received, appraised and consulted. One application is recommended by the board for approval. Details in Item 4 Annex 1</p> <p>Consideration for Neighbourhood fund £40,000</p>
<b>Support communities to deliver local events</b>	<p>The event took place 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Over 700 school children attended on the school days with thousands attending on the Saturday. The Neighbourhood and Community Board have invited Youth Almighty to apply for an event for 2023. The application is being considered by West Area Committee in September 2022</p> <p>Funding approved NF £40,000 (for 2022)</p> <p>Neighbourhood Funding consideration for £40,000 for 2023 event</p>
<b>Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be safe together and Support to the VCS</b>	<p>A taking stock survey is currently being completed by the VCS groups across the West, so far 33 groups have responded, information is being collated. A task and finish group will consider these findings and a presentation will be provided to a future Neighbourhood and Community Board. Individual wards are working with groups to identify opportunities to utilise Walk and Talk Funding</p>

## 5. Recommendations - Members are requested to: -

- 5.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within **Annex 1**

Annex 1 West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

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## West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

Updated September 2022



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

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

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

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

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

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

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
<b>1. Work with private landlords by ward and proactively deal with issues using all available enforcement powers</b>		
<b>Links to:</b> <i>A Dynamic Smart City More and better housing</i>		
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to West Neighbourhood and Community Board	West Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the West area.	The Assistant Director of Housing attended the February 2020 Neighbourhood and Community Board and updated on the developments within the service area.
<b>2. Invest in Street Furniture including additional bins</b>		
<b>Links to:</b> <i>A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i>		
Receive an update on bins installations and new locations identified with members including smart bin technology in key locations	List to be provided to West Area and costs to be established for capital spend.	At the March 2021 Area Committee funding was approved to replace 48 110ltr bins, 4 dog bins, 19 post mounted and 6 benches. Bins were installed over the summer and continued into Autumn. Benches have now been installed.  Funding approved NICP £36,529
Removal or Painting of pedestrian barriers and other street furniture		The Neighbourhood and Community Board have agreed to hold further discussions regarding this priority later in the year. Wards continue to use their Walk and Talk projects to address ward-based issues.
<b>3. Enhance local green spaces and encourage wider use including sports equipment, refurbishment of existing equipment and delivery of activities which support health and wellbeing</b>		
<b>Links to:</b> <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i>		
Develop a plan for Green gyms – consider locations and equipment across the West	Area Committee Development Lead (ACDL) to coordinate and arrange a Task and Finish group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	All 6 Outdoor Gym sites are now open. Each site has a variety of equipment to exercise arms and legs. The Site locations are, Hylton Road Playing Fields, King George Playing Fields, Silksworth Recreation Park, Barnes Park, East Herrington Park and Thorney Close.

		Funding approved NICP £65,000
Improve walking routes and fitness trails- linked to improved cycle routes- signage, improved surfaces, maps.	Promote View ranger and gather information from relevant service area to understand gaps in West and suggest improvements.	The relevant service areas attended the February Board and updated on plans for the city. Members supported the plans and are also keen to enhance existing routes, further details to be discussed at a future Board meeting. Improvements have been made to routes across the West with vegetation removed. Work continues with the Stephenson Trail, with improvements planned for 2022/2023.
Parks and Open Green Spaces		The Assistant Director of Community Resilience attended the July board and provided an update on Parks and Open green spaces and the capital investment proposals. A further update was provided at the April board, all improvements are progressing. Work continues to be delivered with further improvements and updates being provided to future Board meetings. The Ex-Bowls pavilion at King George Playing Fields has been advertised as a community asset, business plans are expected to be submitted middle of September to Property Services for full appraisal.
Carry out a review, audit and capital improvements across Sunderland Cemeteries.	Invite the Bereavement Service Manager along to a future meeting to discuss.	The Bereavement Service Manager was invited along to the November 2021 Board meeting. An update was provided on improvements and service changes. Member were informed about a new joint working group being established across the City, between Officers and Councillors to improve the appearance and design of

		cemeteries. Members were invited to the working group.
Continue to develop ward based projects that utilise the Walk and Talk budget	ACDL to continue to work with ward members to deliver projects following member walk arounds.	Ward members continue to allocate the Walk and Talk budgets in each ward. The West Area Committee approved £120,000 of Neighbourhood Funding to Walk and Talk in June 2022. This has increased each wards budget by £20,000. The Walk and Talk project supports local Ward Councillors to find solutions to environmental issues and community-based issues at a local level. Examples of this could be gaps in social prescribing/improving a community asset/environmental improvement. Funding approved NF £120,000
<b>4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign and In Bloom</b>		
<b>Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i></b>		
Continue to receive updates from the Clean and Green Project and the Voluntary Community Sector on community litter picks and environmental projects and ensure they advertise opportunities for residents/schools etc to get involved.	Continue to monitor the project and hold regular steering group meetings.	Environmental improvements/litter picks and community activities have been delivered across all wards. The steering group met in November and agreed a refreshed action plan for 2022. Work continues across the West with Volunteering opportunities being promoted across the Wards. The Clean and Green team were actively involved in the Great British Spring Clean. Over 90 Volunteers worked with Clean and Green to collect 100 bags of rubbish and fill 4 van loads. The Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed to do a Call for Projects for each ward to ensure a localised approach to Clean and Green across the West. Applications have been received, appraised and consulted on and the Board are making a

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Develop plans for a West wide in bloom delivery	Continue to monitor projects approved.	<p>The Neighbourhood and Community Board launched a Call for Projects for applications for The Keep Sunderland West Tidy Programme which were approved at September Area Committee. Projects are delivering across the West. Opportunities involving local residents are promoted on the West Area Facebook page, the individual project Facebook pages and within each centre and local area. Since</p>

		awarding the funding 60 litter picks have taken place and over 1400 volunteer hours achieved. Funding approved NF to 9 projects £10,417
To understand more about the Enforcement measures and opportunities to enhance in the West to encourage more to 'Love where you live'		The West Enforcement project attended the July Neighbourhood and Community Board. The members of staff have now been recruited and so far over 600 enforcement actions have taken place. Updates will continue to be provided to future Neighbourhood and Community Board Funding approved NF £229,977
<b>5. Review transport routes in partnership with all providers in consultation with residents. Pick up localised parking issues – residential and shopping</b>		
<b>Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Great transport and travel links</i></b>		
Consider parking issues at St Luke's Terrace		The Asset and Network Manager attended the Neighbourhood and Community Board and discussed the issues faced around the area with regards to parking. The Neighbourhood and Community Board will discuss the matter at a future meeting and consider options.
<b>6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting</b>		
<b>Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Great transport and travel links</i> A Vibrant Smart City <i>People feeling safe in their neighbourhoods</i> A Healthy City Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i></b>		
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to West Area Committee.	A report on proposed highways to include in the 2021 / 2022 Programme was considered by the Area Committee in March 2021 and agreed. Further updates have been received and Members have fed areas for consideration in the 2022-2023 programme. At the February Board meeting the Board considered the recommendations for 2022-2023 and made some changes.

		<p>Following the various Task and Finish groups on highway improvements, proposals were presented to the Board in February. Those proposals were considered by Area Committee and approved</p> <p>Work is progress and each ward is receiving updates on progress made to date</p> <p>Funding approved NICP £270,971 and NF £17,913</p>
Consider traffic calming measures on Silksworth Lane alongside parking restrictions		<p>New traffic restrictions around the area have now been completed. Consideration to be made to future traffic calming measures. As part of the Task and Finish group traffic calming measures were incorporated into the suggestions.</p>
<b>7. Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users</b>		
<b>Links to:</b> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i>		
West Area Committee approved £120k to improvements to play areas in the West.		<p>Area Committee agreed a Play Improvement project. The project has experienced delays due to market conditions and in some cases vandalism to play areas. 7 Sites (Hylton Road Playing Fields, Silksworth Recreation Park, East Herrington Park, King George Playing Fields, Thorney Close, Grindon Lane and Barnes Park) are now complete and equipment is being used regularly. Portsmouth Road experienced delays and vandalism. Funding approved NF £120,000</p>

Consider improvements to existing cycle routes and improve digital routes	Request update from relevant service on City and Area Plans and then consider capital improvements to support Area improvements.	
Consider new cycle routes	Relevant Officers invited to a future board meeting, to discuss City plans and local proposals	The relevant service areas attended the Board and updated on plans for the city. Members supported the plans and are also keen to enhance existing routes, further details to be discussed at a future Board meeting. Cutting back of vegetation to allow for wider paths has taken place in key locations. This work will continue as part of regular maintenance of public rights of way.
<b>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</b>		
<b>Links to:</b> <i>A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City People enjoying independent lives</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
Ensure the West VCS continue to be supported to provide services and activities to local residents	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	Activities and services have continued to be delivered throughout the year using Community Chest and Walk and Talk. Support has continued to be offered to ensure maximum external funding attracted. The West Area Neighbourhood and Community Board considered the need for improvement community transport and advertised a Call for Projects for a Community Mini Bus. 2 applications were received, appraised and consulted. One application is recommended by the board for approval. Details in Item 4 Annex 1 Consideration for Neighbourhood fund £40,000



West Area Committee in partnership with Public Health Funding to support health related projects in Sunderland West. Funding aligned- linking with Green Gym development	When green gym project delivered- ensure VCS are supported to maximise usage of equipment safely and effectively.	
<b>9. Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events, activities and nurture family learning</b>		
<b>Links to:</b> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity at a grassroots level.	Area Co-ordinator to provide update in line with the development of support and capacity building as a strategic approach.	<p>The VCS has continued to be supported by the Area Committee. The VCS Network continues to be supported to ensure they have access to internal and external funding opportunities. The Sunderland VCS Alliance has now been established and updates provided to members at the September Board meeting. The West Community Support worker is now in post. A Task and Finish group has taken place and discussed this priority.</p> <p>A 'taking stock' survey have been completed by 33 organisations in the West to date with findings being reported to a Task and Finish group.</p>
<b>10. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities</b>		
<b>Links to:</b> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
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.	<p>Volunteers continue to be linked to residents and Voluntary groups who require support. Volunteering opportunities for the Great British Spring Clean 2022 were advertised with activities being held across the West working alongside the West Clean and Green project. Over 100 volunteers participated.</p>

<b>11. Support communities to deliver local events</b>		
<b>Links to:</b> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
West Area Committee funded a large-scale event for 2022- delivered by Youth Almighty Project		<p>The event took place 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Over 700 school children attended on the school days with thousands attending on the Saturday. The Neighbourhood and Community Board have invited Youth Almighty to apply for an event for 2023. The application is being considered by West Area Committee in September 2022</p> <p>Funding approved NF £40,000 (for 2022)</p> <p>Neighbourhood Funding consideration for £40,000 for 2023 event</p>
Consider purchasing event equipment for communities		
Festive lights and celebrations	£60,000 approved from Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme	<p>Each ward has considered the impact of lights and appropriate schemes have been installed. Those without suitable locations will consider this project and discuss details at a Future Board meeting.</p> <p>Amended project for Barnes and Sandhill. Barnes for improved street lighting and Sandhill improved street furniture</p> <p>Funding approved NICP £60,000</p>
<b>12. Additional Drainage cleansing programme</b>		
<b>Links to:</b> <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i>		

Continue to support local traders and link in with flooding officers regarding local issues.		A Task and Finish group took place in September 2021, Members received updates on localised issues and City-wide provision.
<b>13. Communicate heritage assets and delivery heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion</b>		
<b>Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i></b> <b>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i></b>		
Consider improvements to the Stephenson Trail – working alongside other areas (Coalfield and East)	July Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed to consider the Stephenson Trail and the heritage around the site. Need to understand the other areas interest and set up a Task and Finish group to consider.	<p>A multi area Task and Finish group continues to meet. The action plan has been developed to support this project and work continues. At the September Area Committee £50,000 Neighbourhood Capital funding was approved.</p> <p>A Stephenson Trail Task and Finish group with members from the Coalfield, East and West areas have developed an action plan and each of the three Area Committees have approved £50k funding.</p> <p>In February 2022, the Stephenson Trail Task Group received an update on the Walking the Routes results, which identified environmental and physical improvements required. Working with Council services and partners the Task Group is developing an action plan to improve the route of the trail.</p> <p>The Cultural Spring will deliver an Educational programme and are engaging with seven primary schools, whose location is near the Trail. The selected Schools in the West area will work with specialists from the creative sector to produce an Education Pack which will be shared with other Primary Schools within</p>

		<p>the City. In addition, there is an array of community activities on offer during 2022, which include: way markers competition; song writing; banners and flags project; photo competition; oral history recordings; pop up gigs across the summer months</p> <p>Three local community organisations (one from each of the Coalfield, East and West areas) are supporting the project by carrying out environmental and physical improvements with the support of volunteers. The groups will also assist in the design of interpretation boards for each area, at relevant points along the route. The groups will work in partnership with colleagues from Local Services who are also carrying out work to improve the trail. A celebration event is being planned to take place in November at City Hall. All groups, schools and volunteers who have contributed so far will be invited. The Steering Group will meet in September at Hetton Lyons Country Park to discuss progress and agree future actions, including plans for the celebration event in November 2022, and future maintenance of the trail.</p> <p>Funding approved NICP £50,000</p>
Consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel	Work with the heritage team to consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel.	The planning application was approved for the revised site (behind Silksworth aged miners cottages). Following the tender process work began on site in Spring 2022. The Wheel is

		<p>now in place with further landscaping work being carried out in the Autumn.</p> <p>Funding approved NF £17,500</p>
<b>14. Invest in local shopping centres and support local businesses to ensure they continue to thrive</b>		
<b>Links to:</b> <i>A Dynamic Smart City A stronger city centre with more businesses, housing and cultural opportunities</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
Continue with the capital improvement projects from local shopping centre budgets - Budgets remain in Sandhill, St Chad's and Barnes)		Wards have been considering the improvements that could be made, deep cleans are being delivered and wrapping of bins to bring identity to smaller shopping parades are being considered. The Festive lights funding has been used to enhance 3 shopping areas within the West.
<b>15. Increase 5g access across all neighbourhoods and support people with digital resources</b>		
<b>Links to:</b> <i>A Dynamic Smart City A lower carbon City with greater digital connectivity for all</i> <i>A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills</i>		
Improve access and knowledge of ICT to reduce social isolation	Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group. ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	The Area Committee approved the project to be delivered by Media Savvy with the project beginning mid April 2021. The VCS Network have been updated on the project and many groups are coming forward to be involved. Whilst the project which has experienced delays due to Covid it has begun its work with existing provision to enhance the offer to local residents in addition to working with various community centres to develop an ICT hub. Main hubs and mini hubs have been receiving technical support on equipment and access requirements. To date over 400 people have accessed digital support.

<b>16. Create job clubs and education centres within local community venues including digital skill training and basic skills</b>		
<b>Links to:</b> <i>A Dynamic Smart City More and better jobs</i> <i>A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i>		
West Area Committee Invited Pennywell Youth Project (PYP) to apply for an extension to the CLLD project	PYP invited to full application for CLLD extension utilising existing alignment of funding from previous years allocation.	The project continues to be delivered alongside the other CLLD projects. All working in partnership to ensure residents from across the West receive the support required.
Continue to receive updates on existing CLLD projects in the West and consider extensions to existing projects and consider new applications requiring match	Receive a performance update on existing projects.	At the September Area Committee the REACT phase 2 project was approved. Other area projects continue to deliver and support residents in Job Searches or Employment Training or Education. Funding Approved NF £42,500
Continue to receive updates on West NEET project	Receive a performance update on existing project.	The NEET project delivered by Youth Almighty Project alongside other youth providers in the West. Throughout this project over 60 young people have received meaningful engagement and 44 young people have progressed into Education, Training or Employment. The project is now complete.
<b>17. Eating healthy meals and learning to prepare and cook food, delivery sessions within local community.</b>		
<b>Links to:</b> <i>A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i>		
Receive updates on Holiday hunger activities deliver across 2019-2022.	Receive a performance report from existing projects delivering holiday hunger activities and consider proposals for future need and delivery.	The Area Committee approved £48,000 for 2021 delivery the Holiday Hunger activities projects across the West. The 6 project leads submitted applications to deliver sessions across the May, Summer, October, Christmas, February and Easter 2022 holiday periods. Activities have been delivered the school holidays, lead groups have worked with other

		<p>funding providers to ensure that activities are increased where possible.</p> <p>Youth groups from across the West submitted applications to extend the holiday offer. The applications were approved at June's Area Committee</p> <p>Total NF funding awarded £29,824</p>
<b>18. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be safe together</b>		
<b>Links to:</b> <i>A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i>		
Receive updates from Sunderland All Together Consortium on project delivery and consider gaps when identified.		<p>Members received a presentation from Sunderland All Together Consortium, the Consortium were invited to full application for 2 project proposals. Applications and the details of the projects were approved at December Area Committee and work has begun to be delivered with regular meetings with Members and young people being involved in the delivery models.</p> <p>Since April young people have attended sessions (1400 attendees) and taken part in activities, the project has also supported 50 volunteers to deliver over 1200 hrs.</p> <p>Funding approved NF £213,480</p>
Consider if facilities need capital improvements and or additional equipment for detached and outreach work.		<p>A Task and Finish group has met and discussed the support required for the VCS. Discussions are taking place with other Council departments to understand the capital improvements required. A further Task and Finish discussed these findings and fed back</p>

		<p>to the Board. A taking stock survey is currently being completed by the VCs groups across the West, so far 33 groups have responded, information is being collated.. Individual wards are working with groups to identify opportunities to utilise Walk and Talk Funding</p> <p>Funding approved NF £32,460</p>
Mental Health and Wellbeing support		<p>At the September Area Committee, the application for Mental Health and Wellbeing sessions in Secondary schools across the West delivered by If U Care Share. Regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board. To date over 800 young people have been supported by this project.</p> <p>Funding approved NF £44,496</p>
<b>19. Support those who are struggling due to Universal Credit and other financial conditions</b>		
<b>Links to: A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances</b> <b>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</b>		
Invite Welfare rights service to submit proposals for West Support - consider a 3-year proposal.	Understand if other areas are considering this priority and invite proposal.	<p>Recruitment is underway and the additional support for local residents is being delivered. Up until June 2022, 739 residents have received information, advice and guidance and 187 residents are more resilient and able to help themselves in a crisis.</p> <p>Funding approved NF for 3 year project £150,000</p>



<p align="center"><b>WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE</b>  <b>21 September 2022</b>  <b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</b></p>	
<p><b>Title of Report:</b>  West Sunderland Area Budget Report</p>	
<p><b>Author(s):</b>  Assistant Director of Community Resilience</p>	
<p><b>Purpose of Report:</b>  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><b>Description of Decision:</b></p> <p>Committee are requested to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1.</li> <li>(b) Approve Youth Almighty Project NF funding of £40,000 – West Area Event 2023 <b>Item 4 Annex 1</b></li> <li>(c) Approve Youth Almighty Project NF funding of £40,000 – West Area Community Mini Bus <b>Item 4 Annex 1</b></li> <li>(d) Approve Community Opportunities NF funding of £27,000 – Clean it and Green it Barnes <b>Item 4 Annex 1</b></li> <li>(e) Approve Youth Almighty Project NF funding of £26,995 – Silksworth Ranger <b>Item 4 Annex 1</b></li> <li>(f) Approve Community Opportunities NF funding of £27,000 – Clean it and Green it Sandhill <b>Item 4 Annex 1</b></li> <li>(g) Approve Community Opportunities NF funding of £27,000 – Clean it and Green it St Anne's <b>Item 4 Annex 1</b></li> <li>(h) Approve Youth Almighty Project NF funding of £26,995 – St Chad's Ranger <b>Item 4 Annex 1</b></li> <li>(i) Reject Community Opportunities NF funding of £27,000 – Clean it and Green it Pallion <b>Item 4 Annex 1</b></li> <li>(j) Reject Betsy Jenny Counselling and Wellbeing Café – Betsy Jenny Minibus Campaign <b>Item 4 Annex 1</b></li> <li>(k) Note the 10 Community Chest approvals supported from 2022 / 2023, as detailed <b>Item 4 Annex 2</b></li> </ul>	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?	Yes
<p><b>Suggested reason(s) for Decision:</b>  The Area Committee has an allocation of £479,188 (inc Youth allocation) for 2022/2023 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><b>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:</b>  The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.</p>	
Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	

21 September 2022

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE****West 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 2022/ 2023:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
<b>Starting Balance for 2022 / 2023 (£447,428 and £31,760 c/f)</b>					<b>£479,188</b>
West Area Community Minibus	-	£19,044			<b>£498,232</b>
Holiday Activities -Barnes	29.06.22			£4,955	<b>£493,277</b>
Holiday Activities- St Anne's	29.06.22			£4,999	<b>£488,278</b>
Holiday Activities – Pallion	29.06.22			£4,960	<b>£483,318</b>
Holiday Activities – Silksworth	29.06.22			£4,955	<b>£478,363</b>
Holiday Activities – Sandhill	29.06.22			£5,000	<b>£473,363</b>
Holiday Activities – St Chad's	29.06.22			£4,955	<b>£468,408</b>
Walk and Talk	29.06.22			£120,000	<b>£348,408</b>

*Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2022 / 2023*

- 2.2 West Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £479,188 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects and has a project return of £19,044 leaving a total of £498,232 for 2022/2023
- 2.3 There are 7 applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration detailed at **Item 4 Annex 1**
1. West Area Event 2023- Youth Almighty Project £40,000
  2. West Area Community Mini Bus – Youth Almighty Project £40,000
  3. Clean it and Green it Barnes – Community Opportunities £27,000

4. Silksworth Ranger – Youth Almighty Project £26,995
5. Clean it and Green it Sandhill- Community Opportunities £27,000
6. Clean it and Green it St Anne's- Community Opportunities £27,000
7. St Chad's Ranger – Youth Almighty Project £26,995

2.4 There is 2 applications to Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee to consider rejection

1. Clean it and Green it Pallion – Community Opportunities £27,000
2. Betsy Jenny Counselling and Wellbeing Café – Betsy Jenny Minibus Campaign

The Neighbourhood and Community board would like to adapt the Pallion Clean and Green Call for Project brief and readvertise the opportunity in October 2022.

2.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£214,990**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£133,418**

### 3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 / 2023

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

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
<b>Starting Balance for 2020 / 2023</b>					<b>£500,000</b>
Festive Lighting Project	14.07.20			£10,000	£490,000
Green Gym Project	16.12.20			£65,000	£425,000
Environmental Services- Bin and Benches	16.3.21			£36,529	£388,471
Silksworth and Albany Pit Wheel	16.3.21			£17,500	£370,971
Stephenson Trail	16.3.21 and 22.09.21			£50,000	£320,971
Festive Lights Project- additional	16.6.21			£50,000	£270,971
West Highways Improvements	8.12.21 and 15.3.21			£270,971	Nil

**Table Two: Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023**

3.2 West 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.

3.4 There are no funding proposals recommended for Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme.

### 4. Community Chest

4.1 Each ward has been allocated a ward budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate

Community Chest has now moved online to make the progress easier for Groups to access the funds, however, if Groups need digital support Area Arrangements will provide it to ensure inclusivity. Ward Councillors will continue to lead on seeking suitable project proposals and making decisions on applications received. Where it becomes 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 2022 / 2023. **Annex 2** shows the approvals, supported April to September 2022.

Ward	2022/2023 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Barnes	£10,000	-	£1,970	£8,030
Pallion	£10,000	-	£2,689	£7,311
Sandhill	£10,000	-	£2,455	£7,545
Silksworth	£10,000	-	£2,250	£7,750
St Anne's	£10,000	-	£6,717	£3,283
St Chad's	£10,000	-	£545	£9,455
<b>Total</b>	<b>£60,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£16,626</b>	<b>£43,374</b>

*Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2022 / 2023*

## 5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1.
- 5.2 Approve Youth Almighty Project NF funding of £40,000 – West Area Event 2023 **Item 4 Annex 1**
- 5.3 Approve Youth Almighty Project NF funding of £40,000 – West Area Community Mini Bus **Item 4 Annex 1**
- 5.4 Approve Community Opportunities NF funding of £27,000 – Clean it and Green it Barnes **Item 4 Annex 1**
- 5.5 Approve Youth Almighty Project NF funding of £26,995 – Silksworth Ranger **Item 4 Annex 1**
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- 5.8 Approve Youth Almighty Project NF funding of £26,995 – St Chad's Ranger **Item 4 Annex 1**
- 5.9 Reject Community Opportunities NF funding of £27,000 – Clean it and Green it Pallion **Item 4 Annex 1**
- 5.10 Reject Betsy Jenny Counselling and Wellbeing Café – Betsy Jenny Minibus Campaign **Item 4 Annex 1**
- 5.11 Note the 10 Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/ 2023 as detailed **item 4 Annex 2**

### Annexes

Annex One  
Annex Two

Neighbourhood Fund Executive Summary Proposals  
Community Chest Grant Approvals

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### Application No 1

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Name of Project</b>	West Area Event 2023
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Youth Almighty Project

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£46,700	£6,700	£40,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
8 months	December 2022	July 2023

#### ***Project Description*** **(verbatim from application)**

Youth Almighty Project would like to accept the invitation to apply to coordinate and manage the 3-day West Area Event 2023 in Barnes Park.

In 2022, YAP successfully delivered the Let's Get Digital – West Area Event in Barnes Park. During this 3-day event we successfully engaged 15 schools from the West Area on the Thursday and Friday and provided them with free activities. On the Saturday family fun day, we had approx. 10,000 people through the gates. All days were a great success and we received excellent feedback.

We understand the way this event has successfully worked over the previous years as we have supported Sunderland City Council to deliver this and then in 2022 we delivered this ourselves. We would continue to use the same methods and partners as we used this year.

#### **How we will work with West Area primary schools**

We have experience of working closely with West Area Primary Schools and through delivering the event in 2022.

We worked with Barnes Infant Academy, Barnes Junior School, Broadway Junior School, East Herrington Primary Academy, Farringdon Academy, Grindon Infant School, Hasting Hill Academy, Highfield, Plains Farm Academy, Richard Avenue Primary School, New Silksworth Academy, South Hylton Primary School, St Anne's RC Primary school and Thorney Close Primary School.

We have links and contact details for schools within the West Area and we also have these for those who were unable to attend in 2022.

We have staff members who are governors of New Silksworth Academy.

**We have experience of working closely with a fun fair provider and we are able to negotiate free rides for the children on the Thursday and Friday**

We have an excellent relationship with Nobles Fun Fair and will continue to work closely with them to negotiate free rides for the school children for the Thursday and Friday.

We worked closely with Nobles Fun Fair for the 2022 event who provided free rides on the Thursday and Friday for the schools. We worked with them to provide an offer to suit all children on the Thursday and Friday and families on the Saturday.

Any events that we have had in the past and have used carnival rides we have always used Nobles.

**How we will successfully engage and plan the school activities during the Thursday and Friday through:**

December 2022/January 2023 we will send an email out to all West Area Primary Schools to let them know about the event and to save the date.

We will then follow this up and keep in regular contact with each school to remind them of the event and to update and confirm numbers, times, date attending, and schedule of activities.

We will also give schools a list of the intended activities for the event and ask them to confirm if they have any problems/concerns.

When schools arrive on site on their allocated date they will be welcomed by staff and provided again with a schedule of their activities for throughout the day. Staff will be onsite throughout the event to ensure everything runs smoothly.

We aim for full engagement as its essential that the children perceive activities delivered as being meaningful. We will ensure that we use a range of fun and inspiring delivery methods such as practical hands on, art, music, storytelling, active and interactive. Activities will be stimulating, age appropriate, and innovative.

Timing is everything when it comes to ensuring the day runs smoothly. We will continue to use the carousel method as this is a communicative and interactive opportunity for children to get up and move around and experience a range of activities throughout the day.

We will work with partners from the west area to plan and deliver a range of fun and stimulating activities around the theme. We will ensure activities are adapted to meet the needs of the schools on the Thursday and Friday and the public on the Saturday.

**How we will incorporate the environment message throughout the event**

We will continue to incorporate the environmental message throughout the event space using a variety of methods including posters and signage around the park.

We will work with Sunderland City Council to ensure have a variety of bins around the site for use on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We will do litter picking during and following the event to ensure it is returned to its original state.

**How we will deliver appropriate activities around the theme with at least 21 different activities on the Thursday and Friday, with at least 40 activities being delivered on the Saturday.**

January 2023 we will send an email call out to all partners who have previously delivered at the West Area events. We will also open this up to any new partners who are interested. We will hold a meeting with interested partners where we will explain the theme for the event along with the activity budget, asking partners who are interested to provide a detailed activity plan and breakdown of their activity and budget and how this will link in with the event.

Thursday and Friday will be school invite only. Children will rotate around a choice of at least 22 pre located activities which will be on the main field, each lasting approximately 30 minutes. Each group will be allocated and take part in 8 activities throughout the day. Schools will also receive leaflets for the Saturday to come back with their families.

Saturday will be a large-scale family fun day where we will have a range of 40+ fun and stimulating activities such as the speed goal, soft/target archery, traditional games, football cage, tennis, samba drums, didicars, face painting, crafts, sports and more linking into the theme of the event.

The activities will be held in the Marquees, MUGA, Bandstand, car park and grassed areas around the park and lake. Signage will be around the park to inform public of which activities are been provided at each area. Leaflets advertising the event will also have a map of the park to inform the public which activities are in each area.

**How we will deliver a programme of entertainment on the bandstand for the Saturday Family Fun day, working in partnership with the voluntary sector**

We will work in partnership with Cultural Spring and the voluntary sector to deliver a programme of entertainment on the Band Stand for the Saturday Family Fun Day. We know this method works as this is the way it has been done for the previous events.

**How we will manage and coordinate the event steering group, ensuring the relevant partners and councillors are invited.**

If funding is approved, January 2023 we will set up, manage and coordinate an event steering group where we will ensure that all partners and Councillors (Area Committee Chair/Place Board Chair are invited). We will provide regular updates with meetings as and when required to ensure a smooth and coordinated approach.

**Our experience of managing and being involved in events and will demonstrate all the relevant information including health and safety, access, permission, road closures, traffic management, first aid and safeguarding**

We have vast experience of delivering the West Area Event. In 2022 we delivered this ourselves and prior to this for 5 years we supported Sunderland City Council to deliver this.

After our successful event working with Phil Atkinson (PA) and Steve Chisolm (SC), we will continue to work with these for the 2023 event. PA, SC and the team have been involved with the infrastructure of this event over the previous years. PA has experience of working on events for the last 10 years and was responsible for the site management of the West Area event. He has in depth knowledge and excellent relationships with many of the contractors who are traditionally associated with the event. PA and his team have an excellent track record.

PA, SC, and the team will be responsible for the infrastructure and planning. They will be responsible for organising or obtaining the relevant quotes for the site preparation, first aid, toilets, marquees, supply PO information, traffic management, road closures, sound engineer, security, stewarding, equipment booking and transport/vehicles for equipment.

We will follow the same infrastructure as we had in 2022 with a health and safety site manager as they have good skills/expertise around site management, health and safety and 'issue' management.

PT who is chair of our organisation has over 23 years' experience managing health and safety. PT is also a Chartered Member of IOSH.

We will ensure that all partner organisations and suppliers supporting the event operate to the required standards and guidelines.

We will have clear procedures for lost children and vulnerable adults and an effective incident management and reporting procedures which will be detailed within our event management plan.

YAP have a diverse staff team with a range of skills to ensure staffing for the event is appropriate and experienced with the capability to respond effectively to any incidents. Our staff supporting this proposal will be involved in the management, planning and development of the event and attend all structured event briefings.

**How we will market this event and programme of activities as this event is expected to attract at least 15,000 people.**

We will market the event through a range of approaches including using social media channels across all partners, advertising through Sun FM, Sunderland Echo displaying posters and banners around the West area, through West VCS Network meetings, leaflets through Schools and through word-of-mouth referral from residents who have previously attended the event.

We will put up banners around Barnes Park around all key entrances and place posters on their notice boards. Posters will be placed in supermarkets, libraries, and school reception areas. We will use social media throughout the day of the event to encourage people to visit on the Saturday as well as sharing information about what's on where in the park, parking issues, encouraging



people to use public transport, park and walk. We will share good news stories with the Council communications team and other media outlets.

**How we will raise additional income, match funding, in kind and sponsorship.**

We will work with the local area officer for the West Area to access grant finder reports to identify any funders who may be able to contribute additional funds for the event which we can then use as match funding if secured. We will encourage local businesses to commit and potentially invest in the delivery of future events

We will use our own resources/equipment/staff and volunteers to provide a range of activities such as soft archery, target archery, didicars, street golf, tennis, football cage, traditional games and sports equipment.

**How we will control traffic management orders and liaise with residents as well as keeping the councils' customer service network up to date**

We will liaise with local residents through various methods such as leaflets, door knocks and will hold a public meeting to address any concerns especially those who are affected by the temporary road closures. All posters and leaflets produced for the event will be noting that car parks within the park are closed during the event and visitors encouraged to use public transport. We will also keep the council's customer service network up to date.

Learning from our experience with dealing with traffic management during the West Area Event in 2022 we will ensure that traffic management have adequate resources and confirm with them the day prior to the event or even on the morning of the event that they understand the requirements for the road closures, and they are on site on time.

**How we will seek best value for money for the infrastructure and how this will be managed on site**

We will seek best value for money for the infrastructure. We will ensure that the service we use has a good mix of economy, efficiency, and effectiveness. The infrastructure will be managed by an event management team.

The event management team which will consist of key members of staff such as event organiser, safety coordinator, event delivery support, site manager, bandstand manager, sound manager, site crew, stewarding supervisor. Each key member of staff will have the specific expertise to their role, skills, and knowledge

## Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
<b>A Healthy Smart City Output</b>		
number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	700
<b>A Vibrant Smart City Output</b>		
number of volunteers recruited and participating	304	14
number of volunteer hours delivered	305	294
number of external organisations involved or supported	306	40
number of hours spent delivering this funded project	307	19 hours delivery over the 3 days
number of cultural, heritage and community events supported and delivered		3 (2 for the West Schools and 1 Family Fun Day)
number of visitors footfall at neighbourhood events		10,000 – 12,000

## Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Infrastructure and planning – including First Aid, Toilets, overnight security, Saturday stewarding, hire of equipment, traffic management, health and safety site manager	£16,500	£0	£16,500
Marquees for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday (sizes based on previous years)	£6,000	£0	£6000
Activities for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday (at least 21 activities on the Thursday and Friday, with at least 40 activities on the Saturday)	£19,200	£6,200	£13,000
Marketing including posters and banners, Press, Photographer, printing	£700	£0	£700
Cleansing & bins (additional bins for all 3 days and cleansing on site during the Saturday)	£800	£0	£800
Project Management	£2,500	£500	£2000
Insurance	£1000	£0	£1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£46,700</b>	<b>£6,700</b>	<b>£40,000</b>

**This project meets** Support communities to deliver local events **Priority from the West Delivery Plan** Recommendation Approve

## Application No 2

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Name of Project</b>	West Community Minibus
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Youth Almighty Project

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£48,611	£8,611	£40,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
	October 2022	Sept 24- ongoing

### ***Project Description (verbatim from application)***

We want to provide a community minibus to support VCS organisations to enable improved access to social prescribing and wellbeing activities that improve the mental health and wellbeing of West Sunderland Residents.

We want to support the delivery of activities by providing a community minibus available for VCS which is affordable and accessible to voluntary and community groups, to enable organisations to fulfil their own objectives.

The community minibus will enable disabled, isolated, and lonely people to remain independent and mobile and support community participation and engagement.

Community transport also provides important economic benefits to the communities in which it operates.

As a charity YAP will not make a profit on the services we provide. Any prices that we charge our members are to cover the running costs of the vehicle.

**Project proposals should include detail of how the project will be managed, to include the following:**

### **Purchase (or lease), storage and maintenance of a minibus (must demonstrate value for money)**

We will purchase a 17-seater minibus which will be used as a West community minibus to be hired at non-commercial rates. The minibus will be available for hire by non-for-profit community groups within the west area who are registered as a member of the West Area community bus scheme to support and compliment the activities and fulfil their own objectives.

We will use our charitable status to negotiate lower costs, we will shop around and look at pre-registration to ensure we provide value for money. We will shop around when looking at insurance for the vehicle. The service provided will be at a high standard in the most cost-effective way.

The minibus will be stored securely within the West Area at Silksworth Youth and Community Centre. (This is detailed more further in application)

The minibus will be regularly maintained and kept in a roadworthy condition. We will ensure that vehicle service and maintenance is carried out to the manufacturer's specification.

We will ensure that all legal requirements for the vehicles is met, including licensing, insurance, maintenance, and the procurement of appropriate permits

We will ensure that the vehicle is

- correctly licensed
- valid tax in place
- displays a s.19 minibus permit (where applicable)
- adequately insured
- well maintained
- has a valid MOT certificate where required.

We will ensure that appropriate records are kept with respect to operation, accident, and damage, authorised drivers, maintenance, etc

Vehicle inspections will be undertaken by a competent person on a regular basis using an agreed checklist. Along with before and after each use of each nominated driver.

The process of the membership and hire of the mini bus will be available to all non for profit groups. There will be an application form which will allow west area organisations to sign up for the group membership. Annual membership fees will be split into 3 levels £100 large sized organisation, £50 medium sized organisation and £25 small sized organisation.

Organisations will be expected to provide their own driver unless an alternative agreement is made with Youth Almighty Project.

All group nominated drivers must hold a valid Midas Certificate (Midas – the Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme – provides a structured programme for the assessment and training of drivers) and hold the D1 entitlement on their licence, which allows you to drive a vehicle up to 16 passenger seats but only as part of a not for hire or reward scheme. Those who passed their test prior to 1997 will have automatically held the D1 entitlement, but we will still check licence for this category as it may have been removed due to certain medical conditions.

The Community minibus will operate under a Section 19 permit. The permit allows the holder to operate transport services for hire or reward without the need for a full public service vehicle (PSV) operator's licence.

Many community transport organisations and charities now operate minibuses under a section 19 permit which allows for the service provided being for the organisations' own members or for groups of people whom the organisation serves. Organisations can charge or accept a form of remuneration for providing transport at a level to recover some or all of the costs of running the vehicle and may even include an allowance for vehicle depreciation, but the service must not be provided to members of the general public and the charges made must be on a non-profit basis.

Community transport organisations bring huge added value not only for their communities, but for the council and other public and social sector organisations whose work they support.

This value is not just about the journeys that these organisations deliver. By funding community transport operators, public sector organisations will see savings in many areas, from healthcare to employment. Funding community transport reduces the number of crisis point interventions in health and social care; it delivers increased economic activity in villages and high streets; it increases social mobility and access to jobs, training and education; it helps build healthier, happier integrated communities, and – as recent times have shown – it supports those communities in both good times and at moments of challenge and crisis.

### **Provision of a service to all West VCS organisations in a fair and equitable manner**

We want to support the delivery of activities by providing a community minibus available for VCS which is affordable and accessible to voluntary and community groups, to enable organisations to fulfil their own objectives.

All West VCS organisations will have equal access to the bus.

We will provide a robust system including no block bookings for 6 weeks or more for single day usage, provide all VCS groups literature, promotion, and direct contact details for bus hire.

All literature for booking system will be easy to use and available in easy read.

### **Work in partnership with other VCS groups to maximise use of the minibus**

We will work in partnership with all other VCS organisations to maximise the use of the bus including collaborative working and utilising volunteer drivers if needed.

We will work together with our partners and funders to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of all communities in our area of benefit by providing a community sport service aimed at improving access to health, education, social and economic opportunities to all sectors of the community.

### **Provide details of a proposed booking system that is fair and easy to use**

Our proposed booking system that we intend to use will be robust fair and easy to use.

We will introduce a Community Membership Scheme

Any West VCS group that doesn't exist to make a profit can join. This rules out:

- Individuals

- For-profit companies

So this means the range of groups who can be members is super-varied – charities and community organisations of all shapes and sizes, faith groups – and churches, groups for interests and hobbies, clubs and societies, campaign groups, and volunteering groups. This isn't an exhaustive list – any group that doesn't exist to make a profit can join.

Making a booking - In general, and subject to availability, the minibus can be booked on a daily basis. The day will be divided into morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. Each session will be charged at £20.

Bookings for longer periods (more than one day) may be accepted at the discretion of the YAPS Minibus Co-ordinator.

We try to maximise the opportunities for members to make their bookings: therefore, renewals of regular bookings will not be guaranteed. Regular bookings for a vehicle can be made in blocks of up to 6 weeks and can be booked up to four weeks in advance.

Bookings will be subject to vehicle availability and should be made using a booking form. However, requests for regular bookings MUST be made in writing and should state dates, times, vehicle required, seating capacity, etc.

The minibus will need to be returned in a clean and tidy condition and drivers must inspect the vehicle before and after the hire and note down any damage on the vehicle damage fault sheet.

The minibus will have a full tank of diesel when it is collected up and all drivers/organisations need to do is fill it back up before it is returned.

A vehicle Pack will be left in the vehicle. The pack will include details of the minibus, insurance and breakdown cover, incident form, contact details for YAP, and a map of where the vehicle is stored.

### **Provide details of hire policy proposal**

Our hire policy will include

- Introduction
- Term and conditions of vehicle hire
- Section 19 permit operations
- Register of drivers
- Insurance
- Passenger Safety
- Vehicle familiarisation
- Making a booking
- Single and block bookings
- Vehicle cleaning
- Vehicle breakdown
- Use of tow bar
- Hire charges
- Health and Safety
- Useful contacts
- Data protection

### **Provide details of the security measures that will be taken to secure the vehicle**

- Vehicle will be kept at Silksworth Youth and Community Centre which is based in the West Area.
- Silksworth Youth and Community Centre has a car park with CCTV and a garage where the vehicle can be stored securely.
- Vehicle will never be left unlocked
- All sets of keys will be kept in a locked cabinet when not in use
- Vehicle will be alarmed, and this will be checked on a regular basis
- Vehicle will be signed in and out by organisations so we are aware of location and destination.
- Vehicle will be insured

**Provide details of the impact the vehicle will have and the enhanced activities that will be delivered across the West (this will be monitored for a 24-month period).**

- Connect communities together
- Improved access to social prescribing activities
- Enhance lives
- Increased attendance at local groups
- Reduced isolation
- Reduced health inequalities
- Improved access to transport for organisations
- Giving People more choice and control over their lives and an improved sense of belonging when people get involved in community groups.

**Provide examples of usage and how it supports the priority of increased social prescribing activities**

Charities and community organisations within the West Area play a vital role in social prescribing. Social prescribing offers opportunities for the VCS to reach new people and promote a holistic way of working that looks at the whole person rather than only at their symptoms.

Social prescribing is a way to support people's wellbeing and quality of life while reducing pressure on the NHS. It links patients with physical or mental health conditions, or people who may be lonely, isolated or experiencing stress for example, to community-based activities, rather than simply prescribing them medicine.

The community minibus will support the delivery of activities across the West Area. The community Minibus will transport people to 'socially prescribed' activities to maintain health and wellbeing.

EG – transporting a group to an activity such as art, gardening, sport,

**Demonstrate value for money and any match funding secured Include information on driver requirements including insurance and training**

We will use our charitable status to negotiate lower costs when purchasing the vehicle, we will shop around and look at pre-registration to ensure we provide value for money. We will shop around when looking at insurance for the vehicle. The service provided will be at a high standard in the most cost-effective way.

Community transport organisations bring huge added value not only for their communities, but for the council and other public and social sector organisations whose work they support. This value is not just about the journeys that these organisations deliver. By funding community transport operators, public sector organisations will see savings in many areas, from healthcare to employment. Funding community transport reduces the number of crisis point interventions in health and social care; it delivers increased economic activity in villages and high streets; it increases social mobility and access to jobs, training and education; it helps build healthier, happier integrated communities, and – as recent times have shown – it supports those communities in both good times and at moments of challenge and crisis Membership

All hirers need to be part of a community group or an eligible organisation and the nominated driver must hold a valid Midas Certificate and hold the D1 entitlement on their licence, which allows you to drive a vehicle up to 16 passenger seats but only as part of a not for hire or reward scheme.

Those who passed their test prior to 1997 will have automatically held the D1 entitlement but will still need to check licence for this category as it may have been removed due to certain medical conditions.

The Community minibus will operate under a Section 19 permit. The permit allows the holder to operate transport services for hire or reward without the need for a full public service vehicle (PSV) operator's licence.

We expect that we will have a range of organisations as members initially. 4 large members, 10 medium members and 10 small members. We expect around £1200 in membership fees and a minimum of £3000 in hire fees. Organisations volunteer drivers time will also support with match funding.

### **Provide evidence of support from other VCS organisations State how the project will be promoted and marketed across the area**

We have spoken to various organisations in the West Area who have gave us there support verbally and via a letter. Letters received are attached.

The project will be promoted and marketed to organisations across the west area through various methods:

- The Project manager of YAP is one of the West VCS reps she will provide all network members with details of the project and how to book.
- We will use social media – Youth Almighty Project, West Sunderland Community, Joanne Laverick Sunderland West Area VCS Rep, Sunderland VSA,
- We will ask the West Area Community Development Lead to share information to all on her network list.
- We will ask the Sunderland VSA to share information in their Newsletter.

### **Expected Outcomes**

- Increased and Improved access to local activities and services
- Support social prescribing activities across the area
- Improved collaboration and partnership working
- Improved wellbeing of residents
- Increase in number or residents able to access services confidentiality
- Improved shared resource for the whole of the community

### **Outputs**

Data Field	Code	Output Target
<b>A Healthy Smart City Output</b>	<b>CODE</b>	
number of adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	201	800
number of assets purchased, improved and / or developed to contribute towards healthier lives	202	1



number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	400
number of people benefiting and enjoying independent lives	204	500

#### Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Minibus Purchase	45,000	7,000	38,000
Insurance year 1 and year 2 including breakdown	2100	1100	1000
Service year 1 and year 2	500	250	250
Signwriting	500	100	400
Section 19 Permit	11	11	
Stationary – Vehicle packs, booking forms, hire policy etc	150	50	100
Promotion and Marketing	350	100	250
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,611</b>	<b>8, 611</b>	<b>40,000</b>

**This project meets with the Social Prescribing and Support the Voluntary and Community sector to grow capacity Priorities from the West Delivery Plan**

This project has been appraised and meets the criteria. Recommendation Approve

### Application No 3

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Name of Project</b>	Betsy Jenny Minibus Campaign
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Betsy Jenny Counselling and Wellbeing Café

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£20,000		£20,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
		On going

#### ***Project Description (verbatim from application)***

We have a wellbeing and counselling cafe in the heart of Sunderland city center. We have a wide range of service users who use our service for 'soft touch' entree to support for mental health and factors that contribute towards mental health. Many of our service users are aged 65+. They make up a demographic that lost connection with friends and suffered grief as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Many slipped into loneliness and are currently isolated from friendships and reluctant to trouble NHS or GP services for support due to stigma on mental health in this age group. At Betsy

Jenny Wellbeing Café we run projects that tackle things such as:

Cost of living crisis – pay as you feel and budget day menus

Mental health – mindfulness, listening ear and therapy sessions

Unemployment – CV writing, interview preparation services

Benefits – cook along on a budget sessions

Activities to promote friendships & connection

Tackle food wastage with the support of local supermarkets

Physical health activities like yoga introductions

Addictions- in the form of mutual aid groups like Alcoholics Anonymous

Debt advice

Many of these services are used by single parent families, OAP and benefit or substance reliant service users.

With winter around the corner and some of those who we support in declining physical health. We would like to apply for a mini bus to enhance the service and access to the services we deliver. We are concerned that return of winter will see some of our service users cut off from ourselves and friends as they struggle with rising heating costs and weather. AS mini bus will allow us to

- A. Collect those who want to connect and maintain the project participation they love.
- B. Allow for outings that will be beneficial for mental health protection like mindfulness walks etc.

We also have a number of service users with learning difficulties and many volunteer at the café. A mini bus will ensure they can still attend when they feel too overwhelmed to travel on busy public transport when more people use it due to weather.

## Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
<b>A Dynamic Smart City Output</b>	<b>CODE</b>	
number of Young people moved into Education, Employment or Training	104	5
number of Adults moved into Education, Employment or Training	105	20
number of People with disabilities moved into Education, Employment or Training	106	10
<b>A Healthy Smart City Output</b>	<b>CODE</b>	
number of adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	201	100
number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	20
number of people benefiting and enjoying independent lives	204	100
number of people signposted into Public/VCS services	205	100
number of people receiving information, advice and guidance	206	20
<b>A Vibrant Smart City Output</b>	<b>CODE</b>	
number of visitors footfall at neighbourhood events		20

## Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
2nd hand mini bus up safety standard with MOT	20,000	0	20,000
<b>Total</b>			

This project has been appraised and **does not** meet the criteria- Recommend rejection

## Application No 4

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Ward</b>	Barnes
<b>Name of Project</b>	Clean It, Green It – Barnes
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Community Opportunities (Limited)

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£29,500	£2,500	£27,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
24 Months	October 2022	September 2024

### ***Project Description (verbatim from application)***

Community Opportunities propose to deliver a ward-based neighbourhood management and environmental improvement project that responds to local concerns and builds on the successful delivery of the West Area Clean and Green scheme which SNCBC/Community Opportunities have delivered since June 2019. 'Clean It and Green It' enables us to continue to impact positively upon the Councils desire to create an 'attractive, clean and cared for environment where people choose to invest, live, work and spend their leisure time. We will do this by continuing the delivery of community clean-ups, litter picking, planting and forestry projects, effectively engaging residents into environmental volunteering to improve the appearance of their neighbourhoods, reduce littering and fly tipping, managing overgrown greenspaces and sustaining the maintenance of areas by working with groups to develop additional skills, including providing access to an equipment bank loan scheme. We will continue to encourage corporate volunteering opportunities and reinforcing business/corporate responsibility for the appearance of neighbourhoods.

Our partnership delivery model is designed not to duplicate any work undertaken within the Councils corporate responsibilities for the environment or by local housing providers such as Gentoo, Home group and other housing associations. A Clean and Green area wide steering group has been developed and is attended by staff from Environmental Services, Gentoo, Local Elected Members and ad hoc attendance by such as Police, Tyne and Wear Fire as specific issues emerge. The Steering Group will continue to be responsible for developing the quarterly workplan, through identifying potential activities/work sites from local need as highlighted by residents, local business and community walkabouts which ensures activities are relevant and the requirement for re-visiting sites to address such as re-growth, littering etc is identified within the workplan, in turn creating a sustainable local environmental management strategy. Youth Almighty Project are supporting our application and will help with community clean ups and litter picking in the ward.

The Project is led by a sessional Co-ordinator (currently recruiting), who will work alongside an experienced part-time Project Officer, who will lead the practical environmental improvement work, take forward recommendations from the Steering Group and visit the sites to assess the scope of the works for the workplan, produces a documented work assessment with site details, work to be undertaken, any impact to habitat, consideration of requirements to gain authority to work on public land, Countryside Act and/or to adhere to

by-laws, assessment of health and safety requirements, resource and tool requirements and any timing impacts such as seasonal influences of pruning, nesting etc. Timelines are set for individual project delivery considering such as the winter months being ideal for cutting back and removal of vegetation. The Co-ordinator liaises with Council and Gentoo Officers in compiling the plan to avoid duplication and wherever possible enabling the pooling of resources. Any issues observed during the compilation of the assessment, will be reported in a timely manner, for example falling trees that need removing would be reported to the SCC Arboriculture Team.

The Co-ordinator and Project Officer will recruit and induct volunteers on an ongoing basis, some for specific clean ups, others for specific environmental works and some for corporate support. We have a core of 12 regular volunteers engaged who have volunteered across all West wards. We also recruit volunteer's specific events, the Great British Spring Clean attracted 61 volunteers to clean ups and litter picks. Volunteers have provided many examples, and case studies, to demonstrate how Clean and Green has reduced their social isolation, improved confidence and led to some volunteers accessing job opportunities. We expect similar achievements and outputs to be realised in the ward-based delivery project.

We operate to a documented Volunteer Pathway, with an induction including project aims and objectives, verbal and practical individual assessment of skills, considering potential health issues and providing regular supervision. Volunteers receive a 'toolbox talk' to understand the correct/appropriate use of tools and equipment. We produce, and discuss with volunteers, generic and specific risk assessments, provide on-site volunteer training through regular

conversation describing why the works are being delivered, matters relating to conservation, grounds maintenance, habitat management and infrastructure maintenance. We will link with the Sunderland Alliance project to access relevant training, promote the project and help identify both volunteers and potential sites. We work actively with the REACT employability project, local youth clubs and schools and Sunderland Council Volunteering Hub to recruit volunteers and we anticipate working with 50 volunteers in the proposed 24-month delivery period.

We engage corporate volunteers including from Asda, NHS, Nissan and EE and we will pursue new links with businesses and encourage them to address overgrown vegetation and branches to public walkways and blocked drainage due to fallen leaves from trees etc. We have worked with a range of voluntary organisations and friends groups, providing access to a well-coordinated loan scheme with a bank of equipment including litter picks, bags rings and sacks, loppers and pruners which we hold in a secure store along with some electrical items which we ensure are tested in line with legislative requirements. We will build on this bank through this proposal and will continue to train Organisations in the use of tools and equipment from the 'tool bank, with volunteers shadowing the project staff to rehearse practical skills, gain confidence and use their skills independently in their own Organisations. We will continue to provide support to local groups wishing to deliver community clean ups/litter picking sessions by providing advice on site surveys, health and safety requirements and insurance coverage. We can also accompany groups in activities to provide first aid cover if needed.

Our delivery of neighbourhood management and environmental works has identified that some work needs to be targeted to address issues which create a decline in local amenities, reduce the attractiveness of neighbourhoods and increase the need for community clean-ups etc. Volunteers/residents have registered frustration regarding 'repeat offenders' who regularly discard litter. We will provide an educational offer, potentially working with a local college/training provider, to communicate the importance of correct residential waste disposal, keeping their neighbourhood clean/tidy and reporting issues. We are supporting local 'Friends of Groups' to lead smaller community clean ups and will link with local schools to deliver environmental projects in school and local neighbourhoods, ideas may include developing a children's orchard, wildflower garden, 'bling the bin' with children designs to encouraging appropriate waste disposal. We will raise awareness of local recycling schemes, community furniture donation centres etc.

We developed digital and paper-based environmental activity packs for children, young people and families and these were used to continue to engage people during the covid19 pandemic and have a future use in promoting visits to local green spaces, to complete spotter exercises and quizzes. In June 2022 we ran an educational session for schools visiting the Barnes Park Event. The project delivered to over 150 local school children, gifting a fruit plant to pot, grow and care for to produce their own food. We will encourage growing produce within local communities such as herb gardens, vegetable patches etc.

As part of our current neighbourhood management works, we have liaised with Councillors, local residents and Planning and Highways departments to consider the use of environmental assets, such as planters to stop inconsiderate and illegal parking and to improve the appearance of the neighbourhood. We have carried out painting of street furniture in the Silksworth ward including cleaning, sanding and re-painting metal fencing and benches to improve the area surrounding the installation of the new pit wheel. We propose to extend this work through delivery of the 'Clean it and Green it' project.

Our experience of working in the Barnes ward has been through the delivery of the following projects. All have been identified in consultation with Environmental Services Officers, Gentoo, Local Councillors and residents. We propose to continue supporting these areas of work as part of the 'Clean it and Green it' project.

We have visited the Mineral Line area and carried out numerous volunteering sessions to address overgrown greenery, weeded, removed nettles to provide a safe walkway, around the Frank Style Mural, removed litter and debris and cleaned the area to the Mural so it can be enjoyed by local residents and the wider public. Sessions have also been delivered to collect litter and debris from surrounding streets including Thelma Street, Vale Street and Beechcross Road. We have engaged with the Barnes Residents Association who are supporting us to understand the area needs further.

We liaised with Councillors and residents in the Wearhead Drive area to discuss antisocial behaviour issues with cars parking up in space on an evening and identified the solution of introducing planters. We liaised with Bowes Railway Charity to make planters to specific sizes to fit the area. Residents supported the project from the inception and continue to maintain the planter some three years later.

Ettrick Grove Allotment Site was identified as needing improved access and we worked with the Wild Patch Community Allotment Group to cut back overhanging branches and hedgerows, widening access for vehicles to the site and removing rubbish and debris.

Our volunteers visited the Barnes Park Extension to widen pathways and tidy up overgrown greenery and cut down tree offshoots and continue to visit on a regular basis

Barnes Park holds the prestigious Green Flag status and site visits indicate it is well maintained. The current Clean and Green project are members of the Friends of Barnes Park group and regularly attend their meetings and propose to support them to build capacity to provide support and assistance to SCC environmental dept to continue maintenance and improvements at the park such as litter picking, pathway edging and greenery work. We were approached by local Councillors following concerns raised by residents regarding antisocial parking that was creating blind spots at corner junctions of Hipsburn Drive/Haslemere Drive. 2 planters have been installed successfully and more are planned.

We have established a regular pattern of litter picks and propose to continue these through the 'Clean it Green it' project.

In conclusion, we believe Community Opportunities have the existing staff, partners, working procedures and most importantly a bank of well-motivated, trained and willing volunteers and to deliver the requirements of the 'Clean it and Green it' project and commence delivery with immediate effect.

## Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
<b>A Healthy Smart City Output</b>	<b>CODE</b>	
number of adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	201	10
number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	40
amount of highway, cycle, pathways improved by area (m2)	208	500
number of community cleans up carried out	209	40
number of litter picks carried out	210	40
<b>A Vibrant Smart City Output</b>	<b>CODE</b>	
number of volunteers recruited and participating	304	50
number of volunteer hours delivered	305	800
number of hours spent delivering this funded project	307	1560

## Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Environmental Co-ordinator – average 3 hours per wk	4816.22		4816.22
Project Officer – average 10 hrs pr wk	15090.81		15090.81
Small Equip and Hand Tools	3100	2000	1100
Equip Storage	500		500
Office/volunteer base, phone, stationery, ict	1585.60	500	1085.60
Vol expenses, travel, DBS, PPE	900		900
Insurance	807.37		807.37
Finance, Accounts, MI, Payroll	2700		2700
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,500</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>27,000</b>

**This project meets with the Launch ‘Love where you live’ campaign and In Bloom and Enhance local green spaces and encourage wider use including sports equipment, refurbishment of existing equipment and delivery of activities which support health and wellbeing and Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities Priorities from the West Delivery Plan**

Recommendation to approve



### Application No 5

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Ward</b>	Pallion
<b>Name of Project</b>	Clean It, Green It – Pallion
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Community Opportunities (Limited)

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£29,500	£2,500	£27,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
24 Months	October 2022	September 2024

#### ***Project Description (verbatim from application)***

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raising activities have been delivered by the school with support from the Clean and Green project around plants, environment and nature.

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Pallion and Millfield residents group identified that the appearance of Victory Street Embankment needed improvement of its appearance and this would also stop noise and dirt/debris from the road progressing to nearby houses. Litter and debris were removed, soil was turned over and the site weeded. We obtained funds to purchase and plant flowers and also bushes along the top of the embankment. Traders on the Front Street in Pallion were supported by volunteers, Councillors and Pallion Action Group to tidy up the street and plant up the planters and hanging baskets to improve the appearance of the shopping area and encourage more residents to visit it. Litter picks were carried out and volunteers from Clean and Green, CTW and PAG supported traders to undertake and maintain the works.

Old Jovial Fryer Site, Fordfield Road was identified for a community clean up on the corner site. We removed debris and litter and cut back hedgerows and greenery along with a CTW group member and local ward councillor. A site survey has been carried out at Hylton Road playing fields identifying work to be undertaken to improve the area including a general clean up, litter picking, removing overhanging tree branches and cutting back bushes as well as addressing the tidiness of the parking area and pathways. This work was scheduled for Autumn 2022 and risk assessments have been documented and we would propose to deliver this work within the Clean It, Green It project. Site surveys have been carried out around the Mineral Line, Pallion, encompassing Pallion New Road, Victory Street and Palermo Street, to the high open areas next to the New Road which attract a high percentage of litter and fly tipping. Frequent clean ups needed and being delivered by volunteers at Victory Street and we are planting flowering shrubs and hedges to cut down on debris spread.

We have established a regular pattern of litter picks and propose to continue these through the 'Clean it Green it' project.

In conclusion, we believe Community Opportunities have the existing staff, partners, working procedures and most importantly a bank of well-motivated, trained and willing volunteers and to deliver the requirements of the 'Clean it and Green it' project and commence delivery with immediate effect.

## Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
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number of adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	201	10
number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	40
amount of highway, cycle, pathways improved by area (m2)	208	500
number of community cleans up carried out	209	40
number of litter picks carried out	210	40
<b>A Vibrant Smart City Output</b>	<b>CODE</b>	
number of volunteers recruited and participating	304	50
number of volunteer hours delivered	305	800
number of hours spent delivering this funded project	307	1560

## Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Environmental Co-ordinator – average 3 hrs per week	4816.22		4816.22
Project Officer – average 10 hours per week	15090.81		15090.81
Small Equip and Hand Tools	3100	2000	1100
Equip Storage	500		500
Office/volunteer base, phone, stationery, ict	1585.60	500	1085.60
Vol expenses, travel, DBS, PPE	900		900
Insurance	807.37		807.37
Finance, Accounts, MI, Payroll	2700		2700
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,500</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>27,000</b>

The Neighbourhood and Community board would like to adapt the Pallion Call for Project brief and readvertise the opportunity in October 2022 and are therefore making a recommendation to reject this application.

## Application No 6

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Ward</b>	Silksworth
<b>Name of Project</b>	Silksworth Ranger
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Youth Almighty Project

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£35,060	£8,065	£26,995
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
24 Months	October 2022	September 2024

### ***Project Description (verbatim from application)***

YAP would like to support the delivery of a ward based approach to neighbourhood management and environmental improvements, responding to local concerns across the ward.

Our Planned project “Silksworth Rangers” will enhance local neighbourhoods, encourage community partnerships and volunteering and improve the use of green spaces.

To deliver this project we will provide a Silksworth Ranger for 15 hours per week.

The Silksworth Ranger will carry out a variety of tasks

- Weekly litter picking
- Share success on social media
- Monthly community clean ups
- Strimming and cutting back, edging paths,
- Identify areas of concern and produce an action plan to target these areas.
- Report issues to Sunderland City Council via the appropriate means
- Support Friends of Silksworth Park
- Attend meetings as and when required
- Develop relationships with Silksworth Park Staff
- Develop relationships with existing/new partners
- Develop relationships with local businesses i.e. Sainsburys, everyone active
- Complete Risk assessments when required
- Site visits
- Maintain Planters and surrounding areas within the ward
- Work in partnership with volunteers
- Engage with local businesses and schools
- Deliver educational campaigns/messages to the community/schools
- Maintain and repair street fencing/furniture where required

The Silksworth Ranger will be easily identified within the community. Branded clothing will be worn. If needed appropriate training will be sourced to enable the Silksworth Ranger to take part in appropriate tasks in a safe manner.

Throughout the project the Silksworth Ranger will work with local partners existing and new such as ward councillors, Sunderland City Council Environmental Services officer, Tunstall

Hills Protection Group, Silksworth Residents Group, Gentoo Tenants Voice, local residents, Everyone Active, Friends of Silksworth park to consult and to identify target areas of concern across the ward.

YAP will recruit and engage new and existing volunteers to work and support the Silksworth Ranger on identified projects such as litter picks and community clean ups. We have vast experience of recruiting volunteers through various means such as engaging their current youth and community groups, shout outs on social media using platforms such as Silksworth Have Your Say, Friends of Silksworth Park, Silksworth Residents Group and Youth Almighty Project Facebook page. We will also look to deliver leaflets around the ward where we are targeting, posters on notice boards around the ward such as in local shops, advertising boards in the bins across the ward and notice board at Silksworth Recreational Park.

The Silksworth Ranger will work and support new and existing volunteer groups to create opportunities for growing produce in the local community. As a starting point they will look to develop a community herb garden near the Orchard within Silksworth Recreation Park. The will also work and support groups to adopt a planter within the ward or a shrub bed within Silksworth Recreational Park.

One of the strengths we see within this project will be the recruitment and engagement of local volunteers, existing and new. All volunteers will be safely inducted into the project and given appropriate activities based on their abilities. The Silksworth Ranger will support children, young people and adult volunteers to complete a range of tasks in the Silksworth Ward for example litter picking, strimming and raking, cutting back vegetation, edging along pathways and weeding.

Another strength we see from this project is the information and education to the local community. We will deliver a range of educational campaigns such as dog fouling, litter, recycling, environment, to the whole community through our existing activities, social media, leaflets, posters and workshops. We will look to go into the local schools within ward and encourage them to engage in our planned activities such as litter picks and to adopt a planter.

There will be positive implications for Sunderland City Council Environmental team as they will have additional capacity by the project taking on some of their tasks. We will also look to upcycle through creating our own upcycling projects or contacting other organisations who recycle furniture to avoid items going to landfill.

There will be many success stories on the journey of this project, and we intend to celebrate those both online via social media but also in print in our regular newsletter catch ups. We will also talk with local press to ensure that people in the community are recognised for the work that they do.

### **Within the Silksworth ward the Sillksworth Ranger will particular focus on:**

#### *Supporting and enhancing the volunteering with Friends of Silksworth Park*

- The Silksworth Ranger will support and enhance the volunteering with the Friends of Silksworth Park through being an active partner, attending their planned litter picks within the park, attending community clean-ups, and attending their monthly meeting.

They will work in partnership to avoid any duplication, share volunteers, resources, and best practice.

*Litter picking and environmental enhancements to the mineral line within the Silksworth ward working with other Clean and Green groups*

- The Silksworth Ranger will complete litter picking and environmental enhancements to the mineral line. Part of the Silksworth Rangers role will be to complete weekly litter picks within the ward. Whilst doing litter picks the ranger will be the eyes on the ground to observe and report through the appropriate channels when fly tipping appears along the mineral line Other environmental enhancements improvements such as removing litter, collecting leaves, habitat restoration, and cutting back shrubs on the cycle path will also be undertaken.
- The Ranger will also work alongside other clean and green groups to avoid duplication and work together to tackle any joint projects identified within the mineral line.

*Maintaining and enhancing planters throughout the ward*

- We are aware there are currently 3 planters located within the ward. 2 at St Matthews Church and 1 opposite the The Scullery. We are also aware that 2 pit tubs are going to be installed next to the Pit Wheel. We will ensure that the planters are maintained along with surrounding areas on a regular basis. We will work with local groups to empower them to take ownership and adopt a planter.
- We will build improved links with the 4 allotments sites to obtain plants and bulbs hopefully donated or at low cost. We will also encourage them to become active volunteers.

*Environmental improvements to open green spaces*

- Work with existing partners and build links with partners such as Everyone Active, McDonald's, local businesses, Gentoo, Gentoo Tenants Voice, Sunderland Alliance Community Support worker, Friends of Silksworth Park, Tunstall Hills protection Group, Sainsburys, and local Churches to develop a range of environmental improvements projects to open green spaces within the ward. Examples of improvements could be planting, tackling litter, painting, removing graffiti, weeding, cutting down shrubs, planning activities, and arranging community clean ups.
- Making these improvements to open green spaces will provide opportunities for rest, relaxation, and connection with nature for the residents of Silksworth. It will also improve, maintain, and protect existing green spaces to ensure they are being used for maximum effect.

*Cleaning and litter picking alleyways across the ward*

- The Ranger will complete weekly litter picks across the ward. They will work with local partners such as ward councillors, Sunderland City Council Environmental Services officer, Silksworth Residents Group, Everyone Active, Friends of Silksworth park, to identify target areas of concern.



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#### *Maintain and repair street fencing and furniture*

- The Ranger will work with local ward councillors and Sunderland City Council Environmental Services officer to identify any street fencing and furniture that needs minor repairing/maintaining such as painting, pulling out weeds around surrounding areas, reporting any significant damage.
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#### **Expected Outcomes of this project**

##### **Work in partnership with existing services and initiatives to deliver environmental improvements and involve the local community facilitating community ownership with regards to the local environment**

- We will work in partnership with existing services and local stakeholders; local elected members, Silksworth Residents Group, Tunstall Hills Protection Group and Friends of Silksworth Park. We will work together to identify what improvements are needed and develop an action plan to ensure we achieve maximum impact. This will be balanced across the whole ward to ensure a fair distribution of projects are undertaken within the time available. There will be a blend of low level litter picking and community clean up engagement activities.
- We will be creating an equipment bank for use by groups which will be based at Silksworth Youth and Community Centre, in our secure storage space. We will utilise our existing equipment which we purchased through the Keep Sunderland West Tidy Project.

##### **Attend regular Area Steering group meetings with all other ward-based projects to support the programme across the West.**

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- We will consult with the local community, and partners such as Friends of Silksworth Park, and Silksworth resident group, ward councillors to understand local issues and support them to create solutions, empowering them and their users to be involved,

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Silksworth Ranger 15 hours per week £12.50 ph 24 months	19,500		19,500
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Resources – Plants, Bulbs, Pain as and when needed	800	200	600
Publicity and Promotion	400	150	250
Stationary Materials and resources – for educational activities and campaigns	450	100	350
Training budget	500		500
PPE and Disposables	600	100	500
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Uniform for ranger and His Vis jackets for volunteers	400		400
Keep Britain tidy – Litter picking group kit (315 per kit)	1250	315	945
Camera to capture success	150		150
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<b>Total</b>	<b>35,060</b>	<b>8065</b>	<b>26995</b>

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Recommendation to approve

## Application No 7

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Ward</b>	Sandhill
<b>Name of Project</b>	Clean It, Green It – Sandhill
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Community Opportunities (Limited)

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We have worked to improve the appearance of Tay Road Fields which included several community clean ups and litter picking sessions delivered by volunteers with Grindon Young People's Centre youth groups, Barbara Priestman Academy Students and members of the community. We supported to SCC Environmental Dept to plant over 100 trees in the area and all this work has contributed to reducing anti-social behaviour in the area. Volunteers have visited the Springwell Extension (Barnes Pk Ext. in Sandhill Ward) and Thorney Close Playing Fields and Play Park to clean up and improve the appearance and access to both areas. We have also delivered a number of gardening and forestry sessions including widening pathways, edging walkways, removing overgrown ivy and grass from the stone bridge and stone steps, cutting back overgrown hedgerows and removing overhanging branches and tree whistling along fence lines. Several litter picking sessions delivered with young people from Community Opportunities youth groups and holiday clubs on the Thorney Close field and play park.

Thorney Close Primary School staff and identified an area of waste ground that was fenced off within the school grounds next to resident's properties, which needed attention to improve its appearance and address damage to property boundaries. Sessions were delivered with volunteers, local residents, school staff and parents to cut back large areas of weeds, nettles and bramble bushes. We also removed ivy that was covering the nearby property fences and removed debris/fly tipping in area. The school ran a week of environmental activities while the clean and green work was taking place and we provided materials and support for sessions with children on nature, pollution and recycling.

Hastings Hill was identified by a local resident's group for need of tidying up on the hill and walkways to improve the appearance and access to this historical site. Session were delivered with over 20 local residents attending to remove litter and debris. Improved access has been provided to the Bridle Path by tidying up the pathway, removing debris and cutting back overhanging branches and nettles and weeds on the walkway. Grindon Young People's Centre (GYPC) and Nursery volunteers and centre users identified the need to tidy up and update the play area to encourage more residents to use the area. Clean and Green volunteers co-ordinated activities with Bowes Railway Museum volunteers and young volunteers from GYPC to cut back hedgerows, remove tree off shoots, take down ivy from the building and provide a general clean up of the area. The project Officer liaised with GYPC to design wooden play structures which were then built and installed by Bowes Railway Museum including a train and rope bridge for the Nursery site.

We have established a regular pattern of litter picks and propose to continue these through the 'Clean it Green it' project. The clean and green project has path edging equipment necessary to address path edging in sandhill extensions and will schedule this work in the plan.

In conclusion, we believe Community Opportunities have the existing staff, partners, working procedures and most importantly a bank of well-motivated, trained and willing volunteers and to deliver the requirements of the 'Clean it and Green it' project and commence delivery with immediate effect.

## Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
<b>A Healthy Smart City Output</b>	<b>CODE</b>	
number of adults enjoying a healthier lifestyle (mentally, physically, independently)	201	10
number of children and young people benefiting from this project	203	40
amount of highway, cycle, pathways improved by area (m2)	208	500
number of community cleans up carried out	209	40
number of litter picks carried out	210	40
<b>A Vibrant Smart City Output</b>	<b>CODE</b>	
number of volunteers recruited and participating	304	50
number of volunteer hours delivered	305	800
number of hours spent delivering this funded project	307	1560

## Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Environmental Co-ordinator – average 3 hrs pr week	4816.22		4816.22
Project Officer – average 10 hrs pr wk	15090.81		15090.81
Small Equip and Hand Tools	3100	2000	1100
Equip Storage	500		500
Office/volunteer base, phone, stationery, ict	1585.60	500	1085.60
Vol expenses, travel, DBS, PPE	900		900
Insurance	807.37		807.37
Finance, Accounts, MI, Payroll	2700		2700
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,500</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>27,000</b>

**This project meets with the Launch ‘Love where you live’ campaign and In Bloom and Enhance local green spaces and encourage wider use including sports equipment, refurbishment of existing equipment and delivery of activities which support health and wellbeing and Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities Priorities from the West Delivery Plan**

Recommendation to approve



## Application No 8

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Ward</b>	St Anne's
<b>Name of Project</b>	Clean It, Green It – St Annes
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Community Opportunities (Limited)

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£29,500	£2,500	£27,000
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
24 Months	October 2022	September 2024

### ***Project Description (verbatim from application)***

Community Opportunities propose to deliver a ward-based neighbourhood management and environmental improvement project that responds to local concerns and builds on the successful delivery of the West Area Clean and Green scheme which SNCBC/Community Opportunities have delivered since June 2019. 'Clean It and Green It' enables us to continue to impact positively upon the Councils desire to create an 'attractive, clean and cared for environment where people choose to invest, live, work and spend their leisure time. We will do this by continuing the delivery of community clean-ups, litter picking, planting and forestry projects, effectively engaging residents into environmental volunteering to improve the appearance of their neighbourhoods, reduce littering and fly tipping, managing overgrown greenspaces and sustaining the maintenance of areas by working with groups to develop additional skills, including providing access to an equipment bank loan scheme. We will continue to encourage corporate volunteering opportunities and reinforcing business/corporate responsibility for the appearance of neighbourhoods.

Our partnership delivery model is designed not to duplicate any work undertaken within the Councils corporate responsibilities for the environment or by local housing providers such as Gentoo, Home group and other housing associations. A Clean and Green area wide steering group has been developed and is attended by staff from Environmental Services, Gentoo, Local Elected Members and ad hoc attendance by such as Police, Tyne and Wear Fire as specific issues emerge. The Steering Group will continue to be responsible for developing the quarterly workplan, through identifying potential activities/work sites from local need as highlighted by residents, local business and community walkabouts which ensures activities are relevant and the requirement for re-visiting sites to address such as re-growth, littering etc is identified within the workplan, in turn creating a sustainable local environmental management strategy.

The Project is led by a sessional Co-ordinator (currently recruiting), who will work alongside an experienced part-time Project Officer, who will lead the practical environmental improvement work, take forward recommendations from the Steering Group and visit the sites to assess the scope of the works for the workplan, produces a documented work assessment with site details, work to be undertaken, any impact to habitat, consideration of requirements to gain authority to work on public land, Countryside Act and/or to adhere to by-laws, assessment of health and safety requirements, resource and tool requirements and

any timing impacts such as seasonal influences of pruning, nesting etc. Timelines are set for individual project delivery considering such as the winter months being ideal for cutting back and removal of vegetation. The Co-ordinator liaises with Council and Gentoo Officers in compiling the plan to avoid duplication and wherever possible enabling the pooling of resources. Any issues observed during the compilation of the assessment, will be reported in a timely manner, for example falling trees that need removing would be reported to the SCC Arboriculture Team.

The Co-ordinator and Project Officer will recruit and induct volunteers on an ongoing basis, some for specific clean ups, others for specific environmental works and some for corporate support. We have a core of 12 regular volunteers engaged who have volunteered across all West wards. We also recruit volunteer's specific events, the Great British Spring Clean attracted 61 volunteers to clean ups and litter picks. Volunteers have provided many examples, and case studies, to demonstrate how Clean and Green has reduced their social isolation, improved confidence and led to some volunteers accessing job opportunities. We expect similar achievements and outputs to be realised in the ward-based delivery project.

We operate to a documented Volunteer Pathway, with an induction including project aims and objectives, verbal and practical individual assessment of skills, considering potential health issues and providing regular supervision. Volunteers receive a 'toolbox talk' to understand the correct/appropriate use of tools and equipment. We produce, and discuss with volunteers, generic and specific risk assessments, provide on-site volunteer training through regular conversation describing why the works are being delivered, matters relating to conservation, grounds maintenance, habitat management and infrastructure maintenance. We will link with the Sunderland Alliance project to access relevant training, promote the project and help identify both volunteers and potential sites. We work actively with the REACT employability project, local youth clubs and schools and Sunderland Council Volunteering Hub to recruit volunteers and we anticipate working with 50 volunteers in the proposed 24-month delivery period.

We engage corporate volunteers including from Asda, NHS, Nissan and EE and we will pursue new links with businesses and encourage them to address overgrown vegetation and branches to public walkways and blocked drainage due to fallen leaves from trees etc. We have worked with a range of voluntary organisations and friends groups, providing access to a well-coordinated loan scheme with a bank of equipment including litter picks, bags rings and sacks, loppers and pruners which we hold in a secure store along with some electrical items which we ensure are tested in line with legislative requirements. We will build on this bank through this proposal and will continue to train Organisations in the use of tools and equipment from the 'tool bank, with volunteers shadowing the project staff to rehearse practical skills, gain confidence and use their skills independently in their own Organisations. We will continue to provide support to local groups wishing to deliver community clean ups/litter picking sessions by providing advice on site surveys, health and safety requirements and insurance coverage. We can also accompany groups in activities to provide first aid cover if needed.

Our delivery of neighbourhood management and environmental works has identified that some work needs to be targeted to address issues which create a decline in local amenities,

reduce the attractiveness of neighbourhoods and increase the need for community clean-ups etc. Volunteers/residents have registered frustration regarding 'repeat offenders' who regularly discard litter. We will provide an educational offer, potentially working with a local college/training provider, to communicate the importance of correct residential waste disposal, keeping their neighbourhood clean/tidy and reporting issues. We are supporting local 'Friends of Groups' to lead smaller community clean ups and will link with local schools to deliver environmental projects in school and local neighbourhoods, ideas may include developing a children's orchard, wildflower garden, 'bling the bin' with children designs to encouraging appropriate waste disposal. We will raise awareness of local recycling schemes, community furniture donation centres etc.

We developed digital and paper-based environmental activity packs for children, young people and families and these were used to continue to engage people during the covid19 pandemic and have a future use in promoting visits to local green spaces, to complete spotter exercises and quizzes. In June 2022 we ran an educational session for schools visiting the Barnes Park Event. The project delivered to over 150 local school children, gifting a fruit plat to pot, grow and care for to produce their own food. We will encourage growing produce within local communities such as herb gardens, vegetable patches etc.

As part of our current neighbourhood management works, we have liaised with Councillors, local residents and Planning and Highways departments to consider the use of environmental assets, such as planters to stop inconsiderate and illegal parking and to improve the appearance of the neighbourhood. We have carried out painting of street furniture in the Silksworth ward including cleaning, sanding and re-painting metal fencing and benches to improve the area surrounding the installation of the new pit wheel. We propose to extend this work through delivery of the 'Clean it and Green it' project.

Our experience of working in the St Annes ward has been through the delivery of the following projects. All have been identified in consultation with Environmental Services Officers, Gentoo, Local Councillors and residents. We propose to continue supporting these areas of work as part of the 'Clean it and Green it' project. Councillors and residents identified a need to tidy up and encourage more people to access a local beauty post at Clatchie Rock & Riverside. Sessions were delivered by volunteers to remove debris and litter, tidying up and cleaning parking area, cutting back overgrown hedgerows along riverbank pathway and cutting back overhanging tree branches along the boathouse.

Offerton Lane required improvements to the area to enable access for walkers and cyclists. Sessions delivered included cutting back overgrown weeds and nettles, widening pathways, removing overhanging branches and digging out/widening cycleways from the lane to the A19.

The Children's Forest required improvement to the area's appearance and in turn encourage access. Sessions were delivered to remove many dead trees, off shoots and overhanging branches. Wildflower seeds and seed bombs were planted to encourage local wildlife/insects and improve the picnic area appearance. Litter picks are regularly carried out in the area to remove rubbish and debris, by volunteers, local councillors, residents and members of Team South Hylton (residents' group). We propose to continue with regular forestry sessions and community litter picks. Pennywell Youth Project Centre were supported to improve the appearance of the centre grounds. Gardening work was undertaken including removing debris and weeds with clean and green volunteers working alongside young volunteers from Pennywell Youth Project.

St Thomas' Church, Pennywell were provided with support to address overgrown areas in the church grounds including cutting back overgrown hedgerows and plants, removing debris and paving slabs, preparing area for beehives, weeding gravelled areas and cutting grass with local ward councillors and volunteers from the church congregation and Hope 4 All project.

Local Councillors and the SCC environmental department identified the need to tidy up the area of George V Playing Fields to make the skateboard park a safe area, more accessible and in turn reducing antisocial behaviour. Volunteers and local residents joined sessions to remove glass, litter and debris from the park, litter and debris collected and along with Council colleagues worked to remove graffiti areas. Through the Clean and Green project, we have successfully installed and maintained planters to prevent parking at such as Highfield School, Hipsburn Drive and Wearhead Drive. We liaised with Councillors, Planning and Highways colleagues and facilitated the purchase of bespoke planters. We supported Bowes Railway Museum to make successful applications to Community Chest to cover the costs of the planters. We will use this knowledge in the St Annes ward project to begin a garden improvement project at South Hylton Primary School (Dene View Crescent) and to provide and maintain planters at Portsmouth Road and Dene View Crescent school entrances to prevent kerb parking.

We have delivered many litter picking sessions throughout the ward and will continue to do so in consultation with ward councillors, residents and local groups. We will provide for the care and maintenance of public pathways, such as Offerton Lane where we have delivered previous support and carry out regular maintenance sessions. We will continue to schedule regular litter picks in the South Hylton Riverside area and support residents from such as Team South Hylton, at South Hylton Riverside, public parks and play areas.

In conclusion, we believe Community Opportunities have the existing staff, partners, working procedures and most importantly a bank of well-motivated, trained and willing volunteers and to deliver the requirements of the 'Clean it and Green it' project and commence delivery with immediate effect.

## Outputs

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 Recommendation to approve

## Application No 9

<b>Funding Source</b>	Neighbourhood Fund
<b>Ward</b>	St Chad's
<b>Name of Project</b>	St Chads Ranger
<b>Lead Organisation</b>	Youth Almighty Project

<b>Total cost of Project</b>	<b>Total Match Funding</b>	<b>Total NF Application</b>
£33,850	£6,855	£26,995
<b>Project Duration</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
24 Months	October 2022	September 2024

### ***Project Description (verbatim from application)***

YAP would like to support the delivery of a ward based approach to neighbourhood management and environmental improvements, responding to local concerns across the ward.

Our Planned project "St Chads Rangers" will enhance local neighbourhoods, encourage community partnerships and volunteering, and improve the use of green spaces.

To deliver this project we will provide a St Chads Ranger for 15 hours per week.

The St Chads Ranger will carry out a variety of tasks

- Weekly litter picking
- Share success on social media
- Monthly community clean up
- Strimming and cutting back, edging paths,
- Identify areas of concern and produce an action plan to target these areas.
- Report issues to Sunderland City Council via the appropriate means
- Support with the development of a Friends of Middle Herrington Park
- Attend meetings as and when required
- Develop relationships with existing/new partners
- Develop relationships with local businesses across the ward
- Complete Risk assessments when required
- Site visits
- Maintain Planters and surrounding areas within the ward
- Work in partnership with volunteers
- Engage with local businesses and schools
- Deliver educational campaigns/messages to the community/schools
- Maintain and repair street fencing/furniture where required

The St Chads Ranger will be easily identified within the community. Branded clothing will be worn. If needed appropriate training will be sourced to enable the St Chads Ranger to take part in appropriate tasks in a safe manner.

Throughout the project the St Chads Ranger will work with local partners existing and new such as ward councillors, Sunderland City Council Environmental Services officer, East Herrington Scouts, Herrington Village Show Group, Friends of West Park, St Davids Church, St Chads Residents Group, Gentoo Tenants Voice, local residents, St Chads parent and toddler group, McDonalds, Holy Rosary Church, St Chads Church, Bernicia Homes, and Primary and Secondary Schools in the area to consult and to identify target areas of concern across the ward.

YAP will recruit and engage new and existing volunteers to work and support the St Chads Ranger on identified projects such as litter picks and community clean ups. We have vast experience of recruiting volunteers through various means such as engaging their current youth and community groups, shout outs on social media using platforms such as Farringdon Have Your Say, Farringdon Youth and Community Centre, Herrington, Farringdon and Lakeside News and Youth Almighty Project Facebook page. We will also look to deliver leaflets around the ward where we are targeting, posters on notice boards around the ward such as in local shops, churches.

The St Chads Ranger will work and support new and existing volunteer groups to create opportunities for growing produce in the local community. As a starting point they will look to develop a community herb garden at Farringdon Youth and Community Centre or Middle Herrington Park. They will also work and support groups to adopt a planter within the ward or a shrub bed if these are developed within the ward.

One of the strengths we see within this project will be the recruitment and engagement of local volunteers, existing and new. All volunteers will be safely inducted into the project and given appropriate activities based on their abilities. The St Chads Ranger will support children, young people and adult volunteers to complete a range of tasks in the St Chads Ward for example litter picking, strimming and raking, cutting back vegetation, edging along pathways and weeding.

Another strength we see from this project is the information and education to the local community. We will deliver a range of educational campaigns such as dog fouling, litter, recycling, environment, to the whole community through our existing activities, social media, leaflets, posters and workshops. We will look to go into the local schools within ward and encourage them to engage in our planned activities such as litter picks and to adopt a planter.

There will be positive implications for Sunderland City Council Environmental team as they will have additional capacity by the project taking on some of their tasks. We will also look to upcycle through creating our own upcycling projects or contacting other organisations who recycle furniture to avoid items going to landfill.

There will be many success stories on the journey of this project, and we intend to celebrate those both online via social media but also in print in our regular newsletter catch ups. We will also talk with local press to ensure that people in the community are recognised for the work that they do.

This new project will provide residents and other groups with the opportunity to get involved in a variety of environmental improvements based on needs and address local concerns.

**Within the St Chad ward the ST Chads Ranger will particular focus on:**

*Supporting the development of Middle Herrington Park*

Just as our neighbourhoods need residents' groups and associations, our parks need 'Friends'.

YAP and the St Chads ward ranger will support the development of a Friends of Middle Herrington Park.

YAP have excellent knowledge of working with Friends groups as they currently support the Friends group within Silksworth Recreational Park.

We will gather interest by speaking to local people in the community through various means such as

- Shout outs on social media (Farringdon Youth and Community Centre, St Chads Residents, Herrington Lakeside and Farringdon News and Farringdon Have your say Facebook Pages)
- Getting to know people who use the park regularly
- Leaflets to houses within close proximity to gather interest and ideas
- Speaking with local groups in the ward along with local businesses
- Consulting with Ward Councillors

Once we gather enough interest, we will arrange a meeting to explore ideas on what people would like to achieve for the park and how to go about achieving them.

We will support the group with developing a constitution, developing a committee, and setting up a bank account.

The St Chads Ranger and Youth Almighty Project will be an active member of the group and work with others to improve and develop Middle Herrington park

*Environmental enhancements to the mineral line within the St Chads ward working with other Clean and Green groups*

- The St Chads Ranger will complete litter picking and environmental enhancements to the mineral line within the Ward. Part of the Rangers role will be to complete weekly litter picks across the ward. Whilst doing litter picks the ranger will be the eyes on the ground to observe and report through the appropriate channels when fly tipping appears along the mineral line. Other environmental enhancements



improvements to the mineral line such as removing litter, collecting leaves, habitat restoration, and cutting back shrubs along the cycle path will also be undertaken.

- The Ranger will also work alongside other clean and green groups to avoid duplication and work together to tackle any joint projects identified within the mineral line.

#### *Maintaining and enhancing planters throughout the ward*

- We will support the local community and elected members to enhance the local area where planters would be the solution. We will ensure that if these are installed that they are maintained along with surrounding areas, and we will empower local groups to take ownership and adopt these.
- We will look to work with members of the Herrington Village show to use their resources, knowledge, and expertise to enhance the local area with flowers etc.

#### *Environmental improvements to open green spaces*

- Work with existing partners and build links with partners such as East Herrington Scouts, Friends of West park, Herrington Village Show Group, St David's Church, St Chads Residents Group, Gentoo Tenants Voice, local residents, St Chads parent and toddler group, McDonalds, Holy Rosary Church, St Chads Church, Bernicia Homes, Lakeside Towers Luncheon Group, and Primary and Secondary Schools located within the ward to develop a range of environmental improvements projects to open green spaces within the ward. Examples of improvements could be planting, tackling litter, painting, removing graffiti, remove fly tipping, weeding, cutting down shrubs, planning activities, developing community herb garden, and arranging community clean ups.
- Making these improvements to open green spaces will provide opportunities for rest, relaxation, and connection with nature for the residents of St Chads. It will also improve, maintain, and protect existing green spaces to ensure they are being used for maximum effect.
- The Ranger will also work alongside other clean and green groups to avoid duplication and work together to tackle any joint projects identified.

#### *Cleaning and litter picking alleyways across the ward*

- The Ranger will complete weekly litter picks across the ward. They will work with local partners such as ward councillors, Sunderland City Council Environmental Services officer, St Chads Residents Group, McDonalds, and Local Residents to identify target areas of concern.
- They will also do fortnightly ward walkabouts to identify areas of concern. They will put together a litter picking action plan of targeted areas with a scheduled of planned activities with volunteers needed including cleaning and litter picking of alleyways across the ward.

## **Expected Outcomes of this project**

### **Work in partnership with existing services and initiatives to deliver environmental improvements and involve the local community facilitating community ownership with regards to the local environment**

- We will work in partnership with existing services and local stakeholders, local elected members, St Chads Residents Group, Friends of West Park, Herrington Village Show, East Herrington Scouts, St Davids and St Chads Church, Holy Rosary and Local Residents. We will work together to identify what improvements are needed and develop an action plan to ensure we achieve maximum impact. This will be balanced across the whole ward to ensure a fair distribution of projects are undertaken within the time available. There will be a blend of low-level litter picking, painting, and community clean up engagement activities.
- We will support and empower our partners to take pride and ownership through their engagement and participation. We will empower the local community to take ownership through their involvement in identifying needs/concerns, through to implementation and evaluation. We will encourage local groups/partners to adopt a planter or flower bed within the ward.
- We will be creating an equipment bank for use by groups which will be based at Farrington Youth and Community Centre, in our secure storage space. We will utilise our existing equipment which we purchased through the keep Sunderland West Tidy Project.

### **Attend regular Area Steering group meetings with all other ward-based projects to support the programme across the West.**

- The St Chads Ranger will attend regular area steering group meetings with all other ward-based projects to support, share best practice, update on issues/concerns and update on the program in the St Chads Ward.

### **Working with communities and partners to understand local issues and help to identify their own solutions and take more responsibility for their local community and sites.**

- We will consult with the local community, and partners such as Friends of West Park, St Chads resident group, ward councillors, and local residents to understand local issues and support them to create solutions, empowering them and their users to be involved, take responsibility and continue to be integral to their improvement and maintenance beyond the 2-year life of the project.
- There are a range of groups both formal and informal in the St chads ward that already exist that are a variety of shapes and sizes. We will be working with as many of these groups to ensure no duplication and support them to take action where we can such as supporting with equipment, knowledge and volunteers.
- We will empower children, young people, and the local community to take pride in their area and understand the natural environment and the impact of negative behaviours against the environment. We know that outdoor activities and environmental projects are particularly powerful learning opportunities as they contribute to a range of important collective targets across education, health, anti-social behaviour, and community cohesion

**Improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods across the West area with a focus of St Chads Ward and address issues which are contributing to the decline of local amenities**

- Together with partners the Ranger will make visual improvements to identified areas within the ward such as mineral line, and Foxy Island to dramatically improve them so that there is a clear change in a short period of time. Once an area is in a better state it will be less of a challenge to maintain for residents and volunteer groups. The ranger will carry out adjustments to areas where possible to minimise the ongoing workload.
- The proposed project will improve the overall visual appearance of the St Chads ward making it more attractive and a better place to live for the local community.
- This project will provide residents and other groups with the opportunity to get involved in a variety of environmental improvements based on needs and address local concerns.

**Outputs**

Data Field	Code	Output Target
<b>A Healthy Smart City Output</b>	<b>CODE</b>	
amount of highway, cycle, pathways improved by area (m2)	208	2.59 approx
number of community cleans up carried out	209	15
number of litter picks carried out	210	75
<b>A Vibrant Smart City Output</b>	<b>CODE</b>	
number of volunteers recruited and participating	304	80
number of volunteer hours delivered	305	500
number of hours spent delivering this funded project	307	1560 – 15 hours per week over 24 month

**Financial Information**

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
St Chads Ranger 15 hours per week £12.50 ph 24 months	19,500		19,500
Volunteers Expenses	400		400
Resources – Plants, Bulbs, Pain as and when needed	800	200	600

Publicity and Promotion	400	150	250
Stationary Materials and resources – for educational activities and campaigns	450	100	350
Training budget	500.		500
PPE and Disposables	600	100	500
Small equipment – Hand tools, edging shears, cutting set, loppers	600		600
Project management for lifetime of project	2800		2800
Uniform for ranger and His Vis jackets for volunteers	400		400
Keep Britain tidy – Litter picking group kit (315 per kit)	1250	305	945
Camera to capture success	150		150
Volunteer hours 500 @ £12 per hour	6000	6000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,850</b>	<b>6855</b>	<b>26,995</b>

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Recommendation to approve

**West Area Committee****21st September 2022****Community Chest Awards April to September 2022**

<b>Barnes Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		<b>Approvals</b>
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Pemberton Bowls Club	23.05.2022	-	£1,470
50 <sup>th</sup> Sunderland Brownies	10.08.2022	-	£500
<b>Remaining balance</b>		-	<b>£8,030</b>
<b>Pallion Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Springboard	30.05.2022	-	£566
Communities Together	30.05.2022	-	£203
PAG on B/H Dovecote Meadows	06.07.2022	-	£500
Lambton Street Youth Comm	10.08.2022	-	£920
50 <sup>th</sup> Sunderland Brownies	10.08.2022	-	£500
<b>Remaining balance</b>			<b>£7,311</b>
<b>Sandhill Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Headway Wearside	04.05.2022	-	£1,005
111 Squadron	14.06.2022	-	£750
Grindon Lane Karate	21.07.2022		£700
<b>Remaining balance</b>			<b>£7,545</b>
<b>Silksworth Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Silksworth Cricket Club	23.05.2022	-	£1,250
Silksworth Banner Group	06.07.2022	-	£1,000
<b>Remaining balance</b>			<b>£7,750</b>
<b>St Annes Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Hylton Guides	27.05.2022	-	£605
Pennywell Community Centre	27.05.2022	-	£491
Pennywell Youth Project	27.05.2022	-	£1,066
South Hylton Primary Care Academy	30.06.2022	-	£3,555

Hope 4 Kidz	29.07.2022	-	£1,000
<b>Remaining balance</b>			<b>£3,283</b>
<b>St Chads Ward Budget</b>	<b>£10,000</b>		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Herrington Village Show Group	21.07.2022	-	<b>£545</b>
<b>Remaining balance</b>			<b>£9,455</b>

## Current Planning Applications(West)

Between 01/08/2022 and 31/08/2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/01331/FUL	16 Careen CrescentSunderlandSR3 3TF	Erection of single storey extension to side/rear to replace existing garage.	02/08/2022	27/09/2022
22/01772/FUL	3 Tunstall TerraceNew SilksworthSunderlandSR3 1HH	Removal of existing conservatory to rear and erection of single storey extension with living area and bedroom and lean too roof with velux rooflights.	04/08/2022	29/09/2022
22/01626/FUL	32 Barnes ViewSunderlandSR4 7QA	Erection of a single storey extension to front with patio area and alterations to existing front bay window	09/08/2022	04/10/2022
22/01815/FUL	McDonald'sNorth Moor RoadSunderlandSR3 1TJ	Creation of new access to site. Erection of single storey extensions to all elevations with relocation of access door, glazing and new access door, additional drive thru booth and extended freezer / chiller. Installation of goal post height restrictor and replacement patio furniture.	10/08/2022	05/10/2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/01805/ADV	Bus ShelterDurham RoadSunderland	Replace paper advertisement with a single digital bus shelter advertising display. The reverse panel comprises a non-advertising, non-illuminated space for Council or Community content. Replacement digital display will portray static advertising images that change every 10 seconds.	10/08/2022	05/10/2022
22/01806/ADV	Bus ShelterThe BroadwayGrindonSunderland	Replace existing double-sided internally illuminated 6-sheet bus Shelter advertising displays with double-sided digital displays. Replacement digital displays will portray static advertising images that change every 10 seconds.	10/08/2022	05/10/2022
22/01827/FUL	12 Cortina AvenueSunderlandSR4 8NE	Erection of a single storey extension to rear	11/08/2022	06/10/2022
22/01623/FUL	Thornbury Care Home58 Thorndale RoadSunderlandSR3 4JG	Erection of three-storey and single-storey extensions to north-east elevation, erection of three-storey extension to north-west elevation and alterations to existing car park layout and landscaping.	11/08/2022	06/10/2022
22/01825/TPA	Land At (Former Site Of Caravan No.2)Elstob House Farm Caravan ParkTunstall RoadSunderlandSR3 1PY	Tree Works Common Beech - 50% reduction to rear tallest limb and crown uplift to a height of 45ft from ground level on west side of tree.	11/08/2022	06/10/2022



Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/01837/FUL	50 Hawthorn Avenue Silksworth Sunderland SR3 1DR	Erection of single storey extension to front, first floor to side of property and single storey extension to rear and loft conversion.	15/08/2022	10/10/2022
22/01843/TPA	Rear Of 16 Woodside Terrace Sunderland SR3 3SG	1 no. Ash Tree - Thin by 20%, pruning out dead and damaged wood. Crown lift secondary branches only to 2.5m above ground level, giving an overall leaf volume reduction of 25 percent.	15/08/2022	10/10/2022
22/01851/FUL	53 Midmoor Road Sunderland SR4 6NS	Loft conversion to rear comprising flat roof dormer with juliet balcony.	16/08/2022	11/10/2022
22/01853/FUL	Meadowgate Hylton Sunderland SR4 0LJ	Conversion and extension to existing detached garage to form granny annexe.	16/08/2022	11/10/2022
22/01830/ADV	McDonald's North Moor Road Sunderland SR3 1TJ	Relocation of 2 no. existing freestanding signs and the installation of 1 no. new freestanding sign.	18/08/2022	13/10/2022
22/01903/FUL	139 Durham Road Sunderland SR3 4AL	Creation of new vehicle access to front elevation.	23/08/2022	18/10/2022

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22/01916/FUL	60 Maling ParkSunderlandSR4 0JB	Erection of a first floor side extension	24/08/2022	19/10/2022
22/01910/SUB	4 Mount GroveSunderlandSR4 7NW	Erection of a single storey extension to rear	24/08/2022	19/10/2022
22/01745/FUL	Land To Rear Of78 Durham RoadSunderlandSR3 3NB	Change of use from open space to private garden with 2metre high boundary wall/railings	25/08/2022	20/10/2022