North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

Agreed 23rd July 2020



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

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

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

- 1. Tackle empty properties
- 2. Derelict land
- 3. Affordable homes
- 4. Love Where You Live
- 5. Transport Routes and Parking
- 6. Highways, pavements and street lighting
- 7. Parks, play, cycle and walking routes
- 8. Social Prescribing

- 9. Support voluntary and community sector
- 10. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe
- 11. Volunteer platform
- 12. Support communities to deliver local events
- 13. Improve CCTV and Enforcement
- 14. Promote Heritage Assets and Deliver Heritage Activities
- 15. Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage

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

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

Neighbourhood Investment priority			
Action	Next Steps	Update	
1. Tackle Empty Properties			
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City - More and Better House	ing		
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to North Neighbourhood and Community Board to include: • Number of empty properties and related issues in the North • Pro-active action in place in relation to properties allowed to go into a state if dilapidation by rogue landlords	North Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the North area.	Graham Scanlan, Assistant Director of Housing attended February Board and provided an update October Board received a presentation from the Private Sector Housing Team and the support to private landlords and accreditation schemes	
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attra Executive Director Economy and Place to provide an update on derelict land and properties to North Neighbourhood and Communities Board. Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration to provide updates on Sunderland City Councils Low Carbon Commitment	Ctive City and Neighbourhood North Area Committee to consider update and how they can support the development of sites within the North area	October Board received a presentation from the Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration on the Low Carbon Commitment including: • Timeline of Commitment • Citywide Emission Targets	
Commitment		 2030 Shadow Board Young Peoples Advisory Group Links to North Sunderland Delivery Plan North Sunderland good practice examples Discussion on future ideas An area within Redhill Ward was raised as a potential site to link to the low	

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		carbon agenda with green space redevelopment and improvements at Downhill Skatepark. Potential funding alignments to be discussed at Board/Area Committee	
3. Create more affordable homes			
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City - More and Better Hous			
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to North Neighbourhood and Community Board	North Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the North area.		
4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign	,		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhood Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More residents Participating in their Community Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement			
Continue to receive updates from the North Raising Aspiration Projects on their litter picks and environmental projects and ensure they advertise opportunities for residents/schools etc to get involved.	ACDL to continue to provide updates on delivery to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	February Board received feedback on the Wild flowering the North Project June 2021 Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £25,000 in order to support the development of a bulb planting/environmental project within St. Peters Church. June 2021 Area Committee agreed the alignment of £25,000. The St. Peters Church Environment Project was agreed by the Area Committee via a delegated decision on 22 nd July 2021	

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St. Peters Church Environment Project planting is now complete with blooms expected 2022
June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £25,000 in order to suppor the development of an Art Project and Washing Facilities at Seaburn Sea Front. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £25,000
ACDL is working with VCS organisation Friends of Fulwell to support them in the delivery of a project that achieves a "Goby the Fish" project at Seaburn. Environmental Services have provided feedback on ideas for the installation and advice and guidance on emptying the recyclables. The project lead is developing the application in consultation with local residents, environmental services and planning.
The project will be presented to November Board for discussion and future recommendations to Area Committee

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VAS Signage Project in development for North Area which will provide 2 signs per ward which will be circulated to 40 locations across the North	North Area Committee agree the funding and locations of the signs. Once agreed the Neighbourhood and Community Board will receive regular updates on the locations and effectiveness of the signs	Signs are now installed across the North and rotational programme in operation. April Board discussed the potential for additional signs – consultation held with members and Infrastructure and Transportation are to provide costs to inform further discussions at future Board Members receive updates on VAS rotational programme. December 2021 members considered further proposals for additional VAS signage locations and were advised of SCC plans to purchase 1 additional VAS sign for the North. Costs are in the process of being worked up for 4 additional VAS signs to be considered at a future Board and Area Committee. Proposals to be presented to November 2022 Board for consideration	
6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting			

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Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – People Feeling Safe in their Neighbourhoods
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhood

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Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme.	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to North Area Committee	March Area Committee agreed 2021 – 2022 Programme November Board received an update on the progress of the Highways Maintenance Programme 2021-2022 February Board received and considered the Highways Maintenance Programme recommendations for 2022 – 23. Agreed to recommend approval to March Area Committee subject to further discussions to be held with the St. Peters and Southwick Ward Councillors. March Area Committee agreed the Highways Maintenance Programme	
		recommendations for 2022 - 2023	
7. Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Visiting Sunderland and More Residents Informing and Participating in Cultural Events, Programmes and Activities Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhood – People Enjoying Independent Lives – Reduced Health Inequalities Enabling More People to Live Healthier Longer Lives Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement			
Develop a plan for the regeneration of Thompson Park as	Neighbourhood and Community Board	Task and Finish Group formed and	
an activity and destination park for all ages in partnership with Friends of Thompson Park	agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group.	have worked in partnership with Friends of Thompson Park on a regeneration	
	ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be	plan in order to provide an activity and destination park for all ages.	

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	provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	December 2020 Area Committee agreed an alignment of £200,000 for the regeneration of Thompson Park and £25,000 of this to be a match to Places to Ride application with full applications to be presented to future Board and Area Committee. The Group were successful with a
		Places to Ride funding application to deliver cycling skills area in park and education/ training with match funding to be considered at the June Area Committee. June 2021 Area Committee agreed the match of £25,000 to deliver the Places to Ride Project. The installation of the Places to Ride skills area was completed May 2022.
		June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further £100,000 for the development of Thompson Park. June 2021 Area Committee agreed the alignment of £100,000.
		Design Services are currently working up design proposals and costs and these are expected late September for the Task and Finish Group to consider
		Initial design proposals considered by the Task and Finish Group with

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		amendments requested and a deadline of February 2022 provided.
		Further design proposals shared with Ward Councillors February 2022, Assistant Director of Community Resilience advised of the potential for further Council capital investment into Thompson Park subject to receiving full and costed proposals, Meeting to be held with Ward Councillors and Design Services and updates to be provided to a future Board meeting.
		City Development are now leading on this project with Chief Officer Group (COG) confirming additional capital funding to support the North Area Committee funding. Ward members and Area Chair have been provided regular updates and a timeline for delivery of the project. It is anticipated that the first phase including new pathways and additional play areas will be installed by 31st March 2023.
Develop a plan for small scale improvements in Roker Park in partnership with Friends of Roker Park and within the Heritage status of the Park	ACDL to support the Friends of Roker Park to develop plan and funding applications	Online Friends of Roker Park meetings held November 2020 and February 2021 – group are actively moving forward with suggestions put forward via social media and Friends meetings.

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		Friends of Roker Park have resumed in person meetings and regularly update their social media page and encourage volunteering and promote positive messages regarding the park.
Develop a plan for improvements at Hylton Dene as a wildlife and walking, cycling and running route/destination	To be discussed at future Neighbourhood and Community Board	
Identify accessible Play Equipment available across Sunderland North	City Wide Condition Survey currently in process of being developed. Request submitted for North information to be released as soon as practicably possible	Area Committee via the responsive decision making process agreed £16,975 for the installation of an Ability Swing with Flat Seat at Hylton Castle Play Area as part of a project which will also see the installation of an Ability Whirl Self Propelled with Safety Surfacing A contractor has now been appointed for the installation of the Ability Swing. Wheelchair Accessible Swing, Ability Self Propelled Whirl and additional swings installed May 2022
Receive updates on Improvements to Parks, Open Spaces and Play within Sunderland North	North Area Committee to consider the updates and how they can influence and add value.	July Board received a presentation on the proposals for improvements to Parks, Open Spaces and Play across Sunderland North July Board received a presentation on the proposals for the Seaburn public realm regeneration including the new play park plans and Cut Throat Dene

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		November Board received a presentation which gave an update on improvement at Roker Park and plans for the Roker Park Lodge/Café	
		November Board received a presentation on Cemetery Improvement Plans. Members provided with the opportunity to joint the Cemetery Improvement Board	
		February Board received an update on Hylton Dene, Downhill Complex, Fulwell Quarry and Roker Park.	
		St. Peters Ward members and Area Chairs carried out a site visit at Roker Park August 2022 and were updated on the future plans for café and landscape improvements in Roker Park	
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			
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Reduced Health Inequalities Enabling More People to Live Healthier Longer Lives – Access to equitable Opportunities and Life Changes, People Enjoying Independent Lives – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhoods Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More Resilient People – More Residents Participating in Their Communities			
Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – Community Empowerment, Engagement and Involvement - Business Growth and Investment in Voluntary and Community Sector – Improving Community Resilience			
Ensure 5 Ward based Raising Aspirations Projects are providing services and activities to local residents	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	The 5 ward based Raising Aspirations Projects continue to deliver services and activities to the local community	

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		including providing Covid Community Hub Support.
		June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £50,000 per ward for the development of applications for a further 2 years June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £250,000
		The five Raising Aspiration Project leads are currently developing full applications to be considered at the November Board.
		November Board received updates from the five Raising Aspiration Project leads on the delivery of the projects to date.
		November Board considered the five Raising Aspiration Project applications and recommend approval of the applications for a further 2 years to the December Area Committee which was agreed
		Feedback on the Raising Aspiration Projects will be provided to Area Committee, by Ward, throughout 2022 – 2023
		St. Peters Ward Raising Aspirations Project delivered a presentation to the June Area Committee

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Ensure North Communication Project keeps local communities up to date with activities and services on offer and promotes the North Area	ACDL coordinates the content and delivery of the North Communication Project in partnership with the Neighbourhood and Community Board	Project currently on hold due to COVID-19 and newsletter is to promote activities delivered in the Ward however work is commencing on delivering the leaflet element of the project Leaflet celebrating the investment in Sunderland North is currently in development with anticipated distribution Winter 2021 Distribution commenced January 2022 The Project is in the process of developing a card to help promote the North Area Committee funded youth activities and the 2 nd Newsletter with drafts for Chairs to consider expected w/c 26 th September	
North Area Committee in partnership with Public Health Funding have supported health related projects in Sunderland North	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	Quarterly Monitoring Updates provided to Board July Board received a presentation on Ageing Well Sunderland and the opportunity to support the Time to Talk and Walk initiative February Board to consider applications in order to make recommendation to	

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		March Area Committee for Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations to provide accessible Defibrillators across Sunderland North. February Board considered applications submitted from VCS organisations to provide accessible Defibrillators and recommended approval of all applications to the March Area Committee which were agreed
		July Board considered an Expression of Interest to develop a Park Run at the Quarry the Board agreed the development of a full application to be presented to September Area Committee within the previously aligned Health Funding Details of which are included in Item 3 Annex 1
Beach Access North East leading on a project on behalf of Sunderland Seafront Steering Group to install a container adjacent to Marine Activities Centre which will house beach accessible wheelchairs with volunteers managing booking of the wheelchairs	September North Area Committee to consider a funding application to deliver this project	September Area Committee agreed funding for the project, project lead is now working with Sunderland City Council on the planning process Beach Access North East carrying out trials of wheelchairs on 1st of June at Roker Beach with members of the
		Sunderland Seafront Steering Group Due to increased costs and the environmental restrictions and requirements at the site the project

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		requires additional funding – Beach Access North East have joined Crowdfund Sunderland and are actively seeking donations to support the project thereby ensuring local community support.
		March 2022 planning application submitted. Planning application approved.
		Installation commenced September 2022 in order to provide a container and beach wheelchairs on Marine Walk in Roker for the North Area Committee Funded Beach Access North East Project
9. Support the voluntary and community sector to provenues as well as host community events, activities		ning times within local community
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Visiting S Events, Programmes and Activities – More Residents P Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – L Management – Community Empowerment Engagement Community Sector	articipating In Their Communities Developing the Role of Anchor Institution	ons – Socially Productive Asset
Support the development of former Downhill School into a	Neighbourhood and Community Board	Task and Finish Group formed and
community hub current delivery includes:	agreed the formation of a Task and	worked with the voluntary sector
. Vouth Activities	Finish Group. ACDL to coordinate and	leaseholder in order to develop capital
Youth Activities Reving Club	arrange the group and regular updates	proposals to assist in the refurbishment
Boxing Club		of the Downhill Community Hub.

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		A Taking Stock Survey is currently being carried out via the North VCS Network in order understand the needs of the sector in managing their buildings, volunteer support required, programme of services and activities delivered all of which will be used for them to benefit from social value support.
10. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people	to be together and feel safe	
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City - More People Feeling S		ds - More Residents Participating In
Their Communities	Departuration and Life Change	
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Access to Equitable C Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy - C		and Involvement – Rusiness Growth
and Investment in Voluntary and Community Sector –		and involvement Business Cremai
Neighbourhood Funding in place for Youth Partnership delivery across all wards in North	Updates on delivery of provision to be provided to the Neighbourhood Community Board	£20,000 funding in place for youth activities 2020 – 2021
Neighbourhood Funding in place for School Holiday delivery 2020		March 2020 Area Committee approved £35,000 for the delivery of school holiday activities within the 2020 – 2021
£20,000 Neighbourhood Funding in Place for youth activities 2020 - 2021		school holiday periods with the project leads delivering services, activities and support within COVID guidelines and restrictions
		March 2021 Area Committee agreed to align the £40,000 available for youth activities for the extension of school holiday activities for 2021 – 2022 to the existing providers. June Area Committee agreed the school holiday

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		2021 – 2022 application for the £40,000 budget available. A summary of the Summer Holiday 2021 provision was provided in the September Area Committee Video.
		February Board to receive a presentation from youth providers across Sunderland North on the provision available and the services and activities requested by young people. To help inform future decision on funding to be considered by the Board and Area Committee.
		Potential funding alignment and proposals for the development of a Task and Finish Group with one representative per ward to be discussed at February Board.
		February Board received a presentation from young people. The board agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group in order to develop a Call for Project brief to be presented to a future board and then recommend to Area Committee for approval along with a request for £50,000 per ward from 2022 – 2023 Neighbourhood Fund.
		April 2022 Area Committee via Responsive Decision agreed the

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11. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to		alignment of £50,000 per ward and the release of the Youth Project Brief subject to full applications to be presented to the Task and Finish Group and future Area Committee. June 2022 the Task and Finish Group met to discuss the applications and agreed to invite all applicants to a meeting with the Group to discuss further development of the applications. Through the responsive decision making process Area Committee agreed the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group in July 2022.
11. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to	get involved more within their commit	unities
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City - More Residents Particip	pating In Their Communities	
Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS.	Update volunteer platform to enable matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.	Volunteers registered on the North Platform have been provided with a booklet of volunteering opportunities from projects based within Sunderland North and City Wide
12. Support communities to deliver local events		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More residents participed Residents Informing and Participating in Cultural Events Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – Cand Investment in the Voluntary and Community Sector	s, Programmes and Activities community Empowerment, Engageme	

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North Area Committee supported Southwick Illumination Project since 2012 – further additions required 2020	July North Area Committee agreed £10,000 capital funding to support festive lighting project September North Area Committee agreed further £10,000 capital funding to support Southwick Festive Lighting Project	Due to COVID 19 restrictions a Christmas Switch On Event could not be held 2020 however the Christmas Tree was installed and dressed on Southwick Green and was switched on in line with all other Christmas Lighting across the City on the 19 th of November. Additional lighting will be installed in 2021 Procurement process progressing for additional lighting installation 2021 Timeline provided by Procurement: • Opportunity issued mid July • Awarded mid August Procurement process now completed and provider appointed to install additional lighting on Southwick Green for 2021 Additional lighting installed and successful Switch On Event delivered
		by Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project on 26 th November 2021 Previous funding from North Area
		Committee to deliver the annual switch on has been in place since 2012 and has covered up to the Switch On Event
		of 2021 further funding to deliver future

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		events is therefore requested and detailed in Item 3 Annex 1 Future Board to consider how the North Area Committee can influence the City Wide programme of events and the usage of locations across Sunderland North
13. Increase safety through the improvement of CCTV a	nd additional enforcement	
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attra Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Feeling Sa		ls
North Area Committee funded CCTV and Enforcement project operational and ongoing	July Neighbourhood and Community Board received feedback on the current CCTV/Enforcement project and agreed the set up of a Task and Finish group to consider the feasibility of additional CCTV/Masts/Airtime costs	Task and Finish Group formed and members consulted on hotspot areas in order to inform CCTV solutions. March Area Committee agreed a Neighbourhood Investment Capital Application of £100,000 and Neighbourhood Fund of £61,366 and aligned an additional £38,634 bringing the total amount available for the CCTV project to £200,000. A Neighbourhood Fund application was agreed by members in May 2021 through the responsive decision making process of £4,191.42 for the purchase of additional masts in order to provide re-deployable CCTV for Roker Park.

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		An application for enforcement camera solutions has been developed from the remaining aligned funds after significant testing of cameras. This application for £34,400 was agreed at June Area Committee.
		North Area Committee Councillors received feedback from the Area Chair on the Local Multi Agency Partnership meetings which included updates on camera options and locations.
		LMAPS regularly discuss Sunderland City Council Drone Project which will see staff trained as drone pilots and drones used with the aim of tackling ASB.
14. Promote heritage assets and deliver heritage activiti	es to improve health and wellbeing and	improve community cohesion
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Visiting St. Events, Programmes and Activities Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – C		
Develop a project which provides access to event space at	July Neighbourhood and Community	Task and Finish Group formed,
Hylton Castle in order to support bringing the community together and future sustainability of the Project	Board agreed the set-up of a Task and Finish group to develop plans to consider the proposals for the development of event space at Hylton Castle	December Area Committee agreed the alignment of Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding of £100,000 and the Hylton Castle Trust developed an application for the Hylton Castle Events Space Project which was agreed at
	ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be	June Area Committee for £100,000.

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	provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	June 2021 Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £100,000 for the development of a project that will lead towards the restoration of the chapel and cellars. June Area Committee agreed the alignment and the Hylton Castle Trust are working towards developing the full application that will best meet the needs of the Castle Project.
		April 2022 Board considered the full application and recommended approval to June Area Committee subject to additional information included within the application on what the chapel will be used for when restored. Full application agreed at June 2022 Area Committee
		February 2022 Board agreed in principle to recommend to a future Area Committee the alignment of £100,000 from the Neighbourhood Fund allocation for 2022 – 2023 for a project which will develop the Castle as a Winter Events Venue
		April 2022 Board considered the full application and recommended approval to June Area Committee subject to additional information included within the application on future sustainability of

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		the project .Full application agreed at June 2022 Area Committee
		Fans Museum:
		March Area Committee agreed funding of £11,384 to support the development of Architectural Design, Videography, Photography and a Digital Tour Project.
15. Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attr Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Visiting S Events, Programmes and Activities Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – C	Sunderland and More Residents Informi	-
Southwick Green Redevelopment Phase 1 to commence July 2020	Regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	Southwick Green Redevelopment Phase 1 near completion. Local VCS organisations, Springboard, Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project and Southwick Green Preservation Society have supported the project with bulb and winter planting led by the Southwick SARA Project and supported by Southwick Community Chest funding. February Board agreed for Southwick Ward Councillors to consider the original proposals for the Southwick Green Redevelopment and develop phase 2 proposals taking into consideration a local voluntary and

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		community sector organisation proposals for heritage signage and potential of external funding to support project. Full proposals to be presented to future Board and Area Committee for consideration. SCC Design Services are developing costs and proposals which will be presented to Southwick Ward Cllrs when available. Design Services are expected to have proposals in place September 2021 Southwick Ward Councillors have considered the proposals and have requested amendments with a deadline of February 2022. Potential funding alignments to be discussed at future Board/Area Committee. This project is currently on hold while Design Services prioritise the Thompson Park Project