

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND PROGRAMME AND SUNDERLAND RAIL STATION

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To receive a progress report from Peter McIntyre (Executive Director of City Development) on the Future High Street Fund Programme and Sunderland Rail Station.

2. Background

- 2.1 In setting its work programme for the year, the Committee agreed to receive a progress report on the Future High Street Fund Programme and the development of Sunderland Rail Station.
- 2.2 In December 2020, it was confirmed that the Council would receive a grant of £25m through the Government's Future High Street Fund (FHSF). The Fund is intended to help renew and reshape town centres, making them a more attractive place to live, work and visit.
- 2.3 In Sunderland the delivery of the Future High Street Fund Programme is a key part of the ongoing regeneration of the city centre and will provide further significant investment as part of the City's investment plans for the area.
- 2.4 The Future High Street Fund programme funding complements the redevelopment of the Railway Station.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 Peter McIntyre (Executive Director of City Development) will provide a presentation on the progress being made to date in relation to the FHSF Programme. There will also be an update on the development of Sunderland Rail Station.
- 3.2 A copy of the presentation is attached for information.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment on the contents of the report.