

### **Item 3, Annex One:**

**East Area Committee: 15 March 2021**

#### **East Area Committee's Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023**



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 East of Sunderland, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the East 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 East Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

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| 1. Tackle empty properties                 | 8. Community cohesion                     |
| 2. Derelict land                           | 9. Support voluntary and community sector |
| 3. Affordable homes                        | 10. Volunteer platform                    |
| 4. Love Where You Live                     | 11. Neighbourhood Watch                   |
| 5. Enforcement                             | 12. Reduce fear of crime                  |
| 6. Highways, pavements and street lighting | 13. Preserve heritage                     |
| 7. Parks, play, cycle and walking routes   |   |

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

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

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
1. Tackle Empty Properties		
Action	Next Steps	Update
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to East Neighbourhood and Community Board	East Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the East area.	<p>The Assistant Director of Housing attended the November 2020 Board meeting and provided an update on the Council becoming a Registered Provider in November 2019, and an Investor Partners with Home England which involved the Council approving the Housing Delivery and Investment Plan of £59m in February 2020 to deliver new social housing across three areas: i) Empty Properties; ii) Bungalows and iii) Support Accommodation.</p> <p>A recent restructure has strengthened the focus on dealing with empty properties. Over the last year 106 empty properties have been brought back into use in the East, from the 362 across the City. The majority of the empty properties were privately owned and a blight on local communities. The Housing Team are currently targeting empty property acquisitions and undertaking enforcement in the Hendon ward, working with Back on the Map and Thirteen Group. This work is supported by Environmental Health and Enforcement Officers, dedicated to improving housing standards by addressing concerns, mainly in the privately rented sector by tackling rogue landlords.</p> <p>In the East area the majority of empty properties fall within the Hendon, Millfield and St Michael's wards. Concerns were raised at the amount of empty properties, which were formerly used by students that now stand empty, as the City has seen a surge in higher spec student accommodation. 'Older' properties i.e. cottages in the Millfield ward, are left empty having a negative impact on the local community. Currently the Empty Properties Team are working on 18 empty properties in Millfield alone.</p> <p>In the short term, to support local Councillors deal with queries, a named Officer has been identified who Members can contact directly with housing related issues.</p>
Request an update from the University regarding any future plans for Clanny House and The Precinct.	Area Community Development Lead (ACDL) to provide elected members with the update. In order to keep the community	<p>Representatives attended the November 2020 Board meeting and provided an update on the One Campus Master Plan (downloaded from: <a href="https://my.sunderland.ac.uk/display/aboutus/2018/04/01/one+campus+masterplan">https://my.sunderland.ac.uk/display/aboutus/2018/04/01/one+campus+masterplan</a>)</p> <p>Clanny House: the site is earmarked for long term disposal, but due to a long term lease it makes the disposal of the site more difficult.</p> <p>The Precinct: the site is earmarked for long term disposal.</p>

	informed of any potential developments.	<p>The University agreed to discuss their ideas and suggestions with Area Committee at a future meeting.</p> <p>The University confirmed that they are consulted on planning applications relating to proposals for larger scale student accommodation and would welcome the opportunity to be consulted on all planning proposals relating to student accommodation, in the city, regardless of the number of units involved.</p>																		
<b>2. Review all derelict land and properties and develop plan to address each site with partners and residents to further create green and cultural communities</b>																				
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Executive Director Economy and Place to provide an update on derelict land and properties to East Neighbourhood and Communities Board.	East Area Committee to consider update and how they can support the development of sites within the East area e.g. potential future development of Athol Road / Middle Hendon area.	<p>The Assistant Director of Housing attended the November 2020 Board meeting and provided an update Middle Hendon area development at Harrogate and Amberley Street.</p> <p>In partnership with Thirteen Housing Group, Cabinet approval to enter into agreement to finalise the feasibility of a housing development project which will deliver 100 affordable new homes for rent. Housing will be a mixture of bungalows for older people and two- and three-bedroom family homes. An update on the timescale was received at the January 2021 Board and is outlined below:</p> <table><tr><td>January - February 2021 (arrange licences for certain works)</td><td>Feasibility works underway</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Pre-app meetings</td></tr><tr><td>February to March 2021</td><td>Reports and surveys</td></tr><tr><td>April 2021</td><td>Planning submission</td></tr><tr><td>September/October 2021</td><td>Finalise Tender evaluation</td></tr><tr><td>October 2021</td><td>Anticipated Planning Approval</td></tr><tr><td>November 2021</td><td>Board approval to: enter into contract, complete land acquisition and allow start on site</td></tr><tr><td>December 2021</td><td>Acquire land, enter contract/appointment of contractor, Health and Safety approval</td></tr><tr><td>January 2022</td><td>Start on site</td></tr></table>	January - February 2021 (arrange licences for certain works)	Feasibility works underway		Pre-app meetings	February to March 2021	Reports and surveys	April 2021	Planning submission	September/October 2021	Finalise Tender evaluation	October 2021	Anticipated Planning Approval	November 2021	Board approval to: enter into contract, complete land acquisition and allow start on site	December 2021	Acquire land, enter contract/appointment of contractor, Health and Safety approval	January 2022	Start on site
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### 3. Create more affordable homes

Action	Next Steps	Update
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to East Neighbourhood and Community Board	East Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the East area.	It was noted that Partners (Gentoo, Thirteen, Home Housing, etc.) deliver affordable homes to residents in the City. The Council will bring added value to the social housing market by specialising in bungalows and supported accommodation. A good example of this, is the Council's first new build development in nearly 40 years at Cork Street, which is estimated at £4m investment. Providing 17 bungalows, 16 fully adapted bungalows and 1 general needs bungalow. Supported by a new Day Centre for those with physical disabilities, which replaces the existing North East Disability Resource Centre based in the old Cork Street Nursery building. The development is currently ongoing with completion due early 2022.

### 4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign

Action	Next Steps	Update
Continue with litter picks and support the Rangers to continue to organise and advertise opportunities for residents / schools, etc to get involved.	ACDL to organise a Teams meeting in August with Rangers and extend invitation to Area Cllrs to discuss existing programme and potential improvements.	<p>Performance management meetings have been held in August and November 2020 with the six partners. Although Covid has impacted on the amount of volunteers being enabled to engage in the projects, and no visits have been able to take place in local primary schools the Rangers projects has continued to deliver daily litter picks across the East, environmental task days and virtual educational campaigns. Recently, the Rangers contributed information into the 'Invest in Park's' report.</p> <p>The project is due to end in December 2020. In December 2020, the East Neighbourhood and Community Area Board received an evaluation on the East Rangers project, along with updates from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement Teams. Members unanimously agreed to extend the funding on the Rangers project, but were keen for the Rangers to work closely with council services, and support the characteristics of the ward, for instance, in Doxford and St Michael's wards the Rangers should focus more on Parks and open spaces, whilst the Rangers in Hendon, Millfield and Ryhope should focus more on tidying up back lanes and open spaces.</p> <p>A funding bid has been prepared and was presented to the February 2021 Board, who endorsed a recommendation to seek approval of £95,913 to continue the Rangers projects, as set out in the Area Budget Report.</p>

To continue Walk and Talk programme, but with the understanding that requests for improvements / community solutions do not need an organised walk but will need three Cllrs to agree to proposal along with service provider.	ACDL to follow up on outstanding works from lockdown period and provide Cllrs with an update position.	<p>A review of the Walk and Talk programme was discussed in September. Area Committee approved a further £75,000 to be split evenly across each ward and added onto existing budgets. Based on experiences from year one, requests for projects: i) can be submitted via a street walkabout with residents, or ii) directly from Councillors which relates to feedback based on the Let's Talk resident's consultation exercise, or concerns raised by residents to Councillors. iii) all projects must have the majority of ward Councillors approval and support from the relevant Services area, iv) with the main objective being to resolve local issues impacting on the quality of life for residents.</p> <p>The financial position of the ward budgets was reviewed in December 2020, with the agreement that the project will continue as is, with a review of budgets being discussed in the new financial year.</p>
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### 5. Ensure all available enforcement powers are used to tackle those who continue to fly tip, drop litter and spoil the neighbourhood

Action	Next Steps	Update
Look into the possibility of establishing a Multi-agency team approach to addressing ongoing fly tipping on church commissioners land across Ryhope ward. Including securing boundary's and entrances to prevent unauthorised access by motor vehicles.	ACDL to organise a Team's meeting with those officers initially to consider the feasibility of this action.	<p>Ryhope Task Group has been established. To address the following concerns: Environmental Crime and Waste Management; Reinstating King George 5<sup>th</sup> Playing Fields and Featherbed Lane Allotments, tackling unauthorised access of motor vehicles at certain pinch points across the ward.</p> <p>At the March Board a list of key actions was presented, which were delivered from November 2020 onwards.</p> <p><b>Environmental Enforcement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 investigations in relation to fly-tipping have been carried out</li> <li>• Section 46 notice issued to residents mis-presentation of household waste</li> <li>• 72 Advisory notices reminding residents of their reasonability in presenting household waste for refuse collection, targeting Smith and Thomas Street</li> <li>• 1 written warning issued</li> <li>• 4 Community Protection Warnings issued to land owners requiring clearance of waste from private land.</li> <li>• 1 Fixed Penalty Notice for failure to have a dog on a lead (Dog Control Order )</li> <li>• 1 Fixed Penalty Notice for littering</li> </ul>

- new fly-tipping signage now been erected throughout the Ryhope ward.

#### **Reinstating Featherbed Lane Allotments**

- Capital bid submitted to Medium Term Financial Plan to carry out works to recover and reuse up to 20 starter plots. Potential to renew 10-year lease with Church Commissioners. Update pending.

#### **Set up a Sub Group to focus on Ryhope Dene to address issues relating to trespassing, fly tipping and nuisance vehicles**

- Sunderland City Council, Northumbria Police and Sustrans have mapped out problem hotspots in and around the Ryhope Dene area, indicated above.
- Invitations letters have gone out to the Landowners asking them to join the Task Group. Two Farmers have replied and expressed an interest in joining the Task Group.
- Site visits will be arranged in March to assess each site and consider what the next course of action will be to tackle trespassing, fly tipping and nuisance vehicles.

#### **Additional Outcomes**

- Ryhope Cemetery: removal of 20 tree stumps , all trees whiskered and full tidy up of graveyard, with Winter bedding planted.
- Introduction of approximately 12 new bins, both post mounted and free standing.
- Southern Relief Road: increased maintenance - weekly litter pick carried out.
- Ryhope Street: back lane removal of fly tipping / litter from Church land.
- Ryhope Recreation: supply and installation of kickabout goals.
- Ryhope Park: improvements to grounds, reduction of hedges, maintenance and opening up of shrub beds, once house is demolished then area around old bowling green to be revamped.
- Over Winter bird and visitor surveys have been carried out along the coast.

Future updates will be presented to Area Committee, as and when appropriate.



<p>field and the feasibility of reinstating the football pitches.</p>		<p>area of land back into use. The group is Ryhope Community Association Junior Football Club. Discussions have been held with representatives from the Management Committee who are interested in maintaining the land and using the playing fields as a sporting community hub to expand their Club to attract female coaches and players, as well as, working with other Sport Clubs in the area (cricket, boxing, rugby, fishing, etc) to encourage people outdoors, improving their health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The Scheme could be the first in the East area to deliver action against the Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy since being approved in March 2020 by Cabinet. Demonstrating the Council's commitment to link asset management to neighbourhood plans by identifying how to support local people to take over council assets for the benefit of their communities.</p> <p>Following the December 2020 Area Committee, a proposal was submitted to carry out a community asset transfer. Feedback indicated that the field has been aligned to the Playing Pitch Plan with a view to, explore the feasibility of bringing the site back into use. If the site is not a sustainable location and in which case no amount of money will make it desirable the site could become public open space to meet a need identified in the Green Space Audit; or redeveloped as an alternative use, using the capital receipt to invest in existing sites in the locality or potentially transferred to a local organisation as a community asset. Further information is expected in the Summer 2021.</p>
<p>Thing BIG, Act Local Millfield. Following on from the Reclaim the Lanes project resident's pledged to keep their back lanes tidy, manage their bins correctly and report fly tipping. In return, the Council would carry out a deep clean of the back lanes to bring them up to standard. Once the works have been carried out Environmental</p>	<p>ACLD to arrange a site visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to agree works and timescales.</p>	<p>In October 2020 a site visit was held to discuss the deep clean project between Area Arrangements, Local Services and Environmental Enforcements in the back lanes around the Lime Street area. However, a change in the project was discussed and presented to the Millfield Councillors for consideration, who agreed to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tidying up the raised beds and the gable ends of the terraced houses, near Lime Street Pocket Park.</li> <li>• removing the shrubs and bushes and planting a tree, as a focal point.</li> <li>• repointing the brickwork and cleaning the moss off the paths.</li> <li>• painting the metal perimeter railings surrounding the Park, and the goal posts.</li> </ul>



Enforcement Officers will monitor the lanes, taking relevant action against residents if standards fall.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>install a bench and new bin.</li> </ul> <p>If the budget allows, a few small play features could be added to the site i.e. exercise trail. This will create a bigger impact and last longer than a deep clean of the back lanes.</p> <p>The works are expected to be delivered as part of Local Services Winter Programme.</p>
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## 6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting

Action	Next Steps	Update
Consider possibility of replacing grass verge with concrete at Laurel Grove.		A site visit was carried out in October 2020, and St Michael's Councillors carried out consultation with the residents who reside in properties 2-44 Laurel Grove. It was unanimously agreed to concrete over the grass verges outside their properties. Works are due to be completed over the Winter.
Potential speed calming measures / traffic hotspots at the following locations:	<p>Area Co-ordinator (AC) to consider if other Area Committees are requesting the implementation of additional traffic calming measures and discuss the feasibility and timescales for implementation with relevant officers initially. With a view to arranging a Task Group to develop implementation plan.</p> <p>Update October 2020 Board.</p>	<p>At the November 2020 Board meeting it was agreed to set up a Task Group. The purpose of the Task group will be to meet outside of Board meetings to develop the detail of specific area priorities. More exploratory in nature, to gather information and work with relevant partners and officers to develop proposals which in all cases come back to Board. The Board will finalise recommendations before being presented to Area Committee for decision.</p> <p>Area Committee approved the following Membership on the Task Group, these are:</p> <p>Doxford Ward: Cllr Fagan  Hendon Ward: Cllr Scanlan  Millfield Ward: Cllr A Wood  Ryhope Ward: Cllr Hunt  St Michael's Ward: Cllr P Wood</p> <p>In December 2020, discussions and site meetings were held to discuss options, with an interim update provided to the Board in January 2021. Based on further discussions and advice provided the Infrastructure and Commercial Services Team, Members endorsed a recommendation to seek approval of £214,800, as</p>

		set out in the Area Budget Report, to carry out capital works to reduce speeding and dangerous driving at identified sites listed below, along with associated works.
○ The Cloisters, especially the junction on Tunstall Vale road.		Proposal to install two sets of speed cushions.
○ Leechmere Way leading to Essen Way at the top of Strawberry Bank and the roundabout.		Proposed installation of fixed digital speed camera.
○ Consider traffic calming measure along Commercial Road near Blue House Pub / Grangetown Primary School.		Install one set of speed cushions and speed table to complement priority give way junction
○ Traffic calming measures at Hall Farm Road		Install two speed tables at the junctions of Aylesbury Drive and Aylsham Court. Request for traffic speed enforcement to Northumbria Police.
○ Installation of a pedestrian crossing at Haddington Vale		Carry out further investigations on this site.
○ Look into the possibility of traffic calming measures at Stockton Road (section between St Benedict's Hospice and Hopewood Roundabouts)		Proposed installation of fixed digital speed camera.
○ traffic calming measures at Black Road.		Installation of up to two priority give way junctions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Traffic calming measures at and Hollycarrside Road / Toll Bar Road.</li> </ul>		Carry out further investigations on this site.
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 East Area Committee.	<p>All East Councillors received notification to nominate damaged or uneven highways in the wards and forward the information onto the Highways Department to enable Highways Inspectors to visit the sites and propose a future works programme at the February Board meeting.</p> <p>The deadline was extended until the end of November 2020, and all Members are encouraged to submit roads from their wards.</p> <p>At the February 2021 Board, Members discussed and agreed a list of recommended highways to include in the 2021 / 2022 Highways Maintenance Programme, which is set out in Annex Two.</p>
<b>7. Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>	<b>Update</b>
Invest in Parks	Area Committee to consider the potential for Park developments at future board meeting.	At the November Board meeting a Park Profile was shared with Members identifying previous works carried out in the Parks in the last 12 months carried out by the East Rangers and Local Services, proposed worked scheduled to be carried out in the next 12 months and a list of potential investment opportunities that could be funded by area resources.
Backhouse Park – gather information on any potential plans or opportunities to develop the Park.	Update to November 2020 Board.	<p>Members identified a number of projects to invest in and are outlined below. The March 2021 Board, endorsed a recommendation to seek approval of £205,886 to carry out the improvement works across the five East's Parks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install one free standing bin at the entrance to Kirtley Drive</li> <li>• Install 8 new benches</li> <li>• Replica and replace ornate fence and gate (Middle Ryhope Road)</li> <li>• Cut back trees / shrubs and open up entrance around ornate fence</li> <li>• Install new barrier near Lodge entrance</li> <li>• Establish a Fair Dell</li> <li>• Purchase a Gator Vehicle (Rangers – shared with Barley Mow, Mowbray Park – stored at Barley Mow Nursery)</li> </ul>

Barley Mow – consider its development into a holistic outdoor wellbeing hub		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install 10 new benches and 2 bins</li> <li>• Install barrier at the rear of the basketball court</li> <li>• Develop a feature bed in the middle ‘roundabout bed’ at the entrance off Villette Road</li> </ul>
Burn Park – gather information on any potential plans or opportunities to develop the Park		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install new path and open up a new entrance into the Park</li> <li>• Install an information sign / notice board in the Park</li> <li>• Investigate the feasibility of reinstalling a drinks fountain</li> <li>• Install a bench and four new green freestanding metal bins</li> <li>• Install an art feature and sand down and paint metal railings inside the Park</li> </ul>
Doxford Park – was under section 12 (tackling youth disorder but moved to section 5)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New signage at the main entrance and remove the pedestrian gate</li> <li>• Main entrance at Silksworth Road: mural art project located on the depot gates to improve the appearance</li> <li>• Expand car parking facilities behind CMS building: between 15-20 bays</li> <li>• Install two anti-vandal picnic benches at Meadow Field area</li> <li>• Install two x tiered planters to sit at vehicle entrance</li> <li>• Purchase a Gator Vehicle (Rangers – shared with Doxford and Ryhope wards – stored at Doxford Park)</li> </ul>
Look into the possibility of investment into Ryhope Recreation Park to bring back into use tennis courts and old bowling green. Fencing to be renewed and surfaces repaired. Emphases would need to be placed on securing agreement from the Church Commissioners to demolish old caretaker’s house to address		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove and replace 100m of fencing, install new batting and matting cages around the Cricket Club training section</li> <li>• Install a new multi-use games station on the old tennis court</li> <li>• Look at demolishing the empty buildings nears the play area, once demolished, remove hedge rows either side and open up land</li> <li>• New 10 seats surrounding the cricket pitch</li> <li>• Install 1 new shroud bin and 4 freestanding bins</li> </ul> <p><b>Demolishing the old Caretakers property in Ryhope Recreation Park</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduled into the capital programme for 2021 / 2022</li> </ul>

anti-social behaviour and maximise parks facilities as the initial step		
Riverside Sunderland will see more than 0.5 billion investment focus on developing the City Centre covering employment, business investment and housing. The Area Committee will support the delivering of the Programme by aiming to establish a Friends Group of Galley's Gill / Festival Park to support community engagement and participation within the green space and encourage it to flourish and become an outdoor hub for community activity.	ACDL to liaise with local VCS Groups within the area and consider the best way forward to set up a Friends Group.	

**8. Development community cohesion to allow all people of different social backgrounds, ethnicities, faiths, and generations to interact with and relate to each other in a positive way**

Action	Next Steps	Update
Consider inviting guest speakers to the Board to discuss any issues and potential solutions in the area	If possible, invite to January 2021 Board.	An invite has been sent to the Sunderland Partnership to provide an update on the Migration Fund project, update pending.
East's More Males project is funded until May 2021. It involves three VCS Groups encouraging men over 50, who are socially and mentally isolated to interact in their local community in positive activities.	Performance update due in January 2021	<p>The three organisations which were awarded the grant are CHANCE, Back on the Map and Raich Carter Sports Centre.</p> <p>The original purpose of the call for project was to target males over 50 years old and encourage a healthier lifestyle by reducing levels of smoking and drinking alcohol and getting out and about more. Due to the pandemic the project proposals were changed to focus on providing emotional and wellbeing support. CHANCE and Back on the Map have both delivered successful project and were quick to react and provide pandemic support to residents in their neighbourhoods. Unfortunately, Raich Carter has remained closed since April 2020, with all staff furloughed. Once restrictions ease discussions between Area Arrangements and Raich Carter will need to be held to understand and agree next steps.</p>
East's Positive Parenting project is funded until March 2021. It involves four VCS Groups working with families who have children under the age of 5 who need support helping their children reach the development stages and milestones associated to age abilities.	Performance update due in January 2021.	<p>The four organisations which were awarded the grant are Groundwork North East, Keep Active, Ryhope Community Association and Raich Carter Centre.</p> <p>The original purpose of the call for project was to target parents and carers of 0-5 year olds, along with the child(ren) to look towards improving key development milestones. Due to the pandemic three of the four projects have not commenced and are on hold. Ryhope Community Association did re-start in September 2020 and have continued to support parents and children. Once restrictions ease discussions between Area Arrangements and Keep Active, Groundwork North East and Raich Carter will need to be held to understand and agree next steps.</p>

**9. Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events, activities and nurture family learning**

Action	Next Steps	Update
The importance of Blue Watch to St Michael's ward was recognised, especially in relation to support to children in need from the Grangetown and Hill View area. Support and invest in Blue Watch to establish a community hub in St Michael's ward.	ACDL to look into potential opportunities for a base in the area and discuss feasibility at a future board.	Grangetown Community Association has been highlighted as the ideally site to develop a community hub. Discussions are being held with the existing Management Committee to discuss next steps, update pending.
The Box are currently preparing a business and funding strategy to justify the expansion of the building, if favourable, invite representatives along to discuss future plans and consider allocating capital funding to support the initiative.	July 2021 receive an update.	
Support CHANCE to turn the disused car park into a community play area.	Receive an update from CHANCE at Oct or Nov meeting	<p>At the March 2021 Board, CHANCE's Centre Manager presented plans on how the organisation would like to transform an under used car park into a safe play space, based on consultation carried out with children and residents.</p> <p>The Board endorsed a recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee of £16,500, as set out in the Area Budget Report, to install a climbing wall, multi-use play station, seating and an art feature.</p>
Evaluate Community Connectors programme, with a	Review at September Board to enable Area	During August 2020 information was gathered against all 29 projects funded under the 2019 Community Connectors Programme. It was noted that seven projects have ended, as they had continued to deliver throughout lockdown. Eight projects

view to funding a new programme for 2021 / 2022	Committee to consider approving funding.	<p>had been extended due to the building closing down, with staff being furloughed or volunteers being over 70 and having to self-isolate. Fourteen projects needed the end date of the project to be revised as the building still remains closed and discussions are pending.</p> <p>Several projects were highlighted as performing well and have been extended, with £49,900 being approved by Area Committee in September 2020.</p>
Fancy a Day Out aka holiday hunger school holiday programme is funded up until April 2021, involving 9 VCS Groups delivering 140 sessions.	Update to November Board on Summer and October Half Term activities.	<p>At update on the Fancy a Day Out Programme was provided to the March 2021 Board. Key heading statistics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nine members from East VCS Area Network delivered the scheme between the 21 July and 31 December 2020</li> <li>• 123 sessions were delivered across the Summer, October and Christmas School holidays.</li> <li>• 995 individuals regularly attended the sessions.</li> <li>• 35 volunteers supported the delivered of the Programme, delivering a variety of roles, from cook, to play co-ordinator to delivery driver.</li> <li>• £45,840 of in-kind voluntary work and donations of equipment and extra food was secured to enhance the Programme.</li> </ul> <p>Due to the overwhelming success of the Programme, the Board endorsed a recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee to align £40,000, as set out in the Area Budget Report, carry out a call for projects for 2021 / 2021 with applications being presented to a future Area Committee for consideration.</p>
Get Online (G.O.) continues to provide a digital network across the East area and is funded up until December 2020. The project is delivered by five VCS Groups, with each Group having a designated ward to provide access to computers, WiFi and one to one support to	Evaluation due December 2020.	<p>An evaluation of the GO! Project, which Members were supportive of continuing.</p> <p>Since December 2020 discussions have been held with Millfield Councillors to identify a new lead for the ward, which is proposed to be St Marks Community Association, along with existing Partners who are: The Box Youth and Community Project, Back on the Map and Blue Watch Youth Centre. In addition, two new potential Partners, Sunderland Bangladesh International Centre and Protech have been identified to lead on two new elements to strengthen the G.O! Project which involve BAME communities and setting up an ICT ReUse Scheme.</p>



people who'd like to expand their digital knowledge and skill sets.		The Board endorsed a recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee of £99,250, as set out in the Area Budget Report, which will enable the project to continue up until September 2022.
<b>10. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities</b>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>	<b>Update</b>
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>In July 2020, as the country moved towards the recovery stage of the pandemic, volunteers who were registered on the Covid-19 Volunteering Platform were contacted and asked whether or not they would like to continue to volunteer in their neighbourhood post Covid-19. From a pool of 232 volunteers, 72 residents said yes.</p> <p>Information was gathered from the East VCS Area Network on the latest volunteering opportunities available and a catalogue was produced and shared with the 72 residents.</p> <p>To support the Covid 19 Hub volunteers link with VCS Groups, Area Committee approved a Project which would enable VCS Groups to apply for a small grant up to £500 to cover the costs of items, such as, DBS Checks, training, workwear, etc. if they successfully recruit any of the East Covid-19 Volunteers from the Platform. This funding opportunity was shared with the VCS Area Network and updates will be presented to the Board, as and when appropriate.</p> <p>To date 9 Covid volunteers have been matched up with Little Company of Calm, The Box Youth and Community Project and Young Asian Voices.</p>
Following on from the OSCARS Volunteering Awards Members were keen to host an event every two years to celebrate and acknowledge the extraordinary commitment of East volunteers.	Members need to discuss and agree further details, i.e. dates, categories, etc.	The OSCARs event is due to be held in 2021. Due to covid-19 it will be unrealistic to expect the event to be face to face. Ideas are being discussed on how to host a virtual celebration, with a future report due to be presented.

### 11. Establish a Neighbourhood watch/help scheme in partnership with the Police and residents

Action	Next Steps	Update
During Covid-19 residents developed support groups via social media to help each other out. Harness this community spirit to develop structures to develop Neighbourhood Watches or Resident Associations to continue the ethos of communities helping each other post Covid-19. i.e. Alexandra Park Residents Group.	ACDL to bring information to future board meeting re neighbourhood watch schemes.  Update to December 2020 Board meeting.	

### 12. Reduce fear of crime by working in partnership across neighbourhoods to bring communities of all ages together

Action	Next Steps	Update
Joint patrols between Police/ASB Team and Cllrs to develop action plans to address substance misuse, ASB and youth disorder in Blakeney Woods.	ACDL to set up Task group(s) to address hotspot.	An internal meeting was held with colleagues from ASB Team, Environmental Enforcement and Eco Team. A key issue that was flagged up during discussions was around the lack of reports coming through the council's 'Report it' system. It seems the public prefer to talk about issues that impact their community on social media, instead of notifying the authority's. This results in Services not being aware of local concerns and problems being left unaddressed. Contact details of key officers have been shared with local Cllrs, who do receive reports from residents that are actioned, but it was felt many might be 'hidden'.  Area Arrangements are currently working with the Communications Team on a social media marketing campaign to get the message out to the public about to report concerns and the many different channels they can use to do this.
Black Path / Mineral Line – repeatedly cleared and cleaned, but ASB remains an	Check with West Area Committee priorities and consider setting up a joint Task Group. Proposals from which	There has been no reports of ASB along the mineral line, however the route does form part of the Stephenson Trail. Proposed to keep a watch and brief on this Section, but refer the development of the Mineral Line to the Stephenson trail Task Group.

issue – consider what else can be done.	to come to future board meeting for consideration.	
Strengthen relationships between West Neighbourhood Policing Team and Doxford Cllrs	ACDL to co-ordinate through LMAPs and specific update meetings.	The West Neighbourhood Team have shared contact details with the Doxford Councillors to strengthen relationships, and a written report from the West Inspector is now provided to East Area Committee.
Maximising Community Assets is funded up until March 2021, with four community buildings opening up on a Friday and Saturday night providing an alternative to hanging around the streets.	Performance update due in January 2021	<p>The four organisations which were awarded the grant are The Box Youth and Community Project, Blue Watch Youth Centre, Sunderland Community Hub Boxing Club and East End ABC.</p> <p>The Programme was to enable community buildings to open their doors on a Friday and Saturday night to young people to reduce the risk of youth disorder. Due to the pandemic two project proposals were changed and adapted from being centre based to providing outreach, detached and crisis support these projects were delivered by The Box Youth and Community Project and Blue Watch Youth Centre who complied with Youth Federation guidance relating to covid restrictions.</p> <p>The remaining two project proposals were unable to change, based on guidance from the Amateur Boxing Association and have had to be put on hold until the covid restrictions ease. After which discussions will be held to agree next steps.</p>

### 13. Preserve and celebrate local heritage

Action	Next Steps	Update
Stephenson Trail opened on the 18 September 1822. Look into the opportunity to improve the trail (info points, app, etc.) and host a celebration event in partnership with Coalfields and West Area Committees, if	To consider alongside Coalfields and West Area Plans. Look into the potential of a Multi Area Task group to develop proposals to come back to a future board.	<p>In November 2020, Area Committee agreed the Membership of the Task Group for the Stephenson Trail, this was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doxford ward: Cllr Heather Fagan</li> <li>• Millfield ward: Cllr Andrew Wood</li> <li>• St Michael's ward: Cllr Peter Wood</li> </ul> <p>In January 2021 the inaugural Task Group meeting was held with representatives from the Coalfields, East and West Sunderland Area Committees, Council Services, Hetton Colliery Railway 200 Trust and Sustrans. A vibrant discussion</p>

<p>agreeable in 2022 at the turn of its 200<sup>th</sup> 'birthday'.</p>	<p>Update February 2021 Board</p>	<p>was held, with suggestions coming from all attendees which assisted in the development of an Action Plan with ideas and actions being formed under the following headings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Information boards and signage</li> <li>b) Sculptures along the trail/ Iconic art at beginning and end</li> <li>c) Environmental improvements (cutting down vegetation etc..)</li> <li>d) Enhance cycle route options</li> <li>e) Walking maps/guides</li> <li>f) Educational programme</li> <li>g) Install rest spots</li> <li>h) Raise awareness of route</li> <li>i) Promote historic importance</li> <li>j) Promote health benefits/encourage use</li> <li>k) Hold celebration event/s in Summer 2022</li> </ul> <p>To enable the Task Group to be proactive the Board endorsed a recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee to align £50,000, as set out in the Area Budget Report, to enable the delivery of the Action Plan. Both West and Coalfields Area Committee are considering a similar request.</p>
<p>To support the Heritage Action Zone initiative, an interpretation board has been funded to enhance the brown sign directing people to Old Sunderland.</p>	<p>Receive a future update from HAZ on the initiative. Update to be arranged.</p>	<p>During 2020/21 Sunderland's Heritage Zone (HAZ) initiative progressed key building projects at Mackie's Corner and 170-175 High Street West with funding from a Partnership Grant Scheme set up by Sunderland City Council and Historic England. The restoration works have transformed the high street, brought significant historic buildings back in to use and also helped to create a more attractive street scene. New businesses have already opened at Mackie's Corner with more new tenants joining in the spring. 170-175 will operate as a social enterprise providing a new home for Pop Recs as well as a gig venue and support for aspiring young musicians in the city. The Sunshine Co-operative, a food wholesaler, will also be moving into the building. Further restoration projects under the HAZ Partnership Scheme are planned for later this year, including a new shop front for the Elephant Tea Rooms. Alongside this activity, the wider HAZ programme continues to engage residents, schools and the general public through its Heritage Skills Programme and promotional activities. This includes new</p>

		<p>wayfinding which will be installed in Old Sunderland, thanks to East Area Committee funding, to encourage visitors to explore this part of the city and promote the area as a heritage destination.</p>
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