

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 29th September, 2022 at 5:30pm

This meeting will be held at Hylton Castle, Craigavon Road, Sunderland, SR5 3PA.

Membership

Cllrs D. Wilson (Chairman), S. Foster (Vice Chairman), M. Bond, M. Butler, K. Chequer, A. Chisnall, J. Doyle, M. Hartnack, S. Johnston, J. McKeith, A. Samuels, A. Smith, P. Stewart, J. Usher and L. Vera

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ELAINE WAUGH Assistant Director of Law and Governance

20th September, 2022

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At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held at COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CITY HALL, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY, 23rd JUNE, 2022 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Wilson in the Chair

Councillors Bond, Chequer, Chisnall, Doyle, Foster, Hartnack, McKeith, Samuels, A. Smith, Stewart, Usher and Vera

Also in Attendance:-

Ms. Catherine Auld	-	Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration, Sunderland City Council
Mr Steven Bewick	-	Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Ms Jude Britton	-	Area Network Representative
Ms. Joanne Coulson	-	Community Support Worker, Sunderland City Council
Mr Richy Duggan	-	Area Network Representative
Ms. Liz Highmore	-	Area Network Representative
Mr Matthew Jackson	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Colin McCartney	-	Head of Operations, Gentoo Housing
Ms. Vivienne Metcalfe	-	Area Community Development Lead, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Ruth Walker	-	Area Network Representative
Insp. Stephen Prested	-	Northumbria Police

Chairman's Welcome

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Butler and S. Johnston and also on behalf of Mr Peter Curtis, Mr Shaun Makin and Mr. Peter McIntyre.

Declarations of Interest

Councillors Wilson and Foster declared interests in the applications for Hylton Castle Trust under Item 3 – North Sunderland Area Budget Report and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of these applications.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 24th March, 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

North Sunderland Area Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020 – 2023

The Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Committee Neighbourhood and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which presented the North Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and provided an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan and which also provided an update on the Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2022-23.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

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

The Committee also received a presentation from Mr Richy Duggan on the St Peter's Raising Aspirations projects. This detailed the partners involved and the program of delivery. The presentation highlighted the work of the Kidz Klub; the activities undertaken through detached youth work and centre based youth work; the adventurous activities; the work of the St Peter's Cycle and Sports hub; and Community Support for vulnerable and elderly residents.

Consultation with young people and families had identified clear needs for this provision within St Peter's Ward and the programme would offer access to a range of activities to promote personal and social development and provide new experiences, opportunities and challenges. A safe space for children, young people, and older members of the community to come and socialise, gain information and support from the team had been provided.

Councillor McKeith commented that there was excellent work done in St Peter's Ward and the presentation had highlighted this excellent work. There were antisocial behaviour issues in all wards and this project had helped to reduce the issues. In response to Councillor Vera, Mr Duggan advised that the cycling hub was open 6 days a week and was open at different times on different days. There was a lot of information on the Facebook page including details of the activities.

In response to Councillor Chisnall, Mr Duggan stated that staff would support people by going riding with people who had not ridden for a long time or who were disabled. There was also a static cycle and adapted bicycles including hand cycles and trikes. The support of the staff helped to build confidence.

Councillor Samuels referred to the Invest in Parks priority and questioned the timeline for the plan from Design Services for Thompson Park. Ms Metcalfe advised that the report showed the timeline for the priorities; the work by Design Services had been completed in September 2021 and there had then been further design proposals submitted in February 2022; there had then been a meeting with Peter McIntyre before the matter had been taken to the Chief Officer Group.

The Chair commented that he had heard good reports about the work at Cato Street; Ms Parker agreed that it was amazing and that residents were now using the space. Councillor Samuels provided some further information on this matter; the SARA project was based in Southwick and had initially focused on Cato Street to tackle the issues which were in this area. There had been some derelict land which was suffering from antisocial behaviour; there had been a community orchard; planters; a picnic area; and a memorial garden installed in the space and this area was now well used by residents.

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

- 2. RESOLVED that:-
 - The progress and performance update with regard to the North Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan for 2020/23 be received and noted and the proposals for future delivery as set out in annex 1 to the report be agreed;
 - The Area Committee Governance Arrangements for 2022-23 outlined in section 3 and annex 2 be noted.
 - The Year in Numbers outlined in section 4 and annex 3 be noted.
 - The communications plan outlined in section 4 and annex 4 be noted.

North Sunderland Area Committee Budget Report

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

(for copy report - see original minutes)

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

The Chair and Vice Chair, Councillors Wilson and Foster, had declared interests in the applications for Hylton Castle Trust and withdrew from the meeting during the consideration of these applications. Councillor Stewart was nominated to Chair the meeting during the consideration of these items and with all Members being in agreement Councillor Stewart took the chair.

The two applications for Hylton Castle Trust for £100,000 each were considered and agreed by the Committee and following this Councillors Wilson and Foster returned to the meeting and Councillor Wilson retook the Chair.

Ms Metcalfe advised that there were changes being made to the Community Chest application process including the creation of an online application form. This would make it easier to apply and would also ensure that all required information was provided before the application was submitted.

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

3. RESOLVED that:-

(i) the financial statements as set out in tables 1, 2 and 3 of the report be received and noted;

(ii) approval be given to the allocation of £100,000 from the Neighbourhood Fund to the Hylton Castle Trust for the Castle Project;

(iii) approval be given to the allocation of £100,000 from the Neighbourhood Fund to Hylton Castle Trust for the Christmas at the Castle Project;

(iv) approval be given to the allocation of £100,000 from the Neighbourhood Fund to Community Opportunities Ltd for the Downhill Hub Project; and

(v) the approvals for Community Chest supported from 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 be noted.

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

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

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Oxley, Area Network Representative, took Members through the report advising that the network had met in June 2022 and shared the agenda items that had been covered.

Members of the Committee were advised that the network had received the Area Committee Call for Projects for youth activities and applications had been submitted.

Ms Coulson advised that the VCS Alliance had been formed around 1 year ago and was intended to support VCS organisations in becoming sustainable by assisting with access to funding and volunteers. The CLLD funding stream had allowed for the creation of the Community Support posts however the funding for this was expiring next year. The setting up of an independent alliance was being considered and work was

being done with the VCS groups to see how they wanted the alliance to look; it was hoped that information would be able to be shared soon.

Ms Metcalfe added that there had been an event which had showcased the VCS and that the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities, Gerry Taylor, had visited VCS organisations in the city. She also advised that the call for projects for youth activities had gone out and that the applications would be sent to Members as a responsive decision with the Task and Finish group being sent the recommendations on the applications.

The Chairman commented that the VCS was the bedrock of the North Area and that the youth consortium would be invited to future meetings.

The report having been considered, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports - Gentoo Update

Gentoo submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update with regard to the work done by Gentoo between March and June 2022.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr McCartney, Head of Neighbourhoods, Gentoo, presented the report and took Members through the figures relating to the citywide performance. Total arrears had increased by £52,000 over the year however this was still exceptional performance in the current environment and Gentoo benchmarked well against its peer group. Relet times had been longer than desired due to the impact of Covid on customers and staff; this was a key area for improvement for 2022/23.

Councillor Bond commented that the crisis fund of £50,000 was a low amount and Mr McCartney advised that it was a significant increase on the £10,000 that was available last year.

Councillor Samuels queried when the properties at Leeway Green, Carley Hill would be available and Mr McCartney advised that the adverts had been published and viewings would be commencing soon.

The Chair referred to the excellent work done at Cato Street by the SARA project and asked whether Gentoo would join in with planting wild flowers in the area.

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Northumbria Police Update

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

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

As part of his presentation Inspector Prested had advised that there had been significant issues around Cato Street before the SARA project had started and that the work of the project had been used as a blueprint for partnership working across the force area.

Work was being done to identify a suitable piece of land for off road motorbikes to be used legally; there had been a site at Follingsby identified. It was difficult to stop riders but work was being done around identifying the riders and where the bikes were stored so that action could be taken; this included the use of drones. Work was also being done with Gentoo and petrol stations to try and tackle the issue. The DART team was visiting the quarry on Sunday nights. There had been over 3000 leaflets distributed in South Tyneside to ask people to inform the police of where the bikes were being stored; there had been no response to this leaflet. There were around 80 access points to the quarry which made it difficult to police however cameras had been installed; the quarry was a location that people travelled to in order to use off road motorbikes. Different forces had different rules around the pursuit of motorbikes; there was a need to consider the increased risks if a chase took place and the officers involved and the control room officers would decide whether a pursuit was safe to be undertaken. Durham Constabulary had a different policy on tactical pursuits than Northumbria.

Councillor Stewart referred to the issue of off road bikes being used to visit the shopping areas in Downhill and Witherwack and queried what support local businesses were giving to tackling the issue. Inspector Prested advised that if the matter was reported then the police would investigate including looking at any CCTV from the shops.

Councillor Samuels queried how the area compared to the city as a whole for total crime and antisocial behaviour. Inspector Prested advised that the area was not top; there had been a significant increase in commercial burglaries however antisocial behaviour was more of an issue within the city centre. There were areas which were of more concern than the North area.

In response to queries from Councillor Usher, Inspector Prested advised that there had been a number of officers had retired and there had been 3 PCSOs moved into the area with a further two coming into the area in July. There was a continuous recruitment drive and the university graduates would be joining in July. There were a number of different schemes for joining such as the graduate entry route and the direct detective entry as well as the more traditional route of joining.

Councillor Doyle referred to the commercial burglaries, these were similar to the additional offences in the city centre; he queried whether the suspects were the same. Inspector Prested advised that the issue had been discussed with the team and it was known that burglars did travel to commit offences. There were forensic opportunities and suspects had been identified; it was the same suspects who appeared time and time again. Crime prevention work was done with the victims and advice was given on security however it could be difficult to secure against unsophisticated offences such as

bricks being thrown through windows. Councillor Doyle then commented that some businesses had been targeted repeatedly and that the Council was able to offer some funds towards the installation of roller shutters so this information needed to be circulated.

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

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

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Mr Steven Bewick, Station Manager, TWFRS, presented the update report and provided the Committee with a verbal update on the current numbers for fires in the area. The figures referred to Quarter one which was April to the date of the meeting.

There had been 134 deliberate fires compared with 117 in the same period last year and this included 19 deliberate primary fires compared with 15 last year. 14 of these were deliberate vehicle fires compared with 13 last year. A break down by ward was provided.

115 of the deliberate fires had been secondary fires and this was 14 more than the 101 such fires during the same period last year.

Liaison work was done with the police and partners to ensure that all deliberate fires were monitored and investigated. Work was done with the Council to ensure that fly tips were removed to prevent them from being set on fire.

Safe and well checks were now being undertaken in the community again and smoke alarms were being installed where necessary. There was also education work taking place including school visits and an engagement session at Thompson Park.

Having been asked for a definition of Primary and Secondary fires; Mr Bewick advised that primary fires were fires involving anything insurable such as buildings or vehicles while secondary fires were those involving, for example, rubbish or grass.

Councillor Doyle expressed concerns over a motorbike which had been burned in Mere Knolls Cemetery; there had been issues with getting it removed as it was on the boundary between Sunderland and South Tyneside Council areas; he queried what role the fire service had in the removal of burned vehicles. Mr Bewick advised that it would depend on the damage; the service would look to find an identity on the vehicle and if found then it would be the responsibility of the vehicle's insurer to remove it. Otherwise, it would be the responsibility of the Council to remove it and the service would work with them so that this could be done.

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

7. RESOLVED that the update from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service be received and noted.

Prior to the Chairman closing the meeting, Councillor Chequer suggested that the Committee should be meeting within the area. Ms Metcalfe advised that it was proposed that an update from an organisation involved in the raising aspirations priority would be brough to each meeting and that the meeting would be held in the ward that organisation was based in; there was a list of proposed venues. Councillor Foster added that suggestions for venues from Members were welcomed.

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

(Signed) S. FOSTER, Chairman.

29th September 2022

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF NORTH SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report:
 - a. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan, which will be the focus for the North Area Committee during 2022-2023.

2. Background

2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the North 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.
- 3.6 Other local groups / boards where North Area Committee has Elected Member representation are outlined below for information: -

Group	Elected Member Representatives
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North Sunderland Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (L.M.A.P.S)	Cllr Denny Wilson
North VCS Area Network	Cllr Denny Wilson – Co-chair
CLLD Local Advisory Group	Cllr Stephen Foster

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 North 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 North 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, as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. Funding to support delivery of the plan has been allocated and further information can be found at **Item 3 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 North Sunderland Community facebook page. Funded projects are providing presentations to Area Committee the St. Peters Ward Raising Aspirations Project delivered a presentation to June Area Committee and Castle and Redhill Raising Aspiration Project will be delivering a presentation at September Area Committee.
- 4.3 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to September 2022.

Priority/Issue	Update	
Love Where You Live	 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. 	
Invest in Parks, Play	Thompson Park:	
Areas, Cycle and		
Walking Routes	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 31 st March 2023.	
Support the voluntary	Downhill Community Hub:	
and community sector to provide additional	Tack and Finish Group formed and worked with the voluntary	
services and extend	Task and Finish Group formed and worked with the voluntary sector leaseholder in order to develop capital proposals to	
opening times within	assist in the refurbishment of the Downhill Community Hub.	
local community	Area Committees approved £100,000 in total for the	
venues as well as host community events,	refurbishment project.	
activities and nurture family learning	June 2021 Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further £100,000 for the development of an application that will assist in the delivery of services and activities from the hub and link to the skateboard park in the locality. June 2021 Area Committee agreed the alignment of £100,000 .	
	April 2022 Board considered the full application and recommended approval to June 2022 Area Committee which was agreed.	
	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.	
Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe	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 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.	
	Through the responsive decision making process Area Committee agreed the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group in July 2022.	
Promote heritage	Hylton Castle:	
assets and deliver heritage activities to	June 2021 Board agreed to recommend an alignment of	
improve health and	£100,000 for the development of a project that will lead	
wellbeing and improve community cohesion	towards the restoration of the chapel and cellars. June 2021 Area Committee agreed the alignment.	
	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 the project. Full application agreed at June 2022 Area Committee
Support Communities to Deliver Local Events	Southwick Switch On: 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 events is therefore requested and detailed in Item 3 Annex 1
Social Prescribing	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. Detail of which are included in Item 3 Annex 1 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

5. Recommendations - Members are requested to: -

- 5.1 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1.
- 5.2 Receive the presentation on the Castle and Redhill Raising Aspirations Projects
- Annex 1 North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023
- Contact Officer: <u>vivienne.metcalfe@sunderland.gov.uk</u> Vivienne Metcalfe, North Area Community Development Lead

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 <u>www.sunderland.gov.uk</u> 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	L	
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City – More and Better Hous	ing	
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to North Neighbourhood and Community Board to include:	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
 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 		October Board received a presentation from the Private Sector Housing Team and the support to private landlords and accreditation schemes
 Review all derelict land and properties and develop p and cultural communities Links to: A Healthy Smart City – <i>Cleaner and More Attra</i> 		
Executive Director Economy and Place to provide an	North Area Committee to consider	October Board received a presentation
update on derelict land and properties to North	update and how they can support the	from the Assistant Director of Economic
Neighbourhood and Communities Board.	development of sites within the North area	Regeneration on the Low Carbon Commitment including:
Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration to provide updates on Sunderland City Councils Low Carbon Commitment		 Timeline of Commitment Citywide Emission Targets 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

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		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	sing	
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to North Neighbourhood and Community Board	North Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the North area.	
4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign	· · · ·	
Continue to receive updates from the North Raising Aspiration Projects on their litter picks and environmental projects and ensure they advertise opportunities for residents/schools etc to get involved.	ACDL to continue to provide updates on delivery to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	 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
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Action	Next Steps	Update
		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 supp 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 "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 Novembe Board for discussion and future recommendations to Area Committee

Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Great transport and Travel Links

Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhood

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme.	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to North Area Committee	 March Area Committee agreed 2021 – 2022 Programme November Board received an update or 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 use	
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Visiting Su Programmes and Activities Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attra Reduced Health Inequalities Enabling More People to Li Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – Co	ctive City and Neighbourhood – People ive Healthier Longer Lives	e Enjoying Independent Lives –
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	ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be	have worked in partnership with Friends of Thompson Park on a regeneration plan in order to provide an activity and destination park for all ages.

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
	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

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		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 31 st 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.

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		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

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		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
 Social Prescribing – develop local offer to improve h improve mental health and support long-term health or time prohibitive, in partnership with All Together E 	conditions, and ensure physical activity	
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Reduced Health Inequa equitable Opportunities and Life Changes, People Enjoy Neighbourhoods		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – <i>More Resilient People</i> - Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – C	community Empowerment, Engagemen	
and Investment in Voluntary and Community Sector – In Ensure 5 Ward based Raising Aspirations Projects are	ACDL to continue to provide updates	The 5 ward based Raising Aspirations
providing services and activities to local residents	to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	Projects continue to deliver services and activities to the local community

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		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

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
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

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
Beach Access North East leading on a project on behalf of Sunderland Seafront Steering Group to install a container	September North Area Committee to consider a funding application to	 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 September Area Committee agreed funding for the project, project lead is
adjacent to Marine Activities Centre which will house beach accessible wheelchairs with volunteers managing booking of the wheelchairs	deliver this project	now working with Sunderland City Council on the planning process Beach Access North East carrying out trials of wheelchairs on 1 st 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

Neighbourhood Investment priority Action	Next Steps	Update
		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 pr venues as well as host community events, activitie		ning times within local community
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Visiting Events, Programmes and Activities – More Residents Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – Management – Community Empowerment Engagement Community Sector	Participating 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
	Finish Group. ACDL to coordinate and	leaseholder in order to develop capital

Neighbourhood Investment priority Action	Next Steps	Update
Action Nursery Potential for: Additional facilities to support the boxing Club retain affiliation Additional sporting activities utilising both inside and outside space Gardening Club Additional Youth activities Parent and Toddler Groups Activities for Older/Socially Isolated Resident Group support 	Next Steps to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	UpdateDecember and March Area Committeesapproved £100,000 in total for therefurbishment project.June Board agreed to recommend analignment of a further £100,000 for thedevelopment of an application that willassist in the delivery of services andactivities from the hub and link to theskateboard park in the locality. JuneArea Committee agreed the alignmentof £100,000. The project lead iscurrently developing a full application tobe considered. April 2022 Boardconsidered the full application andrecommended approval to June AreaCommittee which was agreed.Fulwell Community Library:March Area Committee agreed fundingof £18,250 to support the installation ofa new roof and solar panels at FulwellCommunity Library.Redby Community Centre:The North Area Committee in January2022 via the responsive decisionmaking process have approved fundingof £12,000 to Redby Community Centrefor repairs to the Roof

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		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		ds - More Residents Participating In
Their Communities		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Access to Equitable C Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy -		and Involvement Rusiness Growth
and Investment in Voluntary and Community Sector –		and involvement – Business Growth
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

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		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

	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 Grou and future Area Committee. June 202 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.
olved more within their commu	nities
n Their Communities	
ing volunteers to future VCS	Volunteers registered on the North Platform have been provided with a booklet of volunteering opportunities from projects based within Sunderland North and City Wide
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	olved more within their commu n Their Communities e volunteer platform to enable ing volunteers to future VCS eer requirements in the area.

Neighbourhood Investment priority				
Action	Next Steps	Update		
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 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		

Neighbourhood Investment priority				
Action	Next Steps	Update		
		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 and additional enforcement				
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhoods Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Feeling Safe in Their Homes and Neighbourhoods				
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. 		

Neighbourhood Investment priority		
Action	Next Steps	Update
		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 S 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.

Neighbourhood Investment priority				
Action	Next Steps	Update		
	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		
Neighbourhood Investment priority				
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Action	Next Steps	Update		
		 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 Attra Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Visiting S Events, Programmes and Activities Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – C	underland 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		

Neighbourhood Investment priority			
Next Steps	Update		
	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 ClIrs when available. Design Services are expected to have proposals in place September 2021Southwick 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		
	Next Steps Image: Ima		

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE 29th September 2022 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

North Sunderland Area Budget Report

Author(s):

Assistant Director of Community Resilience

Purpose of Report:

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

Description of Decision:

Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1.
- (b) Consider the approval of NF of **£5,000** to Sunderland City Council for the Quarry Park Run Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- (c) Consider the approval of NF of £13,300 to Sunderland City Council for the Southwick Community Christmas Project as set out in Section 2.3 and Item 3 Annex 1
- (d) Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023 as set out in **Section 4** and **Item 3 Annex 2**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £430,680 (inc Youth allocation) for 2022/2023 from the Neighbourhood Fund and had £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.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.

Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	



Item 3

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

29th September 2022

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

North Sunderland Area Budget Report

1. Purpose of Report

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

2 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2022 / 2023:

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 2022	2 / 2023				£430,680
Activities for Young People (approved via Delegated Decision 18 th July 2022	18.07.22 (via Delegated Decision)		£88,784	£161,216	£180,680
Fulwell Community Library	(25.03.21)	£5,750			£186,430
School Holiday Activities 2020/2021	(19.03.20)	£877			£187,307
Redevelopment of Downhill Wheeled Sports Park	(03.10.16)	£1,015			£188,322
Hylton Castle Trust - Castle Project (aligned at Area Committee on 30.6.21)	23.06.22			£100,000	£188,322
Hylton Castle Trust (Christmas Project)	23.06.22			£100,000	£88,322
Downhill Community Hub (aligned at Area Committee on 30.6.21)	23.06.22			£100,000	£88,322

Table One: Neighbourhood Fund Statement 2022 / 2023

- 2.2 North Sunderland Area Committee has been allocated £430,680 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects.
- 2.3 There are 2 applications to the Neighbourhood Fund presented to Area Committee for consideration:
 - Sunderland City Council Quarry Park Run £5,000
 - Sunderland City Council Southwick Community Christmas £13,300
- 2.4 The total Neighbourhood fund budget requested for approval is **£13,600 (£5,000** previously aligned) If approved, the remaining balance will be **£75,022**

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 / 2023

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

Project Name	Committee Date	Returned	Aligned	Approved	Remaining
Starting Balance for 202	20 / 2023		-		£500,000
Festive Lighting Project	15.07.20	-	-	£10,000	£490,000
Southwick Illuminations Project	17.09.20	-	-	£10,000	£480,000
Regeneration of Thompson Park	10.12.20				
Places to Ride (£25,000 from 10.12.20 alignment approved at Area Committee on 30.06.21)	30.06.21	-	£175,000	£25,000	£280,000
Event Space at Hylton Castle (£100,000 aligned at Area Committee on 10.12.20)	30.06.21	-	-	£100,000	£180,000
Development of Former Downhill School into a Community Hub	25.03.21	-	-	£80,000	£100,000
North Additional CCTV	25.03.21			£100,000	£0

 Table Two:
 Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding Statement 2020 / 2023

- 3.2 North Area Committee was allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members were responsible for allocating the funding through a majority decision at Area Committee.
- 3.3. The Capital Programme can be allocated in one year, or across more than one, depending on what proposals come forward throughout the year(s). The Area Committee have up to three years to allocate the full amount.

4. Community Chest

4.1 Each ward has been allocated a budget of £10,000 each, to support projects which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. The process to allocate Community Chest will be moving online to make the process 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 its become difficult to make a majority decision and discussions cannot be resolved at a ward level the outcome will be escalated to Area Committee for a final decision.

4.2 The table below details the Community Chest current budget position for 2022/2023. **Annex 3** shows the approvals supported to date for 2022/23

Ward	2022/2023 Allocation	Returned	Approved	Remaining
Castle	£10,000	-	£5860	<mark>£4140</mark>
Fulwell	£10,000	-	£2066.54	<mark>£7,933.46</mark>
Redhill	£10,000	-	<mark>£0</mark>	<mark>£10,000</mark>
Southwick	£10,000	-	<mark>£4,000</mark>	<mark>£6,000</mark>
St. Peters	£10,000	-	<mark>£2,674.51</mark>	<mark>£7,325.49</mark>
Total	£50,000	-	<mark>£14,601.05</mark>	<mark>£35,398.95</mark>

Table Three: Community Chest Funding Statement 2022 / 2023

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial statements set out in Table One, Two and Three.
- 5.2 Consider the approval of NF of **£5,000** to Sunderland City Council for the Quarry Park Run Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.3 Consider the approval of NF of **£13,300** to Sunderland City Council for the Southwick Community Christmas Project as set out in **Section 2.3** and **Item 3 Annex 1**
- 5.4 Note the Community Chest approvals supported from 2022/2023 as set out in **Section** 4 and **Item 3 Annex 2**

Annexes Annex 1 Annex 2	Neighbourhood Fund Applications Community Chest Grant Approvals 2022/2023
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Item 3 Annex 1

Applications for North Neighbourhood Fund

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Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Quarry Park Run
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£5,000	£0	£5,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
Ongoing	September 2022	Ongoing - Operational August 2023

Project Description

The full project description is detailed below: (verbatim from application)

To provide the opportunity for residents in the north of the city to participate in a weekly free local run/walk or jog at the Quarry each Saturday morning.

What is parkrun

- parkruns are free, weekly, community events led by community volunteers
- Saturday morning events are 5k and take place in parks and open spaces.
- parkrun is a positive, welcoming and inclusive experience where there is no time limit, and no one finishes last.
- Everyone is welcome to come along, whether they walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. Parkrun provides the is the opportunity to learn new skills and enhance physical and mental health and promote happiness in an outdoor environment whilst making new friends, feeling part of the local community and improving fitness.

Participating at parkrun brings a lot of pleasure, enjoyment and happiness, a sense of identity, community connectedness, and long-enduring friendships for many people. The physical and mental health and wellbeing benefits of running are scientifically well established, and the promotion of running and physical activity more generally is part of the public health physical activity message in the UK.

Every parkrun event is completely run by volunteers, a dedicated group of people to ensure others in their community have a weekly event to keep them fit and get them out in the fresh air and meeting people. These core volunteers have been identified and conversations have been conducted with parkrun to establish a safe, enjoyable accessible route at the Quarry. There are currently two established parkruns in the city (Silkworth and Herrington Country Park) which combined enables approximately 400 people to partake in free activity each week

Project Costs:

Parkrun operational costs	4000
Defibrillator	1000

Recommendation

June Board recommended Approval as part of the area priorities:

- Support Communities to Deliver Local Events
- Support Voluntary and Community Sector
- Improve Parks, Play Areas, Cycle and Walking Routes
- Social Prescribing

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Southwick Illuminations
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£13,300	£0	£13,300
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
3 Years	November 2022	November 2024

Project Description

The full project description is detailed below: (verbatim from application)

Southwick Community Christmas Project has delivered an extremely successful illumination event in Southwick since 2012. The event has engaged with local voluntary and community sector organisations, Southwick ward elected members, wider area committee members, local schools, businesses and the residents of the North area.

In 2021 the Area Committee awarded Neighbourhood Capital Funding to wrap the majority of trees on the Green and create a Winter Wonderland on the Green.

This application is to cover the Switch On Events for 2022 – 2024, the dressing of the live tree 2023 - 2024 and incorporates a contingency for checking of tree wraps which are recommended to be inspected on a 3 yearly basis in order to prevent damage to trees

Project Costs:

Event Management – Barriers, Staging, Lighting, PA Systems x 3 years 2022 - 2024	3,600
Dressing & Undressing of Live Tree and Switch On Operatives x 2 years 2023 - 2024	4,200
VCS Event Support – Arts & Craft Activities/Event Support/Selection Boxes x 3 years 2022 - 2024	1,500

Contingency for Tree Wrap Inspections and Repairs	4,000
Total	£13,300

Recommendation

This Project delivers to the priority – **Support Communities to Deliver Local Events** - and is part of the North Area Committee agreed Delivery Plan



Item 2 Annex 4

North Area Committee

29th September 2022

Community Chest Awards April – September 2022

Castle Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval		
	Date	Returned	Approvals
Castletown Scout Group	05.08.22		£960
Golden Gloves Boxing Club	15.08.22		£4,900
Remaining balance			£4140
Fulwell Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
North East Bus Preservation Society	25.05.22		£750
Redby CA (joint with St Peters)	30.05.22		£800.50
Redby Childminders (joint with St Peters)	05.08.22		£516.04
Remaining balance			£7933.46
Redhill Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
-	-		-
Remaining balance			£10,000
Southwick Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Fans Museum	13.04.22		£1,000
Cakes & Weights	25.05.22		£1,000
Southwick Village Green Preservation Society	24.06.22		£1,000
SARA	24.06.22		£1,000
Remaining balance			£6,000
St. Peter's Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Enon Baptist Church	30.05.22		£245
Redby CA (joint with Fulwell)	30.05.22		£800.50
Roker Methodist Church	04.07.22		£1,500
Redby Childminders (joint with Fulwell)	05.08.22		£129.01
Remaining balance			£7352.49

NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

29th September 2022

REPORT OF NORTH AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

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

2. Background

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

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

- 3.1 The North VCS Network met in June, July and September 2022
- 3.2 The meetings have included the following agenda items:
 - UK Shared Prosperity Fund
 - Sunderland City Council Weedkilling Pilot
 - ICOS Employability Project
 - Kooth Update
 - Sunderland City Council Support to the Sector Social Value, Grants and Social Prescribing
 - Area Funding and Online Application Process
 - Networking and Information Share Opportunities
- 3.3 Regular funding bulletins are provided to the Network to ensure VCS organisations are kept informed of funding opportunities available.
- 3.4 The Network received the Area Committee Call for Projects for youth activities and applications were submitted underwent assessment and consultation and Area Committee decisions were made in July 2022 regarding the applications. All successful applicants have now received offer documentation.
- 3.4 The Network representatives regularly consult with the Network to ensure that the agenda items reflect their requirements.
- 3.5 Following significant consultation with the Area Voluntary and Community Sector Networks, a Sunderland VCS Alliance has been formed to support a strong, vibrant, and accessible

VCS which both influences and supports delivery of key services in the city. The Alliance is sector-led through the five Area VCS Networks and financially supported by Sunderland City Council, Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group and Gentoo, alongside external funding secured via the ESIF Community Led Local Development Programme. The Alliance is building upon the importance and strengths of area-based VCS structures and networks, increasing capacity in the sector wherever possible, to support the delivery of the ambitions of the Sunderland City Plan, Neighbourhood Investment Plans, Sunderland Community Wealth Building Strategy and the Community Led Local Development Strategy.

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

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

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

The Sunderland VCS Alliance website can be located here: <u>Sunderland Voluntary Sector</u> <u>Alliance - Sunderland City Council</u> where you can read the VCS Alliance Delivery Plan, minutes of meetings, meet the team and access information, advice and resources.

4. Recommendations

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

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29 September 2022

REPORT OF GENTOO

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the North 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 22nd 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 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. Any future staff changes that effect your wards we will update following the change.
- 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 'lesson's 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 We continue to work with the SARA project within the overall aim of supporting the residents within Southwick and Carley Hill.

4. Investment & Renewal

- 4.1 North area has been selected as the starting point for the fencing renewal programme following the damage caused by the storms earlier this year. The works have commenced in Redhouse and are expected to be complete within 4-6 months.
- 4.2 Leeway Green, Carley Hill renewal scheme commenced on site in April 2022 is progressing to contact specification and the scheme will see 24 new affordable rental properties, this being 6 x 2 bedroom bungalows, 16 x 2 bedroom houses and 2 x 3 bedroom houses. At present we have 8 tenants already moved in.
- 4.3 Cross Tree Park Downhill (Keighley Ave) is currently on site and will see 41 units is progressing to contact specification. The scheme will consist of 10 shared ownership properties and 31 affordable rental properties. The property breakdown will be 8 x 2 bedroom bungalows, 15 x 2 bedroom 4 person houses, 8 x 3 bedroom 5 person houses and 10 x 3 bedroom 6 person houses.

5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of this report.

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Current Planning Applications(North)

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

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/01580/VAR	6 North Bridge StreetSunderlandSR5 1AD	Variation of conditions 2 (plans), conditon 3 (windows and roof lights), condition 4 (refuse storage) and condition 5 (cycle storage) of planing approval 16/00500/FUL for minor alterations to plan layout and window and rooflight opening positions, to reflect technical development. Submission of proposed covered cycle storage details to remove reserved matter on condition.	02/08/2022	27/09/2022
22/01795/FUL	59 Coniston AvenueFulwellSunderlandSR5 1RD	Erection of a single storey extension to rear, first floor infill extension to side/rear, alterations to rear fenestration and roof (description amended 01.09.2022)	09/08/2022	04/10/2022
22/01671/VAR	Xercise 4 Less4 Wayfarer RoadSunderlandSR5 3XA	Variation of condition 2 (plans) and condition 4 (noise Impact Asessment) of planning pemission 21/01569/FUL	09/08/2022	04/10/2022
22/01807/ADV	Bus ShelterNorth Bridge StreetSunderland	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

02 September 2022

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision	
22/01802/TPA	35 Ocean Park RoadSunderlandSR6 8BP	Fell 1no. Ash Tree (T1,T3,T9, T10, T11,T13), 1no. Swedish Whitebeam (T5) and 1no. Common Alder (T7)	10/08/2022	05/10/2022	
22/01808/FUL	6 Alexander TerraceSunderlandSR6 9JT	Erection of a single storey extension to front and rear and creation of hard-standing for off street car parking to front.	10/08/2022	05/10/2022	
22/01818/FU4	Foreshore And Structures Within The Embayment To The Northern Side Of The River Wear To The East Of Wearmouth Bridge South Of Bonners Raff	Installation of artificial rockpools, mussel ropes, and timber framed upper shore habitat on top of the concrete dolphins	11/08/2022	06/10/2022	
22/01426/PCT	2 Cartwright RoadSunderlandSR5 3DX	Change of use to education teaching facility	15/08/2022	10/10/2022	
22/01858/FUL	37 Cullercoats RoadSunderlandSR5 3RZ	Erection of a first floor rear extension	16/08/2022	11/10/2022	
22/01871/FUL	15 Whitby AvenueSunderlandSR6 8AW	Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.	17/08/2022	12/10/2022	

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Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
22/01790/PSI	Former Vaux SiteLand North Of Saint Marys BoulevardSunderland	Erection of Eye Infirmary (Class E(e)) with energy centre buildings, cycle hub building, site access, parking, landscaping and utilities / infrastructure provision, with associated engineering operations including work to the existing retaining wall along Galley's Gill	17/08/2022	27/10/2022
22/01896/FUL	9 Kings AvenueSunderlandSR6 8DE	Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear, replace flat roof to side.	22/08/2022	17/10/2022
22/01902/FUL	62 Eglinton StreetSunderlandSR5 1DS	Erection of a single storey rear extension and dormers to front and rear.	22/08/2022	17/10/2022
22/01907/CLE	40 Park AvenueRokerSunderlandSR6 9DJ	Certificate of lawfulness for erection of conservatory to rear	24/08/2022	20/10/2022
22/01921/SUB	2 Ravine TerraceSunderlandSR6 9LZ	Erection of single storey rear extension (RESUBMISSION).	25/08/2022	20/10/2022
22/01931/FUL	43 Deepdene RoadSunderlandSR6 8DS	Erection of single storey extension to the rear with mono pitch roof, two storey side extension with hipped roof and porch to front.	26/08/2022	21/10/2022