

West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

Updated February 2022

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

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

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

1. Work with private landlords
2. Invest in street furniture
3. Invest in green space
4. Love Where You Live and In Bloom
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. Volunteer platform
11. Support communities to deliver local events
12. Drainage
13. Promote Heritage Assets and Deliver Heritage Activities
14. Support Local Shopping Centres
15. Digital
16. Job Clubs
17. Healthy Eating
18. Support Youth Clubs
19. Welfare Rights Support

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

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

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

Improve walking routes and fitness trails- linked to improved cycle routes- signage, improved surfaces, maps.	Promote View ranger and gather information from relevant service area to understand gaps in West and suggest improvements.	The relevant service areas attended the February Board and updated on plans for the city. Members supported the plans and are also keen to enhance existing routes, further details to be discussed at a future Board meeting. Work continues with the Stephenson Trail, with improvements planned for 2022.
Parks and Open Green Spaces		The Assistant Director of Community Resilience attended the July board and provided an update on Parks and Open green spaces and the capital investment proposals. Work has begun to deliver the improvements and updates will be provided to future Board meetings. An update is due to be provide in April 2022
Carry out a review, audit and capital improvements across Sunderland Cemeteries.	Invite the Bereavement Service Manager along to a future meeting to discuss.	The Bereavement Service Manager was invited along to the November 2021 Board meeting. An update was provided on improvements and service changes. Member were informed about a new joint working group being established across the City, between Officers and Councillors to improve the appearance and design of cemeteries. Members were invited to the working group. Update pending
Continue to develop ward based projects that utilise the Walk and Talk budget	ACDL to continue to work with ward members to deliver projects following member walk arounds.	Ward members continue to allocate the Walk and Talk budgets in each ward.

4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign and In Bloom

Links to: *A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods*

Continue to receive updates from the Clean and Green Project and the Voluntary Community Sector on community litter picks and environmental projects and ensure they advertise opportunities for residents/schools etc to get involved.	Continue to monitor the project and hold regular steering group meetings.	Environmental improvements/litter picks and community activities have been delivered across all wards. The steering group met in November and agreed a refreshed action plan for 2022. Work continues across the West with Volunteering opportunities being promoted across the Wards. The Clean and Green team are actively involved in the Great British Spring Clean.
Develop plans for a West wide in bloom delivery	Continue to monitor projects approved.	The Neighbourhood and Community Board Launched a Call for Projects. Applications for The Keep Sunderland West Tidy Programme. Were approved at September Area Committee. Projects are delivering across the West. Opportunities involving local residents are promoted on the West Area Facebook page and the individual projects pages and within each centre and local area. Over 20 litter picks have taken place with support from over 400 volunteer hours.
To understand more about the Enforcement measures and opportunities to enhance in the West to encourage more to 'Love where you live'		The West Enforcement project has begun the recruitment process and has placed the order for the CCTV cameras. Once the workers are in place, updates will be provided. All Neighbourhood wardens have been provided with information in relation to Community Provision for signposting including Youth activities.
5. Review transport routes in partnership with all providers in consultation with residents. Pick up localised parking issues – residential and shopping		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Great transport and travel links		
Consider parking issues at St Luke's Terrace		The Asset and Network Manager attended the Neighbourhood and Community Board and discussed the issues faced around the area

		with regards to parking. The Neighbourhood and Community Board will discuss the matter at a future meeting and consider options.
6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Great transport and travel links</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City People feeling safe in their neighbourhoods</i> <i>A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i>		
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme	Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to West Area Committee.	<p>A report on proposed highways to include in the 2021 / 2022 Programme was considered by the Area Committee in March 2021 and agreed. Further updates have been received and Members have fed areas for consideration in the 2022-2023 programme. At the February Board meeting the Board considered the recommendations for 2022-2023 and made some changes. This revised report is being recommended for approval at the Area Committee Item 2 Annex 2</p> <p>Following the various Task and Finish groups on highway improvements, proposals were presented to the Board in February. Those proposals are being recommended for approval at the Area Committee. Details can be found in Item 4 Annex 2</p> <p>Applications have been received for improvements to Highways from across the West Area £270,971 Neighbourhood Capital funding and £17,913 Neighbourhood funding are being recommended to Area Committee for approval</p>

Consider traffic calming measures on Silksworth Lane alongside parking restrictions		New traffic restrictions around the area have now been completed. Consideration to be made to future traffic calming measures. As part of the Task and Finish group traffic calming measures were incorporated into the suggestions.
7. Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i>		
West Area Committee approved £120k to improvements to play areas in the West.		Area Committee agreed a Play Improvement project. The project has experienced delays due to market conditions and in some cases vandalism to play areas. 7 Sites (Hylton Road Playing Fields, Silksworth Recreation Park, East Herrington Park, King George Playing Fields, Thorney Close, Grindon Lane and Barnes Park) are now complete and equipment is being used regularly. Portsmouth Road has experienced delays and vandalism, work is expected to complete in the coming weeks.
Consider improvements to existing cycle routes and improve digital routes	Request update from relevant service on City and Area Plans and then consider capital improvements to support Area improvements.	
Consider new cycle routes	Relevant Officers invited to a future board meeting, to discuss City plans and local proposals	The relevant service areas attended the Board and updated on plans for the city. Members supported the plans and are also keen to enhance existing routes, further details to be discussed at a future Board meeting.
8. Social Prescribing – develop local offer to improve health and wellbeing and access to services locally to reduce social isolation, improve mental health and support long-term health conditions, and ensure physical activity session are accessible and not cost or time prohibitive, in partnership with All Together Better		

Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i> A Healthy Smart City <i>People enjoying independent lives</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Improving community resilience</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
Ensure the West VCS continue to be supported to provide services and activities to local residents	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	Activities and services have continued to be delivered throughout 2020-2021 using Community Chest and Walk and Talk. Support has continued to be offered to ensure maximum external funding attracted.
West Area Committee in partnership with Public Health Funding to support health related projects in Sunderland West. Funding aligned- linking with Green Gym development	When green gym project delivered- ensure VCS are supported to maximise usage of equipment safely and effectively.	
9. Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events, activities and nurture family learning		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More residents participating in their communities</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity at a grassroots level.	Area Co-ordinator to provide update in line with the development of support and capacity building as a strategic approach.	<p>The VCS has continued to be supported by the Area Committee, the VCS network continues to be supported to ensure they have access to all internal and external funding opportunities. The Sunderland VCS Alliance has now been established and updates provided to members at the September Board meeting. The West Community Support worker is now in post. A task and finish group has been arranged to discuss this priority and prepare feedback to a future board meeting.</p> <p>A Task and Finish group has been arranged for March 2022, feedback will be provided to a future Board meeting.</p>

10. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More residents participating in their communities</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS.	Update volunteer platform to enable matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.	Volunteers continue to be linked to residents and Voluntary groups who require support. Volunteering opportunities for the Great British Spring Clean 2022 are due to be advertised with activities being held across the West working alongside the West Clean and Green project.
11. Support communities to deliver local events		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
West Area Committee funded a large-scale event for 2022- delivered by Youth Almighty Project		Event postponed until 2022. Schools have begun to be re-engaged by Youth Almighty Project; updates will be provided at key stages of the planning of the 3 day event. The theme for the event is digital with a variety of activities being planned to engage young people and families. The links to the Stephenson Trail will also form part of the activities.
Consider purchasing event equipment for communities		
Festive lights and celebrations	£60,000 approved from Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme	Each ward has considered the impact of lights and appropriate schemes have been installed. Those without suitable locations will consider this project and discuss details at a Future Board meeting.
12. Additional Drainage cleansing programme		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City <i>Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods</i>		
Continue to support local traders and link in with flooding officers regarding local issues.		A Task and Finish group took place in September 2021, Members received updates on localised issues and City wide provision.

13. Communicate heritage assets and delivery heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City <i>More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Community empowerment, engagement and involvement</i>		
<p>Consider improvements to the Stephenson Trail – working alongside other areas (Coalfield and East)</p>	<p>July Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed to consider the Stephenson Trail and the heritage around the site. Need to understand the other areas interest and set up a Task and Finish group to consider.</p>	<p>A multi area Task and Finish group continues to meet. The action plan has been developed to support this project and work continues. At the September Area Committee £50,000 Neighbourhood Capital funding was approved.</p> <p>In February 2022, the Task Group received an update on the Walking the Routes results, which has been shared with key Council Services and Partners to identify what actions they can deliver against. This will identify outstanding works which will need additional resources to complete the works, which area funding will contribute towards.</p> <p>The Cultural Spring secured the contract to deliver the Educational programme and are aiming to engage with seven primary schools, whose location is near the Trail. The Schools will work with specialists from the creative sector to produce an Education Pack which will be shared with other Primary Schools within the City. In addition, there is an array of community activities on offer during 2022, which include: way markers competition; song writing; banners and flags project; photo competition; oral history recordings; pop up gigs across the Summer months; the West Area Committee will promote the Trail at their hugely successful annual Barnes Park event,</p>

		<p>as well as, the Hetton 2000 Group promoting it at the Hetton Steam Carnival.</p> <p>Discussions are being held with Highways about the feasibility of exploring options to connect the Trail to other routes (e.g. Laura's Loop / Lambton route), making it more varied and accessible. The Events Team are considering if the Trail should be used as part of the annual BIG bike or walk event in 2022 and have added the route to the Step Up app.</p> <p>The Task Group is liaising and co-ordinating plans with the Elemore Greenspace Project, including the installation of an iconic art feature at the beginning of the route, and the River Sunderland regeneration developments and events programme.</p>
Consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel	Work with the heritage team to consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel.	<p>The Area Committee agreed to Capital funding of £17,500. The planning application has been submitted and approved for the location behind the miners' cottages – opposite the ski slope. Meetings have been held with Highways to assess relocation/transport requirements. The tender package has been approved and work is due to begin on site shortly.</p>
<p>14. Invest in local shopping centres and support local businesses to ensure they continue to thrive</p>		
<p>Links to: A Dynamic Smart City <i>A stronger city centre with more businesses, housing and cultural opportunities</i> A Vibrant Smart City <i>More residents participating in their communities</i> Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy <i>Business growth and investment in VCS</i></p>		
Continue with the capital improvement projects from local shopping centre budgets - Budgets remain in Sandhill, St Chad's and Barnes)		Wards have been considering the improvements that could be made, deep cleans are being delivered and wrapping of

		bins to bring identity to smaller shopping parades are being considered. The Festive lights funding has been used to enhance 3 shopping areas within the West.
15. Increase 5g access across all neighbourhoods and support people with digital resources		
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City A lower carbon City with greater digital connectivity for all A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills		
Improve access and knowledge of ICT to reduce social isolation	Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group. ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	The Area Committee approved the project to be delivered by Media Savvy with the project beginning mid April 2021. The VCS network have been updated on the project and many groups are coming forward to be involved. Whilst the project which has experience delays due to Covid it has begun its work with existing provision to enhance the offer to local residents in addition to working with various community centres to develop an ICT hub. Main hubs and mini hubs have been receiving technical support on equipment and access requirements. To date 125 people have access digital support to date with over 120 people being signposted to other services.
16. Create job clubs and education centres within local community venues including digital skill training and basic skills		
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City More and better jobs A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience		
West Area Committee Invited Pennywell Youth Project (PYP) to apply for an extension to the CLLD project	PYP invited to full application for CLLD extension utilising existing alignment of funding from previous years allocation.	The project continues to be delivered alongside the other CLLD projects. All working in partnership to ensure residents from across the West receive the support required.
Continue to receive updates on existing CLLD projects in the West and consider extensions to	Receive a performance update on existing projects.	At the September Area Committee the REACT phase 2 project was approved. Other area projects continue to deliver and support

existing projects and consider new applications requiring match		residents in Job Searches or Employment Training or Education.
Continue to receive updates on West NEET project	Receive a performance update on existing project.	The NEET project delivered by Youth Almighty Project alongside other youth providers in the West. Throughout this project over 50 young people have received meaningful engagement and 39 young people have progressed into Education, Training or Employment.
17. Eating healthy meals and learning to prepare and cook food, delivery sessions within local community.		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances</i> <i>A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i>		
Receive update on Holiday hunger activities deliver 2019-2020 and consider deliver for 2020-2021.	Receive a performance report from existing projects delivering holiday hunger activities and consider proposals for future need and delivery.	The Area Committee approved £48,000 to further extend the Holiday Hunger activities projects across the West. The 6 project leads submitted applications to deliver sessions across the May, Summer, October, Christmas, February and Easter 2022 holiday periods. Activities have been delivered the school holidays, lead groups have worked with other funding providers to ensure that activities are increased where possible.
18. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be safe together		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i>		
Receive updates from Sunderland All Together Consortium on project delivery and consider gaps when identified.		Members received a presentation from Sunderland All Together Consortium, the Consortium were invited to full application for 2 project proposals. Applications and the details of the projects were approved at December Area Committee and work has begun to be delivered with regular meetings

		with Members and young people being involved in the delivery models.
Consider if facilities need capital improvements and or additional equipment for detached and outreach work.		A Task and Finish group has met and discussed the support required for the VCS. Discussions are taking place with other Council departments to understand the capital improvements required. A further Task and Finish group due to take place in March 22 will discuss these findings and feed back to the Board. Individual wards are working with groups and identifying opportunities to utilise Walk and Talk Funding
Mental Health and Wellbeing support		At the September Area Committee, the application for Mental Health and Wellbeing sessions in Secondary schools across the West delivered by If U Care Share was approved £44,496. Regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.
19. Support those who are struggling due to Universal Credit and other financial conditions		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience		
Invite Welfare rights service to submit proposals for West Support - consider a 3-year proposal.	Understand if other areas are considering this priority and invite proposal.	Area Committee agreed the 3 year project to the value of £150,000. Recruitment is underway and the additional support for local residents is being delivered. Up until December 2021, 372 residents have received information, advice and guidance and 148 residents are more resilient and able to help themselves in a crisis.