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**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF NORTH SUNDERLAND
NEIGHBOURHOOD AND COMMUNITY BOARD**

North Sunderland Area Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:

- a. Presents the North Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023; and
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the North Sunderland Area Committee has worked together to finalise their Delivery Plans. All priorities have been determined following significant resident consultation via Let's Talk Sunderland. The Council also undertook further consultation with residents, during June 2020, to ensure the priorities were still relevant post COVID-19.

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 the working group for the Area Committee and the Board will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. 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 and 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 June 2021.

4. Areas of Key Action and Progress

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action and/or progress of the Board, up to February 2022, with greater detail set out in **Annex 1**, which informs the Area Activity Tracker to allow residents to monitor Area Committee's progress throughout the year.

Priority	Update
Love Where You Live	<p>June 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 Area Committee agreed the alignment of £25,000.</p> <p>The St. Peters Church Environment Project was agreed by the Area Committee via a delegated decision on 22nd July 2021</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £25,000 in order to support the development of an Art Project and Washing Facilities at Seaburn Sea Front. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £25,000</p>
Invest in Parks, Play Areas, Cycle and Walking Routes	<p>Thompson Park:</p> <p>Task and Finish Group formed and 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.</p> <p>December 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.</p> <p>The Group were successful with a Places to Ride funding application to deliver a cycling skills area in the park and education/ training with match funding to be considered at the June Area Committee. June Area Committee agreed the match of £25,000 to deliver the Places to Ride Project</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further £100,000 for the development of Thompson Park. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £100,000.</p> <p>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 amendments requested and a deadline of February 2022 provided.</p> <p>Further design proposals shared with Ward</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>Accessible Play Equipment:</p> <p>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</p> <p>A contractor has now been appointed for the installation of the Ability Swing.</p> <p>Parks, Open Spaces and Play:</p> <p>July Board received a presentation on the proposals for improvements to Parks, Open Spaces and Play across Sunderland North</p> <p>July Board received a presentation on the proposals for the Seaburn public realm regeneration</p> <p>November Board received a presentation which gave an update on improvement at Roker Park and plans for the Roker Park Lodge/Café</p> <p>February Board received an update on Hylton Dene, Downhill Complex, Fulwell Quarry and Roker Park</p>
<p>Social Prescribing</p>	<p>North Raising Aspirations Projects:</p> <p>The 5 ward based Raising Aspirations Projects continue to deliver services and activities to the local community including providing Covid Community Hub Support.</p> <p>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</p> <p>The five Raising Aspiration Project leads are currently developing full applications to be considered at the November Board.</p> <p>November Board received updates from the five Raising Aspiration Project leads on the delivery of the projects to date.</p>

	<p>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</p> <p>February Board considered applications submitted from VCS organisations to provide accessible Defibrillators and recommended approval of all applications to the March Area Committee. Details of which are included at Item 3 Annex 1</p>
<p>Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events, activities and nurture family learning</p>	<p>Downhill Community Hub:</p> <p>Task and Finish Group formed and worked with the voluntary sector leaseholder in order to develop capital proposals to assist in the refurbishment of the Downhill Community Hub. December and March Area Committees approved £100,000 in total for the refurbishment project.</p> <p>June 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 Area Committee agreed the alignment of £100,000. The project lead is currently developing a full application to be considered.</p> <p>Fulwell Community Library:</p> <p>March Area Committee agreed funding of £18,250 to support the installation of a new roof and solar panels at Fulwell Community Library.</p> <p>Redby Community Centre:</p> <p>The North Area Committee in January 2022 via the responsive decision making process have approved funding of £12,000 to Redby Community Centre for repairs to the Roof</p>
<p>Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe</p>	<p>School Holiday Programme:</p> <p>March 2020 Area Committee approved £35,000 for the delivery of school holiday activities within the 2020 – 2021 school holiday periods with the project leads delivering services, activities and support within COVID guidelines and restrictions</p> <p>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 2021 – 2022 application for the £40,000 budget available. A summary of the Summer Holiday 2021 provision</p>

	<p>was provided in the September Area Committee Video.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Increase safety through the improvement of CCTV and additional enforcement</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Communicate heritage assets and deliver heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion</p>	<p>Hylton Castle:</p> <p>Task and Finish Group formed, 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 June Area Committee for £100,000.</p> <p>June 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</p>

	<p>meet the needs of the Castle Project.</p> <p>February 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.</p> <p>Fans Museum:</p> <p>March Area Committee agreed funding of £11,384 to support the development of Architectural Design, Videography, Photography and a Digital Tour Project.</p>
Celebrate local heritage:	<p>Southwick Green Redevelopment Phase 2:</p> <p>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 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</p>

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to:

- i. Consider the progress and performance update with regard to North Sunderland Neighbourhood and Community Board Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within **Annex 1**.
- ii. Consider and agree the recommendations of the Neighbourhood & Community Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes for the North for 2022-2023 attached at **Annex 2**
- iii. Note the Area Committee video update

Annex 1 North Sunderland Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-2023
Annex 2 Highways Capital Maintenance Programme 2022-2023

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