

West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

Updated March 2023



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

The Plan commits the Area Committee to a significant number of priorities, which will be delivered within the 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:

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| 1. Work with private landlords | 12. Drainage |
| 2. Invest in street furniture | 13. Promote Heritage Assets and Deliver Heritage Activities |
| 3. Invest in green space | 14. Support Local Shopping Centres |
| 4. Love Where You Live and In Bloom | 15. Digital |
| 5. Transport Routes and Parking | 16. Job Clubs |
| 6. Highways, pavements and street lighting | 17. Healthy Eating |
| 7. Parks, play, cycle and walking routes | 18. Support Youth Clubs |
| 8. Social Prescribing | 19. Welfare Rights Support |
| 9. Support voluntary and community sector | |
| 10. Volunteer platform | |
| 11. Support communities to deliver local events | |

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: <i>A Dynamic Smart City 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: <i>A Healthy City Smart City 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 have now been installed. Funding approved NCIP £36,529
Removal or Painting of pedestrian barriers and other street furniture		Wards continue to use their Walk and Talk projects to address ward-based issues. Examples of which includes Pallion improving bollards on St Luke's Terrace and St Chad's painting fencing around Allendale Road. Clean and Green and Rangers projects have been improving street furniture across the wards.
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: <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>		
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	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

	updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	Fields, Silksworth Recreation Park, Barnes Park, East Herrington Park and Thorney Close. Public Health funding as well as NCIP were approved, Project has an underspend of £33,393 to NCIP December 2022
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. Improvements have been made to routes across the West with vegetation removed. Work continues with the Stephenson Trail, with improvements being made 2022/2023.
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. A further update was provided at the April board, all improvements are progressing. Work continues to be delivered with further improvements and updates being provided to future Board meetings. The Ex-Bowls pavilion at King George Playing Fields has been advertised as a community asset, business plans were submitted and appraised, property services have now progressed with a legal offer for a long term lease. The successful community group are expected to complete on the legal agreement in early spring.
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

		<p>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.</p> <p>The joint working group discussed parking issues and raised this issue at the Neighbourhood and Community Board. The Board are making a recommendation to Area Committee to approve 25k NCIP funding toward parking improvements. Detail in Item 4 Annex 1</p>
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.	<p>Ward members continue to allocate the Walk and Talk budgets in each ward. The West Area Committee approved £120,000 of Neighbourhood Funding to Walk and Talk in June 2022. This has increased each wards budget by £20,000.</p> <p>The Walk and Talk project supports local Ward Councillors to find solutions to environmental issues and community-based issues at a local level. Examples of this could be gaps in social prescribing/improving a community asset/environmental improvement. Funding approved NF £120,000</p>
4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign and In Bloom		
Links to: <i>A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods</i>		
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	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

<p>opportunities for residents/schools etc to get involved.</p>		<p>for 2022. Work continues across the West with Volunteering opportunities being promoted across the Wards. The Clean and Green team were actively involved in the Great British Spring Clean. Over 90 Volunteers worked with Clean and Green to collect 100 bags of rubbish and fill 4 van loads. The Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed to do a Call for Projects for each ward to ensure a localised approach to Clean and Green across the West. Applications have been received, appraised and consulted on and the Area Committee approved the following project in September 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean it and Green it Barnes – Community Opportunities £27,000 • Silksworth Ranger – Youth Almighty Project £26,995 • Clean it and Green it Sandhill- Community Opportunities £27,000 • Clean it and Green it St Anne's- Community Opportunities £27,000 • St Chad's Ranger – Youth Almighty Project £26,995 <p>Having amended and readvertised the Pallion Clean and Green Call brief the Area Committee approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean and Green – Springboard £27,000 <p>Total Neighbourhood Fund awarded £161,990</p>
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Develop plans for a West wide in bloom delivery	Continue to monitor projects approved.	The Neighbourhood and Community Board launched a Call for Projects for applications for The Keep Sunderland West Tidy Programme which were approved at September Area Committee. Projects are delivering across the West. Opportunities involving local residents are promoted on the West Area Facebook page, the individual project Facebook pages and within each centre and local area. Since awarding the funding 60 litter picks have taken place and over 1400 volunteer hours achieved. Funding approved NF to 9 projects £10,417 One project (The South Hylton Tansy Centre) has since returned £1644, and £1432 has been returned from the West wide scheme. £3067 Money returned March 23 Item 4
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 attended the July Neighbourhood and Community Board. The members of staff have now been recruited and so far over 1000 enforcement actions have taken place. Updates will continue to be provided to future Neighbourhood and Community Board Funding approved NF £229,977
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.
6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Great transport and travel links		

A Vibrant Smart City *People feeling safe in their neighbourhoods*
A Healthy City Smart City *Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods*

<p>Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme</p>	<p>Highways Maintenance Programme for 2021 - 2022 to be presented to Neighbourhood and Community Board for discussion and recommendation to West Area Committee.</p>	<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.</p> <p>Following the various Task and Finish groups on highway improvements, proposals were presented to the Board in February. Those proposals were considered by Area Committee and approved</p> <p>Highways officers attend the Neighbourhood and Community Board in November and February to discuss schemes for 23/24. Wards are using Walk and Talk to make any amendments. Schemes are being considered at Area Committee in March.</p> <p>Funding approved NICP £270,971 and NF £17,913</p>
<p>Consider traffic calming measures on Silksworth Lane alongside parking restrictions</p>		<p>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.</p> <p>At the Neighbourhood and Community Board in February members discussed the parking</p>

		issues around the Silksworth Ski Slope complex. The board are making a recommendation to Area Committee to approve £25k Details in Item 4 Annex 1
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 experienced delays and vandalism. Funding approved NF £120,000
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. Cutting back of vegetation to allow for wider paths has taken place in key locations. This work will continue as part of regular maintenance of

		public rights of way. The Clean and Green team and Rangers continue to support and make improvements to these routes.
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.	<p>Activities and services have continued to be delivered throughout the year using Community Chest and Walk and Talk. Support has continued to be offered to ensure maximum external funding attracted. The West Area Neighbourhood and Community Board considered the need for improvement community transport and advertised a Call for Projects for a Community Mini Bus. At the September Area Community funding was approved for a community mini bus,</p> <p>The delivery of the minibus has been delayed due to a number of factors, the group have been advised that delivery is expected between November 2023 and February 2024.the price has also increased to 50k, with the remaining 10k being match funded by Youth Almighty Project. To mitigate the impact of the delay the group have begun to allow other groups to use the current vehicle. The project will provide updates to future board meetings.</p> <p>Neighbourhood fund £40,000</p>

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: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy 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.	The VCS has continued to be supported by the Area Committee. The VCS Network continues to be supported to ensure they have access to internal and external funding opportunities. The Sunderland VCS Alliance has now been established and updates provided to members. A 'taking stock' survey have been completed by 33 organisations in the West with findings being discussed at the November Neighbourhood and Community Board. Results were considered alongside the activities within the ward, members will continue to consider this data and discuss at future meetings.
10. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities		
Links to: <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy 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 were advertised with activities being held across the West working alongside the West Clean and Green project. Over 100 volunteers participated.

		Volunteers logged on the better impact database have been contacted to over 70 volunteers have been recruited to support the warm spaces across the City. Warm spaces/community hubs continue to be developed and extended and volunteers continue to support this initiative.
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		<p>The event took place 30th June, 1st and 2nd July. Over 700 school children attended on the school days with thousands attending on the Saturday. The Neighbourhood and Community Board invited Youth Almighty to apply for an event for 2023. The application was considered by West Area Committee in September 2022 and Funding approved</p> <p>Funding approved NF £80,000 (for 2022 and 2023 events)</p>
Consider purchasing event equipment for communities		
Festive lights and celebrations	£60,000 approved from Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme	<p>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.</p> <p>Amended project for Barnes and Sandhill. Barnes for improved street lighting and Sandhill improved street furniture</p> <p>Funding approved NICP £60,000</p>

12. Additional Drainage cleansing programme		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods		
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 More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement		
Consider improvements to the Stephenson Trail – working alongside other areas (Coalfield and East)	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>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>A Stephenson Trail Task and Finish group with members from the Coalfield, East and West areas have developed an action plan and each of the three Area Committees have approved £50k funding.</p> <p>In February 2022, the Stephenson Trail Task Group received an update on the Walking the Routes results, which identified environmental and physical improvements required. Working with Council services and partners the Task Group is developing an action plan to improve the route of the trail.</p> <p>The Cultural Spring have delivered an Educational programme and have engaged with seven primary schools, whose location is near the Trail. The selected Schools in the</p>

		<p>West area have worked with specialists from the creative sector to produce an Education Pack which has now been 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</p> <p>Three local community organisations (one from each of the Coalfield, East and West areas) are supporting the project by carrying out environmental and physical improvements with the support of volunteers. The groups will also assist in the design of interpretation boards for each area, at relevant points along the route. The groups will work in partnership with colleagues from Local Services who are also carrying out work to improve the trail. A celebration event took place in November 2022 at City Hall. All groups, schools, Members and volunteers were invited, it was a great event with schools from across the three areas attending.</p> <p>Funding approved NICP £50,000</p>
Consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel	Work with the heritage team to consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel.	The planning application was approved for the revised site (behind Silksworth aged miners cottages). Following the tender process work began on site in Spring 2022. The Wheel is

		<p>now in place with further landscaping work has been carried out, with coal tubs and a bench installed.</p> <p>Funding approved NF £17,500</p>
14. Invest in local shopping centres and support local businesses to ensure they continue to thrive		
Links to: <i>A Dynamic Smart City A stronger city centre with more businesses, housing and cultural opportunities</i> <i>A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS</i>		
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: <i>A Dynamic Smart City A lower carbon City with greater digital connectivity for all</i> <i>A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills</i>		
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.	<p>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. Main hubs and mini hubs have been receiving technical support on equipment and access requirements. To date over 1000 people have accessed digital support.</p> <p>Media Savvy are attending the March Area Committee to present an update to The Area Committee.</p>

16. Create job clubs and education centres within local community venues including digital skill training and basic skills		
Links to: <i>A Dynamic Smart City More and better jobs</i> <i>A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills</i> <i>Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience</i>		
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 is now complete.
Continue to receive updates on existing CLLD projects in the West and consider extensions to existing projects and consider new applications requiring match	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 residents in Job Searches or Employment Training or Education. Funding Approved NF £42,500
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 60 young people have received meaningful engagement and 44 young people have progressed into Education, Training or Employment. The project is now complete.
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 updates on Holiday hunger activities deliver across 2019-2022.	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 for 2021 delivery 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

		<p>funding providers to ensure that activities are increased where possible.</p> <p>Youth groups from across the West submitted applications to extend the holiday offer. The applications were approved at June's Area Committee, so far over 260 young people have access the holiday activities delivered across the summer months</p> <p>Total NF funding awarded £29,824</p>
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>		
<p>Receive updates from Sunderland All Together Consortium on project delivery and consider gaps when identified.</p>		<p>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.</p> <p>Since April young people have attended sessions (3523 attendees) and taken part in activities, the project has also supported 75 volunteers to deliver over 1700 hrs.</p> <p>The February Neighbourhood and Community Board welcomed a presentation on the Youth ASB 12 month project- the group were invited to apply to extend the projects by 18mths upto 50k. The board are making a recommendation to approve. See Item 4 annex 1 for more detail</p> <p>Funding approved NF £213,480</p>

Consider if facilities need capital improvements and or additional equipment for detached and outreach work.		<p>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 discussed these findings and fed back to the Board. A taking stock survey was currently by 33 groups Individual wards are working with groups to identify opportunities to utilise Walk and Talk Funding</p> <p>Funding approved NF £32,460</p>
Mental Health and Wellbeing support		<p>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. Regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board. To date over 1554 young people have been supported by this project. The group came along to the December Area Committee and updated on the project to date.</p> <p>Safety works transport project provided an update to the Neighbourhood and Community Board, the board are making a recommendation to approve 5k towards transport costs for schools in the West to attend Safetyworks! Detail can be found in item 4 annex 1</p> <p>Funding approved NF £44,496</p>
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		

<p>Invite Welfare rights service to submit proposals for West Support - consider a 3-year proposal.</p>	<p>Understand if other areas are considering this priority and invite proposal.</p>	<p>The Neighbourhood and Community Board received an update in November on the project and achievements to date Over 1000 residents have been supported with information, advice and guidance on benefits. 84 residents have received specialist support and 12 tribunal hearings were supported. Backdated payments of over 200k have been secured.</p> <p>Funding approved NF for 3 year project £150,000</p>
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