

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Monday 15th March, 2021 at 5.30pm

This meeting will be held remotely. Joining details will be emailed to all participants.

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Membership

Cllrs E. Gibson (Chair), C. Marshall (Vice Chair), S. Bewick, M. Dixon, M. Essl, H. Fagan, N. Hodson, P. Hunt, B. McClennan, M. Mordey, R. Oliver, J. Potts, L. Scanlan, A. Wood and P. Wood

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ELAINE WAUGH
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

5th March, 2021

At a meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held remotely on MONDAY, 30th NOVEMBER, 2020 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor E. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors Bewick, M. Dixon, Fagan, Hodson, Hunt, Marshall, McClennan, Mordey, Oliver, Potts, Scanlan, A. Wood and P. Wood

Also Present:-

Jo Bell	-	Gentoo
Alan Duffy	-	Gentoo
Matthew Jackson	-	Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Shaun Makin	-	TWFRS
Julie Maven	-	East Area VCS Network Representative
Nicol McConnell	-	Area Community Development Lead, Sunderland City Council
Allison Patterson	-	Area Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council
Helen Peverley	-	
K. Ramanathan	-	East Area VCS Network Representative
Jon Ritchie	-	Executive Director of Corporate Services, Sunderland City Council
Jamie Southwell	-	Neighbourhood Inspector, Northumbria Police
Claire Tulley	-	Nexus

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Councillor Essl and from Joanne Cooper.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 21st September, 2020

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st September, 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

VCS Area Network Progress Report

Julie Maven provided the Committee with an update on the work of the VCS Area Network since the last meeting of the Committee. She advised that the network had held two virtual meetings where a number of presentations had been received including from Moving On Tyne and Wear, Moneywise Credit Union, Churches Conservation Trust, and Groundworks North East. Allison Patterson had also given a presentation on how the Area Committee and local authority would support the VCS; there had been concerns over who would be the lead organisation on this partnership working. Organisations in the area were working hard to support residents who were being affected by the ongoing pandemic; the support from the local authority had been vital in allowing this support to be provided. There had always been good partnership working in the East Area and the pandemic had highlighted how good this partnership was.

Ram added that the concerns raised had been over whether the Council's Infrastructure Group or VCS Organisations should lead on the partnerships and further discussions were taking place. a number of organisations had already built strong partnerships and there was a desire to ensure that this was not negatively affected.

The Chair thanked the organisations and their volunteers for all of their hard work.

2. RESOLVED that the update from the VCS Network be noted.

Northumbria Police Update

A report was submitted in respect of the West Area which covered Doxford Ward.

Neighbourhood Inspector Jamie Southwell provided the Committee with an update on the crime statistics for the East area and of the work done by Northumbria Police. In the A1 area which covered the City Centre, Millfield and Ashbrooke there had been a 31 percent reduction in all crimes; vehicle crime had seen a reduction of 45 percent. Burglaries of dwellings had reduced by 31 percent while burglaries of properties other than dwellings had reduced by 36 percent. Youth antisocial behaviour had reduced by 19 percent while adult antisocial behaviour had increased by 31 percent

In the A2 area which covered Hendon, Grangetown and Ryhope there had been an increase of 10 percent which was due to there being a sharp increase in criminal damage incidents and also in violence without injury which included public order offences and harassment. There had been an increase in burglaries of dwellings of 16 percent while burglaries of properties other than dwellings had reduced by 35 percent. Both youth and adult antisocial behaviour had seen an increase; of 85 percent and 134 percent respectively. The increase in antisocial behaviour was due to how incidents of breaches of the covid-19 regulations were recorded.

Burglaries were a priority and Operation Decipher was ongoing to tackle these; since the operation had started there had been no further burglaries.

Operation Eagle, which targeted off road motorcycle use, was ongoing and a camera had been purchased to assist with identification of offenders.

Operation Elf would be starting on 2nd December and would run until Christmas. This would be targeting high footfall areas of the city centre to prevent crime and antisocial behaviour and would see an increase in high visibility foot patrols.

Councillor Hodson asked whether city centre patrols could include the minster park; there were large numbers of youths congregating in this area and they were causing a disturbance for the minster and the residents of the alms houses as well as causing damage by using skateboards. Inspector Southwell advised that the park was included in the patrols.

Councillor Hodson also advised of complaints from residents about youths congregating in the subway at Neville Road; Inspector Southwell agreed to pass this information on to the neighbourhood officers.

Councillor Bewick advised that he had recorded a video of an off road motorbike being used at King George Park in Ryhope; he had submitted this video through the dash cam reporting section of the police website but asked whether there were alternative methods of reporting. Inspector Southwell advised that the footage could be submitted to the neighbourhood Sergeant and he would provide these details; he also advised that there were dangers in trying to stop the riders so retrospective action was taken instead.

3. RESOLVED that the update from Northumbria Police be noted.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

Shaun Makin was in attendance to provide the update from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service. He advised that the figures were for the last three months and were in comparison to the same period last year. In terms of deliberate fires there had been:-

Doxford Ward – 5 this year compared with 9 last year
Hendon Ward – 38 this year compared with 45 last year

Millfield Ward – 23 this year compared with 43 last year
Ryhope Ward – 12 this year compared with 10 last year
St Michaels Ward – 9 this year compared with 12 last year
In total there had been 87 deliberate fires compared with 109 for the same period last year.

It was pleasing to see this reduction. It had been good to hear that there had been no firefighters attacked in the East Sunderland area during the Bonfire night period and this was in part thanks to the hard work done in partnership with the police, Gentoo and the Council.

4. RESOLVED that the update from Tyne and Wear fire and Rescue Service be noted.

Gentoo Update

Alan Duffy presented the update from Gentoo. He advised that there had been a six month suspension on all non-urgent transfer requests to ensure that vacancies went to those who were in most need. There was also a review of the allocations policy being undertaken. The movement of existing gentoo tenants between properties had also been suspended.

Work was continuing on the renewal schemes with work continuing at Doxford Park with phase 6 being to deliver 100 new homes with 90 for sale and 10 for affordable rent. Planning permission had been granted for the redevelopment of the Silksworth office site where there would be 13 new houses for affordable rent; work would be commencing after Christmas and was expected to be completed by late 2021.

Councillor Hodson advised that work had been done to provide craft packs for the elderly residents of the city centre tower blocks which were to be distributed by the Cultural Spring however they had been denied access by gentoo. Ms Bell advised that it had been agreed to display posters in the blocks and that tenants were going to be spoken to about this work.

Councillor M. Dixon queried how often communal garden areas were visited to remove litter; there were concerns over the condition of the gardens in the Azalea Terrace and Woodstock Avenue areas. He also queried who the Gentoo contact was for the St Michael's ward. Mr Duffy advised that the Gentoo owned gardens saw grass cutting through the summer and that litter was collected prior to this; during the winter the removal of litter was a responsive task. The contact for St Michael's was Jo Bell.

5. RESOLVED that the update from Gentoo be noted.

Nexus Update

Claire Tulley provided the update from Nexus. She advised that the travel shop in Park Lane interchange had been closed since March due to the covid-19 pandemic. Plans were in place to close the remaining six travel shops; there was a survey of users to inform Nexus of their views and how the closures would affect them.

Work was being done to address the issue of passengers not complying with the requirement to wear face masks and also fare evasion and a compliance team had been created. There was also a new team to tackle antisocial behaviour.

There was a new phone app being launched which would allow people to use their phones to pay for tickets and to access the network which would assist with contactless access to the Metro.

Councillor Hodson expressed concerns over the closure of the travel shops taking place before the survey; he questioned whether the results of the survey would result in any of the shops remaining open. He also queried why there were such large changes to the Metro timetable. Ms Tulley advised that the travel shops had closed due to the lockdown in March and it had not been possible to reopen them in a covid secure manner. The survey would allow passengers to express their views on the closure of travel shops and these views would be considered before a final decision was taken. Metro usage was lower than usual and she agreed to find out why the winter timetable was such a large change.

Councillor Hodson then stated that he understood the need for changes in the current situation however it was not clear whether the changes would be temporary or permanent. He asked for further information on the closure of the travel shops and on the timetable changes and Ms Tulley agreed to provide this.

Councillor P. Wood expressed concerns that the bus timetables had changed some months ago however the timetables displayed at the bus stops had not been updated and still showed some services which no longer existed. He asked when these were likely to be changed. Ms Tulley advised that Nexus was responsible for over 6,500 bus stops across Tyne and Wear and agreed to speak to the teams involved in updating bus stop timetables to look at when the East Area would have the timetables updated.

Councillor McClennan queried whether the survey was electronic and Ms Tulley confirmed that it was and that if residents could not access the electronic survey they could phone the contact centre for support; a paper version could be provided if requested. Councillor McClennan expressed concerns that within the East End there were a lot of residents who relied on public transport and did not have access to technology; she felt that there was a need to work with the VCS organisations in the area to get the surveys to residents. Ms Tulley advised that she was happy to work with any VCS

organisations that wished to be involved; there was a desire to get as many views as possible.

Councillor Potts queried whether it would be possible to offer the travel shop services in other shops and Ms Tulley agreed to look into whether this had been considered.

6. RESOLVED that the update from Nexus be noted.

East Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

The Chair of the East Sunderland Area Neighbourhoods and Community Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the East Area Committee Delivery Plan for 2020/2023.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Marshall introduced the report and advised of the work that had been undertaken against the delivery plan since the last meeting of the Area Committee which was set out in the report.

7. RESOLVED that:-

- a) future updates be received from the University of Sunderland One Campus Master Plan in the future and support be given to the proposal that the University are consulted on planning applications relating to student accommodation, in the city, regardless of the number of units involved.
- b) Members identify pieces of derelict land and properties within their wards and forward details onto the Area Arrangements Team, for consideration under the 'derelict land' area priority.
- c) the Walk and Talk ward budgets will be reviewed in December 2020 at the Neighbourhood and Community Board.
- d) Endorsement be given to the scheme to reinstate the playing fields known locally as, King George 5th playing field.
- e) Members identify and forward details to the Team about potential allotment plots in their wards which they feel could be recovered and reused.
- f) Endorsement be given to the recommendation for the following Councillors to become Members of the East Highways Task Group which will consider traffic calming measures and identified speeding hotspots across the East area, these are:
 - Doxford Ward: Cllr Fagan
 - Hendon Ward: Cllr Scanlan
 - Millfield Ward: Cllr A Wood
 - Ryhope Ward: Cllr Hunt
 - St Michael's Ward: Cllr P Wood

- g) It be noted that a funding request could be made outside the Committee cycle to support the expansion of the Fancy a Day Out programme over the school holidays in December 2020.
- h) Endorsement be given to the recommendation for the following Councillors to become Members of a Multi Area Stephenson Trail Task Group which will consider making physical improvements to the Trail and well as co-ordinating a celebration event in 2022, these are:
 - o Doxford ward: Cllr Heather Fagan
 - o Millfield ward: Cllr Andrew Wood
 - o St Michael's ward: Cllr Peter Wood
- i) The relevant updates set out in Annex One relating to: Empty Properties; Derelict Land; Affordable Housing; Love Where You Live; Enforcement; Invest in Highways and Parks; Supporting the VCS; Volunteer Platform; Reducing the fear of crime and Preserving Heritage be noted.

East Area Budget Report

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided financial statements in respect of the Area Committee's delegated budgets and presented proposals for funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms McConnell presented the report and drew Members attention to the financial statements set out in the report and the applications for funding totalling £11,500 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme as set out in Annex 1. There had been eight community chest grants approved between October and November 2020 and these were set out in annex 2.

Councillor Hodson referred to the community chest grant that was awarded to food banks in March and queried whether this was being looked at for the Christmas period and also asked how much Walk and Talk budget was remaining for Millfield.

Ms McConnell advised that it was only the Millfield ward which had granted Community Chest funding to the food banks in March and that there was currently work ongoing to identify what support to give to food banks and there had been a meeting to discuss the provision for the Christmas period. Once a full picture of the provision available had been identified there would be communications presented to the public to inform of the available provision. Digital food vouchers for free school meals were being looked at. The Walk and Talk programme would be looked at as part of the agenda for the next meeting of the Board and a financial statement would be presented to that meeting.

Councillor Bewick referred to the CCTV cameras which required repairs and asked whether it would be more cost effective to trade them in against new ones rather than trying to repair them. Ms McConnell advised that the intention was to trade them in and the cost of £3,500 was to get a new camera with the old camera traded in.

Councillor Bewick then asked whether there was any further information available regarding the ecological survey that had been undertaken at King George Field. Ms McConnell advised that there had been discussions around the reinstatement of the football pitches. Surveys had been undertaken due to the increase in footfall along the coastal SSSI following the building of new houses in the area in order to try and identify alternative walking areas to the SSSI.

8. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The financial statements set out in tables one to three be noted;
- b. Approval be given to the £11,500 Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme as set out in Annex 1;
- c. The approved Community Chest grants between October and November 2020 as set out in Annex 2 be noted;
- d. The potential pipeline projects which may be submitted for consideration at a future meeting be noted;

Community Wealth Building Champions

The Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and the Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture submitted a report (copy circulated) which advised the Committee of the next steps, following Cabinet approval in March 2020, of the Sunderland Community Wealth Building Strategy.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Helen Peverley presented the report and advised that Members were being asked to approve the appointment of the Area Committee Chair as Community Wealth Building Champion for the area.

The Community Wealth Building Champion would work alongside the Area Arrangements team and the Community Wealth Steering Group to develop a training and induction programme for Members and ensure that the principles of community wealth were adopted by the Area Committee.

Councillor Hodson queried the Membership of the Steering Group and was informed that the membership would be the Assistant Director of Community Resilience; representatives of Procurement, HR, Business Investment, Property Services and Financial Resilience; the Cabinet Member for Vibrant City, Cllr Williams; Allison Patterson as Area Arrangements Representative and Helen Peverley as Community Wealth Building Lead. There would be feedback from the group to the Area Chairs by Helen Peverley and the Assistant Director of Community Resilience on a monthly basis and if the Area

Chairs had any information to refer to the group then this could be raised at that time. The Area Chairs were to be the voice of their area.

Councillor Hodson then expressed concerns that there was no opposition representation; he was concerned that the opposition Councillors would not be consulted and felt that there was a need for there to be opposition involvement; especially in the East and West areas where there were a large number of opposition Members. Ms Peverley advised that she would take these concerns back to the steering group and also stated that everyone was a community wealth champion and that the Chairs were intended to be the voice of their area.

Councillor M. Dixon agreed with Councillor Hodson that there should be opposition representation; this would help to give residents of the area more representation.

Members gave consideration to the recommendations set out in the report at paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 and the concerns raised by Councillors Hodson and M. Dixon. Members voted on the recommendations and with all Members, other than Councillor McClennan who abstained due to concerns over the level of consultation with the VCS organisations, voting for the recommendation at 4.1 this recommendation was carried. The recommendation at 4.2 was put to the vote and with:-

4 Members voting for;

8 Members voting against; and

1 abstention

The recommendation at 4.2 was not carried.

As such it was:-

9. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted and acknowledgement be given to the work to support the growth of community wealth across Sunderland and it be agreed that support be given to the delivery of the Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy.

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

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE : West Neighbourhood Police Team (Doxford ward)

MEETING: Sunderland East Committee meeting

DATE: 23rd February 2020

REPORT AUTHOR Inspector 7013 Pollock

Purpose of Report

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Sunderland East area between the following period (Dec 2020 - Feb 2021)

Key Updates

3.0 Problem Solving:

3.1 Targeted Offender Management:

We have been actively targeting offenders for different crime types and we are thankfully not seeing an increase in crime. An example of this is our partnership working with housing enforcement addressing problematic tenants in Tunstall with further work ongoing within the Doxford Park estate. This will hopefully result in a positive outcome for local residents with a view to restoring improved quality of life.

Patrols continue across the Ward with a particular focus on Blakeney Woods and the underpass around Moorside to maintain visibility and prevent youth ASB. We have also joined up with our Hendon/Ryhope Neighbourhood colleagues to tackle vehicle ASB and try to prevent displacement. We are seeing an increase in reporting of motorcycle and quad bike ASB across Sunderland West for which we have deployed at key sites and are using all the means possible to identify offenders and take positive action. This is paying off as we have identified further offenders which we have been successful in uplifting their vehicle and reporting them for identified offences. Work continues to identify other offenders and we are exploring other methods to help us with this disorder type; please encourage residents to report to the relevant authorities so that we are aware and so that we can act upon the information wherever possible.

We actively work alongside our high impact crime team to actively gather intelligence and pursue burglary offenders. We have had some very good successes in the Sunderland West area taking a number of active burglars off the streets. In addition any burglary victim is provided with support from Sunderland West Neighbourhood Team; the aim being to target and harden their properties, provide reassurance to burglary victims and to prevent repeat offences where possible. I am confident this has reduced burglary in the Doxford Ward over this period.

3.2 Community Engagement:

Again due to the current climate it has not been business as usual where we are afforded the opportunity to become involved in direct community engagement initiatives. We have been active in all Wards across Sunderland West including Doxford and Tunstall Ward. We continue to engage with and support victims together with targeting offenders and making efforts to reduce crime and disorder.

We have arranged for the presence of the Community Engagement Van to be deployed to the Doxford Ward in March 2021. This facility cannot be utilised to its full capability and needs to be used in a covid compliant manner. Therefore we will be a visible presence in the community at locations where members of the public can access ourselves should they wish to seek advice in a covid compliant way.

Although we are placing updates on social media we are working on improving our visibility and engagement in this area of business. This should hopefully assist in providing reassurance to residents by highlighting some of our work in our communities.

A virtual ward meeting was held in January between Police and Doxford Ward councillors. A meet and greet with the new Police sergeants took place along with a discussion around a review of key community hubs/locations. The purpose being to improve greater visibility and engagement when lockdown eases. Crime and ASB across Sunderland West was also discussed along with any current issues.

Research has been undertaken over a period of months to understand reporting issues and incident demand regarding ASB in the Doxford ward. It is hoped that this data will determine whether a future meeting will be required to examine more longer term solutions to address anti-social behaviour.

3.3 Protecting Vulnerable People:

We continue to prioritise the safety of our most vulnerable people within the community and Sunderland West team will continue to safeguard the vulnerable in a variety of ways.

An example of this is the serving of a community protection warning upon a problematic tenant in the ward along with tenancy enforcement being progressed. This will hopefully prevent violence and harassment to local residents and afford protection to victims. Work is ongoing in the Doxford ward to manage vulnerable residents for which plans are in place also.

Key Crime and Anti-social behaviour Performance:

A3 – Sunderland South (St Chads/Silksworth/Doxford/Moorside/Tunstall/Ryhope)

Total Crime – Decreased by 2%

Youth ASB has decreased slightly however overall ASB has increased. Again some of this increase is due to the behavioural and environmental changes during lockdown and covid related incidents being recorded as ASB. The non-covid related ASB is sporadic across the Doxford Ward but includes vehicle asb around Tunstall hills and across the Hall Farm/Moorside location. Other aspects relate to typical neighbour disputes and noise complaints.

A more detailed overview was provided to Sunderland East councillors during the virtual ward catch up

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF EAST NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

East Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report presents the East Area Committee's Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023 and provides Members with updates against the East Area Priorities.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the East Area Committee has worked together to finalise their element of the 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.
- 2.2 In July 2020, Area Committee agreed to host one to one ward discussions to identify local priorities. The notes from the ward discussions were presented to a Board meeting later in the month. At the Board meeting Members had difficult decisions to make and carried out a short-listing exercise to identify key priorities and actions which they would like to see actioned in year one of the delivery plan. The new Delivery Plan was presented to Area Committee in September 2020 and approved.

3. Key Areas of Influence / Achievements

- 3.1 Outlined below is a summary of actions and discussions held against specific priorities identified in the Delivery Plan held between December 2020 and March 2021, 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.

Area Priority	Update
Section 4: Love Where You Live	<p>East Rangers</p> <p>An evaluation of the Project was presented to the December 2020 Board. Members were made aware that the East Rangers had carried over 552 Task Days, 165 Litter Picks and 48 educational campaigns by recruiting and involving over 3,000 volunteers who delivered over 15,000 hours of voluntary work with an estimated in-kind contribution of £180,000. Due to the success of the Project the Board endorsed a recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee for £95,193, as set out in the Area Budget Report, to continue the programme up until April 2022 and align works with the council's Local Services and Environmental Enforcements Teams.</p>
	<p>Walk and Talk Programme</p> <p>The financial position of the ward budgets was reviewed in December 2020, with the agreement that the project will continue as is, with a review of budgets being discussed in the new financial year.</p>

Section 5: Enforcement	<p>Ryhope Task Group</p> <p>A Task Group has been established with representatives from Land and Property, Local Services, Highways, Environmental Enforcement, Eco Team, Northumbria Police and Ryhope Councillors. An update report was presented to the March Board, outlining a list of actions, set out in the Delivery Plan, which have been delivered since November 2020. It was agreed to provide regular updates, as and when required, and to learn from the practices being developed to roll out across other wards i.e. Doxford.</p>
Section 6: Invest in Highways	<p>Highways Task Group</p> <p>In December 2020, discussions and site meetings were held to discuss options, with an interim update provided to the Board in January 2021. Based on further discussions and advice provided the Infrastructure and Commercial Services Team, the February 2021 Board received an outline of a funding proposal. The Board endorsed a recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee for £214,800, as set out in the Area Budget Report, to carry out capital works to reduce speeding and dangerous driving at identified sites.</p>
	<p>Highways Maintenance Programme 2021 / 2022</p> <p>All East Councillors received notification to submit damaged or uneven highways in the wards and forward the information onto the Highways Department by the end of November 2020. A report on proposed highways to include in the 2021 / 2022 Programme, based on the intelligence shared by Members, was submitted to the February 2021 Board. Members endorsed the recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee to include the highways works, as set out in Annex Two.</p>
Section 7: Invest in Parks	<p>At the February 2021 Board, Members were consulted upon a list of projects which were identified as part of development opportunities in Doxford, Barley Mow, Backhouse, Burn and Ryhope Recreation Parks.</p> <p>The Board endorsed a recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee for £205,886, as set out in the Area Budget Report, to carry out capital works to invest in the Area's Parks.</p>
Section 8: Community Cohesion	<p>More Males</p> <p>The original purpose of the call for project was to target males over 50 years old and encourage a healthier lifestyle by reducing levels of smoking and drinking alcohol and getting out and about more. Due to the pandemic the project proposals were changed to focus on providing emotional and wellbeing support. CHANCE and Back on the Map have both delivered successful project and were quick to react and provide pandemic support to residents in their neighbourhoods. Unfortunately, Raich Carter has remained closed since April 2020, with all staff furloughed. Once restrictions ease discussions between Area Arrangements and Raich Carter will need to be held to understand and agree next steps.</p>

	<p>Positive Parenting</p> <p>The original purpose of the call for project was to target parents and carers of 0-5 year olds, along with the child(ren) to look towards improving key development milestones. Due to the pandemic three of the four projects have not commenced and are on hold. Ryhope Community Association did re-start in September 2020 and have continued to support parents and children. Once restrictions ease discussions between Area Arrangements and Keep Active, Groundwork North East and Raich Carter will need to be held to understand and agree next steps.</p>
Section 9: Support the voluntary and community sector	<p>CHANCE</p> <p>At the March Board, CHANCE's Centre Manager presented plans on how the organisation would like to transform an under used car park into a safe play space, based on consultation carried out with children and residents.</p> <p>The Board endorsed a recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee of £16,500, as set out in the Area Budget Report, to install a climbing wall, multi-use play station, seating and an art feature.</p> <p>Fancy a Day Out</p> <p>An update on the Fancy a Day Out Programme was provided to the March 2021 Board meeting. Headline information is included in Annex One.</p> <p>Members value the Programme and the existing Partnership and endorsed the recommendation to seek alignment of £40,000, as set out in the Area Budget Report, to carry out a call for projects to deliver a further programme during 2021 / 2022, with applications being presented to a future meeting for consideration.</p>
Section 9: Get Online (G.O.!) Project	<p>An evaluation of the GO! Project was presented to the December 2020 Board. Members were keen to see the project continue.</p> <p>Since December 2020 discussions have been held with Millfield Councillors to identify a new lead for the ward, which is proposed to be St Marks Community Association, along with existing Partners who are: The Box Youth and Community Project, Back on the Map and Blue Watch Youth Centre. In addition, two new potential Partners, Sunderland Bangladesh International Centre and Protech have been identified to lead on two new elements to strengthen the G.O! Project which involve BAME communities and setting up an ICT ReUse Scheme.</p> <p>The Board endorsed a recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee of £99,250, as set out in the Area Budget Report, which will enable the project to continue up until September 2022.</p>
Section 12: Fear of Crime	<p>Maximising Community Assets</p> <p>Four organisations were awarded a grant, these are: The Box Youth and Community Project, Blue Watch Youth Centre, Sunderland Community Hub Boxing Club and East End ABC.</p> <p>The Programme was to enable community buildings to open their doors on a Friday and Saturday night to young people to reduce the risk of youth disorder. Due to the pandemic two project</p>

	<p>proposals were changed and adapted from being centre based to providing outreach, detached and crisis support these projects were delivered by The Box Youth and Community Project and Blue Watch Youth Centre who complied with Youth Federation guidance relating to covid restrictions.</p> <p>The remaining two project proposals were unable to change, based on guidance from the Amateur Boxing Association and have had to be put on hold until the covid restrictions ease. After which discussions will be held to agree next steps.</p>
Section 13: Preserve heritage.	<p>Stephenson Trail</p> <p>In January 2021 the inaugural Task Group meeting was held with representatives from the Coalfields, East and West Sunderland Area Committees, Council Services, Hetton Colliery Railway 200 Trust and Sustrans. A vibrant discussion was held, with suggestions coming from all attendees which assisted in the development of an Action Plan.</p> <p>To enable the Task Group to be proactive the Board endorsed a recommendation to seek approval from Area Committee to align £50,000, as set out in the Area Budget Report, to enable the delivery of the Action Plan.</p> <p>Both West and Coalfields Area Committee are considering a similar request.</p>
Section 13: Preserve heritage	<p>At the March 2021 Board, an update was provided on the success of Sunderland's Heritage Zone (HAZ) initiative, and the progression made with building projects: Mackie's Corner and 170-175 High Street West.</p> <p>Further restoration projects under the HAZ Partnership Scheme are planned for later this year, including a new shop front for the Elephant Tea Rooms. Alongside this activity, the wider HAZ programme continues to engage residents, schools and the general public through its Heritage Skills Programme and promotional activities.</p>

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested to:

- a) Note the endorsements listed by the Neighbourhood and Community Board relating to the: East Street and Park Rangers, Investment in Highways, Investment in Parks, Highways Maintenance Programme 2021 / 2022, CHANCE's car park developments, Fancy a Day Out call for projects funding opportunity, the Get Online (G.O.!) digital project and the Stephenson Trail Task Group, as set out in Annex One and the Area Budget Report.
- b) Note that the Walk and Talk Programme and budget will be rolled over into 2021 / 2022 and continue, as is.
- c) Note all relevant updates set out in **Annex 1** relating to: Ryhope Task Group; More Males Project, Positive Parenting Project, Maximising Community Assets and the Heritage Action Zone.
- d) Agree the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes 2021/2022, set out in **Annex 2**.
- e) Note the Area Committee video update.

Background papers	East VCS Area Network discussions and feedback Neighbourhood and Community Board reports and minutes East Area Committee July, September and November 2020 Reports Sunderland Cabinet March 2020 Report Sunderland City Council Service Delivery Plans 2020 / 2021 Sunderland City Plan 2019 / 2030 Neighbourhood Funding Performance Management Reports Highways Maintenance Programme 2021 / 2022 Neighbourhood Funding Application Forms Highways, Stephenson Trail and Ryhope Task Groups Update Reports
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Annex 1	East Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023
Annex 2	Proposed Highways Maintenance Programme 2021 / 2022

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Item 3, Annex One:

East Area Committee: 15 March 2021

East Area Committee's Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign

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

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

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

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

Reinstating Featherbed Lane Allotments

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

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

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

Additional Outcomes

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

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

<p>Look into the possibility of a Multi-agency approach to address motorcycle disorder across Ryhope. Action Plan has already been developed in partnership with Local Neighbourhood officer, Local Councillor and Tim Ducker. Meeting to be established with Partners including landowners and stakeholders to establish way forward</p> <p>Look into the restriction of access to motorcycles onto King George the 5th playing</p>	<p>As above</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 sites identified across the ward, which are targeted by motor bikes, quad bikes and vehicles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ boulders installed at Paddock Lane, Venerable Bede and Tunstall Hope Road to prevent access onto Tunstall Hills ○ Drop down bollards installed at Blyton Avenue, entrance onto the Store Fields at Tecaz and Wraith Terrace. Since February no reports have been received, whilst during December and January it was happening daily. ○ Beechbrooke barrier has been installed and well received by local residents. This has stopped quad access to the area which was a major safety issue. ○ 'No motor bike / vehicles signs' installed on lamp posts around the Store Fields, Beechbrooke and Ryhope Recreation Field ○ Street Wardens and Neighbourhood Police patrolling areas on a weekend with bodycam's to obtain IDs, registrations, pics for social media, etc. ○ Promotional material posted to households in and around the locations • Concrete barriers have restricted access to cliff tops and reduced areas where 4 wheel drives can get onto coastal path. From a police perspective this has reduced significantly although, the problem has moved down towards the junction box, towards Hendon. • Operation Eagle, delivered by Northumbria Police has resulted in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 18 Section 59 notices being served ○ 1 x CPW Issued ○ 8 x Bikes seized ○ 1 x Quad bike seized ○ 1 x 4x4 seized ○ 10 x cars seized for disorderly driving <p>During October and November 2020 informal discussions have been held Local Services and Property Services to understand the process involved in reinstating the football pitches. During this time frame local Councillors identified a local group who are interested in supporting the council with bringing this under used</p>
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<p>field and the feasibility of reinstating the football pitches.</p>		<p>area of land back into use. The group is Ryhope Community Association Junior Football Club. Discussions have been held with representatives from the Management Committee who are interested in maintaining the land and using the playing fields as a sporting community hub to expand their Club to attract female coaches and players, as well as, working with other Sport Clubs in the area (cricket, boxing, rugby, fishing, etc) to encourage people outdoors, improving their health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The Scheme could be the first in the East area to deliver action against the Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy since being approved in March 2020 by Cabinet. Demonstrating the Council's commitment to link asset management to neighbourhood plans by identifying how to support local people to take over council assets for the benefit of their communities.</p> <p>Following the December 2020 Area Committee, a proposal was submitted to carry out a community asset transfer. Feedback indicated that the field has been aligned to the Playing Pitch Plan with a view to, explore the feasibility of bringing the site back into use. If the site is not a sustainable location and in which case no amount of money will make it desirable the site could become public open space to meet a need identified in the Green Space Audit; or redeveloped as an alternative use, using the capital receipt to invest in existing sites in the locality or potentially transferred to a local organisation as a community asset. Further information is expected in the Summer 2021.</p>
<p>Thing BIG, Act Local Millfield. Following on from the Reclaim the Lanes project resident's pledged to keep their back lanes tidy, manage their bins correctly and report fly tipping. In return, the Council would carry out a deep clean of the back lanes to bring them up to standard. Once the works have been carried out Environmental</p>	<p>ACLD to arrange a site visit with representatives from Local Services and Environmental Enforcement to agree works and timescales.</p>	<p>In October 2020 a site visit was held to discuss the deep clean project between Area Arrangements, Local Services and Environmental Enforcements in the back lanes around the Lime Street area. However, a change in the project was discussed and presented to the Millfield Councillors for consideration, who agreed to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tidying up the raised beds and the gable ends of the terraced houses, near Lime Street Pocket Park. • removing the shrubs and bushes and planting a tree, as a focal point. • repointing the brickwork and cleaning the moss off the paths. • painting the metal perimeter railings surrounding the Park, and the goal posts.

Enforcement Officers will monitor the lanes, taking relevant action against residents if standards fall.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> install a bench and new bin. <p>If the budget allows, a few small play features could be added to the site i.e. exercise trail. This will create a bigger impact and last longer than a deep clean of the back lanes.</p> <p>The works are expected to be delivered as part of Local Services Winter Programme.</p>
6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting		
Action	Next Steps	Update
Consider possibility of replacing grass verge with concrete at Laurel Grove.		A site visit was carried out in October 2020, and St Michael's Councillors carried out consultation with the residents who reside in properties 2-44 Laurel Grove. It was unanimously agreed to concrete over the grass verges outside their properties. Works are due to be completed over the Winter.
Potential speed calming measures / traffic hotspots at the following locations:	<p>Area Co-ordinator (AC) to consider if other Area Committees are requesting the implementation of additional traffic calming measures and discuss the feasibility and timescales for implementation with relevant officers initially. With a view to arranging a Task Group to develop implementation plan.</p> <p>Update October 2020 Board.</p>	<p>At the November 2020 Board meeting it was agreed to set up a Task Group. The purpose of the Task group will be to meet outside of Board meetings to develop the detail of specific area priorities. More exploratory in nature, to gather information and work with relevant partners and officers to develop proposals which in all cases come back to Board. The Board will finalise recommendations before being presented to Area Committee for decision.</p> <p>Area Committee approved the following Membership on the Task Group, these are:</p> <p>Doxford Ward: Cllr Fagan Hendon Ward: Cllr Scanlan Millfield Ward: Cllr A Wood Ryhope Ward: Cllr Hunt St Michael's Ward: Cllr P Wood</p> <p>In December 2020, discussions and site meetings were held to discuss options, with an interim update provided to the Board in January 2021. Based on further discussions and advice provided the Infrastructure and Commercial Services Team, Members endorsed a recommendation to seek approval of £214,800, as</p>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13. Preserve and celebrate local heritage

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

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

		<p>wayfinding which will be installed in Old Sunderland, thanks to East Area Committee funding, to encourage visitors to explore this part of the city and promote the area as a heritage destination.</p>
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**Members recommendations to consider for inclusion in the Capital Programme
2021-2022**

Street Name	Ward	Area (m2)	Treatment	Estimate Footway (£)	Estimate Roads (£)
Brookbank Close PH1	Doxford	450	Road Resurfacing		5175
Cornbank Close	Doxford	1030	Road Resurfacing		11,900
Foxlair Close	Doxford	965	Road Resurfacing		11000
Ryemount Road (Junction)	Doxford	165	Road Resurfacing		2300
Woodland Rise	Doxford	220	Slurry Seal Footways	1000	
Cairo Street (South)	Hendon	800	Road Resurfacing		9200
St Bede's Terrace (East Back)	Hendon	980	Road Resurfacing		11000
St Leonard's Street (East Back)	Hendon	750	Road Resurfacing		8625
Villette Road	Hendon	330	Resurface with macadam	¹£7,000	
Ashwood Street	Millfield	480	Slurry Seal Footway	2160	
Brunton Terrace (East Back)	Millfield	420	Road Resurfacing		4800
Dene Street (Part)	Millfield	900	Road Resurfacing		10350
Elwin Terrace	Millfield	310	Road Resurfacing		3400
Hadrian Street (North Back)	Millfield	300	Road Resurfacing		3300
Otto Terrace (East Back)	Millfield	1400	Road Resurfacing		²16100

¹ Funded by Hendon Walk and Talk (£1,300 Core / £5,700 WnT = £7,000)

² Funded by Millfield Walk and Talk (£16,100)

Bevan Avenue (Part)	Ryhope	550	Road Resurfacing		6300
Forbes Terrace North	Ryhope	945	Resurface Road		10800
Roselea Avenue (Part)	Ryhope	260	Road Resurfacing		2900
Toll Bar Road (Part)	Ryhope	165	Reconstruct Footway	9900	
Williams Terrace (Rear)	Ryhope	470	Slurry Seal Footways	2100	
Belle Vue Park West -South Back	St Michael's	600	Resurface Road		6200
Carylon Street	St Michael's	500	Resurface Road		5550
Esplanade West (Incl Rear The Elms)	St Michael's	875	Resurface Road		9200
Glen Path (East End)	St Michael's	875	Resurface Road		9600
Shirley Gardens	St Michael's	450	Resurface Road		5170
			Regen Area Total	16460	156170
			Selection Total	16,600	107,275

Core funding contribution £102,075
Hendon and Millfield Walk and Talk Budget £21,800
Grand Total £123,875

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE
15 March 2021
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

East 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 information detailed in Sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1.

b) Approve £211,663 from the Neighbourhood Fund to deliver three projects, as set out in Section 2.2 and **Annex One**, and listed below:

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|---------------------------------------|---------|
| i) East Street and Park Rangers | £95,913 |
| ii) Car Park Transformation at CHANCE | £16,500 |
| iii) Get Online (G.O.!) Project | £99,250 |

c) Align £90,000 against two projects from the Neighbourhood Fund, as set out in Section 2.4 and **Annex Two**, and listed below:

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| i) Fancy a Day Out Programme 2021 | £40,000 |
| ii) Stephenson Trail Task Group | £50,000 |

d) Approve £420,686 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme to deliver two projects, as set out in Section 3.2 and **Annex Three**, and listed below:

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|-----------------------|----------|
| i) Invest in Highways | £214,800 |
| ii) Invest in Parks | £205,886 |

e) Note the approved Community Chest grants from 1st April 2020, as set out in **Annex Four**.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £397,456 (inc Youth allocation) for 2020/2021 from the Neighbourhood Fund and £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

15 March 2021

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**
East 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 the Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund 2020/2021:

Project Name	Committee Date	Budget Returned	Budget Aligned	Budget Approved	Budget Remaining
Starting Balance for 2020/2021 – (inc youth funding £20k)					£397,456
Phoenix Project	21.09.20	£4,560	-	-	£402,016
Walk and Talk	21.09.20	-	-	£75,000	£327,016
Community Connectors (5)	21.09.20	-	-	£49,900	£277,116
Covid.19 Volunteers Support	21.09.20	-	-	£5,000	£272,116
Neighbourhood Projects	30.11.20	£47,939	-	-	£320,055

- 2.2 There are **three** funding proposals presented to Area Committee seeking approval from the 2020/2021 Neighbourhood Fund, set out below and further detailed at **Item 4 Annex One**.

East Street and Park Rangers

i) Conservation Management Services	£24,222
ii) The Box Youth and Community Project	£15,000
iii) Back on the Map	£11,720
iv) Groundworks North East	£14,989
v) Blue Watch Youth Centre	£15,000
vi) International Communities of Sunderland	£14,982
Total	£95,913

Car Park Transformation, CHANCE **£16,500**

Get Online Project, Back on the Map **£99,250**

- 2.3 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested for approval is **£211,663**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£108,392**.

- 2.4 There are **two** proposals to align Neighbourhood Funding, set out below. If Members agree to align the funds, the budget will be rolled over into next financial year. In the case of Fancy A Day Out, a call for projects advert will be shared with the VCS Area Network seeking interested groups to submit an application for Committee to consider at a future meeting. With regards to the Stephenson Trail, the Task Group will inform projects which will be developed and submitted for further consideration. Further details on both area priorities are set out in **Item 4, Annex Two**.

Fancy A Day Out Programme 2021 / 2022	£40,000
Stephenson Trail Task Group	£50,000

- 2.5 The total Neighbourhood Fund budget requested to align is **£90,000**. If approved, the closing balance on the 2020 / 2021 financial year will be **£18,392**.

3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme

- 3.1 Area Committee has been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the East Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan. The table below shows the financial position of the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme, 2020/2023:

Project Name	Committee Date	Budget Returned	Budget Aligned	Budget Approved	Budget Remaining
Starting Balance for 2020/2023					£500,000
East LMAPS CCTV	30.11.20	-	-	£11,500	£488,500

- 3.2 There are **two** funding proposals presented to Area Committee for consideration from the 2020/2021 Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme, set out below and further detailed at **Item 4 Annex Three**.

Invest in Highways	£214,800
Invest in Parks	£205,886

- 3.3 The total Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme budget requested for approval is **£420,686**. If approved, the remaining balance will be **£67,814** which will be rolled over into the next financial year.

4. Community Chest

- 4.1 The table below shows the financial position of the Area Committee, Community Chest Fund 2020/2021. Members are requested to note the Community Chest funding awards made from 1st April 2020, detailed in **Item 4, Annex Four**.

Ward	2020/2021 Allocation	Budget Returned	Budget Approved	Budget Remaining
Doxford	£10,000		£9,612	£388
Hendon	£10,000		£4,135	£5,865
Millfield	£10,000		£8,689	£1,311
Ryhope	£10,000		£5,105	£4,895
St Michael's	£10,000		£4,531	£5,469
Total	£50,000	£-	£32,072	£17,928

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 Note the financial information detailed in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1.
- 5.2 Approve £211,663 from the Neighbourhood Fund to deliver three projects, as set out in Section 2.2 and **Annex One**, and listed below:
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| iv) East Street and Park Rangers | £95,913 |
| v) Car Park Transformation at CHANCE | £16,500 |
| vi) Get Online (G.O.!) Project | £99,250 |
- 5.3 Align £90,000 against two projects from the Neighbourhood Fund, as set out in Section 2.4 and **Annex Two**, and listed below:
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| iii) Fancy a Day Out Programme 2021 | £40,000 |
| iv) Stephenson Trail Task Group | £50,000 |
- 5.4 Approve £420,686 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme to deliver two projects, as set out in Section 3.2 and **Annex Three**, and listed below:
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| iii) Invest in Highways | £214,800 |
| iv) Invest in Parks | £205,886 |
- 5.5 Note the approved Community Chest grants from 1st April 2020, as set out in **Annex Four**.

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Annex One	Neighbourhood Fund Approval Proposals
Annex Two	Neighbourhood Fund Alignment Proposals
Annex Three	Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme Proposals
Annex Four	Community Chest Grant Approvals

Background Papers	Neighbourhood and Community Board Update Reports
	Neighbourhood Funding Applications
	Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme Applications

Applications for East Sunderland Neighbourhood Fund**Application No. 1**

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	East Street and Park Rangers
Lead Organisation	Multi Partners

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£95,913	£TBC via volunteer in-kind contribution	£95,913
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	April 2021	March 2022

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS**Project Description:**

In evaluating existing service delivery, we have assessed that task days could be more flexible. Having set days of the week for task days works well especially for sharing equipment but these set days do not account for unforeseen circumstances such as poor weather or when new sites are identified. We wish to propose a revised model which will incorporate what we know works well in addition to implementing new ideas. This will improve responsiveness to identified needs including requests from councillors and residents, partner organisations and SCC who have identified grot spots. Issues arise and change on an on-going basis and programmes of activities planned at the beginning of the project may miss opportunities to make greater impact. In the unlikely event that new locations are not identified, the initial planned locations for East Ranger attention will be concentrated on:

Site Locations

- Doxford Ward: The Box Youth and Community Project primary location for the Forest Ranger will be Blakeney Woods
- Hendon Ward: Back on the Map primary location for the Street Ranger will be Middle Hendon and the Long Streets
- Millfield Ward: Groundwork NE primary location for the Park / Street Ranger will be Lime Street and Diamond Hall Pocket Parks and Burn Park
- Ryhope Ward: Blue Watch Youth Centre primary location for the Street Ranger will be between Stockton and Ryhope Streets
- St Michaels Ward: ICOS primary location for the Park Ranger will be Backhouse Park.
- East Area: Conservation Management Services primary location for the Park Ranger will be Doxford Park. The Doxford Park Ranger will continue to provide vital Risk Management, Health and Safety guidance to all Partner VCS Groups to ensure compliance with safety legislation, in addition to storing, managing, maintaining and co-ordinating the usage of the equipment to all VCS partners across all five wards.

The Rangers will support children, young people and adult volunteers to complete a range of tasks across East Sunderland, for example litter picking, strimming and raking, cutting back vegetation, edging along pathways and weeding. Evaluation has informed us that residents appreciate these tasks carried out by the East Rangers and have reported this via Facebook and verbally to East Rangers during task days. It has a relatively instant positive visual impact. Residents also appreciate knowing that locations will not be a one off and that a plan is in place to revisit locations as part of a wider programme.

Structured Schedule of Works

Week 1 of the month will be aligned to working with the Local Services Team (one day per ward), carrying out a mixture of roles (litter picking, cutting back vegetation, edging paths, removing moss, collecting leaves, etc), with the main work schedule being identified by Katie Kelly the week beforehand to ensure

delivery plans complement each other. This can be carried out by a mixture of communication tools e.g. emails, Teams, site visits, telephone.

Week 2 and week 4 of each month will see a combination of Task Days and Litter Picks being carried out in the primary locations or requests submitted by local Councillors.

Week 3 of the month will be aligned to working with the Environmental Enforcement Team (one day per ward), carrying out proactive work (leaflet drops, bin stickers, educational campaigns, sharing social media news) targeting the top ten streets identified as being the most problematic when it comes to waste management, dog fouling or other related problems. With the main work schedule being identified by Victoria Patterson the week beforehand to ensure delivery plans complement each other. This can be carried out by a mixture of communication tools e.g. emails, Teams, site visits, telephone. NB: Hendon enforcement will be carried out by Conservation Management Services.

There will be six education campaigns (Per ward x 30 in total) delivered bi-monthly. Programmes of educational campaigns are popular with all age groups and abilities, and range from tackle dog fouling, recycling, Pimp by Bin, wildlife surveys to making and installing bird feeders.

Outputs

Data Field	Code	CMS	TBYP	BoTM	GWNE	BWYC	ICOS	Total
A Dynamic City								
People into employment	121	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Support adults with learning disabilities into EET	133	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
A Healthy City								
Children (0-10) participating in area activities	221	40	70	40	40	40	40	270
Primary schools engaged in neighbourhood	222	2	2	2	2	2	2	12
Young people (11-18) participating in area activities	223	40	10	40	40	40	40	210
Secondary schools engaged in neighbourhood activities	224	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
People with learning or physical disabilities participating	236	0	10	0	0	10	0	20
Environmental projects delivered (Task Days)	251a	220	24	24	24	24	24	340
Environmental projects delivered (Local Services)	251b	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Litter picks carried out (Ranger's Litter Picks)	252a	46	24	24	24	24	24	166
Litter picks carried out (referrals from Local Services)	252b	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Friends Group receiving support	253	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
tonnage of waste cleared from neighbourhoods	254	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Issues reported via www.sunderland.gov.uk/report-it	255	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
People signed up to the Neighbourhood Pledge	256	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
A Vibrant City								
Data Field	Code	CMS	TBYP	BoTM	GWNE	BWYC	ICOS	Total
People feeling safer (Environmental Enforcement)	321	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

Volunteers recruited and participating	331	50	50	50	50	50	50	300
Volunteer hours delivered	332	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Volunteer's In-Kind Contribution (hrs x @ £12 p.h)	333	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
External organisations involved	334	5	5	5	5	5	5	30
Number of hours spent delivering the project	335	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
Number of educational campaigns	336a	6	6	6	6	6	6	36
Attendance at VCS Area Network meetings	336b	10	10	10	10	10	10	60

Budget

Budget Heading	CMS	TBYP	BoTM	GWNE	BWYC	ICOS	Total
Salaries	£17,738	£9,630	£9,720	£12,789	£11,780	£11,020	£72,677
Office	£1,296	£1,500	£1,000	£0	£1,600	£1,362	£6,758
Equipment / Resources	£1,948	£3,870	£1,000	£2,200	£1,620	£2,600	£13,238
Hendon: Enforcement	£3,240	-	-	-	-	-	£3,240
Total	£24,222	£15,000	£11,720	£14,989	£15,000	£14,982	£95,913

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Love Where You Live (Section 4).

Application No. 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Car Park Transformation
Lead Organisation	CHANCE

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£16,500	£0	£16,500
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
4 months	April 2021	August 2021

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

Located to the side of the CHANCE building is a disused car park, covering approximately 285m² (15m x 19m) of open tarmacked land. CHANCE is in the middle of a housing estate, with a mixture of family homes and bungalows. There is an issue with speeding traffic around the estate, and a lack of a safe place for children and young people to play or meet in.

Recent discussions at a Management Committee meeting agreed to consider options to transform the disused car park into a safe haven for children and young people to access.

CHANCE have carried out community consultation, by knocking on doors, posting out surveys, telephone calls, Facebook, etc. All the feedback proved that the community needs somewhere safe for children and young people to play and hang out.

CHANCE has a car park, but it is under used. It is roughly a large square area, and is mainly used to host community fun days during the Summer. The Centre would still like to use the space for this purpose, so the proposal is designed to use the boundary / outer 'ring' of the site, allowing us to still host community events on the 'inner' ring.

- i) Left wall / side
The gable end of the house forms one boundary of the car park of the left hand side of the site. It is proposed to install an outdoor climbing wall on the gable wall. The maximum height of the fittings will not be higher than 6ft to reduce the risk of injury from a fall.
- ii) Back wall
To the rear of the car park is a brick wall. It is proposed to install an multi use games kit which will enable children to have a kickabout and play basketball.
- iii) Right wall /side
On the right hand side of the car park is a metal fence. It is proposed to install a seating area for children and young people to meet up in a safe environment and for this to be a sit n chill zone.

Currently the car park looks like a car park (bricks/tarmac) so we would like to work with a local artist group, and get them to design and draw out a mural, then get the children and young people who live in the area to paint the colour in to make it bright and cheerful. The theme could be an underwater landscape, a beach, mountain scenery, British wildlife, a jungle, cartoon characters, famous local heroes, sporty theme. We will probably host a competition to decide.

CHANCE would like to keep the site open to enable local families to use the space after schools, during the light nights and weekends. Therefore the gates will remain open.

Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
A Healthy City		
Access to the same opportunities and life chances		
Children (0-10) participating in area activities	221	30
Young people (11-18) participating in area activities	223	20

A Vibrant City		
More people visiting Sunderland and more residents participating in cultural events and activities		
Number of cultural, heritage and community events delivered	341	1
Visitors footfall at neighbourhood events	342	200

Budget

Item and Description	Total Costs
Climbing wall	£4,200
Multi Use Games Station	£6,200
Sit and Chill Zone	£2,100
Art Feature	£2,500
Design / Surveys	£1,500
Total	£16,500

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Support the Voluntary and Community Sector (Section 9)

Application No. 3

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Go! Get Online 2021
Lead Organisation	Back on the Map

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NF Application
£99,250	£0	£99,250
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
18 months	April 2021	September 2022

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

The digital inclusion project will address digital isolation by building digital skills, capacity and confidence of people across the East area. In addition to the December 2020 evaluation of the existing GO! Project, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment identified that there are five main at risk groups, who are prone to digital exclusion, these are:

- Low income families
- People with physical and learning disabilities
- Unemployed
- People over 65
- BME communities

The project will work with anyone residing in the East area, but special attention will focus on these core at risk groups listed above. Recent research has identified that

- 86% of people who have mobile phone do not have the data allowance to access the internet.
- 42% have access to the internet at home (less than 1 in 2 homes)

It has also been proven that were:

- Employment is concerned 90% of all advertised jobs are posted online and require some element of ICT skills.
- In terms of educational attainment, access to the Internet can make more than a grade difference at GCSE level.
- Online access to information and support groups, including support for family members, can help with cancer, COPD, smoking cessation, mental health, reducing obesity, cardiovascular disease and alcohol intake, etc. all contribute towards improving health and wellbeing.

People in the 'at risk groups' and wider community are digital excluded from seeing and accessing job opportunities, pupils are disadvantaged compared to pupils who can access the internet, and the gap relating to health inequalities widens.

The project will continue the good practice delivered and established by locally rooted organisations, employing multi skilled staff who will proactively identify and engage local people and provide access to IT equipment and the internet.

To strengthen the existing model, it is proposed to change the lead in Millfield ward to St Marks Community Centre, who will deliver one day a week from the CA, and two half day sessions outreach at Burn Park Church and Millfield Salvation Army.

In addition, a new partner, Bangladesh Sunderland International Centre who have an existing IT Hub in their building will actively target BME communities across the East area, bridging the digital divide by identifying individuals who are engaged with via the covid 19 targeted community programme scheme, as well as, receiving referrals from Partner Hubs and Councillors.

To help households access equipment a new loan equipment scheme will be provided, in Partnership with ProTech, who the council are working with to establish a 'Reuse ICT Scheme' based on the Durham Reboot model [Reboot \(digitaldurham.org\)](http://digitaldurham.org). Each hub will act as a donation point to accept disused kit from individual, businesses, etc. which Protech will then wipe clean all data, and install Windows 10.

The ICT equipment, will then be sold at a minimum fee to cover the costs of cleaning / repairing the equipment, licenses, etc. and help to sustain and future proof access to affordable IT equipment to Charities and members of the VCS Area Network who can then pass the items onto households in need, via loan scheme.

To ensure households gain IT access, applications will be submitted to Virgin Media, who provide free data to access the internet, or a fee of £15 per month, to households who are financially struggling or need assistance to enable their children to learn from home.

Site Locations

- Doxford Ward: The Box Youth and Community Project, with the opportunity to provide outreach provided at Doxford Park CA and SAPs
- Hendon Ward: Back on the Map primary location, with the opportunity to provide outreach at CHANCE, Young Asian Voices and Sunderland MIND
- Millfield Ward: St Marks Community Association, with outreach provided at Burn Park Church and Millfield Salvation Army
- Ryhope Ward: Blue Watch Youth Centre and Ryhope Community Association
- St Michaels Ward: Grangetown Community Association (delivered by Blue Watch), with outreach provided at St Nicholas Church
- East Area: Sunderland Bangladeshi International Centre, with referrals from Partner Hubs and Cllrs.
- East Area: Protech, leading on the 'Reuse ICT Scheme', accessible by Partner Hubs and VCS Area Network Members.

Partners Roles and Responsibilities

To continue with the strong Partnership, Back on the Map will act as Project Lead and will coordinate activity, monitor delivery partners performance against projected targets, facilitate performance meetings with partners, provide updates and reports to Officers and Elected Members, coordinate marketing and promotion of the programme, share best practice and good news stories.

Each ward Lead will be responsible to:

- Deliver awareness raising and promotion of the programme across the ward.
- Work with other local organisations to support residents across the ward and offer outreach services where required.
- Provide 1-2-1 support to 60 individuals from the target groups.
- Provide 6 digital workshops designed to get people online, such as social media for beginners, easy ebay, web browsing tips, easy emails and myth busting etc.
- Act as a Reuse ICT donation point and distribute ICT equipment to identified households.
- Recruit 2 volunteers from within the community to act as peer support to other digitally isolated residents.
- Provide free access to high speed internet access drop-in support at the primary locations at scheduled times of the week to coincide with existing user groups that are attended by people over 65s, parents/carers and adults with learning disabilities, unemployed, low income families and refer BME communities to SBIC. Clients will have access to equipment and connection to the internet – this will be beneficial to residents who do not have facilities at home.
- Provide outreach service providing one to one support for people in their homes or at meeting points of other established groups in the area (subject to Covid restrictions)

East Area - SBIC will be responsible and will:

- Deliver two days per week at the Centre to generate interest and promote the level of support that the project is able to provide.
- Deliver centre based 1-2-1 and small group digital workshops that are flexible in time duration reflecting needs and designed to get people online.
- Engage 40 people from the target audience.
- Receive referrals from other IT leads and Partners
- Recruit 2 volunteers from within the community to act as peer support to other digitally isolated residents

- engaged with via the covid 19 targeted community programme scheme, as well as, receiving referrals from Partner Hubs and Councillors.

East Area: Protech

- Provide guidance to the Hub Partners on acting as donation points for IT equipment.
- Will establish a data processing contract in place between Protech and the hubs
- Hubs will keep a checklist of items donated and store ready for collection (might be able to provide the hubs with software to securely erases the data before collection. *If approved by Committee, this section definitely needs more thought and dialogue between Partners
- Once the above is in place the hubs would be ready to accept donations, once the donations start to happen Protech would look to collect the items. Maybe once a week, numbers depending.
- Protech would then treat these items as a normal collection, ensuring data erasure and testing etc.
- Once the process is complete Protech would relicense the machines and make them available.
- Collectively all Partners would ensure the machines got to the right people.
- *Further information about prices and spec of KIT needs TBC*

Outputs

Data Field	Code	Output Target
A Dynamic City		
A lower carbon city with greater digital connectivity for all		
Digital community hubs established	111	5
People who have an increase in confidence in using IT	113	340
People who are accessing IT equipment/Wi-Fi via a community building	116	340
A Vibrant City		
More residents participating in their communities		
Volunteers recruited and participating	331	12
Volunteer hours delivered	332	1,776
Volunteer's In-Kind Contribution (hours delivered x @ £12 p.h)	333	£21,312
External organisations involved or supported	334	6
Number of hours spent delivering community activities / the project	335	5,490
Number of meetings / workshops held / workshops	336a	30

Budget

Budget Heading	Protech	TBYP	BoTM	SMCA	BWYC	SBIC	Total
Salaries		£14,850	£14,850	£14,850	£29,700	£8,100	£82,350
Office			£9,900				£9,900
Equipment / Resources	*£2,000		*£5,000				£7,000
Total	£2,000	£14,850	£29,750	£14,850	£29,700	£8,100	£99,250

****shared budget across all Partners***

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Support the Voluntary and Community Sector (Section 9)

East Sunderland Neighbourhood Fund**Alignment Proposal 1**

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Fancy a Day Out 2021
Lead Organisation	TBC Confirmed
ALIGN	£40,000

ADVERT FOR FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**East Sunderland Area Committee****Project Brief**

**East Sunderland Area Committee: Funding Opportunity
Deliver a Holiday Hunger and Educational Programme aka
Fancy a Day Out!**

Introduction and background

East Sunderland Area Committee would like to invite interested local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups to submit proposals to deliver regular sessions in the local community which provide children and young people, who are eligible for free school meals, with access to a session which is educational and a nutritional meal.

Only VCS groups who have a management committee (minimum three members, unrelated), constitution and bank account with dual signatories who are members of the VCS Area Networks can be involved. There is an opportunity for local VCS groups with a proven track record in delivering sessions to children and young people to deliver projects on behalf of the East Sunderland Area Committee. Applications demonstrating strong partnership working are encouraged.

Project

As part of the area priority, 'Support the Voluntary and Community Sector' the Area Committee would like to invite project proposals which complement and work in partnership with existing support in the East Sunderland area, which covers Doxford, Hendon, Millfield, Ryhope and St Michael's wards .

The project(s) must:-

1. Engage and target children and young people who are eligible for free school meals / living in economically deprived households (in Doxford, Hendon, Millfield, Ryhope and St Michaels ward ONLY) to attend sessions and access food / pack lunches. (subject to Covid Restrictions)
2. Projects should be able to be responsive and change sessions, to reach the target audience, even during a crisis i.e. pandemic.
3. Sessions should last for at least two hours, this may include 'feeding time' and be delivered during the daytime mid-week.
4. Sessions need to be age appropriate to the targeted audience, but if older children or family members want to join in this should be welcomed. No one should be turned away, as they may need feeding as well.
5. No fees should be applied.
6. The structure: a 'session' should be a fun based learning activity.

7. Sessions could be delivered daily or weekly
8. Theory and practice confirm that if we deliver a targeted publicity campaign at families who are eligible for free school meals, the 'day out' session is at risk of being labelled as a 'holiday club for the poor kids'. To reduce the risk of 'fancy a day out' being judged in this manner publicity should promote 'fun', 'learning', 'family', rather than 'poverty', 'hand-out', 'benefits'.

Grants will be paid up front.

A standard register will need to be completed for every session. At the end of the programme an evaluation form, spending profile supported with evidence of expenditure will need to be supplied to show how the grant was spent.

Sessions could be delivered during one or more 'blocks', the blocks are shown below:

Block One:	19 July 2021 to 3 September 2021
Block Two:	25 October 2021 to 29 October 2021
Block Three:	20 December 2021 to 31 December 2021
Block Four:	21 February 2022 to 25 February 2022
Block Five:	11 April 2022 to 22 April 2022
Block Six:	30 May 2022 to 3 June 2022

Budget: £40,000

There is a total of £40,000 aligned to the Project. Please Note – this is the total budget available for all projects which are successful - **NOT** per project application. **Therefore, we do not expect to fund any project over £5,000**

Proposed Timescale

Opportunity advertised to VCS Network	March 2021
Deadline for completed applications	21 May 2021, NOON
Applications considered and Groups notified	June 2021

Next Steps

Any interested VCS Group should request an application form. These are available by contacting community resilience community.resilience@sunderland.gov.uk

Recommendation: Approve

- The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Support the Voluntary and Community Sector (Section 9).

East Sunderland Neighbourhood Fund

Alignment Proposal 2

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Fund
Name of Project	Stephenson Trail
Lead Organisation	Stephenson Trail Task Group
ALIGN	£50,000

In September 2020, East Area Committee agreed their Delivery Plan. Under Section 13, the Plan refers to the fact that the Stephenson Trail was opened on the 18 September 1822 and Area Committee want to look at opportunities to improve the visual appearance, its usability and raise awareness about its purpose to preserve and celebrate local heritage. In addition, Members want to host a celebration event in partnership with the Coalfields and West Area Committees, which the trail runs through, at the turn of its 200th 'birthday' in September 2022.

The Stephenson Trail starts at Hetton le Hill Community Golf Course and ends at the River Wear. The trail is 11 miles long and takes approximately five hours to walk it from start to end. Further information about the Trail can be view via this weblink:

https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/media/19367/The-Stephenson-Trail/pdf/The_Stephenson_Trail.pdf?m=636410807640400000

With regards to the East area, the Trail runs through the Doxford ward, a small section of St Michael's ward and ends in the Millfield ward. Land ownership needs to be verified as some sections fall under the responsibility of Sustrans and other sections are in private ownership.

The November 2020, Area Committee endorsed the nominations to appoint Cllr Fagan, Cllr A. Wood and Cllr P. Wood from the East Area to attend a Multi Area Task Group, which is a joint initiative with the West Sunderland and Coalfields Area Committees.

In January 2021 the inaugural Task Group meeting was held with representatives from the Coalfields, East and West Sunderland Area Committees, Council Services, Hetton Colliery Railway 200 Trust and Sustrans. A vibrant discussion was held, with suggestions coming from all attendees which assisted in the development of an Action Plan with ideas and actions being formed under the following headings.

- a) Information boards and signage
- b) Sculptures along the trail/ Iconic art at beginning and end
- c) Environmental improvements (cutting down vegetation etc..)
- d) Enhance cycle route options
- e) Walking maps/guides
- f) Educational programme
- g) Install rest spots
- h) Raise awareness of route
- i) Promote historic importance
- j) Promote health benefits/encourage use
- k) Hold celebration event/s in Summer 2022

To enable the Task Group to be proactive members are requested to consider supporting a request to align £50,000 to enable the delivery of the Action Plan (set out in Annex One), with further detail of funding proposals being presented to a future meeting. Potential project ideas identified to date, include:

- Interpretation boards

- Waymarkers
- Sculptures
- Iconic art works
- Digital trail
- Environmental improvements
- Cycle / walking route improvements
- Maps and guides
- Celebration events
- Educational programme

Recommendation: Approve

- The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of Preserving and Celebrating Heritage (Section 13)

Applications for East Sunderland
Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme

Application No. 1

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme
Name of Project	Invest in Highways
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NCIP Application
£214,800	£Nil	£214,800
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
18 months	April 2021	September 2022

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

A Task Group was established between Infrastructure and Commercial Services Team and East Councillors to carry out site visits and discuss options to tackle speeding and dangerous driving at specific eight identified locations, based on feedback from the Let's Talk Survey and councillors own local knowledge of their wards. The sites are shown below, along with a description of the proposed works, timescales and estimated costs:

Site One	Description	Timescale	Estimated Costs
At the crossroads (The Avenue, Ashbrooke Road, Tunstall Vale and Mowbray Road)	Install two sets of speed cushions	12-18 months	£17,000



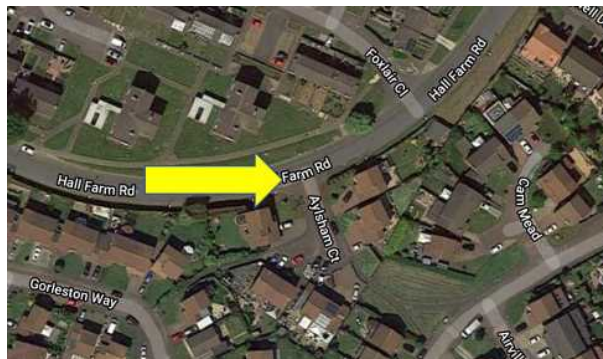
Site Two	Description	Timescale	Estimated Costs
Essen Way	Install fixed digital speed camera	TBC	£0



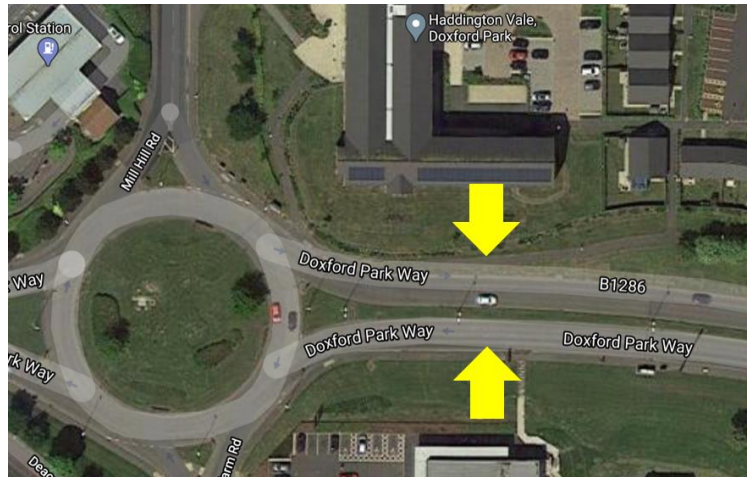
Site Three	Description	Timescale	Estimated Costs
Corporation Road (near Blue House Public House)	Install one set of speed cushions and speed table to complement existing priority give way junction	12-18 months	£46,000



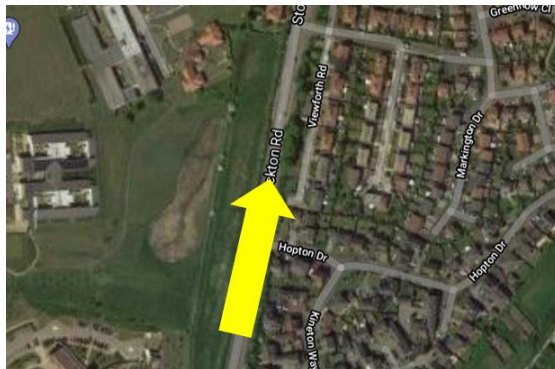
Site Four	Description	Timescale	Estimated Costs
Hall Farm Road	Install two speed tables at the junctions of Aylesbury Drive and Aylsham Court.	12-18 months	£81,000



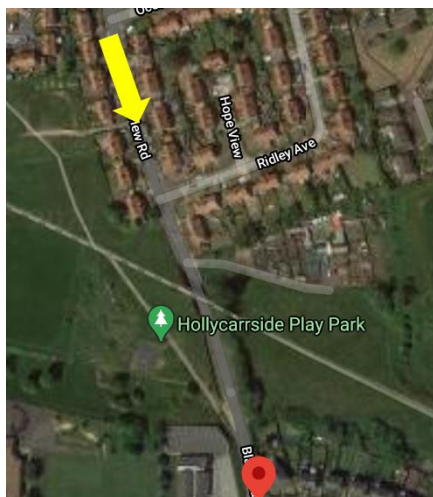
Site Five	Description	Timescale	Estimated Costs
Doxford Park Way	Carry out further investigations on this site with a focus on pedestrian safety when crossing the road (e.g. signage, road markings, VAS, etc).	6 months	£5,000



Site Six	Description	Timescale	Estimated Costs
Stockton Road	Install fixed digital speed camera	TBC	£0



Site Seven	Description	Timescale	Estimated Costs
Black Road	Installation of up to two priority give way junctions	6-12 months	£25,000



Site Eight	Description	Timescale	Estimated Costs
Hollycarrside Road	Carry out further investigations on this site e.g. Speed Surveys (subject to covid restrictions), resident consultation to inform options and designs which will be brought back for further consideration	6 months	£5,000



Total		£179,000
Contingency @ 20%		£35,800
Overview total		£214,800

Costs include initial Councillor meetings, engagements, statutory consultation, legal advice and preparation, planning and Highways (if required) site visits and liaising with contractors throughout.

Installation of Speed cushions and humps have a legal requirement attached and can take between 12-18 months for implementation. Installation of Priority 'Give Way' signs have no legal requirement. The decision is delegated to the authority, making the process quicker to implement.

However, it is difficult to judge timescales as it depends on how controversial a scheme is. For instance, the process could take longer than expected if objections are raised from bus operators, emergency services, the public, etc. A contingency budget is being requested for these 'unexpected scenarios'.

A new Road Safety Partnership is being established with Northumbria Police in partnership with Northumberland and the five Tyne and Wear Authorities. Referrals for Essen Ways and Stockton Road to receive a permanent fixed digital camera has been made. Update pending.

Members are requested to note, that during the engagement and consultation processes Infrastructure and Commercial Services will be on hand to answer any questions about the process of the scheme, the impact and effect of the traffic calming, and if necessary try and answer any concerns residents may have. Although, questions relating to locations, who wanted the schemes implementing and why funding was chosen for these schemes and not others will need to be forwarded to the relevant ward Councillors for comment

BUDGET

To fund the eight sites an estimated cost of £179,000 has been provided. In addition, a further £35,800 is requests as part of a 20% contingency budget to allow for 'unexpected scenarios'.

Site	Description	Timescale	Estimated Costs
At the crossroads (The Avenue, Ashbrooke Road, Tunstall Vale and Mowbray Road)	Install two sets of speed cushions.	12-18 months	£17,000
Essen Way	Proposed installation of fixed digital speed camera.	TBC	£0
Corporation Road (near Blue House Public House)	Install one set of speed cushions and speed table to complement priority give way junction	12-18 months	£46,000
Hall Farm Road	Install two speed tables at the junctions of Aylesbury Drive and Aylsham Court. Request for traffic speed enforcement to Northumbria Police.	12-18 months	£81,000
Doxford Park Way	Carry out further investigations on this site.	6 months	£5,000
Stockton Road	Proposed installation of fixed digital speed camera.	TBC	£0
Black Road	Installation of up to two priority give way junctions	6-12 months	£25,000
Hollycarriside Road	Carry out further investigations on this site.	6 months	£5,000

Total		£179,000
Contingency @ 20%		£35,800
Overview total		£214,800

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of investing in Highways (Section 6)

Applications for East Sunderland
Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme

Application No. 2



Supported by
East Area Committee

Funding Source	Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme
Name of Project	Invest in Parks
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total NCIP Application
£205,886	£Nil	£205,886
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
8 months	April 2021	February 2022

ALL PROJECT DETAIL TAKEN VERBATIM FROM APPLICATIONS

Project Description:

In November 2020, the East Neighbourhood and Community Area Board received a Parks Profile which detailed previous works and improvements carried out in the last 12 months, scheduled future works and improvements in the next 12 months, with opportunities outlined for future investments for Doxford, Barley Mow, Burn, Ryhope Recreation and Backhouse Parks.

Members discussed and selected projects which they would like to see funded in each of the five Parks.

Since December 2020 discussions have been held with ward Councillors, relevant council services, Friends Groups and East Rangers to provide Members with a list of costs relating to identified improvement works.

The works include:

Backhouse Park

- Install 1 free standing bin at the entrance to Kirtley Drive
- Install 8 new benches
- Replica and replace ornate fence and gate (Middle Ryhope Road)
- Cut back trees / shrubs and open up entrance around ornate fence
- Install 1 new barrier near Lodge entrance
- Establish a Fairy Dell
- Purchase a Gator Vehicle (Rangers – shared with Barley Mow, Mowbray Park – stored at Barley Mow Nursery)

Barley Mow Park

- Install 10 new benches and 2 bins
- Install 1 barrier at the rear of the basketball court
- Develop a feature bed in the middle 'roundabout bed' at the entrance off Vilette Road

Burn Park

- Install new path and open up a new entrance into the Park
- Install 1 information sign / notice board in the Park

- Investigate the feasibility of reinstalling a drinks fountain
- Install 1 bench and 4 new green freestanding metal bins
- Install an art feature and sand down and paint metal railings inside the Park

Doxford Park

- New signage at the main entrance and remove the pedestrian gate
- Main entrance at Silksworth Road: mural art project located on the depot gates to improve the appearance
- Expand car parking facilities behind CMS building: between 15-20 bays
- Install 2 anti-vandal picnic benches at Meadow Field area
- Install 2 x tiered planters to sit at vehicle entrance
- Purchase a Gator Vehicle (Rangers – shared with Doxford and Ryhope wards – stored at Doxford Park)

Ryhope Recreation Park

- Remove and replace 100m of fencing, install new batting and matting cages around the Cricket Club training section
- Install 1 new multi-use games station on the old tennis court
- Look at demolishing the empty buildings nears the play area, once demolished, remove hedge rows either side and open up land
- New 10 seats surrounding the cricket pitch
- Install 1 new shroud bin and 4 freestanding bins

The project will be managed by ACDL, with different Partners and Services being required to order goods i.e. bins and benches would be ordered and installed by Local Services.

BUDGET

Budget	Costs
Bins x 12	£5,214
Benches x 29	£25,090
Notice Board x 1	£1,500
Drinks Fountain x 1	£12,000
Art Feature x 1	£5,500
Metal works	£11,310
Vehicles x 2 Gators	£30,000
Painting works	£3,500
Landscaping works	£52,772
Fencing	£28,000
Multi-use games kit x 1	£8,000
car park (15-20 bays)	£23,000
Total	£205,886

Images display examples of what could be fitted – Examples Only



Community Notice Board



Free standing bins, with raised top to prevent people sitting on the top, supplied in green to fit in with the surroundings of the Park.



Recycled plastic bench



Drinks Fountain



Gator Vehicle

**Photos of some sites which will be improve, subject to approval
Backhouse Park**



Rusty Gate on Ryhope Road



Mounted Bin

Burn Park



Former Drinks Foundation / Monument

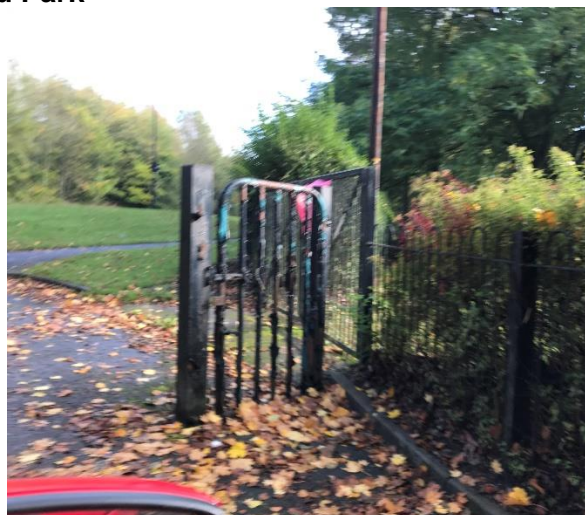


Hidden valley (East side)

Doxford Park



Depot entrance gates



Car park entrance – pedestrain gate

Barley Mow Park



Entrance at Vilette Road



Benches

Ryhope Recreation Park



Fencing around Tennis Court



Spectators viewing area of cricket field

Recommendation – Approve

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to the East Sunderland Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of investing in Parks (Section 7)

Item 4, Annex Four

East Sunderland Area Committee

15 March 2021

Community Chest Awards April 2020 to March 2021

Doxford Ward Budget	£10,000		Approvals
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Hall Farm Doxy Lads FC	17.06.20	-	£1,000
Hall Farm over 40's FC	07.09.20	-	£960
Mill Hill Nursery School	07.09.20	-	£1,455
The Box Youth and Community Project	07.09.20	-	£940
The Cultural Spring (Multi Ward)	13.10.20	-	£1,133
Venerable Bede Academy (Multi Ward)	07.12.20	-	£166
The Box Youth and Community Project	19.01.21	-	£700
Northumbria Police	03.03.21	-	£1,251
Sunderland Area Parent Support	03.03.21	-	£682.00
Friends of Doxford Park	03.03.21	-	£635.00
The Box Youth and Community Project	03.03.21	-	£690.00
Remaining balance			£388
Hendon Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
CHANCE	15.04.20	-	£1,000
FISCUS	15.04.20	-	£1,000
Sunderland Mind	04.08.20	-	£516
Hudson Road Primary	04.08.20	-	£400
The Cultural Spring (Multi Ward)	13.10.20	-	£800
Northumbria Police	22.02.21	-	£419
Remaining balance			£5,865
Millfield Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
24 th Sunderland St Joseph's Brownies	14.07.20	-	£1,470
The Cultural Spring (Multi Ward)	13.10.20	-	£800
Church of the Nazarene	03.11.20	-	£2,500
St Mark's Community Association	04.02.21	-	£3,500
Northumbria Police	22.02.21	-	£419
Remaining balance			£1,311
Ryhope Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Northumbria Police	14.05.20	-	£802
The Cultural Spring (Multi Ward)	13.10.20	-	£1,133

Ryhope CA	13.10.20	-	£2,250
Blue Watch Youth Centre	13.10.20	-	£335
Venerable Bede Academy (Multi Ward)	07.12.20	-	£166
Northumbria Police	22.02.21	-	£419
Remaining balance			£4,895
St Michaels Ward Budget	£10,000		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
The Cultural Spring (Multi Ward)	13.10.20	-	£800
Hill View Infant Academy	12.11.20	-	£1,000
Friends of Backhouse Park and Barley Mows	07.12.20	-	£450
Sunderland Lions	07.12.20	-	£450
Ashbrooke Residents Association	07.12.20	-	£144
Blue Watch Youth Centre	09.02.21	-	£548
Sunderland Symphony Orchestra	09.02.21	-	£500
Sunderland Bowling Club	09.02.21	-	£220
Northumbria Police	22.02.21	-	£419
Remaining balance			£5,469

15 March 2021

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
NEIGHBOURHOODS AND CABINET MEMBER
COMMUNITIES AND CULTURE**



COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING CHAMPIONS

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update East Sunderland Area Committee regarding the Community Wealth Strategy Delivery Group and the Community Wealth Champion role.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following the December 2020 Area Committee, the East Area requested further information in relation to the Community Wealth Strategy Delivery Group, to ascertain membership of the group and to ensure political opposition were represented.
- 2.2 It is now more important than ever to enable residents to respond to the local economic shock of the Covid-19 pandemic. Through delivery of the Community Wealth Strategy, the council aims to respond to the immediate crisis and the urgent imperative to rebuild local economies which are more fair, inclusive and secure than those that existed before.

3. Community Wealth Strategy Delivery Group

- 3.1 Following political discussions, it was agreed that Cllr Michael Dixon, St Michael's Councillor would join the Community Wealth Strategy Delivery Group, to represent the political opposition.
- 3.2 Cllr Dixon subsequently received a full introduction to the group and has since attended the Delivery Group meetings.

4. Demonstrating our Commitment - Community Wealth Champion

- 4.1 Elected members can champion the community wealth approach in their own areas by highlighting the significant benefits. This includes assisting the council to understand local issues and helping to target employment opportunities.
- 4.2 Elected members can encourage the council and partner anchor institutions to become accredited living wage employers. In addition to employment, elected members can encourage the council to continue to develop their procurement strategies that contain measures for the use of 'community benefit' clauses and 'local supplier development'.
- 4.3 Inward investment activity can be targeted at developing the local supply base, and a means of monitoring where this spend goes and the impact it has should be monitored. In addition, council procurement spend with local companies should continue to be enhanced wherever possible and spend out of the local area continuously reviewed to identify any additional local opportunities.

- 4.4 Finally, elected members can encourage the council to consider the impact of their assets on inclusive economies and how they can contribute to socio-economic development objectives and build resilient communities. For example, linking asset management to neighbourhood plans and identifying how to support local people to take over council assets for the benefit of their communities. This can be achieved through promoting community asset transfer and exploring where this can be used to support area-based regeneration priorities, supporting capacity building for communities currently less able to take on and manage assets.
- 4.5 To ensure all elected members are supported to become Community Wealth Champions, it is proposed that each of the Area Committees Chairs become the 'Area Community Wealth Champion' – working alongside the Area Arrangements Team and Community Wealth Delivery Group to develop a training and induction programme for all elected members, as well as ensuring the principles of community wealth are adopted by the Area Committee whilst delivering their Area Committee Delivery Plan priorities.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the contents of the report and acknowledge the work undertaken to support the growth of Community Wealth across Sunderland and agree to continue to support the delivery of the Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy.
- 5.2 Agree to support the Area Committee Chair to deliver their Community Wealth Champion role on behalf of the residents of Sunderland, demonstrating the commitment of West Area Committee to support growth.