

30th June 2021

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF NORTH NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

Area Committee Annual Update; North Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and Neighbourhoods and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2021 / 2022

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report:-

- a. Provides an annual update of the North Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023
- b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan, which will be the focus for the North Area Committee during 2021 onwards.
- c. Provides an update on Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2021/22.

2. Background

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

3. Area Committee and Neighbourhood Investment Plan Governance Arrangements

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a neighbourhood level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's City Plan at a neighbourhood level and ensuring maximum impact where necessary, through utilising its own resources.

- 3.2 The Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans were approved at Cabinet in March 2020.

- 3.3 It is now the responsibility of each Area Committee to deliver their agreed priorities to support the delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Area Committee Delivery Plans have been developed to enable this to happen.

- 3.4 The Neighbourhood and Community Board will be chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. All Committee members are invited to attend all Board meetings. The Terms of Reference for the Neighbourhood and Community Board is attached at **Item 2 Annex 2**.

- 3.5 Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision-making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. The Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair were agreed at Annual Council in May 2021.

- 3.6 Other local groups / boards where North Sunderland Area Committee has Elected Member representation are outlined below: -

Group	Elected Member Representatives
North Sunderland Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (L.M.A.P.S)	Cllr Denny Wilson – agreed at Annual Council in May 2021
North VCS Area Network	Cllr Denny Wilson (Co-Chair)

4. North Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan 2020-2023 – Areas of Key Action/Progress

- 4.1 The Plan, which includes an introduction from the Chair of the Area Committee, commits to a significant number of priorities, which will be delivered within the North of Sunderland, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed up to 2023 via the North Neighbourhood and Communities Board.
- 4.2 Residents will be able to review the Area Committee Delivery Plan and monitor delivery of the plan via the Council's website which is available to access at www.sunderland.gov.uk, as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. Funding to support delivery of the plan has been allocated and further information can be found at **Item 3 Area Budget Report**
- 4.3 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to June 2021

Priority	Update
Love Where You Live	<p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £25,000 in order to support the development of a bulb planting/environmental project within St. Peters Church, details of which are included within the Finance Report, Item 3, Section 2.3</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £25,000 in order to support the development of an Art Project and Washing Facilities at Seaburn Sea Front, details of which are included within the Finance Report, Item 3, Section 2.3.</p>
Invest in Parks, Play Areas, Cycle and Walking Routes	<p>Thompson Park:</p> <p>Task and Finish Group formed and have worked in partnership with Friends of Thompson Park on a regeneration plan in order to provide an activity and destination park for all ages.</p> <p>December Area Committee agreed an alignment of £200,000 for the regeneration of Thompson Park and £25,000 of this to be a match to Places to Ride application with full applications to be presented to future Board and Area Committee.</p>

	<p>The Group were successful with a Places to Ride funding application to deliver cycling skills area in park and education/ training with match funding to be considered in the Finance Report Item 3, Section 3.2, Annex 2</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further £100,000 for the development of Thompson Park details of which are included in the Finance Report Item 3 Section 2.3</p> <p>Design Services are currently working up costs and proposals expected early July for the Task and Finish Group to consider</p> <p>Accessible Play Equipment:</p> <p>Area Committee via the responsive decision making process agreed £16,975 for the installation of an Ability Swing with Flat Seat at Hylton Castle Play Area as part of a project which will also see the installation of an Ability Whirl Self Propelled with Safety Surfacing</p>
Social Prescribing	<p>North Raising Aspirations Projects:</p> <p>The 5 ward based Raising Aspirations Projects continue to deliver services and activities to the local community including providing Covid Community Hub Support.</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £50,000 per ward for the development of applications for a further 2 years, details of which are included in the Finance Report Item 3, Section 2.3</p>
Support the voluntary and community sector to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events, activities and nurture family learning	<p>Downhill Community Hub:</p> <p>Task and Finish Group formed and worked with the voluntary sector leaseholder in order to develop capital proposals to assist in the refurbishment of the Downhill Community Hub. December and March Area Committees approved £100,000 in total for the refurbishment project.</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further £100,000 for the development of an application that will assist in the delivery of services and activities from the hub and link to the skateboard park in the locality, details of which are included in the Finance Report Item 3, Section 2.3</p> <p>Fulwell Community Library:</p> <p>March Area Committee agreed funding of £18,250 to support the installation of a new roof and solar panels at Fulwell Community Library.</p>

<p>Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe</p>	<p>School Holiday Programme:</p> <p>March 2020 Area Committee approved £35,000 for the delivery of school holiday activities within the 2020 – 2021 school holiday periods with the project leads delivering services, activities and support within COVID guidelines and restrictions</p> <p>March 2021 Area Committee agreed to align the £40,000 available for youth activities for the extension of school holiday activities for 2021 – 2022 to the existing providers. Details of which are included in the Finance Report, Item 3, Section 2.2, Annex 1</p>
<p>Increase safety through the improvement of CCTV and additional enforcement</p>	<p>Task and Finish Group formed and members consulted on hotspot areas in order to inform CCTV solutions. March Area Committee agreed a Neighbourhood Investment Capital Application of £100,000 and Neighbourhood Fund of £61,366 and aligned an additional £38,634 bringing the total amount available for the CCTV project to £200,000.</p> <p>A Neighbourhood Fund application was agreed by members in May 2021 through the responsive decision making process of £4,191.42 for the purchase of additional masts in order to provide re-deployable CCTV for Roker Park.</p> <p>An application for enforcement camera solutions has been developed from the remaining aligned funds after significant testing of cameras details of which are included in the Finance Report, Item 3, Section 2.2, Annex 1</p>
<p>Communicate heritage assets and deliver heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion</p>	<p>Hylton Castle:</p> <p>Task and Finish Group formed, December Area Committee agreed the alignment of Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding of £100,000 and the Hylton Castle Trust have developed an application details of which are included in the Finance Report Item 3, Section 3.2, Annex 2</p> <p>June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £100,000 for the development of a project that will lead towards the restoration of the chapel and cellars, details of which are included in the Finance Report Item 3, Section 2.3</p> <p>Fans Museum:</p> <p>March Area Committee agreed funding of £11,384 to support the development of Architectural Design,</p>

	Videography, Photography and a Digital Tour Project.
Celebrate local heritage:	Southwick Green Redevelopment Phase 2: February Board agreed for Southwick Ward Councillors to consider the original proposals for the Southwick Green Redevelopment and develop phase 2 proposals taking into consideration a local voluntary and community sector organisation proposals for heritage signage and potential of external funding to support project. Full proposals to be presented to future Board and Area Committee for consideration

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to: -

- a. Consider the progress and performance update with regard to the North Neighbourhood Delivery Plan for 2020/23 as contained within **Annex 1**
- b. Note the Area Committee video update which summarises the Annual performance of the Area Committee during 2020 – 2021. A summary of the Area Committee performance will also be shared with Full Council.
- c. Note the Area Committee Governance arrangements for 2021/22 outlined in **Section 3 and Item 2 Annex 2**

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