## North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

## Agreed 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020



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 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 throughout the next three years via the North 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 <a href="https://www.sunderland.gov.uk">www.sunderland.gov.uk</a> as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The North Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

- 1. Tackle empty properties
- 2. Derelict land
- 3. Affordable homes
- 4. Love Where You Live
- 5. Transport Routes and Parking
- 6. Highways, pavements and street lighting
- 7. Parks, play, cycle and walking routes
- 8. Social Prescribing

- 9. Support voluntary and community sector
- 10. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe
- 11. Volunteer platform
- 12. Support communities to deliver local events
- 13. Improve CCTV and Enforcement
- 14. Promote Heritage Assets and Deliver Heritage Activities
- 15. Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage

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

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

Neighbourhood Investment priority			
Action	Next Steps	Update	
1. Tackle Empty Properties			
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City - More and Better House	ing		
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to North Neighbourhood and Community Board to include:  • Number of empty properties and related issues in the North • Pro-active action in place in relation to properties allowed to go into a state if dilapidation by rogue landlords	North Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the North area.	Graham Scanlan, Assistant Director of Housing attended February Board and provided an update  October Board received a presentation from the Private Sector Housing Team and the support to private landlords and accreditation schemes	
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attra  Executive Director Economy and Place to provide an update on derelict land and properties to North Neighbourhood and Communities Board.  Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration to provide updates on Sunderland City Councils Low Carbon Commitment	Ctive City and Neighbourhood  North Area Committee to consider update and how they can support the development of sites within the North area	October Board received a presentation from the Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration on the Low Carbon Commitment including:  • Timeline of Commitment • Citywide Emission Targets	
Commitment		<ul> <li>2030 Shadow Board</li> <li>Young Peoples Advisory Group</li> <li>Links to North Sunderland         Delivery Plan</li> <li>North Sunderland good practice         examples</li> <li>Discussion on future ideas</li> </ul> An area within Redhill Ward was raised as a potential site to link to the low	

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		carbon agenda with green space redevelopment and improvements at Downhill Skatepark. Potential funding alignments to be discussed at Board/Area Committee
3. Create more affordable homes		
Links to: A Dynamic Smart City - More and Better Hou	sing	
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to North Neighbourhood and Community Board	North Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the North area.	
4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attra Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More residents Particip Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – C	ating in their Community ommunity Empowerment, Engagement	
Continue to receive updates from the North Raising Aspiration Projects on their litter picks and environmental projects and ensure they advertise opportunities for	ACDL to continue to provide updates on delivery to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	February Board received feedback on the Wild flowering the North Project
residents/schools etc to get involved.		June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £25,000 in order to support the development of a bulb planting/environmental project within St. Peters Church. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £25,000.
		The St. Peters Church Environment Project was agreed by the Area Committee via a delegated decision on 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021

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		St. Peters Church Environment Project planting is now complete with blooms expected 2022
		June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £25,000 in order to support the development of an Art Project and Washing Facilities at Seaburn Sea Front. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £25,000
		ACDL is working with VCS organisation Friends of Fulwell to support them in the delivery of a project that achieves a "Goby the Fish" project at Seaburn. Environmental Services have provided feedback on ideas for the installation and advice and guidance on emptying the recyclables. Meeting planned February 2022 to discuss next steps
5. Review transport routes in partnership with all providers in consultation with residents. Need to also pick up parking issues – residential and shopping		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City - Great transport and Tra	vel Links	
VAS Signage Project in development for North Area which	North Area Committee agree the	Signs are now installed across the
will provide 2 signs per ward which will be circulated to 40 locations across the North	funding and locations of the signs.	North and rotational programme in operation.
	Once agreed the Neighbourhood and Community Board will receive regular updates on the locations and effectiveness of the signs	April Board discussed the potential for additional signs – consultation held with members and Infrastructure and

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		Transportation are to provide costs to inform further discussions at future Board
		Members receive updates on VAS rotational programme.
		December 2021 members considered further proposals for additional VAS signage locations and were advised of SCC plans to purchase 1 additional VAS sign for the North. Costs are in the process of being worked up for 4 additional VAS signs to be considered at a future Board and Area Committee
6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – People Feeling Safe in t Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attra		
Update to be provided on amount of investment planned by Highways Services for highways, pavements and street lighting replacement programme.		March Area Committee agreed 2021 – 2022 Programme
ngnung replacement programme.	for discussion and recommendation to North Area Committee	November Board received an update on the progress of the Highways Maintenance Programme 2021-2022
		February Board received and considered the Highways Maintenance Programme recommendations for 2022 – 23. Agreed to recommend approval to March Area Committee subject to

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		further discussions to be held with the St. Peters and Southwick Ward Councillors.
7. Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes	in consultation with residents and use	rs
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Visiting St. Programmes and Activities Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attra Reduced Health Inequalities Enabling More People to Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – C.	ctive City and Neighbourhood – People ive Healthier Longer Lives ommunity Empowerment, Engagement	e Enjoying Independent Lives – and Involvement
Develop a plan for the regeneration of Thompson Park as an activity and destination park for all ages in partnership with Friends of Thompson Park	Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group.  ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	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.  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.  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 at the June Area Committee. June Area Committee agreed the match of £25,000 to deliver the Places to Ride Project

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		June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of a further £100,000 for the development of Thompson Park. June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £100,000.
		Design Services are currently working up design proposals and costs and these are expected late September for the Task and Finish Group to consider
		Initial design proposals considered by the Task and Finish Group with amendments requested and a deadline of February 2022 provided.
		Further design proposals shared with Ward Councillors February 2022, Assistant Director of Community Resilience advised of the potential for further Council capital investment into Thompson Park subject to receiving full and costed proposals, Meeting to be held with Ward Councillors and Design Services and updates to be provided to a future Board meeting.
Develop a plan for small scale improvements in Roker Park in partnership with Friends of Roker Park and within the Heritage status of the Park	ACDL to support the Friends of Roker Park to develop plan and funding applications	Online Friends of Roker Park meetings held November 2020 and February 2021 – group are actively moving

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		forward with suggestions put forward via social media and Friends meetings
Develop a plan for improvements at Hylton Dene as a wildlife and walking, cycling and running route/destination	To be discussed at future Neighbourhood and Community Board	
Identify accessible Play Equipment available across Sunderland North	City Wide Condition Survey currently in process of being developed.  Request submitted for North information to be released as soon as practicably possible	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
Receive updates on Improvements to Parks, Open Spaces and Play within Sunderland North	North Area Committee to consider the updates and how they can influence and add value.	A contractor has now been appointed for the installation of the Ability Swing.  July Board received a presentation on the proposals for improvements to Parks, Open Spaces and Play across Sunderland North
		July Board received a presentation on the proposals for the Seaburn public realm regeneration including the new play park plans and Cut Throat Dene
		November Board received a presentation which gave an update on improvement at Roker Park and plans for the Roker Park Lodge/Café
		November Board received a presentation on Cemetery Improvement

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		Plans. Members provided with the opportunity to joint the Cemetery Improvement Board
		February Board received an update on Hylton Dene, Downhill Complex, Fulwell Quarry and Roker Park
8. Social Prescribing – develop local offer to improve health and wellbeing and access to services locally to reduce social isolation, improve mental health and support long-term health conditions, and ensure physical activity session are accessible and not cost or time prohibitive, in partnership with All Together Better		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Reduced Health Ineque equitable Opportunities and Life Changes, People Enjo	alities Enabling More People to Live He	
Neighbourhoods	ying independent Lives – Cleaner and i	More Altractive City and
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – <i>More Resilient People</i> Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – (		
and Investment in Voluntary and Community Sector – In		t and involvement - Business Growth
Ensure 5 Ward based Raising Aspirations Projects are providing services and activities to local residents	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	The 5 ward based Raising Aspirations Projects continue to deliver services and activities to the local community including providing Covid Community Hub Support.
		June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £50,000 per ward for the development of applications for a further 2 years June Area Committee agreed the alignment of £250,000
		The five Raising Aspiration Project leads are currently developing full applications to be considered at the November Board.

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		November Board received updates from the five Raising Aspiration Project leads on the delivery of the projects to date.  November Board considered the five Raising Aspiration Project applications and recommend approval of the applications for a further 2 years to the December Area Committee which was agreed
Ensure North Communication Project keeps local communities up to date with activities and services on offer and promotes the North Area	ACDL coordinates the content and delivery of the North Communication Project in partnership with the Neighbourhood and Community Board	Project currently on hold due to COVID- 19 and newsletter is to promote activities delivered in the Ward however work is commencing on delivering the leaflet element of the project  Leaflet celebrating the investment in Sunderland North is currently in development with anticipated distribution Winter 2021  Distribution commenced January 2022
North Area Committee in partnership with Public Health Funding have supported health related projects in Sunderland North	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	Quarterly Monitoring Updates provided to Board  July Board received a presentation on Ageing Well Sunderland and the opportunity to support the Time to Talk and Walk initiative

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Beach Access North East leading on a project on behalf of Sunderland Seafront Steering Group to install a container adjacent to Marine Activities Centre which will house beach accessible wheelchairs with volunteers managing booking of the wheelchairs	September North Area Committee to consider a funding application to deliver this project	February Board to consider applications in order to make recommendation to March Area Committee for Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations to provide accessible Defibrillators across Sunderland North.  February Board considered applications submitted from VCS organisations to provide accessible Defibrillators and recommended approval of all applications to the March Area Committee. Details of which are included at Item 3 Annex 1  September Area Committee agreed funding for the project, project lead is now working with Sunderland City Council on the planning process  Beach Access North East carrying out trials of wheelchairs on 1st of June at Roker Beach with members of the Sunderland Seafront Steering Group  Due to increased costs and the environmental restrictions and requirements at the site the project requires additional funding – Beach Access North East have joined Crowdfund Sunderland and are actively seeking donations to support the project thereby ensuring local community support.

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		March 2022 planning application submitted
venues as well as host community events, a	or to provide additional services and extend open activities and nurture family learning	ening times within local community
Events, Programmes and Activities – More Res Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Stra	visiting Sunderland and More Residents Informition widents Participating In Their Communities ategy – Developing the Role of Anchor Institution agement and Involvement – Business Growth a	ons – Socially Productive Asset
Support the development of former Downhill School community hub current delivery includes:  • Youth Activities  • Boxing Club  • Nursery  Potential for:  • Additional facilities to support the boxing Clu affiliation  • Additional sporting activities utilising both in outside space  • Gardening Club	agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group. ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board .	Task and Finish Group formed and worked with the voluntary sector leaseholder in order to develop capital proposals to assist in the refurbishmen of the Downhill Community Hub.  December and March Area Committee approved £100,000 in total for the refurbishment project.  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

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		March Area Committee agreed funding of £18,250 to support the installation of a new roof and solar panels at Fulwell Community Library.
		Redby Community Centre:
		The North Area Committee in January 2022 via the responsive decision making process have approved funding of £12,000 to Redby Community Centre for repairs to the Roof
10. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people		
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Feeling Their Communities Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Access to Equitable Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy - and Investment in Voluntary and Community Sector –	Opportunities and Life Chances Community Empowerment Engagement	, ,
Neighbourhood Funding in place for Youth Partnership delivery across all wards in North	Updates on delivery of provision to be provided to the Neighbourhood Community Board	£20,000 funding in place for youth activities 2020 – 2021
Neighbourhood Funding in place for School Holiday delivery 2020		March 2020 Area Committee approved £35,000 for the delivery of school holiday activities within the 2020 – 202
£20,000 Neighbourhood Funding in Place for youth activities 2020 - 2021		school holiday periods with the project leads delivering services, activities and support within COVID guidelines and restrictions
		March 2021 Area Committee agreed to

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		activities for the extension of school holiday activities for 2021 – 2022 to the existing providers. June Area Committee agreed the school holiday 2021 – 2022 application for the £40,000 budget available. A summary of the Summer Holiday 2021 provision was provided in the September Area Committee Video.
		February Board to receive a presentation from youth providers across Sunderland North on the provision available and the services and activities requested by young people. To help inform future decision on funding to be considered by the Board and Area Committee.
		Potential funding alignment and proposals for the development of a Task and Finish Group with one representative per ward to be discussed at February Board.
		February Board received a presentation from young people. The board agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group in order to develop a Call for Project brief to be presented to a future board and then recommend to Area Committee for approval along with a request for

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		£50,000 per ward from 2022 – 2023 Neighbourhood Fund.	
11. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to	get involved more within their commu	nities	
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City - More Residents Particip	pating In Their Communities		
Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS.	Update volunteer platform to enable matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.	Volunteers registered on the North Platform have been provided with a booklet of volunteering opportunities from projects based within Sunderland North and City Wide	
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More residents participal Residents Informing and Participating in Cultural Event Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – Comm	s, Programmes and Activities		
and Investment in the Voluntary and Community Sector		t and Involvement - Business Growth	

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Action	Next Steps	Timeline provided by Procurement:  Opportunity issued mid July Awarded mid August  Procurement process now completed and provider appointed to install additional lighting on Southwick Green for 2021  Additional lighting installed and successful Switch On Event delivered by Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project on 26th November 2021  Future Board to consider funding for illumination lighting and switch on for 2022  Future Board to consider how the North
		Area Committee can influence the City Wide programme of events and the usage of locations across Sunderland North
13. Increase safety through the improvement of CCTV and additional enforcement		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attractive City and Neighbourhoods Links to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Feeling Safe in Their Homes and Neighbourhoods		
North Area Committee funded CCTV and Enforcement project operational and ongoing	July Neighbourhood and Community Board received feedback on the	Task and Finish Group formed and members consulted on hotspot areas in

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	current CCTV/Enforcement project and agreed the set up of a Task and Finish group to consider the feasibility of additional CCTV/Masts/Airtime costs	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.
		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.
		An application for enforcement camera solutions has been developed from the remaining aligned funds after significant testing of cameras. This application for £34,400 was agreed at June Area Committee.
		North Area Committee Councillors received feedback from the Area Chair on the Local Multi Agency Partnership meetings which included updates on camera options and locations.
		LMAPS regularly discuss Sunderland City Council Drone Project which will see staff trained as drone pilots and

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		drones used with the aim of tackling ASB.
14. Communicate heritage assets and deliver heritage a	ctivities to improve health and wellbeir	g and improve community cohesion
Links to: A Vibrant Smart City - More People Visiting S	underland and More Residents Informi	ng and Participating in Cultural
Events, Programmes and Activities Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – C	Community Empowerment, Engagemen	t and Involvement
Develop a project which provides access to event space at Hylton Castle in order to support bringing the community together and future sustainability of the Project	July Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the set-up of a Task and Finish group to develop plans to consider the proposals for the development of event space at Hylton Castle  ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	Task and Finish Group formed, December Area Committee agreed the alignment of Neighbourhood Investment Capital Funding of £100,000 and the Hylton Castle Trust developed an application for the Hylton Castle Events Space Project which was agreed at June Area Committee for £100,000.  June Board agreed to recommend an alignment of £100,000 for the development of a project that will lead towards the restoration of the chapel and cellars. June Area Committee agreed the alignment and the Hylton Castle Trust are working towards developing the full application that will best meet the needs of the Castle Project.  February Board agreed in principle to recommend to a future Area Committee the alignment of £100,000 from the Neighbourhood Fund allocation for 2022 – 2023 for a project which will

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		develop the Castle as a Winter Events Venue
		Fans Museum:
		March Area Committee agreed funding of £11,384 to support the development of Architectural Design, Videography, Photography and a Digital Tour Project.
15. Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage		
Links to: A Healthy Smart City – Cleaner and More Attractions to: A Vibrant Smart City – More People Visiting S Events, Programmes and Activities Links to: Sunderland's Community Wealth Strategy – C	Sunderland and More Residents Informi	
Southwick Green Redevelopment Phase 1 to commence July 2020	Regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	Southwick Green Redevelopment Phase 1 near completion. Local VCS organisations, Springboard, Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project and Southwick Green Preservation Society have supported the project with bulb and winter planting led by the Southwick SARA Project and supported by Southwick Community Chest funding.  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

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	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. SCC Design Services are developing costs and proposals which will be presented to Southwick Ward Cllrs when available. Design Services are expected to have proposals in place September 2021  Southwick Ward Councillors have considered the proposals and have requested amendments with a deadline of February 2022.  Potential funding alignments to be discussed at future Board/Area Committee.	
	Next Steps	