

Item 2 Annex 1

North Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020 / 2023

Agreed 23rd 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 www.sunderland.gov.uk as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The North Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

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| 1. Tackle empty properties | 9. Support voluntary and community sector |
| 2. Derelict land | 10. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe |
| 3. Affordable homes | 11. Volunteer platform |
| 4. Love Where You Live | 12. Support communities to deliver local events |
| 5. Transport Routes and Parking | 13. Improve CCTV and Enforcement |
| 6. Highways, pavements and street lighting | 14. Promote Heritage Assets and Deliver Heritage Activities |
| 7. Parks, play, cycle and walking routes | 15. Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage |
| 8. Social Prescribing | |

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		
<p>Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to North Neighbourhood and Community Board to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 of 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
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		
Executive Director Economy and Place to provide an update on derelict land and properties to North Neighbourhood and Communities Board.	North Area Committee to consider update and how they can support the development of sites within the North area	
3. Create more affordable homes		
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		
Continue to receive updates from the North Raising Aspiration Projects on their litter picks and environmental projects and ensure they advertise opportunities for residents/schools etc to get involved.	ACDL to continue to provide updates on delivery to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	<p>February Board received feedback on the Wild flowering the North Project</p> <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</p>

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		<p>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>
5. Review transport routes in partnership with all providers in consultation with residents. Need to also pick up parking issues – residential and shopping		
VAS Signage Project in development for North Area which will provide 2 signs per ward which will be circulated to 40 locations across the North	<p>North Area Committee agree the funding and locations of the signs.</p> <p>Once agreed the Neighbourhood and Community Board will receive regular updates on the locations and effectiveness of the signs</p>	<p>Signs are now installed across the North and rotational programme in operation.</p> <p>April Board discussed the potential for additional signs – consultation held with members and Infrastructure and Transportation are to provide costs to inform further discussions at future Board</p>
6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting		
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 North Area Committee	March Area Committee agreed 2021 – 2022 Programme
7. Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users		

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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	<p>Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group.</p> <p>ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board</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>

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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 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
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		
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, details of which are included in the Finance Report Item 3, Section 2.3

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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	<p>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</p> <p>Leaflet currently in development with anticipated distribution June/July 2021</p>
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
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	<p>September Area Committee agreed funding for the project, project lead is now working with Sunderland City Council on the planning process</p> <p>Beach Access North East carrying out trials of wheelchairs on 1st of June at Roker Beach with members of the Sunderland Seafront Steering Group</p> <p>Planning timeline provided by Sunderland City Council Planning and Regeneration Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - W/C 17th May Ground works specification to be finalised along with container size and spec - W/C 24th May to w/c 14th June SI reports to be prepared - W/C 21st June submit planning - W/C tbc Sept planning committee - planning decision (committee date to

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		<p>be published) (No August Planning Committee)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - October 4 weeks install and commission (including ground works) - Open end Oct/November
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		
<p>Support the development of former Downhill School into a community hub current delivery includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Activities • Boxing Club • Nursery <p>Potential for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional facilities to support the boxing Club retain affiliation • Additional sporting activities utilising both inside and outside space • Gardening Club • Additional Youth activities • Parent and Toddler Groups • Activities for Older/Socially Isolated • Resident Group support 	<p>Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group. ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board</p> <p>.</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>

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10. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe		
<p>Neighbourhood Funding in place for Youth Partnership delivery across all wards in North</p> <p>Neighbourhood Funding in place for School Holiday delivery 2020</p> <p>£20,000 Neighbourhood Funding in Place for youth activities 2020 - 2021</p>	<p>Updates on delivery of provision to be provided to the Neighbourhood Community Board</p>	<p>£20,000 funding in place for youth activities 2020 – 2021</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>
11. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities		
<p>Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS.</p>	<p>Update volunteer platform to enable matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.</p>	<p>Volunteers registered on the North Platform have been provided with a booklet of volunteering opportunities from projects based within Sunderland North and City Wide</p>
12. Support communities to deliver local events		
<p>North Area Committee supported Southwick Illumination Project since 2012 – further additions required 2020</p>	<p>July North Area Committee agreed £10,000 capital funding to support festive lighting project</p>	<p>Due to COVID 19 restrictions a Christmas Switch On Event could not be held 2020 however the Christmas Tree was installed and dressed on Southwick Green and was switched on</p>

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	September North Area Committee agreed further £10,000 capital funding to support Southwick Festive Lighting Project	<p>in line with all other Christmas Lighting across the City on the 19th of November. Additional lighting will be installed in 2021</p> <p>Procurement process progressing for additional lighting installation 2021</p> <p>Timeline provided by Procurement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity issued mid July • Awarded mid August
13. Increase safety through the improvement of CCTV and additional enforcement		
North Area Committee funded CCTV and Enforcement project operational and ongoing	July Neighbourhood and Community Board received feedback on the 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	<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>

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		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
14. Communicate heritage assets and deliver heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion		
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	<p>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</p> <p>ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board</p> <p>.</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, Videography, Photography and a Digital Tour Project.</p>

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15. Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage		
Southwick Green Redevelopment Phase 1 to commence July 2020	Regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board	<p>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.</p> <p>February Board agreed for Southwick Ward Councillors to consider the original proposals for the Southwick Green Redevelopment and develop phase 2 proposals taking into consideration a local voluntary and community sector organisation proposals for heritage signage and potential of external funding to support project. Full proposals to be presented to future Board and Area Committee for consideration. 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 July 2021</p>