

# **WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020 at 5:30pm

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# **Membership**

Cllrs P Gibson (Chair), Watson, (Vice Chair), Atkinson, Blackett, Crosby, D. Dixon, Greener, Haswell, Mc Donough, Mann, Mullen, O'Brien, G. Smith, P. Smith, Tye, Waller, A Wilson and K Wood.

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Report of the Assistant Director of Community Resilience (copy attached)

**ELAINE WAUGH Assistant Director of Law and Governance** 

14<sup>th</sup> September, 2020

# At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held remotely on WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2020 at 5.30 p.m.

#### Present:-

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors, Atkinson, Blackett, Crosby, D. Dixon, Greener, Haswell, Mann, McDonough, Mullen, O'Brien, G. Smith, P. Smith, Tye, Waller, Watson, A. Wilson and K. Wood.

### Also Present:-

Fiona Brown	Executive Director of Neighbourhoods	Sunderland City Council
David Noon	Principal Governance Services Officer	Sunderland City Council
Alison Patterson	Area Coordinator	Sunderland City Council
Gilly Stanley	Area Community Development Lead	Sunderland City Council

### Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Kevin Burns, Alan Duffy and Marie Pollock.

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

# **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Area Committee Annual Update; West Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and Neighbourhoods and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2020-21

Councillor Watson, Chair of West Area Neighbourhoods and Community Board, presented the report (copy circulated) which:-

- i) provided the annual update in respect of the 2019/20 Work Plan, including the Neighbourhood funded projects.
- ii) presented the West Neighbourhood Investment Plan Delivery Plan 2020-2023 and;
- iii) provided an update on the Neighbourhood and Community Board Governance Arrangements for 2020/2021

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chairman thanked Councillor Watson for her report and asked if members had any questions or comments.

Councillor Haswell referred to paragraph 5.7 of the report and in particular the elected member representation on the West Sunderland Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS). He advised that the Northumbria Police locality areas were not coterminous with the Council's Area Committee boundaries. As a result, there was a significant overlap between the West and East and the West and Coalfield. To assist in sharing the workload of the West LMAP, Councillor Haswell asked if the Chair would consider supporting an increase in the Committee's representation on the LMAP from one to two Elected Members.

The Chair having confirmed that he would be willing to support an increase in the representation, Councillor Haswell nominated Councillor Crosby for the position. The Chair having asked if there were any other nominations, Councillor Mann confirmed that she also wished to be considered.

Upon being put to the vote with 10 members voting in favour of Councillor Crosby and 6 members voting in favour of Councillor Mann, it was:-

### 2. RESOLVED that:-

- Councillor Crosby be nominated as the Committee's second representative to sit alongside Councillor Tye on meetings of the West Sunderland LMAPS,
- ii) the remaining Area Governance arrangements as detailed in section 5 and Annex 3 of the report be noted,
- iii) the Annual Performance Update with regard to the West Area Committee's Work Plan for 2019/20 be noted,
- iv) approval be given to the West Neighbourhood Delivery Plan 2020-23 and that members work together as a Committee alongside partners and the voluntary and community sector to deliver the priorities within the Plan over the next three years.

### **West Area Budget Report**

The Assistant Director of Community Resilience submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Gilly Stanley Area Community Development Lead, presented the report highlighting the Committee's financial statement, details of 10 projects approved under delegated powers for support from the 2019/20 Community Chest budget and 6 projects from 2020/21, together with details of a proposal for the allocation of funds from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

### RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement as detailed in paragraphs 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be received and noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the granting of £10,000 from the Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme Fund in respect of the Christmas Decorations Scheme as detailed in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.4 of the report;
- (iii) the approval of the 10 Community Chest applications from the 2019/20 budget as detailed in Annex 1 of the report be noted;
- (iv) the approval of the 6 Community Chest applications from the 2020/21 budget as detailed in Annex 2 of the report be noted.

### **Partner Reports:**

## a) West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network Update

### b) Northumbria Police

The Chair advised that in the absence of the presenting officers, the Partner reports were submitted for information only. If members had any questions on either report they should be emailed to Ms Stanley who would ensure that they received a reply in writing.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance.

(Signed) P. GIBSON, Chairman.

## 22 September 2020

# REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF WEST SUNDERLAND NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITY BOARD

# **West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023**

### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report:
  - a. Presents the West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020-2023
  - b. Provides an update of progress against the Area Priorities associated with the Delivery Plan

# 2. Background

2.1 Following the approval of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans in March 2020, the West 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 Following the approval of the Article 10 Neighbourhood Investment Plans at Cabinet in March 2020, the Neighbourhood Investment Plans replaced the former Article 10 Local Area Plans.
- 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.
- 3.5 The Neighbourhood and Community Boards will be Chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Area Committee. All Committee members are invited to attend all board meetings.
- 3.6 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 June 2020.

### 4. Areas of Key Action/Progress

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of action/progress of the Board up to September 2020.

Priority/Issue	Update
Develop a plan for Green gyms – consider locations and equipment across the West	Area Committee Development Lead (ACDL) to coordinate and arrange a Task and Finish group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board
Continue to receive updates from the Clean and Green Project and the Voluntary Community Sector on community litter picks and environmental projects and ensure they advertise opportunities for residents/schools etc to get involved.	Full application received for West Clean and Green extension. Full details in Area Budget report.
West Area Committee aligned 120k to improvements to play areas in the West.	Full project details resented in Area Budget report.
Consider improvements to the Stephenson Trail – working alongside other areas (Coalfield and East)	July Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed to consider the Stephenson Trail and the heritage around the site.
Consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel	Work with the heritage team to consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel.
Improve access and knowledge of ICT to reduce social isolation	Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed the formation of a Task and Finish Group. ACDL to coordinate and arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.
West Area Committee Invited Pennywell Youth Project (PYP) to apply for an extension to the CLLD project	PYP invited to full application for CLLD extension utilising existing alignment of funding from previous years allocation. Full details in Area Budget report
Invite Welfare rights service to submit proposals for West Support- consider a 3-year proposal.	Understand if other areas are considering this priority and invite proposal.

# 5. Recommendations

# 5.1 Members are requested to: -

 Consider the progress and performance update with regard to West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/23 and agree proposals for future delivery as contained within Annex 1.

Annex 1 West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2020/2023

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Gilly Stanley, West Area Community Development Lead

# West Area Committee 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 West of Sunderland, to address the key issues raised by residents. The Plan will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the West Neighbourhood and Communities Board.

Residents will be able to monitor delivery of the plan via the online activity tracker which will be available to access at <a href="https://www.sunderland.gov.uk">www.sunderland.gov.uk</a> as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The West Area Priorities for 2020 – 2023 are:

- 1. Work with private landlords
- 2. Invest in street furniture
- 3. Invest in green space
- 4. Love Where You Live and In Bloom
- 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. Volunteer platform
- 11. Support communities to deliver local events

- 12. Drainage
- 13. Promote Heritage Assets and Deliver Heritage Activities
- 14. Support Local Shopping Centres
- 15. Digital
- 16. Job Clubs
- 17. Healthy Eating
- 18. Support Youth Clubs
- 19. Welfare Rights Support

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

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

Neighbourhood Investment priority				
Action	Next Steps	Update		
1. Work with private landlords by ward and proactively	1. Work with private landlords by ward and proactively deal with issues using all available enforcement powers			
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to West Neighbourhood and Community Board to include:	West Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the West area.			
2. Invest in Street Furniture including additional bins	<u>'</u>	<u> </u>		
Receive an update on bins installations and new locations identified with members including smart bin technology in key locations	List to be provided to West Area and costs to be established for capital spend.			
Removal or Painting of pedestrian barriers and other street furniture				
3. Enhance local green spaces and encourage wider us delivery of activities which support health and wellbe		hment of existing equipment and		
Develop a plan for Green gyms – consider locations and equipment across the West	Area Committee Development Lead (ACDL) to coordinate and arrange a Task and Finish group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.			
Improve walking routes and fitness trails- linked to improved cycle routes- signage, improved surfaces, maps.	Promote View ranger and gather information from relevant service area to understand gaps in West and suggest improvements.			
Continue to develop ward based projects that utilise the Walk and Talk budget	ACDL to continue to work with ward members to deliver projects following member walk arounds.			
4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign and In Bloom	n			

Continue to receive updates from the Clean and Green Project and the Voluntary Community Sector on community litter picks and environmental projects and ensure they advertise opportunities for residents/schools etc to get involved.	Invite SNCBC to apply for extension. Full application to be considered at September Area Committee. ACDL to continue to provide updates on delivery to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.		
Develop plans for a West wide in bloom delivery			
5. Review transport routes in partnership with all provide residential and shopping	ders in consultation with residents. Pic	ck up localised parking issues –	
Consider parking issues at St Luke's Terrace			
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 West Area Committee.		
Consider traffic calming measures on Silksworth Lane alongside parking restrictions			
7. Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users			
West Area Committee aligned 120k to improvements to play areas in the West.	Project proposals being considered by Members. Full details presented to September Area Committee for consideration.		
Consider improvements to existing cycle routes and improve digital routes	Request update from relevant service on City and Area Plans and then consider capital improvements to support Area improvements.		

conditions, and ensure physical activit	rices locally to reduce social isolation, by session are accessible and not cost		
ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.			
When green gym project delivered- ensure VCS are supported to maximise usage of equipment safely and effectively.			
9. Support the voluntary and community sector to grow capacity to provide additional services and extend opening times within local community venues as well as host community events, activities and nurture family learning			
Area Co-ordinator to provide update in line with the development of support and capacity building as a strategic approach.			
10. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities			
Update volunteer platform to enable matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.			
£10,000 capital funding to support			
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enhance existing schemes. Board to include Christmas 2021 as an agenda item.  12. Additional Drainage cleansing programme  Continue to support local traders and link in with flooding officers regarding local issues.  13. Communicate heritage assets and delivery heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion  Consider improvements to the Stephenson Trail – working alongside other areas (Coalfield and East)  July Neighbourhood and Community Board agreed to consider the Stephenson Trail and the heritage around the site. Need to understand the other areas interest and set up a
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Continue with the capital improvement projects from local
shopping centre budgets - Budgets remain in Sandhill, St
Chad's and Barnes)
15. Increase 5g access across all neighbourhoods and support people with digital resources
Improve access and knowledge of ICT to reduce social  Neighbourhood and Community Board
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Finish Group. ACDL to coordinate and
arrange the group and regular updates to be provided to the Neighbourhood
and Community Board.
16. Create job clubs and education centres within local community venues including digital skill training and basic skills
West Area Committee Invited Pennywell Youth Project PYP invited to full application for CLLD

(PYP) to apply for an extension to the CLLD project	extension utilising existing alignment of	
	funding from previous years allocation.	
Continue to receive updates on existing CLLD projects in	Receive a performance update on	
the West and consider extensions to existing projects and	existing projects.	
consider new applications requiring match		
Continue to receive updates on West NEET project	Receive a performance update on	
	existing project.	
17. Eating healthy meals and learning to prepare and co	ok food, delivery sessions within local	community.
Receive update on Holiday hunger activities deliver 2019-	Receive a performance report from	
2020 and consider deliver for 2020-2021.	existing projects delivering holiday	
	hunger activities and consider	
	proposals for future need and delivery.	
18. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to	be safe together	
Receive updates from Sunderland All Together Consortium		
on project delivery and consider gaps when identified.		
Consider if facilities need capital improvements and or		
additional equipment for detached and outreach work.		
19. Support those who are struggling due to Universal Credit and other financial conditions		
Invite Welfare rights service to submit proposals for West	Understand if other areas are	
Support- consider a 3-year proposal.	considering this priority and invite	
	proposal.	

#### **22 SEPTEMBER 2020**

### REPORT OF WEST AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

### 1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The report provides an update with regards to the West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network.

# 2. Background

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks are in place and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee, taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.
- 2.2 West Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.
- 2.3 The West VCS Network is made up of over 70 local groups, as well as strategic local/national/regional partners. The network meets in the West on a regular basis to share good practice and support one another. The network feeds into a virtual network and feed into and receives weekly updates as part of an information share.

### 3. West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network (AVCSN) Progress Report

- 3.1 The West VCS Network have not met since the last Area Committee due to Covid -19. The network has kept in regular contact sharing information and ideas. The 3 reps are hoping to hold a virtual VCS network meeting in the Autumn.
- 3.2 Pallion Action Group and Youth Almighty Project continue to work with the Council, CCG, Gentoo and volunteers to provide support for shopping, prescriptions, to local residents in the West who are shielding.
- 3.3 Representatives from various VCS organisations were invited to take part in a team's meeting with Cllr J Kelly and Sandra Mitchell to discuss lessons learned (positive and negative) from the Community Hub response to COVID-19 and to consider what we might learn which will influence our future VCSE arrangements. Further discussions with the network will take place over the coming months.
- 3.4 Organisations from across the network are now starting to re-open. Activity programmes look very different to ensure organisations are working within government guidelines to keep everyone safe by respecting social distancing and implementing rigorous hygiene procedures.
- 3.5 44 Organisations from the West Area received support from the Sunderland City Council Local Support Scheme, this totalled to £114,500

### 4. Recommendation

4.1 Members are requested to note the content of this report.

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Joanne Laverick, Area Network Representative Tel No: 0191 5238000 Kelly Brougham, Area Network Representative Tel No: 07946269005

### 22 September 2020

### **REPORT OF GENTOO**

# 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report provides an update from Gentoo for the West Area Committee from March 2020 to September 2020.

# 2 Background

2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates from Gentoo would be presented to each Committee meeting to enable members to be up-to-date on current Gentoo developments, projects and priorities.

# 3. Changes to Neighbourhood Services

- 3.1 Following the national Coronavirus lockdown a number of changes have taken place which affect our customer access arrangements. As previously advised, Silksworth Office relocated to the ground floor of Akeler House at Doxford International Business Park and opened to customers on 8 June. The office at Silksworth will be demolished and Gentoo has recently submitted a planning application to Sunderland City Council to build 13 affordable rented homes on the site. Gentoo's office at Havelock has reopened on 8 June to customers on a pre-arranged appointment basis. We also took the decision to close cash payment facilities at Athenaeum and Galleries Offices due to the increased risk of Covid-19 transmission handling cash now poses. In addition, as well as a gradual decline in this method of payment in recent years, the vast majority of customers paid by alternative means without difficulty during the enforced lockdown period.
- 3.2 All of our local Neighbourhood Coordinator contact details are published on Gentoo's website, and during lockdown they contacted almost 100% of their customers to advise of their continued availability for advice and support in relation to their tenancy. Our teams are currently working partly from home and partly within our offices providing the full range of housing services, as we continue to manage the social distancing guidelines to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Whilst our Allocations service, including the advertising of vacancies online via HomeHunt was temporarily suspended during lockdown, the full service recommenced on 27 May. Viewings are carried out mainly on a '1 to 1' basis and we now offer a remote, digital sign up process, again to minimise the risk of Covid-19 transmission.

### 4. Investment & Renewal

4.1 Works on the first phase of Chester Gate delivering 118 new homes, were paused in order to allow a review into the impact of Covid 19 on house building and the housing market. Subject to Gentoo board approval in September, works will recommence as soon as possible to conclude the groundworks element, and enable

the commencement of plot foundation works in October. The new highways access from Chester Road, undertaken by Sunderland City Council is complete.

#### 5. Recommendations

5.1 Note the content of this report.

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# Sunderland West LMAPS Report

01 June 2020 to 31 August 2020

The following data set contains general information relating to fire incidents/ASB fires in this reporting area. This is for public information and sharing for the purposes of reducing ASB and fire crime.

If in doubt about the level of security contact the D&I team SHQ.

Primary fires include all fires in buildings, vehicles and outdoor structures or any fire involving casualties, rescues, or fires attended by five or more appliances.

Secondary fires include refuse, bin, derelict vehicle fires and grass fires. A secondary fire does not involve casualties or rescues.

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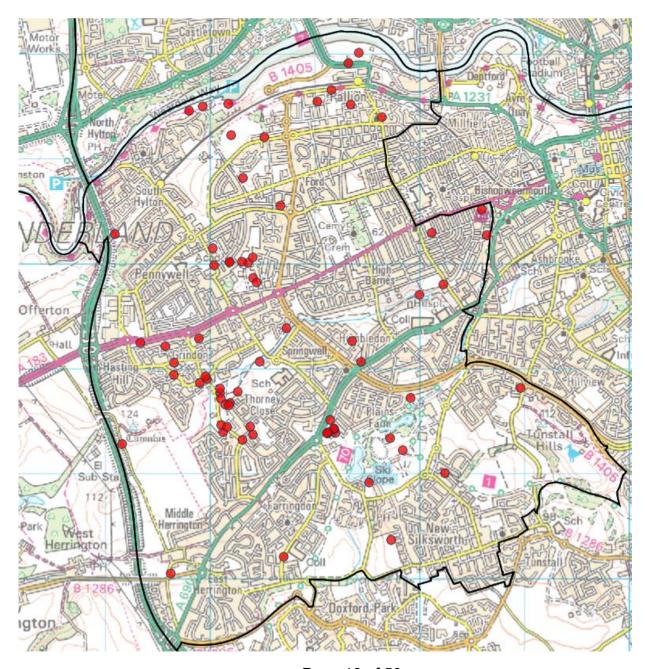


# Ward LI33 Incidents OFFICIAL

Ward	LI33 Last Year	LI33 Incidents
Sandhill ward	22	21
Silksworth ward	9	15
St Anne's ward	22	14
Pallion ward	23	11
Barnes ward	14	7
St Chad's ward	6	3
Total	96	71

LI33 Incidents			
Number of all deliberate fires			
LI33 Last year	LI33 incidents		
96	71		
LI14 Incidents			
Number of primary fires started deliberately (excluding p	primary		
LI14 Last year	LI14 Incidents		
10	2		
LI15 Incidents			
Number of deliberate primary road vehicle fires			
LI15 Last year	LI15 Incidents		
9	12		
<u>LI16 Incidents</u>			
Number of deliberate secondary fires			
LI16 Last year	LI16 Incidents		

Property level 4	LI33 Last Year	LI33 Incidents
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	24	20
Car	7	10
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	9	10
Wheelie Bin	14	7
Refuse/rubbish tip	14	4
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	1	4
Van	0	4
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	1	3
Public admin, security and safety	0	2
Fence	1	1
House - single occupancy	2	1
Other outdoor items including roadside furniture	1	1
Other private non-residential building	0	1
Scrub land	2	1
Warehouses and bulk storage	0	1
Wasteland	0	1
Motorcycle	2	0
Minibus	1	0
Straw/stubble burning	1	0
Food and Drink	1	0
Kiosk	1	0
Licensed HMO	1	0
Offices and call centres	1	0
Other buildings/use not known	1	0
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)	4	0
Purpose Built Flat/Maisonette - multiple		
occupancy	3	0
Private/Domestic garden/allotment (vegetation		
not equipment/building)	1	0
Roadside vegetation	1	0
Playground (not equipment) or Recreational area	1	0
Private garage	1	0
Total	96	71



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# LI33 Incident Details

Incident ref	Date	Time	Station	Ward	Property Type
48012873	02/06/2020	14:46	Sunderland Central (N)	Pallion ward	Warehouses and bulk storage
48012918	02/06/2020	19:27	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48013015	04/06/2020	12:04	Farringdon (Q)	St Anne's ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48013018	04/06/2020	12:41	Farringdon (Q)	St Anne's ward	Car
48013168	07/06/2020	10:33	Sunderland Central (N)	Pallion ward	Car
48013271	09/06/2020	00:00	Farringdon (Q)	St Anne's ward	Car
48013564	13/06/2020	20:10	Sunderland Central (N)	Pallion ward	Multiple Vehicles
48013569	13/06/2020	21:24	Farringdon (Q)	St Anne's ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48013835	17/06/2020	17:02	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48013881	18/06/2020	01:23	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48014130	21/06/2020	19:44	Farringdon (Q)	Silksworth ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48014186	22/06/2020	16:48	Farringdon (Q)	St Anne's ward	Wheelie Bin
48014379	24/06/2020	20:56	Sunderland Central (N)	Barnes ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48014615	27/06/2020	02:47	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Van
48014696	28/06/2020	02:03	Farringdon (Q)	St Anne's ward	Wheelie Bin
48014700	28/06/2020	06:13	Farringdon (Q)	Silksworth ward	Other private non-residential building
48014751	28/06/2020	22:26	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	House - single occupancy
48014798	29/06/2020	18:05	Farringdon (Q)	Silksworth ward	Fence
48014897	30/06/2020	23:04	Farringdon (Q)	Silksworth ward	Car
48014940	01/07/2020	16:07	Farringdon (Q)	Silksworth ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48015135	04/07/2020	19:19	Farringdon (Q)	Silksworth ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48015179	05/07/2020	06:14	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Car
48015235	05/07/2020	22:30	Farringdon (Q)	Silksworth ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48015406	07/07/2020	21:03	Farringdon (Q)	St Chad's ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48015735	11/07/2020	22:01	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48015777	12/07/2020	16:28	Farringdon (Q)	Silksworth ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48015860	13/07/2020	17:53	Farringdon (Q)	St Chad's ward	Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)
48015869	13/07/2020	19:48	Farringdon (Q)	Barnes ward	Other outdoor items including roadside furniture
48016044	15/07/2020	21:38	Farringdon (Q)	Silksworth ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie
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48016088	16/07/2020	17:06	Farringdon (Q)	St Anne's ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48016098	16/07/2020	19:17	Sunderland Central (N)	Barnes ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
48016143	17/07/2020	14:19	Sunderland Central (N)	Barnes ward	Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)
48016281	19/07/2020	03:05	Sunderland Central (N)	Barnes ward	Van
48016301	19/07/2020	12:31	Farringdon (Q)	Silksworth ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48016395	20/07/2020	14:43	Sunderland Central (N)	Pallion ward	Scrub land
48016398	20/07/2020	14:47	Farringdon (Q)	Silksworth ward	Public admin, security and safety
48016413	20/07/2020	17:23	Sunderland Central (N)	Pallion ward	Wasteland
48016428	20/07/2020	19:15	Sunderland Central (N)	Pallion ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
48016494	21/07/2020	15:56	Farringdon (Q)	Silksworth ward	Public admin, security and safety
48017095	28/07/2020	21:54	Farringdon (Q)	Pallion ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48017422	01/08/2020	06:25	Farringdon (Q)	Silksworth ward	Car
48017535	02/08/2020	20:56	Farringdon (Q)	Barnes ward	Car
48017575	03/08/2020	03:40	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Car
48018046	08/08/2020	17:07	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48018180	09/08/2020	20:30	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48018190	09/08/2020	21:33	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48018196	09/08/2020	22:21	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48018200	09/08/2020	22:52	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48018209	09/08/2020	23:56	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48018245	10/08/2020	16:51	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48018278	10/08/2020	20:10	Farringdon (Q)	St Anne's ward	Wheelie Bin
48018281	10/08/2020	20:34	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48018295	10/08/2020	22:05	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48018341	11/08/2020	13:08	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48018451	12/08/2020	15:55	Farringdon (Q)	St Anne's ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48018458	12/08/2020	17:42	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48018462	12/08/2020	18:01	Farringdon (Q)	St Anne's ward	Wheelie Bin
48018554	13/08/2020	13:56	Sunderland Central (N)	Barnes ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48018633	14/08/2020	16:52	Sunderland Central (N)	Pallion ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48018639	14/08/2020	18:34	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48018650	14/08/2020	20:12	Farringdon (Q)	St Anne's ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48018885	17/08/2020	21:29	Farringdon (Q)	St Chad's ward	Car
48018902	18/08/2020	04:55	Sunderland Central (N)	Pallion ward	Car
48018987	19/08/2020	15:42	Farringdon (Q)	Sandhill ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
48019000	19/08/2020	20:00	Farringdon (Q)	St Anne's ward Page 20 of 50	Wheelie Bin

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48019038	20/08/2020	12:27	Farringdon (Q)	Silksworth ward	Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)
48019074	20/08/2020	21:03	Farringdon (Q)	Silksworth ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
48019105	21/08/2020	05:31	Sunderland Central (N)	Pallion ward	Van
48019179	21/08/2020	19:49	Farringdon (Q)	St Anne's ward	Wheelie Bin
48019262	22/08/2020	17:50	Farringdon (Q)	St Anne's ward	Wheelie Bin
48019817	30/08/2020	06:03	Sunderland Central (N)	Pallion ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)

### **22 SEPTEMBER 2020**

### REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

# 1. Purpose of Report

The following report provides a community update and key performance information in relation to Sunderland West area between the following period (July-August 2020)

### 2. Background

Providing a report has been agreed by key leaders submitted ahead of any committee meetings. The report is in line with the Neighbourhood and Policing Priorities.

# 3. Key Updates

# 3.1 Problem Solving:

Motor cycle disorder continues to be a priority for the community. Along with other successes we have recently secured a conviction upon a teenage offender who has been banned from the roads and given a criminal record after injuring an on-duty officer in the Sandhill Ward when dealing with him for motorcycle ASB. The officer tried to prevent the offender from making off and as he did so the offender became aggressive and drove away dragging the officer 20 metres down the road with his arm trapped. Thankfully, the officer avoided serious injury but suffered bruising as a result. I hope this serves as reassurance that where opportunities arise to take positive action then we will do. Community intelligence is also vitally important to identify and take positive action against those responsible. We had experienced an increase in incidents certainly during the lockdown period however this has reduced of late. We continue to have a motorcycle ASB operation in place across Sunderland West with numerous tactics included to try and address this problem. Please be mindful that Sunderland West has very large open spaces around existing residential estates and work is being undertaken at identified hotspots whenever the opportunity presents.

Due to the current climate we have been unable to undertake partnership walkabouts, however it is hoped that in the near future this can be resurrected to address any identified issues at the earliest opportunity.

In the absence of school attendance we have worked with local youth groups and outreach workers to identify youths involved in ASB and to encourage positive behaviours and address the ASB itself. It is encouraging to see the youth provision in this area.

Work has also been undertaken around Silksworth Ski Slope in relation to vehicle ASB. Police deployed over a number of weeks to try and curb the behaviour and took positive action against identified offenders. A request was made to the Local Authority to consider perimeter fencing as a longer term solution and I understand the aim is to have this in place by September.

Work is ongoing in the Barnes Ward to address vehicle/youth ASB reports as well as the St Anne's ward re youth ASB around the Metro station.

The Sandhill Ward has seen the use of youth outreach workers also to aid with youth engagement whilst Police have been working on specific families and individuals across Thorney Close and Grindon.

### 3.2. Targeted Offender Management:

We have been actively executing warrants and arresting offenders along with making efforts to secure convictions to reduce the pain these individuals cause to our community; wherever possible we utilise tenancy enforcement to support this also. We have undertaken recent work with partners in addressing problematic families and individuals. This has occurred and is occurring in every Ward across Sunderland West. To compliment this positive action wherever possible we have also compiled, secured and served numerous prohibition orders of varying types along with the relocation of some individuals in efforts to eradicate the issues. This together with installation of CCTV has led to reduced incidents.

We have seen burglaries fluctuate through this uncertain time however we have also been actively involved in pursuing offenders responsible. This has resulted in offenders being further charged, some remanded and convicted or awaiting trial. It is reassuring to know that these crime types have reduced again following the apprehension of a number of offenders.

We continue to consider, prepare and execute a variety of prohibition orders and warrants across Sunderland West this is to target offenders of different crime types and to protect those directly at risk or the wider community.

# 3.3. 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 Sunderland West engaging with and supporting victims together with targeting offenders and making efforts to reduce crime and disorder. To support this work we have been updating social media and issuing press releases where possible to maintain some form of engagement with our communities. Where resourcing and demand allows we will look at other options where possible.

### 3.4. 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.

Orders and positive action taken upon offenders as outlined in 3.2 affords protection to our vulnerable. In addition victims are supported in a range of ways to help them stay safe. We are seeing positive results through the management of many orders that we have secured.

We have also been successful in targeting problematic families and individuals in certain residential estates which has seen some curb their behaviour and some have moved on also.

# 4. 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 unprecedented change in behaviours and environment with Co-vid restrictions in place.

### A4 - Sunderland West - (Sandhill/St Annes/Pallion/Barnes)

Total Crime – Decreased by 2%

Youth ASB is stable in A4 however the overall ASB has also increased during this period; again some of this increase can be attributed to the change in behaviours and environment due to Covid restrictions.

# 5. Forward planning matters of note:

Plans for a World Café style initiative at St Anne's Ward will be reviewed as and when the opportunity in the current climate will allow.

Partnership working with schools around ASB and youth related vulnerability Darker Nights planning to take place

The report demonstrates how Sunderland West Neighbourhood Team is visible within our community. Visibility occurs in different ways for which the above mentioned situations are a few of the many examples of our work.

**Inspector 7013 Pollock** 

### **Unauthorised Encampments**

### 1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on Unauthorised Encampments Policy and site activity in 2020 and the associated financial and service impact
- 1.2 For the Area Committees to review the sites in their area that have been used in the past 3 years and decide on whether they wish to consider any mitigation measures on sites in their area from Area Committee budgets.

# 2.0 Background on the Unauthorised Encampment Policy

- 2.1 The Council aims to meet the needs of all of its residents and to ensure fair and equal treatment for Gypsies and Travellers, in a way that facilitates the traditional and nomadic way of life of travellers, while respecting the interests of the settled community. This is in line with Government guidance and legislation.
- 2.2 The Council has an Unauthorised Encampment Policy with accompanying guidance and procedures to ensure a consistent approach to unauthorised encampments within its administrative boundary. In line with Government guidance the Policy encourages an acceptance approach to unauthorised encampments.
- 2.3 For the purpose of this Policy, an acceptance approach is one that allows those of a nomadic lifestyle, including small groups of Gypsies, Roma and Travellers, to stay on a site for a short period of time, providing that the location is safe and specified criteria relating to conduct is met.
- 2.4 To manage the policy and all associated response activity the Encampment Review Group (ERG) has been established. The ERG meets regularly to review and deliver all activity required within the Policy and respond to residents and Member queries and complaints. The ERG has a designated email address of <a href="mailto:encampmentreviewgroup@sunderland.gov.uk">encampmentreviewgroup@sunderland.gov.uk</a>.
- 2.5 If an encampment is on Council land and following site inspection there are no concerns regarding the encampment, then the encampment can be accepted for a length of agreed time (Council officer's discretion on circumstances).
- 2.6 This should be a maximum of 5 days, unless in exceptional circumstances, when a longer period of time can be agreed by the visiting officer. The cumulative stay of encampments within the administrative City boundary should be no more than 21 days within any three-month period.
- 2.7 Where the Council agrees to accept an encampment for a period of time, the campers will be provided with a Code of Conduct and Information as to what they can expect from the Council and what will be expected of the encampment. Evidence of failure to follow the code of conduct can result in eviction action.
- 2.8 All encampments will be visited, and a welfare assessment will be undertaken. Any requirements from the Welfare Assessment will be acted upon as soon as possible.

### 3.0 COVID impact on Unauthorised Encampment Policy

- 3.1 This year has been an abnormal year compared to other years in the way which the Council could implement its Policy. Government issued guidance which highlighted travellers as a vulnerable group and that they could not be evicted from the encampment in the normal arrangements within our policy.
- 3.2 Therefore, encampments when they arrived stayed longer than they would have done previously due to the Council being unable to take legal action as it normally would do to remove the encampment within the Policy timescales.
- 3.3 Officers did attempt to negotiate with all encampments a period of stay but this was successful in some instances but not always as some travellers refused to engage in these negotiations.
- 3.4 Through the Council's allocated COVID budget provision was made this year to cover with the additional potential impact and cost of this year's encampments, such as welfare provision. Other costs, such as cleansing were picked up by normal day to day operational budgets as they have been previously.

### 4.0 Site activity in 2020

4.1 This year there has been 21 encampments as at 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The breakdown is:

Site	Number of encampments
JSP, Washington	7
Wormhill Terrace	1
Albany Park	2
Grangetown	1
Hetton Lyons Country Park	3
Houghton (former colliery)	1
Mulberry Way	1
Northumbria Centre	1
Rainton Bridge	2
Rickleton Park	1
Spout Lane	1
TOTAL	21

- Every site has been visited and 21 welfare visits have been carried out.
- The ERG up to 4<sup>th</sup> August has met 26 times and its membership is:
  - o X2 Housing Officers
  - X1 Legal representative
  - X1 Security representative
  - o X1 Police representative

### 5.0 Site financial implications

5.1 Under Government guidance and emphasised by issued COVID guidance, it is required that the Council supports the traveller's and encampments with welfare provision. This year the Council has provided water and toilets on various sites. The items and costs are shown below:

Item	Costs to date
Water bowsers	£522
Toilets	£306.20
TOTAL	£828.20

5.2 There have been several incidents where water bowsers have gone missing/stolen and there has been fire damage to toilet units. The costs of this are:

Item	Costs to date
Water bowsers – missing/stolen	£1,499
Toilets – fire damaged	£920
TOTAL	£2419

5.3 Following regular visits or when a site is vacated the Council, if needed, undertakes any clearance and works to tidy up the site. The details of these works up to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 are:

Location	Number of Clearance activities	Total Costs
Coalfields		
Hetton Lyons Park	1	£201
TOTAL	1	£201
Washington		
James Steel Park	17	£2274
Rickleton Park	1	£153
Stephenson Ind. Estate	2	£117
TOTAL	20	£2544
East		
Grangetown	1	£107
TOTAL	1	£107
GRAND TOTAL	22	£2852

#### 6.0 Site assessments

- 6.1 It has been suggested that over the past few years some sites have proved difficult and may not be suitable as a site for an encampment. Following residents and Member complaints it was agreed that the Council would review all sites across the City that have been used as sites over the past 3 years and to develop, where necessary, measures that could prevent future encampments without breaching the aims of the tolerance policy in place. Each Area Committee would need to take this into account when making their decisions of any measures on sites in their area.
- The full list of potential site mitigation measures and costs are shown within Appendix 1 for consideration by the Area Committee.
- 6.3 It is up to the Area Committee if they wish to take forward any measures highlighted in the report against any of the sites in their area and all associated capital costs would be met from Area Committee budgets.
- 6.4 Any future maintenance and revenue costs associated with these works would also fall onto the Area Committee budgets. It would be prudent if the Area Committee do

decide to deliver some of these works to set aside a future "maintenance" fund. It is unclear what level this fund should be but £1000 per annum would be prudent.

# 7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 Members are requested to:
  - a. Note the contents of the report

# Appendix 1

Location	Area Committee	Suitability of Site	Regularity of Use	Potential actions	Indicative costs
James Steel Park	Washington	Low – site is used regularly by local community and is highly visible to all passers-by. Safe as not near busy roads	High	X 7 Barriers to car parks	£32,775
Bonemill Roundabout (*see Rickleton / Harraton Park below)	Washington	Not suitable, encampment on grass verge alongside road, roundabout and visible to passers-by.	Medium	<ul> <li>Landscape scheme</li> <li>formation of mounds</li> <li>introduction of trees and spring bulbs, wildflowers</li> <li>'birds mouth' fencing</li> </ul>	£11,500
Rickleton / Harraton Park	Washington	Low – site is used regularly by local community and is highly visible to all passers-by. Safe as not near busy roads	High	Proposal as above for Bonemill Lane. Option for birds mouth fence and vehicular barrier to manage access via Village Centre	£1,725
Elemore, Easington Lane	Coalfields	Low – site is used regularly by local community and is highly visible to all passers-by. Safe as not near busy roads	Low	Gate already on car park at golf course	n/a
Hetton Lyons Country Park	Coalfields	Low – site is used regularly by local community and is highly visible to all passers-by. Safe as not near busy roads	High	Barrier already in place on equestrian field. Provide barrier to car park at Ind Est entrance.	£5,175
Princess Anne Park, Washington	Washington	Low – site is used regularly by local community and is highly visible to all passers-by. Safe as not near busy roads	High	Barrier to View point car park	£5,750
Staithes Road Car Park, Washington	Washington	Low – site is used regularly by local community and is highly visible to all passers-by. Safe as not near busy roads	High	Barrier to car park / trench and bund to adj highway verge	£4,600
Saint Nazaire Way, Grangetown	East	Low – site is used regularly by local community and is highly visible to all passers-by. Safe as not near busy roads	Low	Private land – cannot do anything	n/a
Shepherds Way Washington	Washington	Low – site is used regularly by local community and is highly visible to all passers-by. May be	Medium	<ul><li>Barrier to car park entrance</li><li>Post and wire fence to car park</li></ul>	£5,750

		unsafe depending on exact location used due to road		perimeter	
Albany Park Washington	Washington	Low – site is used regularly by local community and is highly visible to all passers-by. Safe as not near busy roads	Medium	Bollards at Willowbrook, Collapsible Bollard at F-Pit, Bollard at Blue House Lane footpath, 2 Bollards at foot path next to zebra crossing, Soil bunding near F Pit NB. This has already been approved by Area Committee and works are being arranged to be delivered	£4,432
Northern Area Playing Fields (Northumbria Centre) but leads to larger site	Washington	Low – site is used regularly by local community and is highly visible to all passers-by. Safe as not near busy roads	Medium	<ul> <li>Post and wire fence</li> <li>Vehicular barrier at entrance to field.</li> </ul>	£6,900
Dykelands Road, Seaburn	North	Not suitable if encampment is situated on grass verge, alongside road, roundabout and visible to passers-by's	Low	Already fenced.	n/a
Rainton Meadows	Coalfields	Not suitable if encampment is situated on grass verge, alongside road, roundabout and visible to passers-by.	Medium	Ind Est South consider introduction of feature fencing. Ind Est Nth has barrier in place. Highway verge (adjacent to A690) could potentially bund this area but would need to maintain access to private field adjacent.	£9,200
Grasswell, Houghton, / Hetton	Coalfields	Low – site is used regularly by local community and is highly visible to all passers-by. Safe as not near busy roads	Medium	Already boulders in place – provide larger boulder adj Ruby St. Lockable barrier to be provided on access road rather than boulder	£2,300

# WEST AREA COMMITTEE 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

### Title of Report:

West 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 statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1.
- (b) Approve £12,957 to Pennywell Youth Project CLLD match for Community Champions
- (c) Approve £13,613 to SNCBC for the extension to West Clean and Green
- (d) Approve £120,000 to Sunderland City Council for the Play Area Improvement Programme
- (e) Note the 5 Community Chest approvals supported from 2020/2021, as detailed **Item 3 Annex 2**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

### Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has an allocation of £451,887 (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

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

### REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

# **West 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 Area Committee Neighbourhood Fund for 2020/2021:

	Committee Date		Approved	Balance
Total Neighbourhood Fund				m Children's
Services for Youth activities	es – total allocat	tion is theref	ore £451,887	
Project Name				
Returned funding:				
Completed projects	Various		£20,233	
Balance				£472,120

- The Table above shows a financial return of £20,233, this is a combination of the completion of previous projects Community Bus (£268), Maximising Green Spaces (£2,029), West Event 2015-2018 (£11,068), Energy Programme (£1,291), Youth Activities and Holiday Hunger (£1,017) and Phoenix Project (£4,560),
- 2.3 Following the success of the first phase of Community Champions Pennywell Youth Project were invited to apply for the remaining match funding of £12,957 Neighbourhood Funding (aligned from 2018/2019 budget). The application is seeking approval for the West Area Committee and is subject to the CLLD Local Action Group approving the CLLD full application. Full project details in **Item 3 Annex 1.**
- The former Place Board invited SNCBC to apply to extend the West Clean and Green project by £13,613 (previously approved to Sunderland City Council for Clean and Green). The Area Committee are asked to consider this application and approve the extension. Full project details in **Item 3 Annex 1.**
- 2.5 Following site visits and full consultation the West Play Area project is seeking approval from Area Committee for £120,000 Neighbourhood Fund, previously aligned in 2019/2020. Full project details in **Item 3 Annex 1.**
- The West Area Committee has been allocated £451,887 Neighbourhood Funding for capital and revenue projects. A number of projects have returned funding and the projects presented above for approval are from previous years budgets, if approved this brings the total balance of Neighbourhood Funding to £472,120.

# 3. Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme 2020 - 2023

3.1 The table below shows the financial position of West Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme for 2020/2023.

Total Neighbourhood Inve	Committee Date stment Capital F	Approved 020/2023 is £50	Balance 00,000
			£500,000 Capital
Neighbourhood Investment Plan priority			
Support communities to deliver local events – Christmas decorations	July 2020	£10,000	
Balance			£490,000

- 3.2 West Area Committee has been allocated £500,000 for capital developments which complement the Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Members will be responsible for allocating the funding through a majority decision at Area Committee.
- 3.3. The Capital Programme can be allocated in one year, or across more than one, depending on what proposals come forward throughout the year(s). The Area Committee have up to three years to allocate the full amount.
- 3.4 The remaining balance is £490,000.

# 4. Community Chest

4.1 The table below details the Community Chest awards starting balances for 2020/2021. **Item 3 Annex 2** shows the approvals supported between June to September 2020.

		Project		
	Starting	Approvals	Grant	
Ward	Balance	since April	Returned	Balance
Barnes	£10,000	£1,000	£0	£9,000
Pallion	£10,000	£1,000	£0	£9,000
Sandhill	£10,000	£3,397	£0	£6,603
Silksworth	£10,000	£0	£0	£10,000
St Anne's	£10,000	£1,991	£0	£8,009
St Chad's	£10,000	£2,556	£0	£7,444
Total	£60,000	£9,944	£0	£50,056

### 5. Recommendations:

5.1 Note the financial statements set out in section 2.1 and 3.1.

- 5.2 Approve £12,957 to Pennywell Youth Project for the CLLD match for Community champions.
- 5.3 Approve £13,613 to SNCBC for the extension to West Clean and Green.
- 5.4 Approve £120,000 to Sunderland City Council for the Play Area Improvement Prorgramme.
- Note the 5 Community Chest approvals supported from 2020/2021, as detailed in **Item 3 Annex 2.**

**Contact Officer**: Gilly Stanley, Area Community Development Lead

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# **Executive Summaries**

Title of Project	Community Champion- Pennywell Youth Project
Full Cost of project	£81,594.24
Match Funding	£68,637.24
Total Neighbourhood Fund requested	£12,957
When will the project start	November 2020
When will the project end?	January 2022
Total Participants	98
Total Results:-	60
Participants in education/	
training upon leaving	
Unampleyed participants into	
Unemployed participants into employment (including self-	
employment) on leaving	
Inactive participants into employment or job search	
upon leaving	

#### **Project Description**

A Community Café will be used as a catalysis for residents to initially engage with the Community Champions with a view to develop an individual pathway. Each participant will receive an induction, assessment and learning plan, which will be bespoke to individual need, ability and current economic status.

There will be two main strands to the Community Champion Project:

Moving them closer to the job market and training and learning opportunities.

 Raise aspirations, improve confidence, self-esteem, strengthen good health and wellbeing (challenge the underlying issues that are constraining the prosperity of health, safety and wellbeing of local residents), identifying skills, abilities, strength areas for development and goals. Activities will include workshops, one to one support, drop ins, one off events, assessments, questionnaires, individual target stetting and tasks, group work – developing soft skills

Moving them into employment, learning and training opportunities.

 Enhance skills, develop attributes, and provide qualifications delivered in Pennywell Youth Project. Activities include work based and volunteer placements, work readiness, CVs, interview techniques, job applications and searches, covering letters, presentation, team work and time management. Ensuring the qualifications and skills which residents need are a match for the city's industry.

Activities will be delivered in the St Anne's and Sandhill Ward, available to local resident including inactive and long term unemployed residents, it is well established within the organisation and the community under the current CLLD delivery programme. The local and city wide business will also benefit as they employ local residents who will be skilled to adapt to the ever changing labour market.

We are currently delivering a CLLD programme and have engaged with over 83 participants. The programme has become a valuable asset to the community, we support residents to deal with multiple complex issues i.e. mental health, sexual exploitation, debt, welfare reform, unemployment, domestic violence, galvanised by low aspirations and self-esteem.

Previous consultations highlighted the need for additional support to enable residents to break the cycle of unemployment, reduce isolation and promote community cohesion.

Our existing user group and steering group continue to meet and provide feedback for staff and the development of the project. User group feedback:

- There has been a significant amount of trust developed not only with the CC's but the organisation as whole
- Users refer, sign post and recommend the CLLD programme to their neighbours, friends and family as they highly compliment the service and support that they receive
- They no longer wait until they are in a state of crisis before they ask for support, previously they have buried their head in the sand as it was too daunting and overwhelming to deal with
- Participants are becoming better at budget management, form filling, understanding paper work, communication skills they actually peer mentor as they feel confident with the knowledge and skills they have developed within the programme, these are all transferable soft skills required by employers in the labour market.
- The bespoke programme offers a range of engagement methods and balanced opportunities to gain the required skills, confidence and ability move forward

We have a proven track record of delivering local neighbourhood community based programmes that's responsive to community needs and is community led.

The Community Champions have developed, and are working with, a diverse group of agencies to support the programme and development of the participants.

The CC have backgrounds of Careers education, Children in Need Panels, NEET Co-ordinator for Together for Children and youth work. The CC's knowledge of agencies is vast and wide, and are aware of additional support and resources needed to help the client group.

The project is currently working with Statutory bodies, the voluntary sector, Training Providers, NHS, Sunderland City Council and local businesses. These include: SCBC, SNYP, Pallion Action Group, Clean and Green, Wearside Women in Need, Salvation Army, NHS, Job Centre, Together for Children, Sunderland College, Northumberland College, Academy 360, Springboard, Learning Curve, Housing, Leaving Care, Crisis Team, Benefits agencies, Community Food Banks, Barclays, Gregg's, Sainsbury's, Aldi, George Watson Trust, Steps for Change etc.

The CC attends multi agency meetings (WVCS) to share good practice and to ensure there is no duplication of work, to share resources and to work collaboratively with the other agencies.

On the initial set up of the programme, the CC's were inundated with residents who were in crisis, suffering from debts and food and fuel poverty and unable to advance onto anything further. (44

were helped with debts and benefit, 8 PIP forms were completed, 2 taken through Steps for Change). Many were outside the remit of the programme and from across the city, but all were seen and helped.

Protocols are now in place to refer to Pallion Action Group and Welfare Rights for more complex debt cases, and CC's would only deal with level 1.

However, on a positive note, it did help the CC's develop a good working and trusting relationship with the residents and there has been a change in the attitudes of the clients. They are seeking help at appropriate times and are now participating more within the community. The work done, has improved the self-esteem of the clients and enabled them to "move on" doing courses and volunteering to gain work experience.

To alleviate food poverty, and to compliment the community café, the CC contacted retail outlets for surplus food stuffs. These are now collected 4 times a week and dispersed among the community. This has also helped to attract more members of the community who were not accessing services and suffering hardship.

A consultation day was held within the community at Pennywell last November and residents were asked about the programme and what they would like to see delivered. Many were grateful for the help they had received and wanted the programme to continue. They were wanting further help to;

- Gain qualifications,
- Help with CV's
- Job search,
- Help with benefits claims
- The development of a free charity shop
- Volunteering opportunities
- Gardening project
- Play group activities.
- Activities and outings

The free charity Shop is now up and running and the gardening project is well under way. The gardening project has helped many residents during Covid 19 lockdown, as they have been able to use the bedding plants and vegetable plants to plant up their gardens and green houses, greening up the area and growing their own vegetables. The community garden is planted up and the poly tunnel is full of vegetables, which will also help feed the community in the coming months. The gardening project is also helping some of our residents who have mental health problems. It is hoped that we can develop the programme further by obtaining some raised beds for those residents whose health is prohibitive in them engaging fully and a seating area outdoors where residents can sit. We are also set up to take 10 hens but have put this on hold due to Covid.

The charity shop is proving a huge asset to the community and is in constant use.

To enable us to establish these projects we enlisted volunteers from Barclay's and Clean and Green who helped us clear land at the rear of Pennywell Youth Project and to clear and decorate a room in the centre. We were able to get racks and rails from Springboard who were closing their charity shop. We are utilising what is available through other projects and businesses to help us achieve our aims and objectives and to ensure value for money.

We were hoping to run a series of courses, online and some in conjunction with SNCBC, for those who wanted to volunteer, but this was halted due to Covid 19.

We had also planned to do a Careers/jobs fare, with SNCBC, but this was also halted due to Covid 19.

During Covid 19 lockdown we have had requests from young people wanting help with CV's and job search. Some have been working with agencies and let go, others are school/college leavers needing help with next steps.

It is envisaged that after lockdown that we will see a rise in the number of residents needing help and support to gain employment and training.

St Anne's and Sandhill wards fall in the SLOAs with Sandhill identified as a specifically entrenched cluster, featuring as one of the 9 out of the 10 LSOAs in Sunderland which are in the top 1000 deprived (i.e. the absolute deprived) in England. The JSNA of Child and Family poverty January 2015 identifies the main factors associated with poverty that this programme will address. The LDS in summary also defines the most deprived areas are to be supported include the St. Anne's and Sandhill wards and there is evidence to show the residents of these areas are either "missing out" or unable to engage with existing provision.

We have a proven record and successful track record of engaging with those who are most marginalised and hardest to reach. We have the matched funding required to support ESIF activity and have a meaningful impact of the area priorities. We have the relationship with the target beneficiary group identified in the LDS, our project description and activities will improve the alignment and integration of existing local services for our disadvantaged community members. We will improve job outcomes, reduce local duplication and provide a more personalised service.

## **Health and Well Being**

The CC will help to address personal circumstances that prevent stakeholders entering the job market including, mental health, risk taking behaviours, self- confidence, apathy and motivation. They will provide support with a range of issues ranging from referrals regarding addiction, obesity, alcohol consumption, mental Health, physical health and fitness and emotional wellbeing. We will liaise with all appropriate agencies to provide support with these issues.

## **Community Capacity**

The CC will aim to reduce isolation and improve community capacity, by encouraging the residents to participate and contribute to community life by participating in the programme.

The programme will offer activities aimed at those farthest away from the job market, those who are vulnerable with little confidence and limited qualifications and experience of a working environment.

#### **Overcome Barriers to employment**

The CC will provide opportunities for participants to gain and develop soft skills, i.e. team work, communication skills, problem solving, time management, positive attitude, work ethic and other related interpersonal skills.

Activities will include:

- Small group work
- Simulated working environments
- group challenges
- Bite size workshops
- Individual tasks and challenges

# **Employability Skills**

Participants will be exposed to real life working environment providing hands on opportunities for skills development, and expose participants to routine rules, regulations and the structure of a working environment, both on site or by work experience placements or volunteering.

#### Participants will become more active

More people will be brought into the system in an area of high unemployment. Participants will be supported to find opportunities and ongoing support to sustain them.

Strategic objectives;

Objective 1Enhancing employment and skills provision

Action 1.1 Effective engagement, finding and sign-posting

Action 1.2 Support into and finding employment

Objective 3 Improving community capacity, partnership working and social innovation.

Some residents are very isolated and lack support. Coming together enables them to spend time with others, engage in positive activities and bring members of the community together. High levels of poverty and intergenerational unemployment has fostered low self esteem and confidence leading to low aspirations. The growing deficit between the working class and underclass is widening which has led to a culture that leaves many people feeling excluded, isolated or misrepresented and, therefore adversarial or apathetic. Many of the people we have engaged at PYP live in run down social conditions, with little money, in a stressed out, sometimes violent community. When you live in a troubled home, life spills out onto the street. Eventually you become closed off to the dysfunction, perhaps to spare feelings of shame or embarrassment. We work with many who are vulnerable and live in constant economic uncertainty, job insecurity or subjected to inhumane sanctions regime often leaving them with the lacking the capacity to absorb, process and partially address life's unpredictable adversity. So much of the system is presided over by people either from a distance or as a brief visitor who only understand poverty in the simplest of terms and from a middle class agenda, culture and perception, reflecting everything they misunderstand. PYP has been established for over 30 years in the heart of estate, employing over 50% of previous services users who were born in Pennywell and have experienced the challenges of living in a impoverished community presents. This includes the most senior members of staff and the CEO who all hold Teaching and Community and Youth Work qualifications up to Level 6 and have employed for between 10 to 30 years. We understand the troubles and are able to provide a responsive and appropriate bespoke intervention that's person and family centred. Community activities allow the local residents to come together and break down some of the barriers and break the culture of apathy and dependency.

There is a complex interplay between risk and resilience factors. As the number of risks accumulate for children ,young people and adults, more protective factors are needed to act as a counterbalance. Individuals are often able to cope, so long as the balance among risks, stressful life events and protective factors is manageable. When risk factors and stressful life events outweigh the protective factors, even the most resilient individual can develop problems.

We will deliver a wide variety of pathways designed for each learner's needs. The clients will develop both soft skills, such as team working and communication skills, as well as gaining relevant qualifications for their own personal career goals.

The qualifications will range from ASDAN personal development, food and hygiene, basic computer skills, asbestos awareness, CSCS cards, health and safety, First Aid, Manual Handling, basic maths and English etc to meet client needs and abilities.

Clients will be given an initial assessment, and a full, impartial careers guidance interview resulting in an individual learning plan being completed.

The Individual Learning Plans will reflect the interests, skills, abilities and personal circumstances of the individual. These will be reviewed regularly throughout the programme to keep clients on track and to move them further towards the employment ladder. Pastoral support will be given throughout the programme as well as assistance for travel costs and appropriate work clothing or clothing for interviews

The programme will primarily run from the Pennywell Youth Project but clients will be able to access support from other appropriate venues in the community. Participants will be engaged for a

minimum of 50 hours for the duration of the programme but it is expected we will exceed this amount as we anticipate that their need will be greater.

The target groups will include lone parents, those suffering from isolation, socially and economically at risk and economically inactive. The project will have an "opendoor" approach, where Equal opportunities will be afforded to all groups regardless of race, religion, creed or academic ability.

Recruitment will be done through publicity (using the internet and posters), working with partners such as Together for Children and Job Centre as well as staff door knocking and word of mouth in the community.

We recently held a consultation day with the public, in preparation for recruitment, and to find out the needs and wants of the community. Many residents expressed an interest in doing voluntary work or gaining qualifications. Many are far from the labour market and will need considerable and intensive one to one support as they have few or no qualifications and significant barriers in achieving their aims. The clients generally do not access mainstream services.

Our Community Champion has established contacts and relationships in the community and worked with clients to help remove barriers such as, debt, helped with benefit claims, food and fuel poverty and housing issues. Some clients are now ready to become more active in the community and want to gain qualifications. Many are struggling with basic English and maths and IT skills and many are single, female parent households or workless households.

We also have a wide foot flow through the centre each week because of the other activities we are involved in such as the Community Cafe, coffee morning, Community Garden and a new community charity shop.

Programme delivery will include;

- Individual assessment of need and identify barriers to progression.
- An individual Vocational guidance interview to identify needs, abilities, skills and interests
  which will be reviewed as the programme progresses and on exit from the programme
- Individual Learning Plan that is reviewed regularly and is achievable and time bound.
- As part of the induction all clients will be taken through Health and Safety, safeguarding and equality and diversity procedures and given the appropriate paperwork.
- Access to appropriate training that reflects the ability and needs of the client and relevant to their progression into education, employment, training or voluntary work.
- Access to the Internet
- Job Search
- Access to a job club every week to get individual help with finding appropriate opportunities.
- 1-1 Interventions to monitor progression and help with confidence building.
- CV writing. Each client will receive help to create an appropriate CV
- Covering letters.
- Interview techniques and preparing for interview
- Visits to training providers and further educational institutions where appropriate
- Access to courses online
- Access to Volunteering opportunities
- Work experience placements where appropriate
- Access to a telephone
- Exit interview and feedback
- Access to training for literacy, numeracy and IT skills as appropriate

There will be a designated worker employed to coordinate the provision with the support of the wider team and when the programme dictates. The coordinator is Level 6 qualified, holding the Diploma in Career Guidance, the Personal Adviser Diploma, D32/33 and is trained in psychometric testing. She was previously employed by Connexions and has vast experience working in schools, training providers, colleges and the third sector as well as working front line with the NEET and those furthest from the labour market. She also has a wide knowledge of programmes available through further education, training providers, the voluntary sector and online. It will be the coordinator's role to make sure all documentation is completed and appropriate documentation is obtained for eligibility. The client's files will be checked regularly to ensure that all documentation is in place and accurately recorded.

Title of Project	West Clean and Green – Extension- SNCBC
Full Cost of project	£13612.67
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Match Funding	£435.67
Total NF requested	£13,177.00
When will the project start	December 2020
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When will the project end?	March 2021
Where will the project be	Across all wards of Sunderland West Framework
based or delivered from	Area, specifically, Barnes, Doxford, Sandhill,
	Silksworth, Pallion, St Anne's.
Engage new volunteers	4
Lingage new voidinteers	7
Retain existing volunteers	10
No of environmental	10
projects delivered	
No of educational support	60
packs distributed	

#### **Project Description**

Sunderland North Community Business Centre (SNCBC) have been delivering environmental improvements as a partner within the West Area Framework since April 2019. The project aims to improve neighbourhoods by encouraging and leading 'clean ups' of community spaces and addressing issues with overgrowth, littering and fly tipping across all five West wards.

To date the West Clean and Green project we have successfully completed 22 environmental projects which has included community clean ups, plantation management projects, installing planters to address traffic management issues and working with local schools to share educational information. This application proposes to continue the delivery of these activities beyond the currently precited end date of November 2020, retaining the participation of existing volunteers and engaging new volunteers, reducing littering and fly tipping and supporting the sustainable upkeep of maintained areas while working with local groups to develop additional skills by providing access to a co-ordinated equipment bank. In the four months extension period we anticipate working with 14 volunteers (10 existing and 4 new) to deliver 10 environmental projects and 60 educational environmental activity acks to children and young people.

SNCBC had predicted that during phase one, a bank of equipment would be purchased for local groups to borrow as part of an equipment loan scheme and this would including the training of volunteers in the use of equipment and monitoring the return, storage and maintenance of that equipment. Ideas for this have been developed, and initial resources purchased, however the sharing of equipment needs to be considered in light of covid-19 learning and infection control measures. Costs in relation to cleaning and sanitising have been reviewed and additional resources in this regard have been include in this application.

The Project will continue to be led by a steering group comprising staff from SCC Community Resilience Team, Responsive Local Services, Local Elected Members and staff from relevant

support partners such as Gentoo, Police, Tyne and Wear Fire who will contribute to the group as issues emerge. The Steering Group will identify appropriate potential sites and 'priority phases' of project delivery responding to local resident identified needs, issues raised by local business and community walkabouts. This approach ensures that the work of the Clean and Green Team does not duplicate that of other Organisations and ensures it is responsive to local area priorities.

We feel the compliment of staff recruited to the current Clean and Green Project has been key to its success. The Project Facilitator leads the practical environmental improvement work and takes recommendations for project work from the Steering Group, then visiting the selected areas to A work assessment is documented and includes the understand the work to be carried out. scope of the work recommended to be undertaken, any impact to habitat, consideration of works in line with any requirements such as the need to gain authority to work on public land, Countryside Act and/or to adhere to by-laws. The report makes recommendations of health and safety requirements, resource and tool requirements and any impacts on carrying out the work such as seasonal influences of pruning, nesting etc. For example, the winter months are ideal for cutting back and removal of vegetation. The Work Plan enables us to sustain the impact of the C&G work by ensuring ongoing maintenance, rubbish clearance etc. The Project Facilitator will ensure any safety concerns observed on site, during the compilation of the work assessment, are reported in a timely and appropriate manner, this is particularly important and always tackled first or reported to interested parties for example falling trees that need removing would be reported to the Arboriculture Department at Sunderland Council. The Project facilitator is supported in delivering clean and green activities by sessional general operatives from the wider SNCBC delivery team.

The second element of the Project facilitators role is the recruitment and induction of volunteers to work on the Clean and Green project. All volunteers are inducted into the project, understand its aims and objectives, undertake a verbal and practical individual assessment of skills, considering potential health issues and provides regular ongoing supervision. Volunteers receive a 'toolbox talk' to understand the correct and appropriate use of all hand tools and as appropriate motorised equipment.

Recruitment of volunteers is ongoing, volunteers attend for varying reasons and varying lengths of time, we have some corporate groups and some occasional or one-off volunteers who support specific clean ups of public spaces, specific environmental works on plantation clearances. We currently recruited 18 regular volunteers to date and at the point of compiling this application we are re-engaging this core group to return to 'safe volunteering' following some easing of the lockdown response to covid-19. Volunteer supervision is ongoing and participation records are collated at every session. Volunteer progression has been mapped through case studies, to demonstrate how the Clean and Green Project has contributed to reducing social isolation, improving confidence, and has led to some volunteers accessing job opportunities. We expect similar achievements and outputs to be realised in this proposed extension.

We believe a further key to the success of the current Clean and Green project has been the approach to partnership working. We have given Organisations the opportunity to get involved in a variety of environmental improvements, based on local needs and to address local concerns. The project staff work closely, and in harmony, with Local Responsive Services teams and we have developed and established a robust approach of enabling parallel participation so both parties can achieve a common goal.

We have carried out work with a range of voluntary Organisations and projects including Friends of Silksworth Park, Friends of Barnes Park, Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre, Pennywell Youth Project, Pallion Action Group, Lakeside Flats Residents Association and Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre. We have started to engage some of the local youth projects such as Grindon Young Peoples project and schools such as Thorney Close and Highfield primary and we will build on this work during the project extension. Our collaborative approach has extended to engaging corporate volunteers from the NHS and we will pursue other opportunities in this regard in our future delivery. We will also build upon or relationships with local businesses and encourage them to take a greater responsibility for their waste.

Our delivery of Clean and Green Phase one work has identified the need to work in a targeted manner to address issues which create the need for Community Clean Ups. We have found local residents are keen and supportive in participating in Clean Ups but register their frustrations that there are 'repeat offenders' who are the cause of the littering in the first place. The Steering Group

understand the need to develop a robust process to communicate the importance of correct residential waste disposal, encourage residents to be more proactive in keeping their neighbourhood clean and tidy and reporting issues. We also recognise the importance of sharing environmental lessons with children and young people and enabling them to positively interact with their environment and this application enables the compilation and distribution of 60 activity packs and a range of virtual messages to share with local groups.

The work that has been conducted by the Clean and Green team to date has been recognised locally by residents as having a positive impact and is seen as a model of good practice across the City. Clean and Green has become a recognised brand and our staff team receive positive feedback and praise from local residents, businesses, and partners. We advertise the project and its funders with local site signage, good news stories and by sharing information through the VCS network. We will continue to contribute to local events when they are restarted following the pandemic lockdown.

We recognise the importance of providing a sustainable service and our aim is to equip volunteers with the skills to take ownership of their local environment and to support them to work with other residents, wider community members and partners to understand local issues, help to identify their own solutions and take more responsibility for their local community and sites. SNCBC are aware of the importance of best value and as part of our proposal we are identifying in-kind support from the SNCBC Management Team to consider other opportunities to fund the scheme. SNCBC have proved their ability to operate to a best value model through the delivery of Clean and Green phase one, by enabling an extension of the project within the existing budget.

In conclusion, SNCBC have existing staff, partners, working procedures and most importantly a bank of well-motivated, trained and willing volunteers and as such feel they are well placed to deliver the 'Phase 1' extension of the Clean and Green project which will lead on from the Phase One project in a streamlined and planned manner.

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Staff Costs – Project	7179.68	0	7179.68
Facilitator – 30 hours			
Sessional support	1500.48	0	1500.48
Fuel, equip service and replace, storage, cleaning materials	666.67	0	666.67
Steering group co- ordination and project management and finance	1097.25	0	1097.25
Office and volunteer base	666.67	133.33	800.00
Client and staff travel, dbs, safety clothing, refresh, equip transport	1469.00	300.00	1769.00
Activity Packs	300.00	0	300.00
Insurance	300.00	0	300.00
Total	13179.75	433.33	13611.28

Title of Project	Play Improvement Programme – Sunderland City Council				
Full Cost of project	£144,000				
Match Funding	£24,000				
Total Neighbourhood Fund requested	£120,000				
When will the project start	November 2020				
When will the project end?	April 2021				

## **Project Description**

Landscape Design Services was asked by the former Place Board to identify some possible improvements in respect of children's play areas in the West Area.

Detailed below is the equipment to be supplied and fitted for the work at each of the play areas, as requested by the West Area ward councillors.

## **Portsmouth Road (Visit)**

# Match funding - Repairs and Maintenance to be carried out by Environmental Services

- Repair to the climbing ropes on the multi-play unit
- Refurbish nest swing; and
- Refurbish dolphin seat

# Work to be commissioned

- Repairs to the wet pour;
- Re-painting of equipment;
- Wooden posts rubbed down;
- Replace the existing springie with inclusive springie
- Gate Area grid to be removed and a new self-closing gate installed
- Inclusive Roundabout (If space and the safety surface is adequate)

# **King George Playing Fields (Visit)**

# Match funding - Repairs and Maintenance to be carried out by Environmental Services

Repair or remove the MUGA fencing.

# Match funding £24,000 Section 106 monies

• Refurbish and introduce some additional items in the Skate Park.

#### Work to be commissioned

- Refurbish roundabout
- Inclusive equipment roundabout, springie & see-saw;

# **Silksworth Recreation Park (Visit)**

# Match funding - Repairs and Maintenance to be carried out by Environmental Services

- Re-fill sand around multi-play unit;
- Replace missing fencing around MUGA;
- Remove old tennis court fencing, with the exception of the fencing facing the housing;
- Remove long wooden bench in the play area;
- Clean MUGA;
- Clean bandstand tarmac and stone. Remove grass and replace with bushes; and
- Remove fencing behind the bandstand area.

# Work to be commissioned

- Install metal benches to replace wooden bench x3; and
- Install junior double swings next to net swing.
- Install a Zip wire or Viking swing

## **Thorney Close Play Area (Notes via email)**

# Match funding -Repairs and Maintenance to be carried out by Environmental Services

- Repair to the embankment slide:
- Install dog bin outside of play area; and
- Install new litter bin within the play area.

# Work to be commissioned

- Replace missing chain and seat on existing swing;
- Re-paint existing seating;
- Inclusive springie; and
- Inclusive rocker if the room is available

## **Grindon Lane**

#### Work to be commissioned

- Install a further seat in the play area
- Install Inclusive springie and/or rocker
- Replace grass mattis safety surfacing;
- Supply and install roundabout
- Viking Swing -or changes to ball games area tbc
- Install a further litter bin in the play area
- Remove broken equipment
- Replace dog bin
- General clean;
- · Repair wet pour
- Repair trim trail
- Drainage and soak away to be installed under swings

# **Barnes Park**

# Match funding;- Repairs and Maintenance to be carried out by Environmental Services

• Signage and/or fencing to prevent access to dogs in play areas

# Work to be commissioned

New spinner in small play area

# **East Herrington Play Area**

Match funding Repairs and Maintenance to be carried out by Environmental Services Additional bins

# Work to be commissioned

- Surfacing to be cleaned and repaired
- Repair multi-play unit
- · Repair wet pour
- Dig out rotting timber log edging and replace with concrete edging
- Additional seating x 2
- Inclusive springie
- Infant multi-play

# Contribution to Hylton Rd playing fields to work with S106 funding

Item and Description	Total Costs	Match Costs	NF Contribution
Play Area Improvements Portsmouth Rd, King George V, Silksworth Rec, Thorney Close, Grindon Lane, Barnes Park and Allendale Rd	88,000	Tbc	88,000
Hylton Road Play Area	20,000	Tbc	20,000
Professional Fees for above	12,000	Nil	12,000
King George V Skate park works	21,800	21,800	Nil
King George V Fees	2,200	2,200	Nil
Total	144,000	24,000	120,000

# COMMUNITY CHEST 2020/2021 WEST AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED - June to September 2020

Ward	Project	Ward Allocation 2020/2021	Project Approvals	Previous Approvals	Grants Returned (since April 2020	Balance Remaining
Barnes	Plains Farm Academy – Towards the purchase of equipment to create a secret garden		£1,000			
	Total	£10,000	£1,000	£0	£0	£9,000
Pallion	No applications received for approval June to September					
	Total	£10,000	£0	£1,000	£0	£9,000
Sandhill	<b>Grindon Broadway under 40's FC –</b> To purchase new football strips for the team		£800			
	Northern Karate Association – Towards the purchase of new equipment		£1,000			
	Sunderland Rangers FC – towards training kits and equipment		£797			
	Total	£10,000	£2,597	£800	£0	£6,603
Silksworth	No applications received for approval June to September	,	,			
	Total	£10,000	£0	£0	£0	£10,000
St Anne's	No applications received for approval June to September	,				
	Total	£10,000	£0	£1,991	£0	£8,009

St Chads	Sunderland Rangers FC – Purchase of new football strips and equipment for the Thorney Close Boys U15's team		£797			
	Total	£10,000	£797	£1,759	£0	£7,444
Totals		£60,000	£4,394	£5,550	£0	£50,056