

# Sunderland West

Area Committee Delivery Plan covering the wards  
Barnes, Pallion, Sandhill, Silksworth, St Anne's and St Chad's

  
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# Introduction

**As Chair of the West Area Committee, I am delighted to present the West Area Committee Delivery Plan, covering the wards of Barnes, Pallion, Sandhill, Silksworth, St Anne's and St Chad's.**

During 2019-20 we launched our resident engagement strategy – Let's Talk Sunderland, where we asked residents what they liked about their neighbourhood, what they'd like to change and how they could become more involved within their community.

We received an excellent response from residents of all ages and communities, including from our local area. Clearly our residents love their neighbourhoods and their city – however they feel it could be better cared for; with more enforcement against those who don't. They value the strong community spirit and they want to support vulnerable communities. Significant investment is ongoing across Sunderland creating an exciting and vibrant, healthy and dynamic city for everyone – we must however bring back the vibrancy of our neighbourhoods too, ensuring all residents share the journey.

Sunderland City Council supported by the West Area Committee, alongside partners and the voluntary and community sector are determined to deliver the West Neighbourhood Investment Plan, which was approved by the Council's Cabinet in March 2020, and to ensure the priorities are achieved, this Area Committee Delivery Plan has been produced.

This Delivery Plan is a dynamic document, supported by a Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme as well as the Area Committee's Neighbourhood Funds. I urge you to monitor the Council's progress, as we work hard to improve the lives of our residents.

We will also continue to engage with residents through Let's Talk Sunderland, consulting further with residents on key topics as the city continues to move forward beyond the Covid-19 pandemic. We will develop a pledge with residents and partners to continue to invest and improve our neighbourhoods – together.



Councillor Peter Gibson,  
Chair of the West Area Committee

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# What we have achieved so far

Following the approval of the five Neighbourhood Investment Plans at Cabinet in March 2020, no-one could have anticipated the impact the Coronavirus (COVID-19) would have across the world.

The COVID-19 pandemic was like no other ever experienced in our lifetime, however the Sunderland people came together as they always do during a crisis. On Monday 23 March 2020, the Prime Minister declared to the nation that we must work together, stay at home to stay safe and protect the NHS.

From Tuesday 24 March onwards, our communities mobilised themselves like never before, looking out for each other and working together to support our most vulnerable. Elected Members, alongside officers from across the Council, key partners and our Voluntary and Community Sector quickly and pragmatically established Area Community Hubs.

These hubs coordinated support to our residents, phoning them to check on their welfare if they were shielded, knocking on their door if we were unable to contact them by phone. A leaflet was posted through the letter box of every household, advising residents how to ask for help as well as how to offer their help and support.

The Area Community Hubs have been hugely successful in delivering the response to COVID-19 and particularly in relation to working with partners and more specifically working with VCS.

We will ensure we capture the positives of this approach and strengthen this in our future delivery arrangements to enable the Neighbourhood Plans to be delivered efficiently for the benefit of all partners and residents.

The residents of Sunderland must also continue to be given the opportunity to play their part – just as they have done over the last few months. The community spirit across our neighbourhoods, which kept the city going during the pandemic's darkest days, will strengthen the outcomes of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans.

Sunderland City Council remains committed to delivering the five Neighbourhood Investment Plans, committing both Capital and Revenue resources to support delivery all the priorities, agreed through significant consultation with residents and partners. Each of the five Area Committees are committed to their delivery – achieving the best outcomes possible, for all residents.

As well as delivering projects and investing within our neighbourhoods the Council is also investing significantly in the City Centre and Riverside, as well as across the city to improve housing, highway infrastructure, Digital opportunities and 5G connectivity, increase business investment and growth, expand the cultural offer and reduce our carbon footprint.

Council frontline services continue to be reformed to clean-up neighbourhoods, enforcing against those who insist on dropping litter and fly-tipping as well as targeting anti-social behaviour and crime.

Growing capacity within our voluntary and community sector will also be crucial as we move forward, enabling residents, of every age, to access vital health and wellbeing services to reduce health inequalities as well as bespoke support to enable financial resilience and digital participation.

Residents clearly stated during the Let's Talk consultation that they wanted to know more about what the Council was doing within neighbourhoods on a day to day basis.

The Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plans will continue to be available to view via the Council's website. Residents will be able to track delivery of priorities as well as investment within the neighbourhoods from across all Council services. This tracking facility will not only keep residents informed but also enable them to see where they could also get involved to support community efforts or projects.

The West Area Committee is excited to be also sharing within this document how we are specifically supporting the Neighbourhood Investment Plan, demonstrating how we are leading change and investment within our neighbourhoods, through our neighbourhood funding, to support the priorities raised by residents, alongside the wider council – please follow our progress as we work together to transform our Neighbourhood Investment Plan delivery model

# Neighbourhood Investment Plan delivery model



City Plan



Resident consultation



West Neighbourhood Investment Plan

approved by Cabinet in March 2020

Sunderland City Council working towards delivery of priorities to:

- Improve housing
- Create a clean and green environment
- Highways investment
- Become a digitally Smart City
- Large-scale investment
- Supporting job opportunities and raising aspirations
- Improving health and wellbeing
- Supporting the voluntary and community sector
- Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
- Improving financial resilience
- Celebrating heritage
- Delivering events
- Supporting young people



West Area Committee

Supporting delivery of additional projects to add value to council activities, working closely with residents, partners and the voluntary and community sector to improve people's live and create resilience communities using all available resources.

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Residents can track progress via

[www.sunderland.gov.uk/neighbourhoodinvestmentplans](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/neighbourhoodinvestmentplans)



# West Area Committee delivery plan 2020-23

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 [www.sunderland.gov.uk](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk) as well as through quarterly Area Committee update reports. The West Area Priorities for 2020-23 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 the 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 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

### 1. Work with private landlords by ward and proactively deal with issues using all available enforcement powers

Links to: A Dynamic Smart City More and better housing

Action	Next steps?	Progress
Assistant Director Housing to present full update on Housing to West Neighbourhood and Community Board	West Area Committee to consider update and how they can enhance and support the offer within the West area.	The Assistant Director of Housing attended the February 2020 Neighbourhood and Community Board and updated on the developments within the service area.

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 2. Invest in Street Furniture including additional bins

Links to: A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods

Action	Next steps?	Progress
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.	At the March Area Committee funding was approved to replace 48 110ltr bins, 4 dog bins, 19 post mounted and 6 benches. Bins were installed over the summer and continued into Autumn. Benches are due to arrive soon.
Removal or Painting of pedestrian barriers and other street furniture		The Neighbourhood and Community Board have agreed to hold further discussions regarding this priority later in the year. Wards continue to use their Walk and Talk projects to address ward based issues.

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 3. Enhance local green spaces and encourage wider use including sports equipment, refurbishment of existing equipment and delivery of activities which support health and wellbeing

Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods

A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives

Action	Next steps?	Progress
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.	All 6 Outdoor Gym sites are now open. Each site has a variety of equipment to exercise arms and legs. The Site locations are, Hylton Road Playing Fields, King George Playing Fields, Silksworth Recreation Park, Barnes Park, East Herrington Park and Thorney Close.
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.	The relevant service areas attended the February Board and updated on plans for the city. Members supported the plans and are also keen to enhance existing routes, further details to be discussed at a future Board meeting. Work continues with the Stephenson Trail, with improvements planned for 2022.
Parks and Open Green Spaces		The Assistant Director of Community Resilience attended the July board and provided an update on Parks and Open green spaces and the capital investment proposals. Work has begun to deliver the improvements and updates will be provided to future Board meetings.
Carry out a review, audit and capital improvements across Sunderland Cemeteries.	Invite the Bereavement Service Manager along to a future meeting to discuss.	The Bereavement Service Manager was invited along to the November 2021 Board meeting. An update was provided on improvements and service changes. Member were informed about a new joint working group being established across the City, between Officers and Councillors to improve the appearance and design of cemeteries. Members were invited to the working group. Update pending
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.	Ward members continue to allocate the Walk and Talk budgets in each ward.

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 4. Launch 'Love where you live' campaign and In Bloom

Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods

Action	Next steps?	Progress
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 approved at September 20 Area Committee for the extension.	Environmental improvements/litter picks and community activities have been delivered across all wards. The steering group met in November and agreed a refreshed action plan for 2022. Work continues across the West with Volunteering opportunities being promoted across the Wards. The Clean and Green team are actively involved in the Great British Spring Clean.
Develop plans for a West wide in bloom delivery	To be considered at a future board meeting	The Neighbourhood and Community Board Launched a Call for Projects. Applications for The Keep Sunderland West Tidy Programme. Were approved at September Area Committee. Projects are delivering across the West. Opportunities involving local residents are promoted on the West Area Facebook page and the individual projects pages and within each centre and local area. Over 20 litter picks have taken place with support from over 400 volunteer hours.
To understand more about the Enforcement measures and opportunities to enhance in the West to encourage more to 'Love where you live'		The West Enforcement project has begun the recruitment process and has placed the order for the CCTV cameras. Once the workers are in place, updates will be provided. All Neighbourhood wardens have been provided with information in relation to Community Provision for signposting including Youth activities.



## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 5. Review transport routes in partnership with all providers in consultation with residents. Pick up localised parking issues - residential and shopping

Links to: A Healthy Smart City Great transport and travel links

Action	Next steps?	Progress
Consider parking issues at St Luke's Terrace		The Asset and Network Manager attended the Neighbourhood and Community Board and discussed the issues faced around the area with regards to parking. The Neighbourhood and Community Board will discuss the matter at a future meeting once site visits have taken place.

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting

Links to: A Healthy Smart City Great transport and travel links  
 A Vibrant Smart City People feeling safe in their neighbourhoods  
 A Healthy City Smart City Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods

Action	Next steps?	Progress
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.	A report on proposed highways to include in the 2021/2022 Programme was considered by the Area Committee in March 2021 and agreed. Further updates have been received and Members have fed areas for consideration in the 2022-2023 programme. At the February Board meeting the Board considered the recommendations for 2022-2023 and made some changes. This revised report is being recommended for approval at the Area Committee Item 2 Annex 2 Following the various Task and Finish groups on highway improvements, proposals were presented to the Board in February. Those proposals are being recommended for approval at the Area Committee. Details can be found in Item 4 Annex 2 Applications have been received for improvements to Highways from across the West Area £270,971 Neighbourhood Capital funding and £17,913 Neighbourhood funding are being recommended to Area Committee for approval

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 6. Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting

Action	Next steps?	Progress
Consider traffic calming measures on Silksworth Lane alongside parking restrictions		New traffic restrictions around the area have now been completed. Consideration to be made to future traffic calming measures. As part of the Task and Finish group traffic calming measures were incorporated into the suggestions.

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 7. Invest in Parks, play areas, cycle and walking routes in consultation with residents and users

Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities

A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods

A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives

Action	Next steps?	Progress
West Area Committee approved 120k to improvements to play areas in the West.		Area Committee agreed a Play Improvement project. The project has experienced delays due to market conditions and in some cases vandalism to play areas. 7 Sites (Hylton Road Playing Fields, Silksworth Recreation Park, East Herrington Park, King George Playing Fields, Thorney Close, Grindon Lane and Barnes Park) are now complete and equipment is being used regularly. Portsmouth Road has experienced delays and vandalism, work is expected to complete in the coming weeks.
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.	
Consider new cycle routes	Relevant Officers invited to a future board meeting, to discuss City plans and local proposals	The relevant service areas attended the February Board and updated on plans for the city. Members supported the plans and are also keen to enhance existing routes, further details to be discussed at a future Board meeting.

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

8. **Social Prescribing - develop local offer to improve health and wellbeing and access to services locally to reduce social isolation, improve mental health and support long-term health conditions, and ensure physical activity sessions are accessible and not cost or time prohibitive, in partnership with All Together Better**

Links to: A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives  
 A Healthy Smart City People enjoying independent lives  
 Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience  
 Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS

Action	Next steps?	Progress
Ensure the West VCS continue to be supported to provide services and activities to local residents	ACDL to continue to provide updates to the Neighbourhood and Community Board.	Activities and services have continued to be delivered throughout 2020-2021 using Community Chest and Walk and Talk. Support has continued to be offered to ensure maximum external funding attracted.
West Area Committee in partnership with Public Health Funding to support health related projects in Sunderland West. Funding aligned- linking with Green Gym development	When green gym project delivered- ensure VCS are supported to maximise usage of equipment safely and effectively.	



## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 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

Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities  
 Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Increasing social value through procurement and wider activity  
 Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS

Action	Next steps?	Progress
Work with and support our VCS and community hubs and support and build capacity at a grassroots level.	Area Co-ordinator to provide update in line with the development of support and capacity building as a strategic approach.	The VCS has continued to be supported by the Area Committee, the VCS network continues to be supported to ensure they have access to all internal and external funding opportunities. The Sunderland VCS Alliance has now been established and updates provided to members at the September Board meeting. The West Community Support worker is now in post. A task and finish group has been arranged to discuss this priority and prepare feedback to a future board meeting. A Task and Finish group has been arranged for March 2022, feedback will be provided to a future Board meeting.

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 10. Launch a volunteer platform to support residents to get involved more within their communities

Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities  
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement

Action	Next steps?	Progress
Co-ordinate volunteers from Covid 19 hub and link with our VCS.	Update volunteer platform to enable matching volunteers to future VCS volunteer requirements in the area.	Volunteers continue to be linked to residents and Voluntary groups who require support. Volunteering opportunities for the Great British Spring Clean 2022 are due to be advertised with activities being held across the West working alongside the West Clean and Green project.

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 11. Support communities to deliver local events

Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities  
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement

Action	Next steps?	Progress
West Area Committee funded a large-scale event for 2022- delivered by Youth Almighty Project		Event postponed until 2022. Schools have begun to be re-engaged by Youth Almighty Project; updates will be provided at key stages of the planning of the 3 day event. The theme for the event is digital with a variety of activities being planned to engage young people and families. The links to the Stephenson Trail will also form part of the activities.
Consider purchasing event equipment for communities		
Festive lights and celebrations	£60,000 approved from Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme-	Each ward has considered the impact of lights and appropriate schemes have been installed. Those without suitable locations will consider this project and discuss details at a Future Board meeting.

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 12. Additional Drainage cleansing programme

Links to: A Healthy Smart City Cleaner and more attractive City and neighbourhoods

Action	Next steps?	Progress
Continue to support local traders and link in with flooding officers regarding local issues.		A Task and Finish group took place in September 2021, Members received updates on localised issues and City wide provision.

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 13. Communicate heritage assets and delivery heritage activities to improve health and wellbeing and improve community cohesion

Links to: A Vibrant Smart City More people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing and participating in cultural events, programmes and activities

Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Community empowerment, engagement and involvement

Action	Next steps?	Progress
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 Task and Finish group to consider.	<p>A multi area Task and Finish group continues to meet. The action plan has been developed to support this project and work continues. At the September Area Committee £50,000 Neighbourhood Capital funding was approved. In February 2022, the Task Group received an update on the Walking the Routes results, which has been shared with key Council Services and Partners to identify what actions they can deliver against. This will identify outstanding works which will need additional resources to complete the works, which area funding will contribute towards.</p> <p>The Cultural Spring secured the contract to deliver the Educational programme and are aiming to engage with seven primary schools, whose location is near the Trail. The Schools will work with specialists from the creative sector to produce an Education Pack which will be shared with other Primary Schools within the City. In addition, there is an array of community activities on offer during 2022, which include: way markers competition; song writing; banners and flags project; photo competition; oral history recordings; pop up gigs across the Summer months; the West Area Committee will promote the Trail at their hugely successful annual Barnes Park event, as well as, the Hetton 2000 Group promoting it at the Hetton Steam Carnival.</p> <p>Discussions are being held with Highways about the feasibility of exploring options to connect the Trail to other routes (e.g. Laura's Loop/Lambton route), making it more varied and accessible. The Events Team are considering if the Trail should be used as part of the annual BIG bike or walk event in 2022 and have added the route to the Step Up app.</p> <p>The Task Group is liaising and co-ordinating plans with the Elemore Greenspace Project, including the installation of an iconic art feature at the beginning of the route, and the River Sunderland regeneration developments and events programme.</p>
Consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel	Work with the heritage team to consider the installation of the Silksworth Pit wheel.	The Area Committee agreed to Capital funding of £17,500. The planning application has been submitted and approved for the location behind the miners' cottages – opposite the ski slope. Meetings have been held with Highways to assess relocation/transport requirements. The tender package has been prepared and issued by the architect and is being progressed by the council's building services team.



## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 14. Invest in local shopping centres and support local businesses to ensure they continue to thrive

Links to: A Dynamic Smart City A stronger city centre with more businesses, housing and cultural opportunities  
A Vibrant Smart City More residents participating in their communities  
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Business growth and investment in VCS

Action	Next steps?	Progress
Continue with the capital improvement projects from local shopping centre budgets - Budgets remain in Sandhill, St Chad's and Barnes)		Wards have been considering the improvements that could be made, deep cleans are being delivered and wrapping of bins to bring identity to smaller shopping parades are being considered. The Festive lights funding has been used to enhance 3 shopping areas within the West.

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 15. Increase 5g access across all neighbourhoods and support people with digital resources

Links to: A Dynamic Smart City A lower carbon City with greater digital connectivity for all  
A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills

Action	Next steps?	Progress
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.	The Area Committee approved the project to be delivered by Media Savvy with the project beginning mid April 2021. The VCS network have been updated on the project and many groups are coming forward to be involved. Whilst the project which has experience delays due to Covid it has begun its work with existing provision to enhance the offer to local residents in addition to working with various community centres to develop an ICT hub. Main hubs and mini hubs have been receiving technical support on equipment and access requirements. To date 125 people have access digital support to date with over 120 people being signposted to other services.



## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 16. Create job clubs and education centres within local community venues including digital skill training and basic skills

Links to: A Dynamic Smart City More and better jobs  
 A Dynamic Smart City More local people with better qualifications and skills  
 Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience

Action	Next steps?	Progress
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.	The project continues to be delivered alongside the other CLLD projects. All working in partnership to ensure residents from across the West receive the support required.
Continue to receive updates on existing CLLD projects in the West and consider extensions to existing projects and consider new applications requiring match	Receive a performance update on existing projects.	At the September Area Committee the REACT phase 2 project was approved. Other area projects continue to deliver and support residents in Job Searches or Employment Training or Education.
Continue to receive updates on West NEET project	Receive a performance update on existing project.	The NEET project delivered by Youth Almighty Project alongside other youth providers in the West. Throughout this project over 50 young people have received meaningful engagement and 39 young people have progressed into Education, Training or Employment..



## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 17. Eating healthy meals and learning to prepare and cook food, delivery sessions within local community

Links to: A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances  
A Healthy Smart City Reduced health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives  
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience

Action	Next steps?	Progress
Receive update on Holiday hunger activities deliver 2019-2020 and consider deliver for 2020-2021.	Receive a performance report from existing projects delivering holiday hunger activities and consider proposals for future need and delivery.	The Area Committee approved £48,000 to further extend the Holiday Hunger activities projects across the West. The 6 project leads submitted applications to deliver sessions across the May, Summer, October, Christmas, February and Easter 2022 holiday periods. Activities have been delivered in the October holidays and plans made for December.

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 18. Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be safe together

Links to: A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances  
 A Vibrant Smart City More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods  
 Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience

Action	Next steps?	Progress
Receive updates from Sunderland All Together Consortium on project delivery and consider gaps when identified.		Members received a presentation from Sunderland All Together Consortium, the Consortium were invited to full application for 2 project proposals. Applications and the details of the projects were approved at December Area Committee and work has begun to be delivered with regular meetings with Members and young people being involved in the delivery models.
Consider if facilities need capital improvements and or additional equipment for detached and outreach work.		A Task and Finish group has met and discussed the support required for the VCS. Discussions are taking place with other Council departments to understand the capital improvements required. A further Task and Finish group will discuss these findings and feed back to the Board. Individual wards are working with groups and identifying opportunities to utilise Walk and Talk Funding
		An Expression of Interest was received and considered from If U Care Share to deliver Metal Health and Wellbeing sessions in Secondary schools across the West, the project was invited to full application and Area Committee are being asked to consider this application for £56,592, details in Item 4 Annex 1

## Neighbourhood Investment priority

### 19. Support those who are struggling due to Universal Credit and other financial conditions

Links to: A Healthy Smart City Access to equitable opportunities and life chances  
Sunderland Community Wealth Strategy Improving community resilience

Action	Next steps?	Progress
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.	Area Committee agreed the 3 year project to the value of £150,000. Recruitment is underway and the additional support for local residents is being delivered. Up until December 2021, 372 residents have received information, advice and guidance and 148 residents are more resilient and able to help themselves in a crisis.

# Key outputs 2019-20

<b>£433,975</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>113</b>
Neighbourhood funding awarded to 39 projects during 2019-20.	Social Isolation projects delivered across the West.	Young people engaged in a consultation about future youth activities.	People received employment support and guidance.	Groups make up the West VCS Area Network.
<b>£59,908</b>	<b>3,992</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>930</b>
Was awarded to 64 smaller community groups via Community Chest, with an average grant of £900 to support neighbourhood projects.	Children and young people accessed free meals whilst enjoying educational activities during school holidays. 238 sessions were delivered by seven partners.	Environmental volunteering projects delivered by West Clean and Green Volunteer project.	Young People who were Not in Education, Employment or Training received support and moved in Education, Employment or Training.	Older people participated in neighbourhood activities increasing social inclusion and overall wellbeing.
<b>828</b>	<b>15,700</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>30</b>
Residents accessed some form of information, advice and guidance and were signposted into neighbourhood services.	Attended the West Clean and Green Event in Barnes Park 2019.	People received 1-2-1 digital support from digital projects delivered in the West.	Residents supported during COVID -19 with shopping support, dog walking and prescriptions.	Ward based improvement projects which focused on reducing anti-social behaviour, reducing crime and improving the physical environment

# Thank you

West Area Committee would like to take this opportunity to offer a massive thank you to all of our Partners across the West Area who have made the actions become reality, and for providing vital services to the area's most vulnerable, these are:

- 111 (Sunderland) Squadron
- 1st Herrington Rainbows
- 2nd South Hylton Guides and Rangers
- 89th Sunderland Scout
- Active Families NE CIC (Grindon Community Centre)
- Barnes Bowling Club Ladies Section
- Bellingham House
- Bethany Memorial Independent Methodist Church
- Communities Together Sunderland West
- East Herrington Townswomen's Guild
- Farringdon Homing Society
- Farringdon Youth and Community Centre
- Grindon Community Centre
- Grindon Young People's Centre
- Headway Wearside
- Herrington Flower Club
- Herrington Women's Institute
- High Grindon House RA
- Holy Rosary Parish Centre
- Hope 4 Kidz
- If U Care Share
- Kayll Road Library
- Keep Active
- Lakeside Baptist church
- Lambton Street Youth and Community Hub
- Millie Minders
- New Silksworth Royal British Legion Club
- Ozzies Parent and Toddler Group
- Pallion Action Group
- Pallion Traders Group
- Parker Trust
- Pennywell Community Centre
- Pennywell Early Years Centre
- Pennywell Youth Project
- Plains Farm ABC
- Playdays 4 Kidz CIC
- Royal British Legion
- Run 2 Respect
- Safety Works!
- Silksworth Banner Group
- Silksworth Bowls Club
- Silksworth Cricket Club
- Silksworth Dancing Together
- Silksworth Lions
- South Hylton Tansy Centre
- St Aldates Court
- St David's Community project
- St Lukes Neighbourhood Trust
- St Mary's and St Peter's Community Project
- STEF's farm
- Sunderland All Together Consortium
- Sunderland College
- Sunderland Mind
- Sunderland North Community Business Centre
- Sunderland Samba FC
- Sunderland West End Juniors FC
- Theatre Space NE CIC
- Youth Almighty Project









