

West Area Committee Delivery Plan 2023 - 2026

Updated September 2024

The Area Plan commits the Area Committee to a number of priorities, which will be delivered within the West of Sunderland. This Delivery Plan provides an update on progress on the Area Committee's Area Plan and will be monitored by the Area Committee and actions will be addressed throughout the next three years via the West Neighbourhood and Community Board

Priority	Progress Update
Dynamic Smart City	
We will have	
Improved small, neglected shopping and enterprise areas	
Young people with raised aspirations and increased training opportunities.	A variety of course information shared with West VCS network and on West Sunderland Community Facebook Page
More fruit orchards, trees and improved electric vehicles at home infrastructure	Presentation on Low Carbon initiatives received June 2023. Options for fruit and tree planting submitted for consideration with locations suggested across the West. Members have been consulted on the EV residential community hubs proposals.
Updates on employment support projects	Project update circulated to members August 2024 The West REACT CLLD match funded project ended in March 2023 with the Neighbourhood Funded element continuing. Since April 2024 the project has supported 15 residents with information, advice and guidance and 3 into Education, Training or Employment. The support is offered from Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. .
Improved access to digital support	Project update circulated to members August 2024 The Media Savvy Digital Project continues to deliver sessions fortnightly across the West. Sessions were delivered to the young people at Barnes Park Event as well as a family session on the Saturday. The footfall in the fortnightly sessions has been 2079 since the beginning of the project. Media Savvy have been successful in receiving an external grant to continue some of the work in the West over the next 12 months, focussing on the Tansy Centre and Hope 4 All. The Neighbourhood Funded project is expected to end September 2024

Healthy Smart City We will have	
Safer and improved green spaces	<p>Bishopwearmouth Cemetery - Designs and costs were developed for improved parking. It was agreed to proceed with the 9/10 additional bays. Work is now completed on the new parking bays.</p> <p>Silksworth Ski Slope - Complex Designs and costs are being developed for improved parking. First phase of line marking complete, additional bays added. Fencing improvements and car parking improvements are being considered, further updates to follow.</p> <p>Following the approval of £20,000 to work up designs and consider schemes for safer spaces phase 1 information and options were received at the June Neighbourhood and Community Board. At the June Area Committee £150,000 Neighbourhood Funding was approved, each ward has met and working through schemes. Schemes which are ready for consideration are detailed in Item 4 Annex 1.</p>
A scheme of environmental improvements	<p>11 Applications were received and approved at the March Area Committee, projects are being delivered across the West in the following venues and communities. Grindon Church Community Project, Broadway Youth and Community Centre, St Anne's in Bloom, Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre, St Mary's and St Peters, Pallion Plants, Hope 4 All, Tunstall Hill, Pennywell Community Centre, Silksworth and St Chad's in Bloom and Silksworth recreation park.</p>
A map of defibs across the West	<p>The Department of Health and Social care released a grant (Sept 23) for local community organisations to apply for defibrillators, this opportunity was shared with the Sunderland West VCS network.</p>
Additional Heritage walks	
Initiatives to reduce child poverty and child obesity	
Improved community assets	<p>Following the agreement of the Call for Projects to Improve community assets, 15 applications were received and considered at June Area Committee. £94,443 Neighbourhood Funding was approved to the following centres: Broadway Youth and Community Centre, Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre, Veterans in Crisis, St Luke's Neighbourhood Centre, St Mary's and St Peter's Project, Community</p>

	<p>Opportunities Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre, Grindon Young People’s Centre, Silksworth Cricket Club, Lakeside CA Repairs, Silksworth Youth and Community Centre, Sunderland Training and Education Farm Ltd (STEFs), Pennywell Community Centre, Hope 4 All, 2nd Herrington Scouts and Farringdon Youth and Community Centre</p>
<p>Improved cultural and enrichment activities for young people</p>	<p>Task and Finish group met in October 2023. The Group will meet again in 2024 to consider the gaps.</p>
<p>An improved social prescribing offer across the West</p>	<p>Information is included in the Service Plan and Links for Life Sunderland Links for Life Sunderland. A video has been produced all about Links for Life Sunderland – see here <u>Links for Life Sunderland - https://youtu.be/h8EizBukS40</u></p> <p>The following groups were successful in securing Links for Life funding and deliver activities to support groups in the West alongside multiple specialist providers. Pennywell Neighbourhood Centre and Community Opportunities at Thorney Close Action and Enterprise Centre. Two partnership projects are also being delivered with multiple partners. Pallion Action Group working with Pennywell Community Centre, Hope4All, Tansy Centre, Parker Trust, St Mary’s and St Peters; Bethal Church, St Gabriels Church and Parker Trust Youth Almighty Project working with Kayll Road Library, Broadway Youth and Community Centre, Friends of Silksworth park, Farringdon Youth and Community Centre, Tom Urwin House, Holy Rosary Church, St David’s Community Church Project and Plains Farm Youth and Community Centre</p> <p>The links for life website Links for Life Sunderland Links for Life Sunderland has now been launched and the West VCS network members received a presentation on how to use the site and what its purpose is, groups were encourage to input their activities and use the website to refer residents to other activities.</p>
<p>A Walk and Talk project</p>	<p>A number of ward-based initiatives have been delivered across the West, including.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Chad’s - improvements to play facilities in Farringdon and school/community events. • Barnes - improved CCTV in Barnes Park as well as improved toilet facilities at Broadway Youth and Community Centre. • Pallion - improved banners at St Luke’s Terrace and a replacement cycle stand • Sandhill - highway improvements in Sandhill as well as a defibrillator at Hastings Hill. • Silksworth – Memorial clean and improved festive lights.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Anne's - Increased CCTV in King George Playing Fields and St Anne's in bloom. • St Anne's Christmas tree and Improved lighting of Wrapped Trees • Pallion Drop kerbs and highway improvements. <p>Scheme now finished with £24,235 returned to Neighbourhood Funding</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Funding awarded for 2024/25 includes an award of £15k per ward for a Ward Improvement Budget. The budget will be used for priorities to help improve the ward and for activity that is both in keeping with council policy and contribute to the Area Committee's Area Plan.</p> <p>At the June Area Committee it was confirmed that Ward Improvement Budget would be utilised in the West. The budget will be used for priorities to help improve the ward and for activity that is both in keeping with council policy and contribute to the Area Committee's Area Plan. A maximum of 3 projects will be funded from the £15k budget.</p> <p>Members have been attending ward based meetings to agree proposals, approved schemes are included in Item 4 Annex 2</p>
<p>Regular updates on Clean and Green/Rangers projects and consider future options</p>	<p>Project update circulated to members August 2024</p> <p>6 projects deliver in each ward across the West, working with communities to improve the area, carrying out litter picks, graffiti removal, shrub reduction and a variety of other environmental improvements. Over 80 litter picks/community cleans up have taken place since April 2024 with over 900 volunteer hours delivered in the Areas.</p> <p>At the June Area Committee the following projects covering the 6 West wards were approved to extend for a further 12 months.</p> <p>Clean and Green It Barnes, St Anne's and Barnes Facebook</p> <p>Clean and Green Pallion, Facebook</p> <p>Silksworth and St Chad's Ranger (2) Facebook</p>
<p>Regular updates on Environmental Enforcement project and Tackle ASB</p>	<p>Project update circulated to members August 2024</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Enforcement Warden continues to carry out proactive patrols across the West with over 400 enforcement actions delivered since April 2024.</p> <p>At the Neighbourhood and Community Board members received a presentation on performance to date and options to consider for future delivering.</p>

	<p>At December 2023 Area Committee agreed to amend the existing project underspend and approve an additional £88,338 Neighbourhood Fund for a 24 Month Project including an Enforcement officer and an additional West ASB officer.</p> <p>Information was provided on a new Motorcycle disorder task group; members considered this approach via responsive decision in December 2023 and approved £15,000 via responsive decision</p>
Regular updates on the Youth Activities Projects and consider future options	<p>Project update circulated to members August 2024.</p> <p>Youth activity sessions continue to be delivered in all wards, some centre based, some activities delivered in parks and open green spaces. Youth Activities across all 6 wards for 18 months, the sessions will be for 10–19-year-olds.</p> <p>Footfall since April 2024 is over 3000 supported by 300 volunteer hours.</p> <p>These activities are complimented by the Youth ASB project which delivered detached, outreach and additional centre based activities across the West</p> <p>The Sunderland All Together consortium have been invited to submit proposals to extend the Youth ASB project. Application details are in Item 4 Annex 1</p>
Regular updates on The Welfare Rights Project	<p>Project update circulated to members August 2024</p> <p>The project which supported residents with information advice and guidance including better off calculations have now ended.</p> <p>The funding approved towards the specialist advice has been returned to West Area Committee.</p>
An evaluation on Mental Health and Wellbeing in Young People and consider future options	<p>Project delivered in schools across April 23 to August 23 with over 600 young people accessing the support bringing the overall total to just less than 3000 pupils. Final evaluation submitted November 2023 and circulated to Members.</p>
<p>Vibrant Smart City We will have</p>	
An increased knowledge of recycling	<p>The Waste and Recycling Centre Visitors Education Centre (WRVEC continues to engage with local schools and community groups offering an active education program focusing on the 3R's (reduce, reuse, recycle) including free sessions in the Centres rooms and garden as well as tours of the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC).</p>
A young people access fund	
Support in place to help the VCS to grow their capacity including growing more community groups	

An evaluation of the West Area event and consider future delivery	Following the success of the 3 day event in Barnes Park June 2024, the Neighbourhood and Community Board have invited Youth Almighty Project to apply to deliver a 3 day event in Summer 2025. Details of the application can be found in Item 4 Annex 1.
Regular updates on the Stephenson Trail	The project has achieved its objectives and promoted and improved the Stephenson Trail Environmental works including footpath improvements, shrub work, litter picks, new slim line signage boards and replacement waymarkers will continue for another 12 months, ending in July 2025.
A project to tackle school parking	Site meetings are taking place at 6 schools in May and June. The Neighbourhood and Community Board considered the findings and are asking Area Committee to consider aligning £12,000 Neighbourhood funding to support small scale improvements.