

Meeting: Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination & Finance Committee

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Title: North West Village Plans

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**Wards
affected:** Camperdown, Killingworth,
Weetslade

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- 1.1. This report sets out the Authority's current plans and its commitment to bring investment and improvements to the North West area of the borough and ensure that regeneration delivers ambition, opportunity and benefits for all residents. This will provide an initial information base which the Sub-Committee may wish to utilise in considering and deciding on its outline work programme for 2023-24.

2. Introduction

- 2.1. In line with the Cabinet's policy priorities agreed in June 2023, the Authority's overall aim is to create a series of Village Plans for the North West. These will provide a framework for future investment ensuring places are vibrant and attractive places to live, that they are well maintained and are places where residents and communities have good access to services 'on the doorstep'.

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4. Information

- 4.1. It has been proposed for the Authority to develop a North West Transport Plan which will identify opportunities for better links to connect people with jobs, education and training as well as leisure opportunities.
- 4.2. In developing our policy priorities, discussions have also been held with councillors in the North West in 2023, alongside community consultation through the Big Conversation in the summer of 2022. The outcome of this consultation informed the policy priorities that were agreed by Cabinet in June 2023.

5. Policy Priorities

- 5.1. The policy priorities outline below have been identified for the North West, these will help guide the development of the Village Plans and the Transport Plan.
 - 5.1.1. **Improve Transport Connectivity:** Ensuring that settlements in the North West are connected and are part of the public transport network (bus, Metro and heavy rail) providing regular and affordable services to residents enabling them to access education, training and employment opportunities as well as maintaining social and leisure networks.
 - 5.1.2. **Access to Local Services:** Ensuring that residents in settlements in the North West have easy access to range of local services including healthcare, education, retail and leisure.
 - 5.1.3. **Caring for the Environment and a Sense of Belonging:** Ensuring that settlements are looked after and have the appropriate infrastructure to support the communities. That open spaces, highways, footpaths and cycleways are maintained to a high standard to the benefit of all residents, business and visitors.
 - 5.1.4. **Geographical Area:** It is proposed that the Village Plans and Transport Plans will include villages of:

- Killingworth Village and Township
- Annitsford
- Dudley
- Fordley
- Camperdown
- Burradon
- Wideopen
- Seaton Burn

5.1.5. The North West also includes those communities which are more connected with the urban core of Tyneside by virtue of their physical location as well as some having stations on the Tyne and Wear Metro System. These settlements include:

- Forest Hall
- Westmoor
- Benton
- Longbenton
- Palmersville
- Holystone

6. Recommendations

6.1. Before we commence working on the plans we would welcome the Thriving Sub Committee's views to inform the development of the Village Plans and Transport Plan.

6.2. Other regeneration plans for North Tyneside have included areas such as:

- House types, tenure and quantum to meet the current and future needs of those areas.
- ICT Connectivity including future proofing of schemes through putting in place ducting for installation of fibre connections at a later date.
- Culture, arts and events to create vibrancy and attract visitors.

6.3. What other issues and opportunities need to be considered in the development of the Plans for the North West?

- Consultation has identified that the villages and towns in the area lack a clear identity. How will this work create more distinctive identities through the development and the implementation of the plans?
- The Thriving Sub Committee may also wish to consider what success for the regeneration of the North West would look like and how this could be measured?

7. Appendix

'An Ambition for North Tyneside – Update' as presented to Cabinet 26 June 2023.