



South Tyneside Council

item 5

Report to West Shields, Cleadon Village and East Boldon Community Area Forum

Cabinet Portfolio/Lead Member: Cllr Karen Pittuck

Report of Martin Gill – Head of Operational Housing and Homelessness

Subject: CAF Management Team Update

Date: 16 July 2026

Wards affected: Biddick and All Saints, Cleadon Village and East Boldon, Whiteleas.

Council ambitions:

Does the report and any appendices contain information which has been identified as confidential or exempt?

No, this report does not contain information identified as confidential or exempt.

Purpose of Report

1. This report provides a summary of Community Area Forum funded schemes.
2. This report also contains updates from relevant officers regarding projects that had not been completed by the date of the last CAF meeting, as Appendix A.

The CAF Management Team

3. Merrik Robertson will continue his role as the CAF Co-ordinator; Merrik will be working on projects across the borough. He will be supported by his manager Caroline Johnson.
4. A large part of Merrik's role will be to work with ward members on current and future CAF schemes assisting them through to the approval stage and supporting members through the CAF planning process in 26/27.
5. Work is ongoing to review spend and organise scheme progression. A priority for the team is to ensure CAF funding is allocated in the most effective way possible.
6. Contacts for the Team as follows:
Merrik Robertson – 07776995448 – merrik.robertson@southtyneside.gov.uk
7. A number of internal projects were awarded funding from this CAF. This report contains details of projects approved in 2025/26 that are not complete, with updates provided by officers shown as **Appendix A**.

Streetscene update

No update as Streetscene Team presentation.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the information contained in this report.

List of Appendices

- Appendix A – CAF funded projects.

Appendix A

All projects approved and complete have been removed from this report.

Biddick and All Saints

2025-26

Approved	Fund	Service	Contact	Projects	Grant	Match Funding (not CAF)	Progress Update	Date of Update
19/02/2026	HCS/ LNS/ ECS	Highways	J Welsh	Hazlitt Avenue Hardstands and access crossings	33,236		Complete	30/06/2026
19/02/2026	LNS	Highways	J Welsh	Belloc Avenue 2 x Parking spaces	5,882		Complete	30/06/2026

Cleadon and East Boldon

Approved 2024-25 (continued)

Approved	Fund	Service	Contact	Projects	Grant	Match Funding (not CAF)	Progress Update	Date of Update
12/12/2024	LNS	Housing	Karen Hollender	Repair and repainting of fence surrounding Cleadon Pond	£3,021		Complete	08/07/2026

Whiteleas 2025-26

Approved	Fund	Service	Contact	Projects	Grant	Match Funding (not CAF)	Progress Update	Date of Update
19/02/2026	HCS/ LNS	Highways	Jack Welsh	Renoir Gardens	17,482		To be programmed	30/06/2026