

Community Action: Outstanding Issues Log from 2009/10

Priority	Issue/Action	Action taken and next steps	Funding request	Progress
Improve local shopping centres	Provide update on the provision of public toilets in Houghton Town Centre	The feasibility of developing a Community Toilet Scheme is being explored including consultation with potential providers and members of the public. The newly appointed Area Response Manager will take this forward as a priority project.	NO	
Bring empty properties back into use	Area Committee receive update on Empty Homes strategy and targets	A Private Sector Housing Officer (empty properties) has been in post since 1 November 2010. Regular updates will be provided to Area Committee. The issue of empty properties has been highlighted during the refresh of priorities and will be taken forward by the Assistant Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal Manager who will develop an action plan in conjunction with Area Committee.	NO	To be moved to 2011/12 workplan once agreed
Raise aspirations of children/young people and their families	Review FACL (Family, Adult and Community Learning) Programme	A review has begun and an initial report will be brought to committee to propose piloting area based delivery. Agreement on new ways to procure learning is in place. Discussions are underway with the FACL Manager to try and resolve the issue of 'full cost recovery', which is a barrier to many VCS organisations' participation. The matter will be raised with the Exec Director of Children's Services, should there be a need for a policy change. Once agreed, the review can be broadened to include the wider VCS. Due to budgetary uncertainties, it has not been possible to progress matters and further actions will be undertaken early in the new financial year.	NO	
Address issues around lack of public transport in some areas	Nexus to ensure full consultation with the Committee and local residents on the Secured Services Network	Nexus will attend future Area Committee meetings and provide information when required. A consultation exercise was carried out at the March 2010 meeting. The Secured Services Network is due to be discussed by Cabinet in January 2011. The Nexus Community Relations Officer, James Third, will attend Area Committee meetings from March 2011.	NO	To be moved to 2011/12 workplan once agreed

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Priority	Issue/Action	Date raised	Evidence and/or Data Source	Action taken/next steps	Funding	Lead Agent(s)	RAG
Heritage	Audit of current provision	June 2010	Area Committee VCS Network Local Area Plan	The consultants appointed to carry out an audit and recommendations are in the process of compiling a draft report. A stakeholder event on 24 March 2011 will discuss the initial findings.	£10,000 SIB for audit £10,000 SIB for remedial works at Kepier Hall	Vicki Medhurst, City Services	Green
Local Shopping Centres	Decline of local shopping centres, Lack of adequate provision.	June 2010	Local Development Framework Retail needs assessment	The scoping exercise is underway with further work to commence in April 2011. An update is provided in the main report.	£5,000 SIB for audit and study	Andrew Perkin, Business and Investment Team	Orange
Child Poverty (CP)	High levels of children in families with low income	June 2010	Area Committee Draft Child Poverty strategy Child Poverty Area Profile Income data' Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2007	Phase 2 of the Child and Family Poverty Strategy has been developed, which will support the Council and its partners to work towards the aim of eradicating child and family poverty in the city and improve the life chances of Sunderland's children and young people. The Sunderland Partnership and Partners are working to produce a Child & Family Poverty Action Plan which will accompany the Strategy.	No	Raj Singh, Children's Services	Orange
Responsive Local Services (RLS)	Develop method of working to provide services that are responsive to community needs	June 2010	Area Committee Customer service requests	The first wave of RLS covered the service areas of litter, graffiti, refuse collection, grass cutting and dog fouline. An Area Response Manager for the Coalfield area is now in post and will lead a locality based team. The Area Response Manager will work with Area Committee, ArO, partners and residents to identify and tackle key issues.	No	Les Clark, Head of Street Scene	Green
Unadopted Roads	Review the current policy and alternative options regarding unadopted roads	September 2009	Cabinet report LAP Area Committee	Due to the recent budget announcements, the citywide policy on unadopted roads is being reviewed. Therefore the Coalfield Area Report currently being prepared will be revised, and presented at the September 2011 meeting.	No	Stephen Pickering/ Graham Carr, City Services	Orange
Play Provision	Review Play and Urban Games Strategy	July 2010	Play and Urban Games Strategy (PUGS) strategy	An update report will be provided at the next area committee (June 2011) with regards to any further developments that	Possibly to a future Area Committee	Julie Gray, Head of Community	Orange

			Community Consultation LAP	have taken place or are due to take place on the identified and agreed priorities in the play and urban games strategy update. Communication remains in place with ward councillors on individual site specific issues.		Services	
	Receive more information on play provision services and activities in the Coalfield area	<i>July 2010</i>	Area Committee	Information regarding the types of play activities and services available has been provided to members. Research is still underway and will be further explored using local knowledge via the VCS network. A full report will be provided at the September 2011 meeting.	No	Pauline Hopper, Area Officer Susan Brown, Community Co-ordinator	
Review of the Greenspace Strategy	Planning for open space, sport and recreation	<i>September 2010</i>	Local Development Framework	The second Greenspace workshop was held in January 2011. The purpose was a) to explain progress on the Green space Audit and demonstrate improvements made since the first consultation in October 2010, and b) to gain a better understanding on the local value of green spaces. An update is provided within the main report. An update is also provided on one of the projects which will support this piece of work - progress at Rectory Park.	No	Clive Greenwood, Senior Planner	
Motor Cycle disorder	Provide information regarding 'hotspots' in order to prepare a strategy to tackle the issue across the Coalfield area	<i>November 2010</i>	LMAPS VCS Network Local Councillors Residents Area Committee	Information has been provided which has informed discussions with the Community Safety team within the Council, who have agreed to refer this issue to the Business Support Group (BSG) of the Safer Sunderland Partnership. Once discussed by the BSG, a response will be provided to the Area Committee for consideration. In the meantime local operations are ongoing to tackle the issue at a local level	No	LMAPs	
Speeding or dangerous traffic	A co-ordinated approach/ response is required to dealing with traffic issues	<i>November 2010</i>	SIP/SIB applications Place survey LMAPS Area Committee	Andrew Jackman will attend the June 2011 meeting to update Area Committee	Yes – a number of SIP and SIB applications approved	Les Clark, Head of Street Scene	
Youth Disorder	The XL Youth village steering group will refocus and expand in	<i>November 2010</i>	LMAPS Police/Councillor meetings Crime statistics	The XL youth village steering group/youth disorder Task and Result Group have met to discuss how to tackle the current hotspots of youth disorder. It is	SIB application for £10,000 to this meeting	Kath Butchert, Youth Development Group	

	order to take this issue forward.			recommended a pilot project is delivered in conjunction with current youth provision. Feedback will be provided on a regular basis.			
Sunderland 'The Place'	The policy review recognised that part of the gathering of evidence should include views from areas. Therefore the issue was brought to Committee to agree the way forward	<i>January 2011</i>	Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee	All members of Committee were invited to an informal discussion with the Scrutiny Officer, Area Lead Executive and Area Officer on 19 January 2011. Members attending this meeting gave their views and input to inform a further workshop with all Area Chairs held on 24 January 2011. A memo was circulated to all members regarding the outcome of this meeting and the information will be fed into the wider policy review.	Members will be updated on progress of the review.	Helen Lancaster, Acting Scrutiny Officer	
Review of Byelaws	A Task and Finish Group is reviewing City Byelaws.	<i>January 2011</i>		The review is currently ongoing with a view to the proposed draft byelaws being ready for consultation by April 2011. The review covers Seashore, Promenades, Parks and Open Spaces (includes cemeteries), Nature Reserves and Country Parks. Byelaws cannot cover issues which are dealt with by other legislation e.g. alcohol in public places, litter and fly-tipping, damage, graffiti, dogs. The aim is to have the parks/open spaces draft prepared for July 2011, with the byelaws for nature reserves, country parks and seashores following on from there.	Further information will be provided when available.	Andrea Seymour, Solicitor, Law & Governance	
Allotments	Improvement to local allotment sites is needed in order to reduce waiting lists and bring unused sites back into use	<i>January 2011</i>	Area Committee LMAPS Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee	The information provided by the Policy review is being analysed and used to inform actions in the Coalfield area. A Task and Result (T&R) group will be set up with Gerry Roll from City Services acting as Lead Agent. The T&R group will develop an action plan to include the future allocation of SIB funding to deliver improvements.	The Coalfield Community Challenge SIB application to this meeting includes £7,000 for improvements to allotments and community gardens	Les Clark, Head of Street Scene	