

## EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 at 5.30pm

VENUE – Committee Room No. 1, Civic Centre

#### Membership

Cllrs E. Ball (Chair), C. Marshall (Vice Chair – People), E. Gibson (Vice Chair – Place), C. English, M. Mordey, V. O’Neil, B. McClennan, L. Scanlan, I. Kay, B Price, A. Emerson, A. Farr, P. Wood, M. Forbes and M. Dixon.

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**ELAINE WAUGH**  
**Head of Law and Governance**

**25<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**

**At a meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in BEDE TOWER, BURDON ROAD, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2015 at 5.30p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Ball in the Chair

Councillors M. Dixon, Emerson, English, Forbes, E. Gibson, Kay, Marshall, McClennan, Mordey, O'Neil, Price and Wood

**Also Present:-**

Hazel Clark	- East Area VCS Network Representative
David Groark	- Area Response Manager, Sunderland City Council
Paula Hunt	- East Area VCS Network Representative
Adrian Jackson	- Station Manager, Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service
Matthew Jackson	- Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Victoria Patterson	- Customer Relationship Officer, Sunderland City Council
Sarah Reed	- Assistant Chief Executive & Area Lead Executive, Sunderland City Council
Gillian Robinson	- Area Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council
Nicky Rowland	- Area Response Manager, Sunderland City Council
Jamie Southwell	- Neighbourhood Inspector, Northumbria Police
Nicol Trueman	- Area Community Officer, Sunderland City Council
Helen Wardropper	- Scrutiny & Area Support Officer, Sunderland City Council

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Councillors Farr and Scanlan together with Alan Duffy, Chris Marshall, Jen McKeivitt, Jackie Nixon, David Robinson and Beverley Scanlon

**Declarations of Interest**

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), Community Chest – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

Councillor McClennan declared that she was an appointee of the Management committee of CHANCE who had received money from Community Chest.

## **Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

Councillor Kay stated that Councillor Mordey had seconded Councillor E. Gibson's motion to award £50,000 to the Fourteen Project although this was not recorded in the minutes. He also stated that he and Councillor McClennan had voted against the proposal to award £50,000 to the project. He also felt that the Hendon and Ryhope Ward Councillors appointed to the Local Reference Group should have been named within the minutes.

Councillor Mordey seconded these amendments and the minutes having been put to the Committee it was:-

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of the above amendments.

### **VCS Area Network Progress Report**

Paula Hunt provided the Committee with a verbal update on the work of the VCS Network since the last meeting of the Area Committee. She advised that there had been 2 meetings held and that at these meetings there had been presentations relating to the 50 Plus Forum, the Beach School and the Fourteen Project. There were no issues to report.

The Chairman thanked Ms Hunt for her report and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the VCS Network progress report be noted.

### **Northumbria Police Update**

Neighbourhood Inspector Jamie Southwell introduced the update and advised the Committee that Inspector Pitchford had been placed on secondment for six months; during this time both the Central and East areas would be covered by Inspector Southwell.

Inspector Southwell then introduced the crime figures for the Central area. He advised that there had been six more crimes than during the same period last year, an increase of 1 percent, although there had been changes to the way that crimes were recorded including the recording of violent crimes even where the victim did not want to press charges and the recording of burglaries when people had a belief that they may have been about to be burgled, for example if they had spotted an intruder in their garden.

He advised that 80 percent of violent crimes in the area were related to the night-time economy however it was important to recognise that there was not a problem with violence in the city centre.

Theft from motor vehicles had reduced by 47 percent following a 'rat trap' operation which had been carried out; it had been a resource intensive operation and while it had not been successful in catching any criminals it had been successful in stopping the crimes from taking place, it was believed that the criminals must have become aware of the operation. The majority of the offences had been where windows had been smashed and then the car had been searched for valuables; in a number of incidents nothing had actually been taken from the vehicle.

Burglary of dwellings had increased by 4 crimes however it was believed that 3 of these were not actual burglaries but instead were recorded due to the changes in the recording of crimes. There had been work done in the area around the Ivy House pub and there had been 2 offenders imprisoned. There had been a slight increase in burglaries around Millfield and additional resources had been placed into the area dedicated to tackling this issue.

Burglaries of property other than dwellings had reduced by 42 percent; there had been a prolific offender released from prison however he had been imprisoned again.

Antisocial behaviour had reduced by 17 percent and youth antisocial behaviour had reduced by even more.

Councillor Price referred to the violent crimes in the city centre; Inspector Southwell advised that the police had a good relationship with licenced premises and they were now getting more assistance from door staff when dealing with incidents. There had been a slight loss of coverage when the team had been moved to Southwick police station however this had now been addressed and coverage of the city centre on evenings was now back to normal.

Councillor Kay commented that the police normally attended meetings of the Thornholme Residents Association and that they would share patterns of crime with the residents to allow local residents to know what issues were in the area and what to keep aware of. He also queried what impact the plan to house students in the city centre would have on policing. Inspector Southwell advised that there needed to be education work done at the start of the university term; some of the new students were naïve to the risks of living in a city centre. There was a dedicated police university liaison officer who did good work in helping to prevent students from becoming victims of crime.

In response to queries from Councillor M. Dixon relating to an incident at the Norfolk Hotel Inspector Southwell advised that the incident had been dealt with by the serious crimes unit due to the severity of the incident. Officers had spoken with the community so that drug users knew that there was the possibility of dangerous drugs being in circulation. It had been difficult to find out what had happened. Drug dealing was a priority target for the police.

Councillor McClennan added that the incident had been looked at by the hostels working group; the incident had involved a new resident who had told

staff about their alcohol dependency but had not mentioned their drug use. There was a need for people to be more honest about their addictions when they were trying to get accommodation. There would be an increase in multi-agency checking of residents.

Councillor M. Dixon then thanked Inspector Southwell for his regular attendance at St Michael's Residents Association meetings.

Inspector Southwell then introduced the figures for the East area and advised that there had been 56 more crimes than in the same period last year.

Other thefts had increased by 59 percent which was mostly due to the change in policy which now saw stolen wheelie bins being recorded as crimes.

There had been 4 fewer thefts from vehicles which was a reduction of 29 percent; the majority of offences had taken place in Hendon and Grangetown.

Burglary of dwellings had increased by 3 crimes to a total of 12 crimes; there had been an increase in offences in Grangetown however an arrest had now been made. Burglary other than dwellings had reduced by 2 crimes which was an 11 percent reduction.

Antisocial behaviour had increased by 10 incidents however these were attributable to a group of regular callers. Youth antisocial behaviour had reduced by 41 percent.

Councillor McClennan queried whether there were any cost figures available relating to the investigation of theft of bins. Inspector Southwell replied that the costs were not yet available.

Councillor Mordey commented that it had been predicted that there would be an increase in the number of reported bin thefts now that the Council had started charging for replacement wheelie bins.

Councillor McClennan then stated that she had attended a meeting about the Forevercare hostel on Toward Road. There had been a number of problems since the hostel opened including 166 missing persons reports in the last year. It was necessary to understand the cost implications of providing for care leavers until they were 21 and also the costs of policing due to hostels like this. She also stated that there had been complaints about a group of people who were congregating on land behind Beaumont Lodge apparently in order to access free Wi-Fi from one of the flats; there was work being done to try and identify the owner of the Wi-Fi network to get the network closed. There had been reports that the group had been verbally abusive towards residents and they had also been seen searching through bins.

Inspector Southwell then stated that the neighbourhood team was due to move into an office at the old Orphanage by the end of June. There would also be several teams moving into the fire station in September.

3. RESOLVED that the update from Northumbria Police be noted.

### **Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update**

Adrian Jackson introduced the update from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service. He advised that he had just taken over as station manager. For the period 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> May there had been no fatalities within the area. There had been 2 accidental dwelling fires which resulted in injury; this was the same figure as last year. There had been 8 accidental dwelling fires which had not resulted in injury.

Deliberate primary fires had increased by 3 to a total of 9 fires. Primary vehicles fires had increased by 5 to a total of 10 fires. Deliberate secondary fires had increased by 28 to 110 fires. There had been a long spell of warm dry weather and this had led to issues such as grass fires. There had been litter picks undertaken to help reduce the risk of litter fires.

There had been targeted response vehicles introduced. These were Mercedes Sprinter vans which carried 2 fire-fighters and would be on the road between 6am and midnight, they would be able to tackle fires but also report issues and act as a deterrent. Currently there were 2 vans however there would be a total of 10 vans introduced.

A new policy had been introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> June which now saw the fire service not responding to non-domestic fire alarms unless information was received to confirm that there was a fire; this allowed resources to be kept available for domestic incidents rather than attending false alarms at non-domestic premises.

In response to a query from Councillor Mordey regarding wheelie bins Mr Jackson advised that there had been campaigns carried out and stickers were placed onto bins which were left out. Bins being put out the night before collection were an issue. Councillor Mordey then asked that the police and fire service both provide figures on bin thefts and fires so that any patterns could be identified.

Councillor Price queried whether there was any pattern to the vehicle fires; he was informed that there had not been any pattern to indicate that any particular individuals might have been involved.

Councillor Price then commented that he had seen the targeted response vehicles at a meeting of the fire authority; he had seen how the vehicles were to be used and he was very impressed by them.

Ms Rowland stated that Responsive Local Services now had a member of staff dedicated to looking at the issue of bins being left out. There had been partnership working done in previous years which had led to some successes; she felt that it could be beneficial for RLS and the fire service to meet again.

Mr Jackson agreed with this and advised that there were proactive patrols undertaken and any issues were reported.

Councillor Kay commented that last year there had been concerns raised that the small response vehicles would not be effective. He queried whether there was any evidence of their effectiveness. Mr Jackson advised that they had only been introduced in May and as such there were only limited figures available. It was acknowledged that a full size appliance was safer for crews however there had been positive feedback from the fire-fighters who had used the response vehicles. Each vehicle was manned by a crew manager and a fire-fighter so there was the same range of skills available as there was on a full size vehicle.

4. RESOLVED that the update from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service be noted.

### **Gentoo Update**

The Committee were advised that the update from Gentoo had been withdrawn from the agenda.

### **Place Board Proposed Priorities and Government Arrangements for 2015/2016**

The Chair of the East Sunderland Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought approval of the priorities to be taken forward as part of the work plan for 2015/16 and provided an update on the Place Board governance arrangements for 2015/16.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor E. Gibson, Chair of the Place Board, introduced the report and advised the committee of the proposed priorities which were set out at paragraph 3.1 of the report. The governance arrangements including the proposed membership of the board were also set out within the report.

Councillor Mordey commented that it was pleasing to see that the priority relating to developing stronger sustainable and well used community assets and facilities had been included in the work plan. He also felt that the board should look at recycling. He then expressed concerns over the proposal to look at influencing the use of Section 106 monies. It was his understanding that Section 106 monies were limited in how they could be used and that the Board would not be able to influence this; he asked for more information to be provided on this. Ms Robinson stated that there would be training sessions on this subject arranged for Members.

5. RESOLVED that:-



- a. The East Sunderland Area Place Board priorities for 2015/16 as set out in paragraph 3 and annex 1 be approved; and
- b. The area governance arrangements for the board for 2015/16 as set out in paragraph 4 and annex 2 be approved.

### **People Board Proposed Priorities and Governance Arrangements for 2015/16**

The Chairman of the East Sunderland Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought approval of the priorities to be taken forward as part of the work plan for 2015/16 and which provided an update on the People Board governance arrangements for 2015/16.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Marshall, Chair of the People Board, introduced the report and advised the Committee of the proposed priorities which were set out in paragraph 3.1 and in annex 1. She drew Members attention to the governance arrangements, in particular the membership of the East LMAPS group which covered Doxford, Hendon and Ryhope wards; there was a vacancy on this group however as both Councillors McClennan and Mordey had put themselves forward to sit on this group then Members of the Doxford Hendon and Ryhope wards would need to determine who they wanted to have representing their wards on the LMAPS board. The LMAPS representation was then put to the vote and with:-  
6 Members voting for Councillor Mordey;  
1 Member voting for Councillor McClennan; and  
1 Member abstaining; it was agreed that Councillor Mordey be appointed to the East LMAPS group.

Councillor Kay referred to the work plan and asked that the changing demographics of the city centre be added to the work plan. There were plans for a significant number of student beds within the city centre and the residential population of the city centre was expected to double which would have a significant impact. Ms Trueman advised that there had been a lot of work undertaken; it would also affect the North Sunderland Area and it was proposed that a joint meeting with members from both East and North Sunderland areas be arranged.

6. RESOLVED that:-
  - a. The East Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan priorities for 2015/16 as set out in paragraph 3 and annex 1 to the report be approved
  - b. The governance arrangements for 2015/16 as set out in paragraph 4 and annex 2 be approved with Councillor Mordey appointed as the East LMAPS board representative.

## **Area Budgets Report**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with the financial statement which detailed the current position on progress in relation to allocations of SIB and Community Chest funding and which sought Members approval of proposals for funding.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Trueman introduced the report and advised that the starting balance for the 2015/16 year was £318,071. There had been four projects carried forward from last year and these were detailed within the report at section 2. The Villiers Street youth provision project was expected to be brought to the July meeting of the Place Board.

In the period between March and May 2015 there had been 14 Community Chest applications approved totalling £11,426 leaving a balance of £61,007.73 to be allocated.

Councillor Mordey queried what would happen with Community Chest applications if there was not a unanimous agreement within the ward. Ms Trueman advised that a majority vote was sufficient to determine an application. Should a casting vote be required then the Chair of the Area Committee would be called upon for the casting vote.

7. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The financial statements for SIB and Community Chest set out at sections 2 and 3 of the report be noted
- b. The 14 Community Chest approvals set out at annex 1 be noted.

## **Planning Applications – For Information Only**

Current Planning Applications relating to the East Sunderland Area for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

8. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the Meeting.

(Signed) E. BALL,  
Chairman.

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**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PLACE BOARD****East Sunderland Area Place Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 In June 2015 the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the East Sunderland Area Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. This report provides an update on the work plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.

**2 Key Areas of Influence / Achievements**

- 2.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland Area Place Board up to 30 September 2015.

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<p>Area Priority 1.</p> <p>Action 4: Full Marks – Voluntary Private Landlords Accreditation Scheme</p>	<p>In September 2015 an update on the Full Marks SIB project to promote the Sunderland Council's Voluntary Private Landlords Accreditation Scheme was provided.</p> <p>Four events were hosted inviting over 700 landlords. 66 landlords attended the events with 46 signing up to the voluntary accreditation scheme resulting in 268 properties being identified. 74 have been accredited with a further 194 being processed.</p> <p>Work will continue to be delivered to engage with the existing 634 unaccredited landlords and identify new landlords in the East area.</p>
<p>Hostels Update</p>	<p>The Hostel Coordinator (EHO) post came available as a one year pilot project funded by the North-East Regional Homelessness Group and is funded until February 2016.</p> <p>All five hostels in and around Sunnyside area are heritage assets, providing 142 bed spaces to vulnerable adults, the majority of which have complex needs.</p> <p>The EHO has successfully co-ordinated and strengthened a multi-agency approach between the various agencies and individual departments within the Council including: ward members, Northumbria Police, Housing Benefits, Safeguarding, Changing Lives, Turning Point, Counted 4 and Life Line to support tenants and help avoid homelessness as well as providing other services to vulnerable individuals.</p> <p>Landlords, Partners and Councillors agree that the role of the</p>

	<p>Hostel Co-ordinator has made a positive impact on hostels and relationships in the community. Enhanced inspection regimes have raised the standard of living accommodation and hostel landlords feel that they now have a voice in which to express their concerns. All five hostels are now accredited landlords and have signed up to enhanced adult safeguarding measures to support tenants.</p>
<p>Area Priority 2: Develop stronger community assets and facilities.</p> <p>Action: 2.1 Understand what support communities need and discuss issues around resources need.</p> <p>Action 3.1 Conduct a tour of the Area.</p>	<p>In July 2015, Area Place Board councillors recommended 13 venues to visit as part of a tour around the East area. The focus of the tour varied from local environmental issues to capital works which need to be carried out in buildings to continue community services to vulnerable people.</p> <p>Visits also highlighted the sterling work carried out by an army of volunteers in the area which dedicate their own time towards worthy causes.</p> <p>In September 2015, each Place councillor presented their findings to the Area Board. After a discussion it was agreed to recommend that Area Committee aligned £50,000 SIB from 2015 / 2016 budget to enable the councillors to develop large scale project up to £10,000 per ward. Each funding proposal would be subject to full application, consultation and evaluation with recommendations presented to a future Area Committee for consideration.</p>
<p>Area Priority 2: Develop stronger community assets and facilities.</p> <p>Action 3: Be Active, carry out a study to understand the barriers to accessing green space in the East area.</p>	<p>In July 2015, a Call for Projects was advertised across the East VCS Area Network asking for expressions of interest from organisations which were willing to carry out a survey on behalf of the Area Committee.</p> <p>Each ward will have a tailored survey to be completed in November 2015. The aim of the survey will be to engage with a minimum of 200 individual household and at least one school per ward. In addition to 'door to door' survey's being carried out an online version will be available.</p> <p>The Area Place Board are recommending approval of £5,000 SIB 2015 / 2016 (£1,000 per ward) to fund the work associated with carrying out the research which includes surveying, collating and presenting the findings at a ward level to a future Area Board and / or Area Committee for further consideration.</p> <p>The organisations proposed to be involved in the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groundworks North East,</li> <li>• Ryhope Community Association, and</li> <li>• The Box Youth Centre.</li> </ul>

<p>Area Priority 3: Influence the design, delivery and review of Place Based Services:</p> <p>Promoting an All Age Friendly Environment</p>	<p>In July, the Area Place Board received a presentation on a project which is underway to promote Sunderland as an All Age-Friendly City. Being an Age Friendly city requires ensuring that Sunderland provides a welcoming environment for older people.</p> <p>The East area has the lowest number of people over the age of 50, which is 19,171 equating to 34.6% of the area's population compare to the city average of 20,840 (37.94%).</p> <p>The Age-Friendly City Project explicitly adopts a locally driven and "bottom-up" approach. This starts with the lived experience of older persons regarding what is, and what is not age-friendly, and what improvements can be made. The knowledge and experience of public, voluntary and commercial service providers, and that of older persons, are combined as a more complete picture of the community's strong points and barriers to age-friendliness.</p> <p>The Board were invited to comment on the council's proposal to submit to the WHO Global Network of age-Friendly Cities and Communities for 'Age Friendly' status and propose a specific community project at neighbourhood level. The recent city centre audit carried out by the 50+ Forum was proposed.</p>
<p>Area Priority: 3 Influence the design, delivery and review of Place Based Services:</p> <p>Action: Environmental Campaign 'Make Waste Useful'.</p>	<p>In July 2015, Area Place Board Councillors, Officers, representatives from the VCS Area Network and the Project Lead Member on behalf of Cabinet attended a tour of Middlefield Recycling Village, South Tyneside and Campground, Gateshead both managed by SITA, to gain an understanding of how to 'make waste useful'. After the visits a workshop was held to discuss next steps. It was proposed to establish a Network made up of charities, social enterprise and non-profit organisations to work together. The aim is to promote an environmental campaign and deliver a project targeted at community involvement and changing behaviours and attitudes towards waste. Objectives covered are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote greater participation in doorstep recycling, by mobilising communities to promote and increase the use of recycling services.</li> <li>2. Reduce fly tipped household waste in rear lanes, by challenging and educating householders on the options to dispose their waste items cheaply and more responsibly.</li> <li>3. Prevent wheeled bin arson and stolen wheeled bins, by educating the communities on how to 'protect their bins'.</li> <li>4. Collect, repair and re-use unwanted household items, by establishing a community scheme supporting local enterprise, training and jobs.</li> </ol> <p>The Waste Management Team are currently scoping a proposal to share will the Area Place Board for comment. A future report</p>

### 3. Recommendations

#### 3.1 Members are invited to:-

- (a) Note the East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.
- (b) Note the Area Place Board's support and recommendation to align £50,000 SIB for councillors to develop capital projects up to £10,000 per ward and approve £5,000 SIB to enable the Be Active survey to be carried out, which both contribute towards the area priority 'Develop stronger sustainable and well used community assets and facilities' as set out in the Area Budget Report.
- (c) Note the positive impact the role of the externally funded Hostel Co-ordinator has had in the community.
- (d) Note the progress of the All Age Friendly Environment and the Making Waste Useful programmes.

Annex 1                      East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan 2014 / 2015

#### Background Papers

East Area Place Board Agendas, Reports and Action List  
SIB Evaluation Report: Full Marks  
Hostel Co-ordinator's Presentation  
Place Board Tour Feedback Report  
SIB Call for Projects: Be Active Survey  
All Age Friendly Environment Report

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NO.	PRESENTED TO PLACE BOARD	AREA PRIORITY	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENT	PROGRESS REPORT
1	Ongoing - ends December 2015	<b>Working with communities and partners to understand local issues and help to identify their own solutions and take more responsibility for their local community.</b>	1) Community Leaders: i) Focus on investing in the built and natural environment of neighbourhoods across East Sunderland. By working within their existing infrastructures, such as, Residents Associations, ward surgeries, governors role, etc., to identify ward based issues. Where appropriate issues will be discuss and consulted upon with all relevant Officers and Partners, with solutions being presented to the East Area Place Board for consideration.	Area Place Board	SIB approved. Project ongoing, with request for projects discussed at the Place Board for delegated decision. Project end December 2015.
	November - ends March 2016		2) Clean and Grow Environmental Partnership: The programme will report directly into the Area Place Board, providing regular updates on its progression. Each Councillor will be able to direct the lead agent, via Area Community Officer, on the roll out of the implementation and monitoring of the programme.	Clean and Grow Partnership	SIB approved. Full programme agreed in June 2015 between partners and Cllrs. With leads providing Place Cllrs with regularly updates. 40% of healthy cooking and eating workshops delivered across five wards. 50% of the Green Route planted in Ryhope and Doxford. The Sow, Reap and Eat project continues to be delivered three days a week. Street Eats delivered in Millfield, St Michaels confirmed and 80% of Community Cleans up carried out. Project ends March 2016.
	Sep-16		3) Develop a temporary provision on a derelict piece of land at Villers Street: i) designs and options to be consulted upon, including the business sector. li) feedback to Area Committee for consideration.	Landscape Design Team	Developers have expressed an interest in the derelict piece of land at Villers Street. Therefore the project has been withdrawn, with £25,000 being returned to SIB core budget.

	Sep-16		4) i) Receive an evaluation report on the Full Marks SIB project, which encourages private landlords to sign up to the council's voluntary accreditation scheme. ii) Supporting improvements to standards in the private rented housing sector.	Housing Renewal Team	SIB approved to deliver ward based events to encourage private landlords to voluntarily sign up to the Council's accreditation scheme. Four events were hosted in the East. Over 700 landlords operating in East receive an invitation. 66 landlords/agents attended events. From this 46 landlords signed up to the scheme, 74 properties have been accredited with a further 194 pending process. The project successfully raised awareness about the scheme and 71% of the city's private landlords own properties in the East area. Project closed. A further report was shared at Place Board on the role of the Hostel Co-ordinator, see main report for further details.
2	Sep-15	<b>Develop stronger sustainable and well used community assets and facilities.</b>	1) i) Understand what support community centres and facilities need to continue to provide services to residents. ii) Discuss issues around resources needed, and support providers, when feasible.	Place Area Board	See 3.1
Ongoing			2) Encourage and support council assets to be transferred to the VCS, as and when land and property becomes available. Checks need to take place to ensure if problems arise there is support available. (watch and brief)	Property Services	Barley Mow Pavillion was on the councils community assets transfer list. SAAT have been working with B Active and B Fit and Property Services. A 25 year lease has been offered to B Active and B Fit, subject to external funding being secured to bring the property back into use and community groups, i.e. Friends of the Park having access to the building through negotiation with the new tenants.



	Sep 15, Jan 16		3) Be Active: Carry out a study to understand the barriers to accessing green space in the East area.	TBC	A Call for Projects was advertised in June 2015 - September 2015. To date three groups expressed an interest. There is a request to approve £5,000 SIB to enable the survey to be carried out.
	Nov-15		4) Better Cycle Ways: To receive a future report from Place Services on how East area can connect to City.	Highways Team	Presentation to be delivered to a future meeting.
3	Jul-15	<b>Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee.</b>	1. Conduct a tour of the East area to evaluate communities and identify ongoing problems for further discussion.	Area Place Board	In July 2015 Cllrs visited 13 sites. In September 2015 a report was presented to the Board for consideration. There is a funding request of £50,000 (£10,000 per ward) to align to the priority. See financial report.
	Ongoing		Continue to influence the development of Core Strategy, and future land use in the East.	Area Place Board	
	Nov-15		3. To continue to influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2016 / 2017.	Area Place Board	A future report is being presented to the November 2015 Board.
4	Ongoing	<b>Attract external funding into the East</b>	1) Receive updates on new funding streams that complement the workplan.	Area Arrangements	5 organisations have submitted proposals. A further two have expressed an interest but with no projects identified.

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**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PEOPLE BOARD****East Sunderland Area People Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 In June 2015 the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with People were referred to the East Sunderland People Area Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. This report provides an update on the work plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.

**2 Key Areas of Influence / Achievements**

- 2.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland Area People Board up to 30 September 2015.

<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<p>Area Priority 2: Embed and strengthen the Community Connectors model.</p> <p>Area Action: identify a ward hub to deliver or complement a range of services which include reducing social isolation, supporting people with disabilities and supporting carers.</p>	<p>In July 2015, Area People Board councillors identified proposed hubs in each of the five wards, these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doxford Ward: The Box Youth Project</li> <li>• Hendon Ward: CHANCE</li> <li>• Millfield Ward: St Marks Community Association</li> <li>• Ryhope Ward: Ryhope Community Association</li> <li>• St Michaels Ward: St Nicholas Church</li> </ul> <p>During the Summer meetings were held with members from the organisations to discuss how the Community Connectors model could be rolled out across the East. The main principles of the model would be to provide a physical presence in the ward and co-ordinate and support services and activities which complement the Area Committee's work plan.</p> <p>The model will be discussed in greater detail at the November Area Board. It is expected that a SIB request will be submitted in at a future meeting to support the delivery of the project.</p>
<p>Area Priority 3: Develop Stronger Communities and Encourage Self Help.</p> <p>Action: 1</p> <p>Up Skilling Volunteers: Set up a task group to identify</p>	<p>In March 2015, East Sunderland Area Committee agreed to establish a Task Group which would consider how the Committee could contribute towards up skilling volunteers in the East Area. Several meetings of the Task Group have been held with partners across the area, which resulted in the completion of a Training Needs Analysis. The analysis was informed by a survey completed by 115 East volunteers (40% return) who identified 36 courses. It is worth noting however, that the volunteers identified an interest in more than one course, meaning on average a volunteer would complete six</p>

<p>what is available to access currently, what the training needs of the sector are, cross reference both to identify barriers and bring back a future report for consideration. Co-ordinate and support volunteering opportunities across the council and partners.</p>	<p>courses.</p> <p>Some courses were in higher demand, for example, 85 volunteers are interested in carrying out First Aid training. Others were more specific to the organisation's needs, i.e. Conservation Cleaning, but could be beneficial to others organisations.</p> <p>Cost of training, the time of delivering a course i.e. daytime and awareness of opportunities available were highlighted as common barriers towards accessing existing training provision.</p> <p>To address these barriers the project is seeking a one off grant award for revenue costs to design, develop, host and manage a community e-learning management system (CLMS). This could reach up to 5,000 volunteers providing access to 100 on-line modules, with the added ability to develop new modules.</p> <p>The Area People Board a recommending that the funding request for £11,000 SIB 2015 / 2016 is supported, which is discussed further under the area budget report.</p>
<p>Area Priority 3: Develop Stronger Communities and Encourage Self Help.</p> <p>Area Action 3: Encourage outdoor education and support the establishment of a camping exchange.</p>	<p>A Camping Exchange programme exists in Durham. It involves local schools working together using 'camping' as a tool to educate pupils, connecting the project directly with the core curriculum e.g. English, maths, science, history and geography.</p> <p>In July 2015 a Call for Projects was advertised with VCS groups and schools in the East area seeking expressions of interest from organisations which are interested in the camping exchange concept. Eight organisations submitted an expression, these are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Barbara Priestman Academy</li> <li>ii) Diamond Hall Infants School</li> <li>iii) Hudson Road Primary School</li> <li>iv) Mill Hill Primary School</li> <li>v) Ryhope Junior School</li> <li>vi) St Pauls Church of England School</li> <li>vii) Valley Road School</li> <li>viii) Groundworks North East</li> </ul> <p>A workshop with the organisations will be held in October hosted by Reynolds Outdoor Specialist, who are a local independent business specialising in outdoor equipment, to discuss options around a 'rent a tent' scheme which will provide access to camping kits for small or large groups to learn outdoors.</p>

	<p>Information from the workshop will be presented to the November People Board. It is expected that a SIB request will be submitted to a future meeting to support deliver of the project.</p>
<p>Area Priority 4: Deliver a partnership approach to improve health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Area Action 2: Reducing demand on A &amp; E services targeting BME communities and new parents.</p>	<p>In June 2015, Area Committee agreed to prioritise the need to reduce the demand on A&amp;E Services by targeting ‘frequent flyers’ from East area, specifically members from the Black Ethnic Minority (BME) community and parents of young children.</p> <p>Early discussions were held at July’s People Board. Points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40% of patients are discharged without treatment.</li> <li>• Lack of public awareness around how to access urgent and emergency care and what is the appropriate choice for ‘the situation’.</li> <li>• Need to improve working relationships between health and housing specialists and share information to ensure the home is healthy for the patient’s needs.</li> </ul> <p>Further discussions are being held on how it is possible to identify frequent flyers. Once identified options to consider supporting in the East are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Produce or use existing promotional materials which include key messages around what alternative choices are available in terms of accessing urgent and emergency care, in addition to A&amp;E.</li> <li>ii. Commission a Common Childhood Illness Course, e.g. nappy rash, teething symptoms, etc. targeting families with young children via the Council’s Family Workers Team.</li> </ol> <p>A further report will be presented at a future meeting.</p>
<p>Area Priority 5: Influencing the design, delivery and review of People based services.</p> <p>Leisure Partnership Update</p>	<p>An update on the Leisure Partnership and the Active Sunderland Approach was provided at the July People Board. The council has appointed Sports and Leisure Management (SLM) as a joint venture partner and from 1 June SLM, who operate as Everyone Active, will manage the council’s sports and leisure facilities. SLM will be responsible for day to day leisure centre operations, while strategic decisions will be made at Joint Venture level.</p> <p>Working together, Sunderland City Council and SLM will continue to invest in facilities and enhance and expand services under the new joint venture arrangement.</p>

	<p>Raich Carter Leisure Centre was one of the centres which transferred over under the joint venture scheme resulting in refurbishments been carried out, including a new gym.</p> <p>The new partnership is tasked with encouraging more people in the city to take part in physical activity, sport and leisure more often. Building on work already underway through the city's Active Sunderland approach which works with individuals, schools, communities and sports clubs creating, enabling and providing opportunities for people to be active and to increase their activity levels.</p>
<p>Area Priority 5: Influencing the design, delivery and review of People based services.</p> <p>Live Life Well Services</p>	<p>In July 2015, Area Board received an update on the development of the Integrated Wellness Service, now known as the Live Life Well Service. The Live Life Well Service was procured in January 2015, with the service delivery commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. The model is a new approach to mental and physical wellness, focusing on:</p> <p><i>Healthy Places</i> - increased investment in supporting active travel and outdoor space.</p> <p><i>Central Hub / Gateway to Healthy Opportunities</i> - enable people to improve their own health with information and signposting available through a range of media. Complementing the Area Committee's Community Connectors model.</p> <p><i>Health champions / Personal Information and Advice</i> - build on the successful Sunderland Health Champions programme to ensure that people who are thinking about making a change can.</p> <p><i>Outreach</i> - identify and address health issues arising in specific neighbourhoods e.g. stop smoking services for young pregnant women and delivery of NHS Health Checks in disadvantaged neighbourhoods.</p> <p><i>Support for Healthy Living</i> - recognising that some people need extra support to make the necessary changes to improve their mental or physical health; dedicated Wellness Coordinators will help people to build a plan for themselves and/or their families using the opportunities available that best suit their daily lives.</p> <p><i>Further opportunities</i> - there will be a range of commissioned and non-commissioned direct delivery such as NHS Health Checks, Stop Smoking Services, Substance Misuse Services and services aimed at improving Mental Wellness.</p>

Area Priority 5: Influencing the design, delivery and review of People based services.  Early Intervention and Locality Working Youth Commissioned Contracts	In September 2015, Area People Board received an update on the performance of current commissioned youth contracts and the XL youth team. Representatives from The Box Youth Centre and XL Team were in attendance, apologies were received from Hendon Young Peoples Project. There was no representation from Blue Watch Youth Centre or Lambton Street Youth Centre. All performance data is available via sharepoint.
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### 3. Recommendations

#### 3.1 Members are requested to:-

- (a) Note the updates provided on the Community Connectors model, Camping Exchange, Reducing demand of A & E services, the Leisure partnership update and the Live Life Well Service.
- (b) Note the East Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.
- (c) Note the Area People Board's support and recommendation to approve £11,000 SIB project proposals for the area priority 'Up-skilling Volunteers' and support the establishment of the community e-learning management systems, as set out in the Area Budget Report.

Annex 1                                      East Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan 2014 / 2015

Background Papers                      East Sunderland Area People Board Agendas, Reports and Action List  
East Sunderland Up Skilling Volunteers Task Group: Training Needs Analysis Findings July 2015  
East Sunderland Call for Projects Brief: Camping Exchange

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NO.	Presented to People Board	AREA PRIORITY	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENT	PROGRESS REPORT
1	Nov-15	Understanding the impact of self-harming in the East.	1 i) Receive a presentation on the facts and figures relating to 'self-harming' in the East. This could include, eating disorders, substance abuse, 'cutting', smoking, etc. ii) What is the impact of self-harming? What can the Area Committee do about it? Discuss options and present recommendations to Area Committee.	Lorraine Hughes, Public Health	
2	Sep-15	Embed and strengthen the Community Connectors model.	1) i) Develop a hub and spokes model across the East, by People Board Cllrs identifying a local venue to become a ward hub. The aim of the 'hub' could be to deliver a range of services that complement area priorities and key workstreams. ii) Meet with the VCS partners and discuss how each hub can contribute towards three key workstream: a) reducing social isolation, b) supporting people with disabilities, and c) supporting carers.	Area People Board	The item was postponed until November. However, 1-2-1 meetings have been held with five proposed hubs within the East to discuss the model, these are: The Box Youth Project, CHANCE, St Marks Community Association, Ryhope Community Association and St Nicholas Church. An additional meeting has been held with Sunderland Carers Centre to understand how they too can complement the Connectors model.
3	Sep-15	Develop stronger communities and encourage self-help.	1) Up Skilling Volunteers: Set up a task group to identify what is available to access currently, what the training needs of the sector are, cross reference both to identify gaps/barriers, and bring back a future report for consideration.	Task Group	Training Needs Analysis carried out July 2015. Findings presented to September Area Board. Recommendations are outlined in main report based on findings, one of which includes a recommendation to approve £11,000 SIB to establish an online learning lounge.
	TBC		2) Increase digital skills, reducing the generational age gap and encourage self-help.	Area People Board	There is direct links between this action at the online learning lounge outlined in action 3.1 above. MERGE

	Nov-15		3) Encourage outdoor education and support the establishment of a camping exchange.	Area People Board	A Call for Projects was advertised in July. Eight organisations have submitted a expression. A workshop will be held in October with an update provided at the November Board.
	Ongoing		4) Receive updates on the development of the regions first Beach School.	VCS Area Network	The North Area Committee funded the first beach school over the Summer period at Roker and Seaburn with successful results.
4	Jul-15	Deliver a partnership approach to improve health and wellbeing.	1) Support and promote the Move to Improve and the Live Life Well Programme across the East area. (watch and brief)	Sport and Leisure and CCG East	A presentation was delivered on the service, which covered the new approach to mental and physical wellness model, taking into account the health needs of the population while being personalised to individuals. Further information is outlined in the main report.
	Sep-15		2) Reducing demand on A&E services, targeting BME communities and new parents.	Area People Board and CCG East	£29,333 was rolled over from 2014 / 2015. In March 2015, Area Committee agreed to match a further £20,000 SIB with £20,000 from East CCG. Total approved to deliver against health priorities for 2015/2016 £69,333.
5	TBC	Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee.	1) Consider the implementation of the Education and Skills Strategy at an area level.	Area Arrangements	
	Nov-15		2) Contribute towards the Cultural Strategy and Museum vision on how the service will be tailored to meet the needs of the community.	Area Arrangements	
6	Ongoing	Attract external funding into the East	1) Receive updates on new funding streams that complement the work plan.	Area Arrangements	5 organisations have submitted proposal. A further two have expressed an interest but with no projects identified.



<b>EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE</b> <b>5 OCTOBER 2015</b> <b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</b>	
<b>Title of Report:</b> Area Budgets Report	
<b>Author(s):</b> Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements	
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and note allocations awarded Community Chest grant.	
<b>Description of Decision:</b> The Area Committee is requested to note the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Note the financial statement as set out in section 2 and 3.</li> <li>(b) Approve two SIB funding requests for £16,000 SIB 2015 / 2016, as set out in <b>Annex 1</b>.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Be Active Survey: £5,000</li> <li>ii) Community Learning Management System: £11,000</li> </ul> </li> <li>(c) Align £50,000 SIB 2015 / 2016 to enable Area Place councillors to develop large scale project(s) up to £10,000 per ward (subject to full application, consultation and evaluation)</li> <li>(d) Note the 25 Community Chest approvals from the 2015 / 2016 budget, set out in <b>Annex 2</b>.</li> </ul>	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?	Yes
<b>Suggested reason(s) for Decision:</b> The Area Committee has been allocated Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Work Plan and to attract other funding into the area.	
<b>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:</b> The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.	
Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	

5 OCTOBER 2015

## REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SCRUTINY AND AREA ARRANGEMENTS

## Area Budgets Report

## 1 Purpose of Report

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the local work plans, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB and Community Chest.

## 2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.1 The financial statement below indicates the SIB position as at September 2015 indicating:

- (a) grant returns totalling £36,926, including the £25,000 SIB which was aligned to the Villers Street concept project.
- (b) three emergency grants which were approved since the June 2015 Area Committee meeting, and
- (c) approved funds rolled over from the previous financial year relating to the Community Leaders and Partnership in Practice which are restricted budgets

SIB Financial Breakdown for 2015 / 2016					
Starting Balance 2015 / 2016 Budget					
Project Name	Committee Date	SIB Approved	Match Funding	SIB Returned	SIB Balance Remaining
2015 / 2016 Starting Balance					£318,071
Holiday Hunger	Emergency	£5,000		£3,693	£316,764
Seagull Scheme	Emergency	£8,195			£308,569
Captain Maling	Emergency	£11,000			£297,569
Health Sense	05.10.15			£300	£297,869
NEETs Roadshow	05.10.15			£500	£298,369
It's a Beautiful Game	05.10.15			£1,960	£300,329
Young Mums	05.10.15			£2,254	£302,583
Little Bit Extra 2	05.10.15			£1,697	£304,280
Coastal Path	05.10.15			£5,215	£309,495

Villers Street	05.10.15			£25,000	£334,495
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Approved funds from 2014 / 2015 Budget Rolled Over					
Project Name	Committee Date	SIB Approved	Match Funding	SIB Allocated	SIB Balance Remaining
Community Leaders	20.10.14	£36,000	£22,580	£23,414	£12,586
Partnership in Practice	16.03.15	£40,000	£40,000	£10,667	£69,333
Totals		£111,000	£62,580	£34,081	£81,919

Table 1: Financial Statement SIB for 2015/2016

2.2 The balance remaining to be allocated for 2015 / 2016 is £334,495. Further detail on the two programmes from 2014 / 2015 which have been delegated to the Area Boards to deliver are:-

#### **Area Place Board: Community Leaders**

2.3 The table below lists a financial breakdown of the approved SIB grant which remains to be allocated against the Community Leaders project. The Community Leaders project aims to focus on investing in the built and natural environment of neighbourhoods across the East, by working within existing infrastructures (i.e. ward surgeries, community meetings). Where appropriate issues will be discussed and consulted upon with all relevant Officers and Partners with solutions being presented to an Area Place Board for consideration. The funding ends in December 2015.

Wards	Overall budget	Total approved	Balance remaining
City Centre	£6,000	£5,994	£6
Doxford	£6,000	£0	£6,000
Hendon	£6,000	£3,650	£2,350
Millfield	£6,000	£6,000	£0
Ryhope	£6,000	£1,770	£4,230
St Michael's	£6,000	£6,000	£0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£36,000</b>	<b>£23,414</b>	<b>£12,586</b>

Table 2: financial breakdown of SIB Community Leaders grant remaining to be allocated 2015/2016

#### **Area People Board: Partnership in Practice**

2.4 In June 2015 Area Committee agreed to continue forward with a partnership in practice approach in the East with the East Clinic Commissioning Group to aim at reducing demand on A & E services with a specific focus on BME communities and parents/carers of young children. There is a balance of £69,333 to allocate against the joint approach for 2015 / 2016. An update was provided as set out in the report presented by the People Board Chair.

Area	Overall budget	Total approved	Balance remaining
Reducing demand of A & E Services.	£80,000	£10,667	<b>£69,333</b>

*Table 3: financial breakdown of SIB Partnership in Practice grant remaining to be allocated 2015/2016*

2.5 Following on from September Area Boards, it was agreed to seek approval from Area Committee to approve £16,000 from SIB 2015 / 2016 budget to develop Place and People based area priorities, as set out in **Annex 1**, these are: -

- i) Be Active Survey £5,000
- ii) Community Learning Management System £11,000

2.6 If both funding requests are approved it would leave an unrestricted budget of £318,495 SIB 2015 / 2016 to allocate against the Area Work Plan Priorities.

2.7 In addition, the September Area Place Board are seeking endorsement to align £50,000 from SIB 2015 / 2016 budget to enable the councillors to develop large scale project up to £10,000 per ward. Each funding proposal would be subject to full application, consultation and evaluation with recommendations presented to a future Area Committee for consideration.

### **SIB Underspend**

2.8 In October 2014, Area Committee approved £6,600 SIB towards the Safety of the Street project which funded the transport costs of every year 6 and 8 pupil who attends a school located in the East Sunderland area to visit Safetyworks, an interactive safety centre. The outcome of the project to engage 12 primary and 5 secondary was not fully achieved as four secondary schools did not engage. Interesting though, the number of pupils who benefited from the project was higher than originally expected. From the 13 schools that did engage it was predicted that 580 would benefit, the actual figure was 756 pupils.

2.9 The project ended in July 2015, with an underspend of £3,130. Area Committee are requested to consider approving the continuation of the project to fund transport costs up until July 2016 by utilising the underspend.

### **Community Chest**

3.1 The table below details the starting balances for 2015 / 2016. **Annex 2** shows the approvals between June 2015 to September 2015.

Ward	Start Balance April 2015	Approvals 2015	Returned Grants	Balance
Doxford	£15,894.20	£5,017.20		£10,877.00
Hendon	£10,995.91	£8,162.24	£1,220.00	£4,053.67
Millfield	£19,641.89	£4,575.70		£15,066.19
Ryhope	£12,193.63	£7,350.00	£108.20	£4,951.83
St Michaels	£11,657.10	£5,185.00		£6,472.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>£70,382.73</b>	<b>£30,290.14</b>	<b>£1,328.20</b>	<b>£41,420.79</b>

#### 4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested to:

- (a) Note the financial statements, as set out in sections 2 and 3.
- (b) Approve two SIB funding requests for £16,000 SIB 2015 / 2016, as set out in Annex 1.
- (c) Align £50,000 SIB 2015 / 2016 to enable Area Place councillors to develop large scale project(s) up to £10,000 per ward (subject to full application, consultation and evaluation)
- (d) Note the 25 Community Chest approvals from the 2015 / 2016 budget, set out in Annex 2.

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5 October 2015

**SIB Executive Summary**

**Project One: Be Active Survey**

<b>SIB Requested</b>	£5,000	<b>Organisation</b>	Sunderland Council
<b>Start Date</b>	October 2015	<b>End Date</b>	December 2015

**Project Description**

To ensure action is delivered against the “Develop Stronger Sustainable and Well Used Community Assets and Facilities, area action 2.3 Be Active Survey, Area Committee tasked the East Place Area Board with the objective of talking to local residents to complete a survey to understand the barriers to accessing green spaces in the East area.

In July 2015, organisations were invited to submit their interest in carrying out a survey. Each ward will have a tailored survey to be completed in November 2015. The survey is multiple choice with an opportunity to add further comments. Each ward survey will focus on specific outdoor spaces, the proposed locations are listed below:-

<b>Doxford</b>	<b>Hendon</b>	<b>Millfield</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doxford Park</li> <li>• St Matthews Field</li> <li>• MUGA and green space at Hall Farm</li> <li>• Blakeney Woods</li> <li>• Stephenson Trail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barley Mow Park</li> <li>• Mowbray Park</li> <li>• Hendon Cliff Top Park</li> <li>• Town Moor</li> <li>• Beach</li> <li>• Riverside</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Festival Park / Gill Bridge</li> <li>• Riverside</li> <li>• Town Park (and village green)</li> <li>• Burn Park</li> <li>• Diamond Hall Pocket Park</li> <li>• Cycle paths</li> </ul>
<b>Ryhope</b>	<b>St Michaels</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ryhope Welfare Park / Old Golf Course</li> <li>• Ryhope Recreation Site</li> <li>• Beach</li> <li>• Beechbrooke play park and field</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backhouse Park</li> <li>• Westheath Avenue (The Hollow)</li> <li>• Civic Centre greenspace (between Stockton and Burdon Road – top of Park Lane)</li> <li>• Ashbrooke Sports club</li> </ul>	

Questions are:

- Q1. How often do you use your local greenspace areas?
- Q2. Why do you use the greenspace?
- Q3. Do you regularly use any greenspaces outside of your local area? if you do, please name them AND why you use them.
- Q4. If you do not use your local greenspace, why?
- Q5. What could be improved to your local greenspace(s) to encourage you to use it more often?
- Q6. How important do you consider it is to have greenspace in (insert ward)?
- Q7. What do you think we could do to encourage more people to get outdoors?

Three organisations will work in partnership to complete the surveys, these are Groundworks North East, The Box Youth Centre and Ryhope Community Association. Each ward will have a minimum of 200 individual household surveys to complete and engage with at least one school council. The findings will then be collate and presented to a future Area Board meeting for consideration.

As well as carrying out face to face interviews, the survey will be available on-line.

**Recommendation:**                      **Approve**

- The survey is an area action which was prioritised and approved by East Sunderland Area Committee in June 2015 and is outlined in the Area Committee's Work Plan 2015 / 2016 as action 2.3, therefore delivering a direct outcome against the area priority "Develop Stronger Sustainable and Well Used Community Assets and Facilities".
- Without the approval of Area Committee the area action will not be delivered.
- The project is recommended for approval by the Area Place Board.



## SIB Executive Summary

### Project Two: Community Learning Management System

<b>Total Project Costs</b>	£22,000	<b>SIB Requested</b>	£11,000 SIB
<b>Match Funding</b>	£11,000 (secured via FACL)	<b>Organisation</b>	Sunderland Council
<b>Start Date</b>	October 2015	<b>End Date</b>	September 2017

### Project Description

In March 2015, East Area Committee agreed the establishment of a Task Group which would consider how the Committee could up skill volunteers in the East Area. Several Task Groups meetings have been held with partners, which resulted in a Training Needs Analysis been completed. The analysis was informed by a survey completed by East volunteers (40% return) who identified 36 courses for 726 volunteers. NB: the volunteer figure actually relates to 115 individuals, meaning on average a volunteer would complete six courses.

Some courses were in higher demand, for example, 85 individual are interested in carrying out First Aid training. Others were more specific to the organisation, Conservation Cleaning.

Cost of training, the time of delivering a course i.e. daytime, and awareness of opportunities available where highlighted as common barriers towards accessing existing training provision.

To address these barriers the organisation are seeking a one off grant award for revenue costs to design, develop, host and manage a community learning management system (CLMS) which could potentially reach up to 5,000 volunteers providing access up to 100 on-line training modules, with the added ability to develop new modules. The initial priority will be to provide access to a number courses, e.g. Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Basic First Aid, Safety at Work, etc. courses which were identified in the training analysis as being in high demand for volunteers in the East Area.

From October the Council's Communication Team will provide guidance on the design and branding of the CLMS to ensure it complements the corporate brand of the Council, acknowledging the support from East Sunderland Area Committee and FACL. There will be a user testing of the development site held in November/December, with a soft launch delivered with identified volunteers

registered with organisations from the East Area Network (*these volunteers were identified by a survey previously mentioned*) in January 2016.

The development and management of the CLMS will cover technical support, Moodle upgrades, access to 24 hour support portal and FAQs, immediate response for critical problems, 24 hour response for non-critical problems, unlimited authorised contacts and 20 support tickets per year.

The hosting of the package includes server operating system support for Windows/Linux including software installation, SSL certificate management; Cloud based hosting staffed 24/7, daily back up for disaster recovery and weekly full back up of CLMS and all its content.

Use of the internet is becoming increasingly common, for leisure activities as well as access to services and information including local / national government services, banking and shopping. Promoting the use of on-line learning therefore supports wider capacity building in the community by encouraging the development of digital skills and confidence. On-line learning delivery reduces administrative costs, makes information and resources more accessible and is available 24 / 7 from devices which have internet access.

However traditional training methods remain important, for example for members of the community who do not yet have the skills or access to use on-line methods; or for some types of learning. During the analysis described above it was pointed out that courses, such as confidence building may always need a 'human touch' and might not be appropriate to deliver online.

As part of the CLMS, the wide variety of Family, Adult and Community courses delivered in the East by different providers in a community setting will therefore be promoted by publishing current list of provision with the aim of maximising participation in these opportunities.

After the launch in the New Year the CLMS will be reviewed in August 2016, December 2016 and August 2017 to see if the learning tool is being accessed by volunteers, and if not, consideration will be given on how to encourage uptake. For example, regular adverts will be shared via the Council's e-bulletin service managed by Scrutiny and Area Arrangements Team, which links into the Volunteers Centre Sunderland and Voluntary and Community Action Sunderland.

For learners to access CLMS they must be either registered with an East Sunderland Area Network organisation; or with the FACL service. This could also encourage new groups to join the Network to gain access to this valuable learning tool, if they are not members and connect into the area arrangements infrastructure provided by East Area Committee.

<b>Budget</b>	<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>Match Costs</b>	<b>SIB Contribution</b>
Design and development of CLMS	£2,000	£1,000 (FACL)	£1,000
Management of the CLMS and user accounts	£20,000	£10,000 (FACL)	£10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£22,000</b>	<b>£11,000 (FACL)</b>	<b>£11,000</b>

**Recommendation: Approve**

- A main purpose for SIB is to fund new initiatives and pump prime new ways of working. The project proposal is well planned and structured, epitomising the function of SIB.
- The project delivers action against the Area Committee’s area priority, ‘Develop stronger communities and encourage self-help’, which are:
  - Up skill volunteers to providing access to skills and learning opportunities, and
  - Increases access to digital skills.
- The project is recommended for approval by the Area People Board.

5 October 2015

## Community Chest: Financial Statement June 2015 – September 2015

<b>Doxford Ward Budget C/F</b>	£14,630.20		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
The Box YP	17.06.15		£500
The Box YP - London Trip	17.06.15		£1,539.20
Northumbria Police	16.07.15		£1,000
SAPS	31.07.15		£499
Doxford Park Craft Group	31.07.15		£215
<b>Remaining balance</b>			<b>£10,877</b>
<b>Hendon Ward Budget C/F</b>	£5,993.91		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Make Your Way	13.07.15		£1,000
Northumbria Police	16.07.15		£1,000
HYPP	16.07.15		£1,151.24
The Canny Space	05.05.15	£1,211	
<b>Remaining balance</b>			<b>£4,053.67</b>
<b>Millfield Ward Budget C/F</b>	£17,541.89		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Tuesday Night Dance Club	13.07.15		£500
Sunderland Minster	16.07.15		£320
Barnes Pallion & Millfield RA	31.07.15		£150
Lansdowne Pool Team	08.09.15		£160
Lansdowne FC	08.09.15		£525.72
Millfield & Pallion Panthers Under 10	08.09.15		£500
DMCA Craft Group	08.09.15		£319.98
<b>Remaining balance</b>			<b>£15,066.19</b>
<b>Ryhope Ward Budget C/F</b>	£12,193.63		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Ryhope All Stars	10.06.15		£400
Ryhope Carnival	13.07.15		£3,450
Ryhope CA	13.07.15		£2,500
Northumbria Police	16.07.15		£1,000
SCC - Network Opps	20.10.14	£108.20	
<b>Remaining balance</b>			<b>£4,951.83</b>
<b>St Michaels Ward Budget C/F</b>	£10,657.10		
<b>Project</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>	<b>Returned</b>	<b>Approvals</b>
Ashbrooke Bowls	29.05.14		£540
Keep Kids Active	29.05.14		£740
Sunderland Pianoforte Society	13.07.15		£1,000
St Cecilia's & St Patrick's Church	13.07.15		£1,000
Ashmoore RA	31.07.15		£205
Grangetown CA	31.07.15		£700
<b>Remaining balance</b>			<b>£6,472.10</b>

# Current Planning Applications(East)

Between 01/09/2015 and 22/09/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/01850/PE4	1 Milcombe CloseSunderlandSR3 2QJ	Extension of rear garden fence to include land to the side of the property	01/09/2015	22/09/2015
15/01805/FUL	3 Mayo DriveSunderlandSR3 2QT	Erection of single storey extension to rear.	07/09/2015	02/11/2015
15/01816/FUL	8 Hawsker CloseSunderlandSR3 2YD	Erection of front porch.	07/09/2015	02/11/2015
15/01899/FUL	14 Berryfield CloseSunderlandSR3 2XU	Replacement of conservatory to rear of property with sun room.	11/09/2015	06/11/2015
15/01839/SUB	31 Bramwell RoadSunderlandSR2 8BY	Erection of single storey extension to side of dwelling.	08/09/2015	03/11/2015
15/01918/P20	58 Frederick StreetSunderlandSR1 1NF	Change of use from commercial to residential	13/09/2015	02/10/2015

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Date Valid</b>	<b>Target Date for Decision</b>
15/01819/FUL	19 Tower StreetSunderlandSR2 8NF	Change of use from dwelling to house in multiple occupation (HMO)	16/09/2015	11/11/2015
15/01781/CLE	Units 1, 2 And 3Trimdon Street Retail ParkTrimdon StreetSunderlandSR4 6DW	Application for a lawful development certificate for existing use, to confirm that the sale of all retail goods in Use Class A1 are lawful.	01/09/2015	27/10/2015
15/01854/PE2	13 HolmesideSunderlandSR1 3JE	Change of use of first floor to student accomodation	08/09/2015	29/09/2015
15/01837/FUL	17 Cheviot StreetSunderlandSR4 6QN	Erection of a single storey rear extension	08/09/2015	03/11/2015
15/01886/PE1	1 Fern StreetSunderlandSR4 6AL	Replace exsiting boundary wall, alterations to existing out buildings and installation of roller shutter	10/09/2015	01/10/2015
15/01826/FUL	66 Bowood CloseSunderlandSR2 0BY	Erection of a single storey extension to rear.	01/09/2015	27/10/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/01789/SUB	Land To The Rear Of Bevan Avenue Sunderland	Reserved Matters application (outline 10/03941/OUT) for erection of 150 dwellings, with details relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. (Rushford Phase 2.)(Resubmission).	02/09/2015	02/12/2015
15/01283/FUL	Cedarshade Ashbrooke Range Sunderland SR2 7TR	Alterations to property to provide annexed living accommodation, the erection of a single storey extension with roof terrace to rear and the remodelling of the property's facade to include a new two storey gable feature. (Amended description 17.09.2015)	01/09/2015	27/10/2015
15/01543/FUL	8 Ashmore Terrace Sunderland SR2 7DE	Change of use of ground floor from clinic to residential use.	10/09/2015	05/11/2015
15/01902/FUL	7 Lulworth Gardens Sunderland SR2 9BG	Erection of pitched roof and canopy to front elevation.	14/09/2015	09/11/2015
15/01804/FUL	Belford Close Sunderland	Erection of 8 no 4 bedroomed detached dwellings with associated works.	21/09/2015	