

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

Monday, 11th July, 2011 at 5:30pm

**VENUE – Bunny Hill Centre, Hylton Lane, Sunderland,
Tyne & Wear, SR5 4BW**

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5.30pm at the Bunny Hill Centre, Hylton Lane,
Sunderland**

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1st July, 2011

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At a meeting of the NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the BUNNY HILL CENTRE, HYLTON LANE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 6th JUNE, 2011 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Bell in the Chair

Councillors Bonallie, Copeland, Curran, S. Foster, T. Foster, Francis, MacKnight, L. Walton, Wiper and N. Wright

Also in Attendance:-

Ms. Amanda Cattle	- Area Community Coordinator, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Zoe Channing	- Assistant Head of Culture and Tourism, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Les Clark	- Head of Streetscene, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Jane Eland	- Quality Assurance Manager, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Bill Forster	- Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Mr. Mike Foster	- Head of Schools and Learning, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Gillian Gibson	- Primary Care Trust
Ms. Nicola Hestlewood	- Groundworks
Ms. Julie Lynn	- Area Officer (North), Sunderland City Council
Insp. Lisa Musgrove	- Northumbria Police
Mr. Ron Odunaiya	- Executive Director City Services, ALE (Area Lead Executive), Sunderland City Council
Mr. Andy Old	- North Area Response Officer, Sunderland City Council
Ms. Dawn Rugman	- Policy Officer (Diversity), Sunderland City Council
Ms. Joanne Stewart	- Senior Democratic Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Mr. Ken Teers	- Strategic Development Director, SAFC Foundation
Mr. James Third	- NEXUS

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the new Councillors, invited introductions around the room and opened the meeting. He welcomed the new Vice Chairman, Councillor Bonallie and thanked Councillor Copeland for her services as the previous Vice Chairman. He also asked that a letter of thanks be sent to the former Councillor Graham Hall who had lost his seat in the recent elections.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Charlton, Howe, Shattock and Stewart

Declarations of Interest

Item 2 a) - Community Action in the North – Annual Report

Councillor MacKnight declared a personal interest in the report as a Board Member of the Ear 4 U project.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 28th March, 2011

Councillor Francis referred to page 6 of the minutes and asked if the works to be carried out to the area behind the Seaburn Centre had been completed. Mr. Andy Old, Area Response Officer, advised that some work had been undertaken on the graffiti there and that shrubs were being removed adjacent to the Pullman Lodge, and it was:-

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 28th March, 2011 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Community Action in the North – Progress Review

Annual Report

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with the Annual Report for the Committee for its work plan for 2010/11.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Lynn presented the report advising that it provided a snapshot of the Committee's work over the 2010/11 municipal year, informing Members that there had been some major achievements and success made throughout the year and changes implemented in the way the Committee operated which had seen a greater alignment with priorities and a clearer focus on delivery.

She took Members through the report providing a summary of key achievements, service improvement and budget allocation (where made) against the Committee's work plan for the year which had covered the following topics:-

- Heritage;
- Greening of the North Area;
- Specialist and Generalist Youth Provision to be in all North Area Wards;
- Motorcycle Disorder; and
- Responsive Local Services.

Ms. Lynn then invited Ken Teers, SAFC to give an update on projects in relation to the Youth Provision priority, Ms. Nicola Hestlewood, Groundworks, to provide an update in relation to the Greening of the Area and Mr. Andy Old in relation to the Responsive Local Services.

With regards to the two projects undertaken through the SAFC Foundation, Kickz and Tackle It, Councillor Bell commented that they had proven to be very successful and should the Foundation need further financial assistance in the future the Committee could consider further applications through SIB/SIP. Mr. Teers thanked the Area Committee for the funding they had received and advised that they were looking to try and sustain provision of the projects without having to be reliant upon funding streams. He explained that they were trying to diversify the projects to continue deliver them and hopefully to sustain them in the longer term.

Councillor Copeland referred to the issue surrounding the Southwick Sports Hall and the future of the facilities being provided for the community following the closure and possible demolition of the venue. Mr. Odunaiya reminded Members how relevant organisations had been offered the chance to come forward with viable business plans for the site but agreed to speak with Councillor Copeland directly outside of the meeting.

Councillor Wright shared Councillor Copeland's concerns regarding the site. It was correct to say that a way forward had been agreed on in inviting interest from outside organisations but that due to current financial constraints this had not been possible. However, she went on to say her concerns remained and she would have liked to see the facility remain open and asked that her comments were noted in the minutes.

With regards to the Greening of the North Area update, Councillor Francis asked that the Fulwell Ward Members be advised when works were due to start on the allotment site at Shields Road which Ms. Lynn agreed to do.

In response to a query from Councillor Copeland regarding the clearing of the allotment sites, Ms. Hestlewood advised that two sites had been developed to be used as community allotments and five had been cleared and handed back to the Council. She also advised that there had been some level of interest already in the two community sites and that they would be looking in the first instance for groups from local schools, care homes or residents to work within them.

Councillor Copeland went on to ask a further question around those using the community allotments working alongside the allotments current management structure. Ms. Hestlewood advised that they currently worked with the management committee of the allotments and that once volunteers had been invited to start working on the site they would form their own management committee which would then feed into the allotments committee through a representative.

To answer a question from Councillor Curran regarding the apprenticeship placements between Groundworks and the City of Sunderland College, Ms. Lynn advised that the placements would be advertised through the local job centres and that there were no restrictions as to who could apply for them.

Councillor Foster referred to the programme within secondary schools by the enforcement team targeting litter and waste and asked which schools had issues. Mr. Old advised that Monkwearmouth School had issues around Dovedale Road shopping area on a lunch time and after school. Although the school kept a certain number of the pupils in school, some older pupils were allowed out and residents had raised litter as an issue.

Councillor Francis commented that he was aware that senior staff from the school did come out and police the areas on lunchtimes and that he personally had visited the area and never seen children misbehaving.

Councillor Copeland commented on the thinning out of bushes and cleaning areas in Southwick as it was one of the main routes into the City Centre and many areas had been identified during the River, Rubbish, Relay. Mr. Old advised that the areas in this instance referred to the Albion Public House site where reports of dumping had been made so they had thinned out the bushes around there and they had also removed some around Vedra Street so that it could now be seen into. He also advised that they had had the probation team around the area carrying out a litter pick.

Councillor Wright commended the work the Area Response Team were doing and some of the changes they were introducing as well as some of the timely responses she had received to date around issues, She did however have two examples of issues where there had been unsatisfactory responses and were increasingly frustrating.

The first issue was regarding premises in Southwick which had been ongoing for some years and still had no satisfactory resolution. She asked how owners could carry on getting away with it, even when having been threatened with taking to court and asked how situations like this could be dealt with.

The second issue Councillor Wright raised was in relation to garages in the North Area parking cars for sale across roads and on grassy verges. Even though owners had been approached and told not to do it, they were still parking cars in inappropriate areas and she asked if there was a way fencing could be provided in areas so that this could not happen. Mr. Old advised that costings for fencing in some areas identified had been requested.

Ms. Lynn also referred to one of the garages referred to by Councillor Wright and advised that it was in hand and they were looking at the suggestions made and she would be happy to feedback directly to her outside of the meeting.

Councillor MacKnight also raised that she had come across similar issues and Mr. Old advised that he would speak with the enforcement team to look into what penalties, if any, could be issued.

Councillor Wiper referred to litter bins overflowing on the seafront following weekend and asked if they could be emptied on a Monday morning. Mr. Old commented that he would look into this issue as they should be getting emptied but if not he would ensure that they were in future.

Councillor MacKnight raised the issues that had been faced by the probation service carrying out works in the Hylton Dene area. The service had undertaken works in the area previously with magnificent results but as there were no toilet facilities they now had a problem in returning. Mr. Old advised that previously they had used the base of the Sunderland Family Zone but unfortunately this room was no longer vacant so could not be used. It was an issue and they were currently looking at this with Gentoo to see if they could come up with a suitable solution.

In response to a query from Councillor Francis regarding having a speed camera on Shields Road at the junction with Dovedale Road, Inspector Musgrove advised that cameras were allocated to specific spots due to the number of incidents that were recorded at that site but she would look into the matter.

Ms. Lynn then provided Members with a brief update on how finances had been allocated for the year and the next steps for the Committee with regards to their work plan for this municipal year. She congratulated the Committee on being much more proactive in their approach to meeting the priorities within the work plan and advised that only a small amount of funding had gone to projects which did not make up part of the set priorities.

Councillor Walton asked that all Ward Members be consulted when projects were being developed so that they were aware of any effects it may have on residents in the area and referred to an incident whereby access had been blocked off along the seafront but no indication of when the access would reopen was given. If local Councillor had this prior knowledge they would be able to answer residents queries when they came to them. Ms. Lynn agreed to feedback the issues to the relevant department and ensure that Councillors were advised of any future similar works that were to be undertaken.

2. RESOLVED that:-

- the content of the report be received and noted; and
- the progression of lessons learned for the future year be agreed.

2011/12 Priorities and Work Plan

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided for members the next steps regarding the process to be used in shaping and

informing the final work plan, against the provisionally agreed emerging priorities for the North Sunderland area.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Lynn presented the report, thanking all those who had supported the process in developing the work plan and in relation to Youth and Play Provision introduced, Jane Eland, Quality Assurance Manager, who provided Members with an update report on the allocation of £3,000 to provide activities during the Easter and May half-term school holidays.

With regard to the Work Programme, Ms. Lynn advised that its purpose was to clearly identify the key priorities for the Area Committee to discuss, deliver actions and monitor throughout the year, with the overall outcome to improve the quality of life for residents within North Sunderland.

It would provide a transparent framework for elected members, partners and officers to work from, as well as, acting as a focal point for local residents to find out what the Area Committee was doing to make a difference within their neighbourhood.

If adopted, the work plan would inform the majority of work for North Sunderland Area Committee for 2011-2012, as it would form part of the standing agenda, along with progress updates being provided on Sunderland City Council's website after each Area Committee meeting. The Work Plan would be made up of five key priorities for Committee and a Task and Finish Group would be set up for each of the priorities and nominations were sought from Committee Members for them, as set out below;-

1. Attractive and Cared for Environment (incorporating Greening of the Area); Membership of the Task and Finish Group would remain as already established with the addition of Councillor Wiper;
2. Anti Social Behaviour (incorporating Motorcycle Disorder); Councillors Bell, Bonallie, Copeland, Francis, MacKnight and Wiper;
3. Activities for Young People; Councillors Bell, Bonallie, Copeland, Curran, S. Foster, MacKnight and Walton.
4. Heritage: Membership of the Task and Finish Group would remain as already established.

Ms. Lynn then explained she would circulate confirmation of the nominations to Members and request further interest from any Members who were not in attendance at the meeting.

Councillor Copeland referred to issues around the community using the facilities of Southwick Primary School outside of school hours and during the holidays. Councillor Bell commented that some schools were more proactive in promoting this and that he was aware that there had been a number of problems with this school which were trying to be addressed and that it could be an issue the Task and Finish Group could look at how better to engage

with schools in the area. Mr. Mike Foster agreed to look into the matter further and report back to the Area Committee.

With regards to issues raised around motorcycle disorder, Ms. Lynn advised that a number of projects were currently underway, including:-

- an article in the July edition of Community News advising where individuals could ride legally;
- a leaflet which had been developed to be distributed around the North Sunderland Area;
- Secondary Schools signing up to events regarding anti social behaviour which motorcycle disorder would be incorporated into; and
- the issue being raised with the Safer Communities Business Support Group to help in pulling together a more targeted operation.

So as Members could see they were trying a several pronged approach of informing and enforcing to help in addressing the issue and this issue would be picked up and continuously monitored by the Anti Social Behaviour Task and Finish Group.

Councillor Wright referred to a recent visit to the Quarry site she had undertaken and how picturesque and beautiful it had been and felt that it was a facility which could be better promoted. She asked that the Task and Finish Group look into possibly renaming the site as it was a fantastic resource which nothing was being done with. Councillor Bell asked that a full report be submitted to the Task and Finish Group to be considered.

3. RESOLVED that:-

- the work plan for 2011/12 be agreed;
- the call for projects protocol to be used in the allocation of SIB funding be agreed;
- the establishment and maintenance of Task and Finish Groups to take work against the priorities forward be agreed;
- nominations for the Task and Finish Groups be agreed as set out above;
- the previous young people's activities as described at Annex 2 be agreed and that they continue as a priority and be funded from the identified £30,000;
- the use of £3,000 funding for activities during school holidays as described at 2.3.7; and
- the Committee consider allocating a proportion of 2011/12 SIB budget in line with Children's Services funding of £30,000 per area to deliver positive activities for children and young people as part of the Task and Finish Group.

Community Chest, Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) – Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to request the Committee's consideration of proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and Community Chest to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Ms. Lynn went through each of the applications in detail and answered Members questions, and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the financial statement as set out in section 2.1 of the report be noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the allocation of SIB funding from the 2011/2012 budget as a contribution towards the Sunderland Festival of £3,000;
- (iii) approval be given to the allocation of SIB funding from the 2011/2012 budget as a contribution towards the International Oral History Conference of £9,800;
- (iv) approval be given to the 8 proposals for funding from the Community Chest totalling £6,250 from the 2011/2012 budget, as set out in annex 2c of the report;

The Chairman then thanked the Committee, Officers and Partners for their worthwhile contributions and closed the meeting.

(Signed) R. BELL,
Chairman.

Item 2a
North Area Committee

11th July 2011

Report of the Chief Executive

**COMMUNITY ACTION IN THE NORTH – Progress Review Work plan 2011/2012:
Attractive and Cared for Environment**

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 The report provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) work plan, **Annex 1**.

2. Background

- 2.1 The North Area Committee agreed Housing and Attractive and Cared for Environment as priorities for the work plan for the area. As part of the process in developing the work plan it was agreed that housing would continue to remain a priority for the area and Committee would receive information on actions and plans developed strategically to address housing issues in the area. To this end, this report addresses progress on the Empty Property Action Plan for the North.

3. Empty Property Strategy

- 3.1 There are six overarching strategic priorities for Sunderland identified within the Sunderland Housing Priorities Plan SHPP; two of which are directly related to bringing empty properties back into residential use, which is:
- to improve the existing housing stock by accelerating housing market renewal including block improvement schemes, demolitions, reducing the numbers of empty properties and effective licensing of landlords
 - working with owners to invest in empty properties and bring them back into use and to consider different models of investment in the private rented sector

The success of the Empty Property Strategy can be measured as follows:

Date	Reoccupied	Demolished	Total	Target
2007-2008	240	8	248	200
2008 - 2009	329	77	406	369
2009 - 2010	291	49	340	375
2010 - 2011	321	0	362	355

- 3.2 As part of the Government's Affordable Housing Programme £100m has been set aside for tackling empty properties. We are currently looking at involving Registered Providers across the city, which would include bringing back into use a range of properties.
- 3.3 The Government's New Homes Bonus also proposes that it will match fund the additional council tax raised by councils for bringing long term empty properties back into use. The number of empty properties (according to Government and Council Tax definitions) will be measured in October of each year. Any decreases in empty properties from one year to the next will be rewarded through the New Homes Bonus. The definition also includes empty Social Housing Registered Social Landlord properties in the City.

3.4 It was announced in January 2011, that the Government will use secondary legislation to introduce new constraints relating to Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMOs). The constraints allow local authorities to utilise EDMOs only if a property has been empty for two years and is attracting vandalism and anti social behaviour. This will be closely monitored as part of this project.

4. Aims and Objectives

4.1 The Empty Property Service aims to:

‘Provide a proactive and innovative approach to the reduction in the number of empty properties in Sunderland to assist in the creation of sustainable communities in all neighbourhoods’.

This will be achieved by:

1. Developing a comprehensive and locality based empty property service which raises awareness of empty homes issues.
2. Using a preventative and innovative approach to reoccupy empty properties.
3. Ensuring reoccupied properties are sustainable within their neighbourhoods.
4. Responding to the needs and requirements of property owners, partners and neighbourhoods.
5. Involving a range of partners and individuals to encourage action and make best use of limited resources.

4.2 Throughout 2011-2012, the Empty Property Service will prioritise the following across Sunderland:

1. Strive to reduce the number of empty properties across Sunderland to the city average of 2.47% as at the end of April 2011.
2. Reoccupy 360 empty properties across Sunderland with internal and external partners, focusing on 200 empty properties within wards where empty properties are higher than the city average as at the end of April 2011 and working within the context of the New Homes Bonus.
3. Reduce homelessness across the City.
4. Promote the Landlord accreditation scheme.
5. Look to target the worst hot spot areas as a first priority, especially in wards where empty properties are higher than the city average as at the end of April 2011.
6. To work closely with Officers in Environmental Services to explore the most effective way of bringing empty commercial premises back into use.
7. To work closely with partners to explore the effect and impact of the New Homes Bonus on empty properties.

4.3 Benefits of introducing the Empty Property Action Plan are:

Customer/Community Benefits	Council Benefit
Empty properties returned into occupation	Increase in income to the Council through payment of full Council Tax Attract payment of New Homes Bonus.
Reduction in empty properties being targeted	Reduction in number of requests for service regarding empty properties.
More homes available for homeless people	Reduction in costs of works in default.
More sustainable communities	Reduction in homelessness.

5. Empty Property Action Plan

- 5.1 The action plan, see Annex 1, will help contribute towards the Council's values: proud, decent and together in the way we treat our customers and work in partnership to achieve the community's needs. It is also part of a series of Directorate projects and has been monitored by the Directorate Change Team. Currently, the project does not include empty commercial properties but the most effective way to bring commercial empty properties back to use will be explored within the Council and with external partners.
- 5.2 Officers will work together with owners of empty properties and external agencies to ensure the property is brought back into occupation or to prevent them from becoming empty in the first place. The solution to empty properties lies often in a partnership approach. Officers will also undertake inspections as necessary to ensure that the property meets the Decent Homes Standard. The primary focus will be prevention and early intervention.
- 5.3 At April 2011 the numbers of empty properties across each of the local areas and across the City as a whole are set out in Annex 2. The statistics and analysis below are based on the figures from April 2011. The proportion of Private Sector Stock empty is as a percentage in each ward area.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Empty properties are a priority in each of the local areas and this is reflected in the local work plans. The attached action plan provides a more local examination of the issues and provides an innovative local action plan aimed at specifically addressing those local issues in relation to bringing empty properties back into use and creating a greater housing resource for the City.
- 6.2 Project work is proving to be successful in various areas and it is hoped that this work will be continued and expanded to other wards, particularly those wards that do not meet the city average as at April 2011. This involves officers tackling empty properties, anti social behaviour, landlord accreditation and issues of disrepair in partnership with Housing Providers the police and other local partners. This is in response to concerns from local residents and ward members.
- 6.3 This action plan will be monitored quarterly and reviewed after one year by the Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal Senior Management Team and Area Committee. The information will also be made available to all local partners and the public should they request it.

7. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- Note the content of the report and draft action plan
- Consider and provide feedback on the locality aims and actions in Sunderland North Action Plan (draft)
- Identify and feedback information regarding empty properties
- Agree to review the action plan after one year

Annex 2: Empty Properties at a ward level, as at 1 April 2011

Background papers

- The Housing Act 2004
- Empty Property Strategy (2007-2011)
- Local Area Plans (LAPS) (2009-2011)
- The following websites were used as reference and for benchmarking:
 - <http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingsupply/newhomesbonus/newhomesbonusquestions/>
 - <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk>
 - <http://www.camden.gov.uk>
 - <http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/>

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Sunderland North

Background information:

Sunderland North covers the wards of Castle, Fulwell, Redhill, Southwick and St. Peter's.

Private Empty Properties at April 2011:

Total		Empty for or between 1-2 years		Empty for five years or more	
No.	Proportion of Private Sector Stock Empty (H18)	No.	% Area	No.	% Area
427	2.33%	262	61.3%	62	14.5%

Top 3 Types of Empty Properties in the North:

Type	No.	% Area
Semi detached	107	25%
Flats or maisonettes	130	30%
Terraced properties	85	19%

There is no one type of housing where empty properties are disproportionately represented. However, it should be noted that 119 terraced properties were demolished by the Council to make way for the new Castletown Saint Catherine's housing development as part of its renewal strategy. Phase 2 of the project is yet to be decided and depends on funding from the HCA.

Additionally, Gentoo has demolished 580 properties in Southwick, Carley Hill, Marley Potts, Castletown and Downhill. There are an additional 6 demolitions at Marley Pots, 34 at Castletown and 208 at Hahnemann Court, Southwick to be cleared late August early September 2011.

Empty Properties per Ward:

Ward	No.	% Area	% City
Castle	45	10.5	1.40
Fulwell	86	20	1.85
Redhill	45	10.5	1.71
Southwick	95	22	2.69
St Peters	156	37	2.92

Southwick and St Peter's ward have a higher percentage of empty properties than the City Average. Initial research has shown that the empty properties in St Peter's are not linked to student accommodation and the empty properties in Southwick are not new build properties. Further detailed investigation is required to establish the cause of empty properties in the ward.

A block improvement scheme is ongoing in Castletown to 92 properties, with works to Sheppard Terrace, Stanley, Alder and Elizabeth Streets, Castlevue and Oswald Terrace West being completed by August 2011. Of these properties, 5 are empty. Since the scheme commenced, 3 properties have become reoccupied. Properties receiving financial assistance through the scheme must not be empty for more than 12 weeks after the completion of the works or the financial assistance may be reclaimed.

Population:

Sunderland North has 24,622 households with almost 57,641 inhabitants. This equates to almost 21.5% of households living in the City and 20.6% of the City's population.

According to figures and categories used in the Census 2001, Sunderland North has a predominantly White Ethnic Group.

Sunderland North Empty Property Action Plan 2011/12

LOCALITY AIM	ACTIONS	PERFORMANCE MEASURE	TIMESCALE	RESPONSIBILITY
Reduce the number of empty properties in all wards in the North to the current city average of 2.47%. (As at April 2011) Return 90 empty properties in the North of Sunderland back into use, of which 38 will be in St Peter's and 14 in Southwick wards.	Enforce the clause in the block improvement scheme legal agreement that properties taking part in the scheme should not allow their properties to be vacant for more that 12 weeks after the completion of the scheme or the Council's financial assistance must be repaid.	Reduce empty properties in the Block Improvement Scheme by 100%.	December 2011	Private Sector Housing Officer (PSHO) Environmental Health Officer (EHO) Owners
	Match empty properties with residents on the homeless register.	Reduce Homelessness by 5% citywide.	March 2012	PSHO/Housing Options Team (HOT)
	Bring empty Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) back into use and license them as appropriate.	Reduce empty HMOs by 5% in the North.	March 2012	Empty Property Officer and PSHO Building Surveyors Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) Owners
	Investigate the cause of empty properties in the St. Peter's and Southwick wards and tackle these issues in partnership with the university and identified local partners.	Reduce empty properties by 20% across St Peters, Fulwell and Southwick.	March 2012	PHSO. Sunderland University Local and Voluntary Sector
To work innovatively and preventively to ensure that the number of empty properties are minimised.	To market a range of financial assistance products to make the new build housing affordable in Castletown.	50% of new builds in Castletown not seen as a long term empty property	March 2012	Gentoo PSHO Area Renewal Co-ordinatpr (ARC)

	Ensure new builds at Castletown do not remain empty for longer than six months by actively engaging with Gentoo to promote affordable housing.	50% of new builds in Castletown not registered as a long term empty property.	March 2012	Gentoo PSHO
	Undertake proactive visits and external inspections to all properties empty for over one year, with particular focus on the St Peter's and Southwick wards.	Daily/monthly inspections completed by officer. All wards below current city average.	March 2012	PHSO Council Tax Section Planning Enforcement Section
	Develop a tool to risk assess, identify and prioritise problematic empty properties	Tool established and implemented Problematic empty properties identified	June 2011	Empty Property Officer and PSHO
	Prioritise identified problematic empty properties to ensure re-occupation, and where appropriate use the additional tools provided by the Housing Act 2004 to tackle problems within the private sector, with particular focus on the St Peter's and Southwick wards.	50% of empty problematic properties brought back to use	March 2012	EPO, PSHO, owners, Adult Services – Care.
	Get breakdown of empty properties by New Homes Bonus definition and identify location and any trends. Prioritise which properties to focus resources on.	Monthly locality report Increased New Homes Bonus returns	June 2011	Housing Analysis Officer (HAO), and EPO.

Long Term Empty Properties by Period Empty

ARF	Ward	Period Empty						Grand Total	Proportion of Private Sector Stock Empty (H18)
		6 Months - under 1 year	1 Year - under 2 years	2 Years - under 3 years	3 Years - under 4 years	4 Years - under 5 years	Over 5 years		
Sunderland North	Castle	12	15	7	3	1	7	45	1.53%
	Fulwell	23	23	13	7	6	14	86	1.77%
	Redhill	13	19	4	1	3	5	45	1.67%
	Southwick	35	20	11	8	7	14	95	2.90%
	St Peter's	61	41	17	9	6	22	156	3.45%
Sunderland North Total		144	118	52	28	23	62	427	2.33%

Item 2b
SUNDERLAND NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

11th July 2011

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND NORTH – PROGRESS REVIEW
Work Plan 2011/12: Heritage

1. Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 The report provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) work plan, **Annex 1**.

2. Heritage and Learning

2.1 The group discussed a heritage project to be delivered within the North area Primary schools in partnership with Beamish.

2.2 The proposed project is based around Sunderland Football Club with links to the community, people, place and industry allowing each school to adapt the project to focus on an area of heritage they would wish to progress.

2.3 The aims of the project are:
- To enable children to understand their heritage better and appreciate what Sunderland was like in the past.
- To engage the wide family in the heritage of the area.
- To improve community cohesion within the area as a result of different generations working on a project enabling participants to better understand each other.

2.4 The project will be delivered over a one year period within the academic year and will include teacher planning with Beamish, community heritage meetings to establish how the community can work with the schools, visits from the community and local history groups to schools, outreach support from Beamish along with information, activity based work within the school and curriculum and on visits to Beamish. Final activity and work would be displayed at Beamish, in schools and as part of heritage open days as well as a Sunderland football match being played in period costume.

2.5 The Task and Finish Group agreed the proposal of £20,000 funding be allocated from the 2011/2012 Strategic Initiatives Budget to support the delivery of this project throughout the North subject to full application, consultation and appraisal.

3. Focus of the Task and Finish Group

3.1 The Task and Finish Group discussed the heritage priority and what actions could be taken forward in the North area. Discussion took place regarding heritage sites and how these could be used to deliver

events to promote sites and increase awareness and people visiting heritage attractions.

- 3.2 It was acknowledged as part of these discussions that an action plan for delivery was needed identifying what the Area wanted to achieve and how this could be progressed.
- 3.3 The Task and Finish Group discussed and agreed the proposal for the recruitment of a Heritage Community Development Worker for a 1 year period who would form part of the Task and Finish Group and take forward agreed actions as part of an action plan for the North Area. The worker would also be responsible for sourcing external funding to deliver against an action plan and support other organisations to source funding.
- 3.4 The Task and Finish Group proposed allocating £25,000 for the recruitment of a Heritage Community Development Worker through a call for projects from the 2011/2012 Strategic Initiatives Budget subject to full application, appraisal and consultation.

4. Roker Park Lodge

- 4.1 CEED an environmental charity currently occupy Roker Park Lodge as an office base. The lease for Roker Park Lodge is currently being renegotiated with CEED to extend this further.
- 4.2 As part of the extension of the lease CEED are looking to physically improve the appearance and use of the Lodge and bring it back into a usable and accessible building.
- 4.3 CEED in discussion with the Council are looking to physically improve and renovate the lodge inside and out. This would include an extension to the building at the rear, incorporating improved office space for CEED, an education/conference room for use by the community and voluntary sector as well as CEED and the creation of a café and toilets that could be used by visitors to the park.
- 4.4 CEED have requested assistance in developing the plan to ensure it fulfils the requirements of CEED, the council, voluntary and community sector, local community and any future plans that may involve developing the park overall. Once the plan is fully developed CEED would seek external funding to complete the refurbishment and extension of the Lodge.
- 4.5 The group agreed to propose the allocation of £15,000 from the 2011/2012 Strategic Initiatives Budget to support a feasibility study and the development of plans to improve Roker Park Lodge subject to full application, appraisal and consultation.

Recommendation

- Note the contents of the report.
- Agree the allocation of £20,000 SIB funding from 2011/2012 budgets subject to full application, consultation and appraisal to the development and delivery of a heritage project within primary schools in the North Area.
- Agree the allocation of £25,000 SIB funding from 2011/2012 for the recruitment of a Heritage Community Development Worker through a call for projects.
- Agree the allocation of £15,000 SIB funding to complete a feasibility study and develop plans for the refurbishment and extension of Roker Park Lodge.

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Item 2c
NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

11th July 2011

REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN NORTH AREA – PROGRESS REVIEW

Review of Greenspace Strategy

1. Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 The report provides information on the progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) work plan, **Annex 1**.

2. Report on the North Area Workshop:

2.1 Elected members, partners, residents and officers attended a workshop, held at Bunny Hill in January 2011. The purpose of the workshop was to:

1) To explain progress on the Green space Audit and demonstrate improvements made since the first consultation in October 2010

2) To gain a better understanding on the local value of green spaces. This included:

- scoring and mapping all green space sites in terms of their quality and local value, and making sure that the scoring is correct
- Asking what the most important types of greenspace are in the area
- Asking what makes a greenspace site valuable to local people
- Asking what types of greenspace people would like to see more of
- Asking how far local people would travel to use different types of greenspace
- Asking what the most important greenspaces are to local people, and what makes them so good.

2.2 During the workshop a variety of maps were displayed to participants, who were the asked to individually identify issues relating to the above questions, and to independently vote on their preferences. The full results of the Workshop can be found at **Annex 2**.

2.3 The Workshop was one of 5 held across the city, and was open to all. These initial results have proven to be very beneficial to help frame an online survey on Greenspace value. Those who attended the Workshops agreed that the value survey should be extended for a number of months to enable a much wider range of responses to be received. Subsequently, an online survey has commenced and will run until the end of July 2011. The survey is available on the Council website at www.sunderland-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal. To date, over 300 responses have been received. The results will feed into the Greenspace and Green Infrastructure Strategy due to be complete at the end of 2011. It is also intended to publicise the draft results on individual site value for public scrutiny in the summer.

2.4 A training session on Green Infrastructure was also held in March for Councillors at the Crowtree Leisure Centre. Dr Ingo Schuder from Natural England carried out the training, which helped to introduce and explain the objectives and scope of Green Infrastructure and to demonstrate its relevance to local neighbourhood improvement.

Recommendation:

Area Committee are requested to

- Note the information regarding the second workshop and receive further updates regarding the progress of the Greenspace and Green Infrastructure Strategy.

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**Sunderland North Area Workshop
Greenspace Consultation 2
24 January 2011 at Bunny Hill.**

Attendance list:

Cllr Shattock	Sunderland City Council
Cllr Copeland	Sunderland City Council
Cllr Bell	Sunderland City Council
Ben Winter	Planning Implementation, SCC
Pauline Hopper	SCC Area Officer (Coalfield)
Julie Lynn	SCC Area Officer (North)
Amanda Cantle	SCC North Community Coordinator
Clive Greenwood	SCC Planning Services
Andrew Dorrian	SCC Planning Services

Purpose of Workshop:

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 - scoring and mapping all greenspace sites in terms of their quality and local value, and making sure that the scoring is correct
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Results

Question 1a) A discussion centred around the need for site values to be boosted in some cases because of their importance. Some reasons should be so strong it should be deemed a 'showstopper', whereas other reasons might recommend a 'weighting' given to site scores.

- Cemeteries and churchyards – these should be treated as 'showstoppers'.
- Allotments- these need to be given a weighting, as their scores at present are too low and do not represent their true importance. There are, however, parts of the city where there is deemed to be a surplus in allotment provision, so these sites should not be given 'showstopper' status.
- Green Corridors – sites that support green corridors should be given a weighting, as they support a wider strategic need/benefit.
- It is important to link into development plans that may affect or potentially affect certain greenspace sites. The example discussed was the Seaburn Masterplan.
- Coast – very important and should be offered strong protection (it is already given European protection in terms of biodiversity).
- Historic significance is presently underplayed, particularly for Listed Buildings and archaeological sites.
- Other aspects such as: Green Belt, site rarity, defines character should be considered for weighting.

Question 1b) People were asked to list any specific sites that they thought were wrongly scored on the value map displayed at the meeting. Sites mentioned were:

- Shields Road allotments (A47)
- University land beside Seaburn Camp (A89)
- Marley Potts / Wembley Road (B08)
- Fulwell Quarries (B73)
- Sites on Seaburn and Roker coasts will be examined in more detail by Planning Implementation

Question 2: What are the most important types of greenspace?
 (Individuals are asked to rank 10 types of greenspace, 1=most important, 10-least important).

Greenspace Type	Ranking
Local and Neighbourhood Amenity Space	2+6+4+9+9+5+10= 6.4
Allotments	9+9+7+8+10+5+1= 7
Civic Spaces	2+4+3+6+9+10+8= 6
Cemeteries and Churchyards	8+8+6+10+6+7+3= 6.9
Natural and Semi-Natural Greenspace	3+3+5+2+5+4+6= 4
Parks	4+2+2+4+3+3+10= 4
Connected Corridors of Greenspace	7+6+8+3+7+8+4= 6.1
Play Areas	5+7+4+7+1+9+9= 6
Outdoor Sports Facilities	6+10+10+5+8+1+7= 6.7
The Coast	1+1+1+1+2+2+5= 1.9

In the meeting, the clear winner is the Coast, followed by Parks and Natural Greenspace. Outdoor Sports Facilities, Cemeteries & Churchyards, and Allotments scored lowest.

Question 3: What makes a Greenspace site valuable to you?
 (Individuals were asked to record their ideas onto post-it notes. Then all were given 15 votes and asked to vote on their preference).

Results:

“Sports facilities”, “multi-use”, “variety”	= 23 votes
“Cleanliness” “well maintained”	= 18 votes
“Safe”	= 18 votes
“Trees”, “wildlife”	= 15 votes
“Accessible” “within walking distance” “walking opps”	= 14 votes
“Views”, “peace and quiet”	= 10 votes
“Seats”	= 9 votes
“The streetscape needs ‘softening’”	= 4 votes
“Location”	= 3 votes

“Welfare facilities”	= 3 votes
“Café”	= 2 votes
“Alternative links”	= 1 votes
“All-inclusive facilities”	= 0 votes
“Green Belt between houses”	= 0 votes

Question 4: What types of greenspace provision would you like to see more of in your area? (Again, individuals were asked to record their ideas onto post-it notes. Then all were given 15 votes and asked to vote on their preference).

Although there were single requests for “play areas”, “civic spaces”, “sports provision” and a couple of requests for “parks and formal gardens”, the overwhelming majority and support was for the “improvement of existing sites”.

Question 5: How far would you be prepared to travel to use / enjoy? (Individuals were asked to consider a range of distances that they would consider appropriate for 9 types of greenspace).

Type of Greenspace	Choose A,B,C,D,E,F or G
A formal park?	C,D,G,C,G,D = D average
A neighbourhood or local greenspace?	A,D,A,A,C,B = A average
An allotment?	D,B,B,C,D,C = C average
A natural or semi-natural greenspace?	D,D,C,C,G,E = D or E average
The countryside?	G,D,G,G,G,F = G average
A bridleway or cycleway through a connected corridor of greenspace?	C,C,E,C,D,B = C average
A play area?	B,A,A,B,C,G = B average
A sports facility?	C,B,D,F,G,C = D average
The coast?	G,C,G,G,G,G = G average

<5min walk?	<10min walk?	<15min walk?	Within a mile or so?	2-3 miles?	4-5 miles?	More than 5 miles?
A	B	C	D	E	F	G

Question 6: People were asked to list the most important individual greenspace sites to them. For the North area, the following sites were identified:

- The Green, Southwick
- Thompson Park
- Wearmouth Cricket Club
- Fulwell Quarries
- Sea Front / Coast
- Riverside C2C
- Cycle paths
- Roker Park

- Cornthwaite Park
- Mowbray Park
- Seaburn Rec

Other Comments:

- This consultation will be made available in paper format and electronically over the coming months and circulated widely across the city.

Item 2d
SUNDERLAND NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

11th July 2011

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND NORTH – PROGRESS REVIEW
Work Plan 2011/12: Activities for Young People

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 The report provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) work plan, **Annex 1**.

2. Background

- 2.1 Activities for young people has been identified as a priority in the North area workplan. This was identified taking into account consultation and surveys completed with local residents and communities, elected members and the Voluntary and Community Sector.
- 2.2 In addition to this at the last meeting of the North area Committee, Children's Services allocated £30,000 to each area of the city to be considered for delivery of youth provision. It was agreed within Area Committee that this funding would be used to provide holiday activities for young people and the planning and expenditure would be discussed and recommendations made through the Task and Finish Group for Activities for Young People.

3. Holiday Activities

- 3.1 The Task and Finish Group considered all activities that were planned to be provided across the area during the school holiday period.
- 3.2 The providers of youth services in the North area were contacted in advance of the meeting to ask them to consider a collaborative approach to delivery and to present suggestions to the Task and Finish Group for consideration.
- 3.3 The proposals for summer holiday activity across the area were proposed and discussed in the Task and Finish Group as described at **Annex 4**
- 3.4 The Task and Finish Group considered the available funding from Children's Services of £27,000 and agreed to match fund this amount with £27,000 from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to provide holiday activities for the remainder of the year for young people aged 11 – 19 years old, with up to £35,000 (£7,000 per ward) being allocated to cover the summer holiday period.

Recommendation

- Note the contents of the report.
- Agree the allocation of £27,000 SIB funding from 2011/2012 budgets subject to full application, consultation and appraisal to holiday activities for young people.
- Agree the allocation of up to £35,000 funding for the provision of activities for young people during the summer holiday period.
- Agree the delivery and funding of the proposed holiday activities as described at Annex 4.

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Ward	Activity	Frequency	Target Age Group	Funding	Provider
Southwick/Marley Potts	Sports (including football, dodgeball, multi sports)	2 x 2hr sessions per week	8 – 12 13 – 19	Community Chest £960 + £1560 match funding	North East Sports
Southwick	Open day for young people in Southwick. Arts projects (glass painting, jewellery making etc)	1 x 4 hr session per week	8 – 19	SIB £500	SNYP
St Peter's	Mountain Biking	?	13 – 19	Community Chest £1500	SNCBC
Castle	See activity programme for Castleview Academy (roughly 3 activities per day Mon – Fri) throughout the 6 weeks holidays	Daily Mon – Fri for 6 wk period	11 – 16	Community Chest £799 Funding and facilities provided by Castle view Academy SIB £1600	Castleview Academy in partnership with the VCS
Redhill	Sports Camp (including football, dodgeball, rounders, dance etc)	5 full days 2.5.7.2011 – 29.7.2011	11 – 16	SIB £500	Redhouse Academy and ACG Sport
North Area	SAFC – National Citizenship Programme, 6 week programme for 15 young people	5 days per week over 6 weeks	16 – 19	External funding	SAFC
North Area	One off 2 day RNLI junior lifeguard course	One off		External funding	RNLI
All 5 wards	To be confirmed and agreed by Task and Finish Group 3 x 2 – 3hr sessions per ward per week		11 – 19	SIB/Children's Services	Working with youth providers in the North to agree provision

North Area Committee 2011/12 Workplan

Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Attractive and Cared for Environment	Improve physical appearance of Shopping Centres	Review commercial and council facilities available in shopping ctrs - litter bins and waste receptacles	Andy Old ARM	Information requested on service requests, complaints and enforcement activity for each quarter of 2010-2011 to establish baseline information.	Identification of gaps in provision and identification of plan to reduce gaps	Reduction in related enforcement action. Reduction in service requests Reduction in complaints .	
		Identify areas where responsive local services should be targeted/decreased to ensure maximum impact and resident satisfaction (grass cutting, litter, etc)	Andy Old ARM	Information requested on service requests, complaints and enforcement activity for each quarter of 2010-2011 to establish baseline information.	Identification of problem areas and those where greatest impact will be achieved	Reduction in related enforcement action. Reduction in service requests Reduction in complaints	
		Consultation with owners of retail units at shopping centres across the North area to establish future plans	Andrew Perkin		Consult and engage retail owners	Understand and plan what can be done around shopping centres based upon consultation	
		Research how local shopping centres are being used/developed in other areas (good/successful practice)	Andrew Perkin		Review activities of other LA, identify successful opportunities that could be adopted for use	Collation of information and report from Area Committee prepared for submission to Strategic and Economic Development	
	Derelict/Neglected Land	Identification of derelict/neglected land	Andy Old ARM	List of land being collated	Development of land use to meet need of local residents.	Physical improvements to land. Improved use of land. Private land maintained	A

Attractive and Cared for Environment	Derelict/Neglected/ Green Land	Prioritise the sites identified for interim development which will support other priorities		<p>Sunderland North Community Development of pond area for community use. Reinstatement and use of MUGAS.</p> <p>Site visit to Fulwell Quarry arranged for 6th April to review and identify potential uses for VCS and Community and make most of SSSI and SNCI</p> <p>Private landowners contacted regarding identified sites in order to clean up and make right sites</p> <p>Groundwork and CNAG developing environmental garden at St Margarets Court Castletown to physically improve the appearance of the area and support the reduction of ASB in the area.</p> <p>Thompson Park Masterplan underway funded by SIB. Community Philosophy work supporting the development of chainsaw statues within the park. The Carers Ctr are relocating to the old Thompson Park nursery which will be refurbished and a Community Interest Cafe opened.</p> <p>Creation of a usable space at Fulwell Library for residents and groups accessing the library.</p>	Partnership approach to developing community based project to improve area	Areas with strategic importance identified and key priorities addressed	G
	Derelict buildings	Identification of derelict buildings or buildings in a poor state of repair (with focus on major routes into the city)	ARM		Consult and engage owners regarding improvement of physical appearance of units	Physical improvements to commercial properties. Increased enforcement action in this area.	

Attractive and Cared for Environment	Improve physical appearance of land throughout North area	Partnership working with Gentoo/VCS/Local Residents to identify plots/area of land that would benefit from bulb planting programme	Sam Humble Amanda Cantle		Partnership approach to developing community based project to improve area	Residents more responsible for local area. Community cohesion Improved physical environment.	
	Community Allotments	Creation of 3 community allotments across the North Area	Les Clarke	Work commenced on community allotments, FJF apprentices employed, apprentices from COSC completing placement, community engagement commenced.	Partnership working in engagement of community and delivery of objectives	3 community facilities improved. 90 people using community facilities 90 people benefiting from healthy project 12 people receiving job training	G
	Sunderland North Community Sports Complex	Development of pond area for community use. Reinstatement and use of MUGAS	Graham Burt/CEED	SIB application awarded for £55,503. CEED and YDG will undertake consultation and feasibility study for development of project beginning April 2011. This will dictate next stages of project	Consult and engage with communities and support development of programme to meet need	1 community facility improved 295 people using improved facilities 4 voluntary groups supported 32 Events /programmes to improve appearance of area	A
	Roker Park	Development of lodge within park to support local VCS groups and educational work of CEED within local community and schools	CEED/ Planning	CEED undertaking feasibility study and seeking advice from planning and architect on development of area, potential SIB bid to create plans to be used to seek funding	Partnership working. Engage and work with partners and local community to improve physical appearance of area and use.	Improved physical appearance and practical use of Roker Park Lodge to deliver educational, environmental programmes.	A
ASB	Motorcycle Disorder	Deliver educational information on the use of motorcycles through current programmes and youth activities	ASB Team Jane Eland	Develop presentation to be delivered to yrs 8,9,10 within secondary schools in North area. Development of information leaflet to be distributed within youth provision, XL Villages	Influence educational delivery to meet specific need	Reduction in reports regarding illegal motorcycle use.	A
		Communication of information regarding the illegal use of motorcycles	Comms	Article in Community News and Gentoo publication regarding motorcycle use	Inform and educate residents	Reduction in reports regarding illegal motorcycle use.	A

ASB	Motorcycle Disorder	Partnership working with South Tyneside LA to address cross border motorcycle disorder	Julie Charles	Consider joint issues and objectives in the reduction of motorcycle disorder across LA. Contact made with ST and meeting arranged.	Partnership working and identification of joint issues to be addressed	Reduction in reports regarding illegal motorcycle use Partnership working	A
		Identification of diversionary activity to reduce illegal motorcycle use	Comms	Publication in community news identifying legal and accessible facilities for use and maintenance of motorcycles.	Communication and awareness raising with communities	Reduction in reported illegal motorcycle use Diversionary activities in place and being accessed	A
	Improve tolerance levels of ASB	Develop and deliver a programme around heritage including residents and young people from different backgrounds	Simon Wooley	Project discussed at T & F group and included within July Committee for agreement	Community engagement and improving community relations	Community Cohesion Reduction in reported ASB	A
	Improve perception of ASB	Include regular good news stories regarding the North are in all publications	Comms		Promotion and reinforcement of a positive image for the area	Residents concerns addressed and ASB levels match perception	A
	Improve/Reduce the reporting of ASB	Develop a publication for distribution to local residents regarding the escalation and reporting process for ASB	Michelle Coates		Education and Communication	Reduce reported ASB Improve tolerance levels ASB reported through correct channels	
Activities for young people	Mapping exercise of youth provision in North Area	Map provision delivered in 2010/2011 Where Age Group Success of activity (YDG)	Jane Eland/Pat Garrigan	Completed for holiday activities and funding and provision identified to fill gap..	Identify and review activities/services delivered and the success	Provision and successful outcomes identified	A
		Map provision available in 2011/2012 Where Age Group What has disappeared	Jane Eland/Pat Garrigan	Completed for holiday activities and funding and provision identified to fill gap..	Identify and review activities/services delivered and the success	Provision, successful outcomes and gaps identified	A
		Map youth anti social behaviour in 2009/2010 and compare with 2010/2011 and youth provision provided	LMAPS		Identify and review activities/services delivered and the success	Identify impact of youth provision on reported youth disorder	
		Identify gaps in provision which delivered good outcomes based upon YDG and ASB figures and commission activity to fill gaps	Jane Eland		Identification of gaps in service, commission activity	Identify gaps in provision and activity required to reduce gaps	

Heritage	Identify heritage sites and areas of interest	Map heritage sites and areas of interest	Vicki Medhurst	Local studies group have mapped areas of interest and heritage sites and collated a synopsis of information	Identify heritage throughout the North	Central list of information held and published for information	G
Heritage	Raising pride, self esteem and aspirations	Development of heritage projects to support the raising of pride, self esteem and aspirations	Vicki Medhurst	Schools throughout the North area engaged in the heritage theme and individual and specific project developed around heritage in the North area to celebrate and promote heritage with curriculum planning being shared as a resource Schools being encouraged and engaged to feature in the Heritage open days throughout the city in September 2011	Engagement and development of heritage based project for delivery	No. of schools engaged and participating in individual and group heritage projects. No. of schools participating in heritage open days.	G
	Raising pride, self esteem and aspirations	Development of heritage projects to support the raising of pride, self esteem and aspirations	Vicki Medhurst	LHNE delivering the international oral history conference - developments as part of the conference, schools to display heritage artwork, project developed by LHNE to train and support local history groups to enable improved community engagement. CVS groups and schools adopting 2 of 3 metro stations in the North area. The local CA and after school clubs adopting Seaburn Station and artwork will be developed to be displayed at the station depicting the coastal heritage of the area. St Peters Church Group and Dame Dorothy Primary will be working together on the St Peter's Station to develop artwork depicting the world heritage site on the glass panels at the station and an activities map at the base of the station. SAFC to adopt Stadium of Light Station. Relocation of military vehicle museum from Newcastle to Sunderland. Engagement of volunteers in engagement and delivery of schools for children to attend and access learning opportunities.	Engagement and development of heritage based project for delivery	No of schools displaying heritage artwork No of local history groups trained and supported No of local history groups participating in conference Improved community facilities 4 CVS groups/schools involved in volunteering to develop/improve local facilities 1 improved community facility 20 people receiving on the job training 600 people using new/improved facilities	G

Heritage	Raising pride, self esteem and aspirations	Recruitment of a heritage community development worker	Vicki Medhurst	Task and Finish Group agreed the development and recruitment of a Heritage Community Development worker through the Call for Projects process.	Call for Project	Provision of advice and support to groups and individuals working on heritage in the area Source external funding to deliver against the heritage priority in the area Develop and deliver a heritage action plan	A
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SUNDERLAND North AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
11th July 2011

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:
 Reviewing Progress

Author(s):
 Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:
 This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

This report denotes an item relating to an executive function

Description of Decision:
 The Committee is requested to approve the following:
 Note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2011/12:

- Annex 5:
 - i) Approve 4 proposals from the 2011/2012 SIB budget totalling £27,000;
 - 1. £10,000 Sunderland Carers Centre **Approve**
 - 2. £7,500 Grange Rd Speed Limit **Approve**
 - 3. £3000 Houghton Feast **Approve**
 - 4. £7000 Recreation Park **Approve**
 - ii) Approve 4 proposals from 2010/2011 SIP budget totalling £7,883.76;
 - Fulwell Ward**
 - 5. £230 Dene Lane bulb planting scheme **Approve**
 - Southwick Ward**
 - 6. £3553.76 Southwick environmental improvements **Approve**
 - 7. £3600 Southwick Christmas Tree **Approve**
 - St Peter's Ward**
 - 8. £500 St Peter's environmental improvements **Approve**
- Annex 6:
 - i) Approve 12 proposals for support from the 2011/12 Community Chest totalling £6,250.

Reviewing Progress report:

- Approve the following allocations, subject to application, full appraisal and consultation:
 - i) £27,000 for the provision of holiday activities for children **Approve**
 - ii) £60,000 for the development of 'Heritage' priorities **Approve**

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:
 The Area Committee has been allocated (£428,727.20) £288,548 per annum from the Strategic Initiatives Budget and carried over £140,169.20 from the previous year to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan and to attract other funding into the area. The Community Chest forms part of the Strategic Initiatives Budget and £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2011/2012; £10,000 for each Ward.
 Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) was approved at Cabinet in March 2008. Included within the plan was an additional one-off allocation of £1.426m to Area Committees. The amount allocated to each Area Committee was the same as SIB allocation for 2008-09. SIP can only be used to deliver capital projects, deliver key priorities identified in the LAP with its main purpose to attract other funding into the area.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:
 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
Is it included in the Forward Plan?

Relevant Scrutiny Committee:

Item 2e
SUNDERLAND NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

11th July 2011

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**Community Chest, Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)
 – Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources**

1. Why has it come to Committee

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan, 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, SIP and Community Chest.

**2 Financial statement North Area Committee
 Funding streams 2011-2012 as at 11th July 2011**

2.1

<u>SIB: North SIB Statement July 2011</u>				
* £288,548 was allocated for 2011 - 2012, £140,169.20 was carried over from 2010 – 2011 Providing a Balance of £428,717.20				
	Committee Date	Main Fund 80%	Opportunities: 20%	Total 100%
Available Funding 2011/12 *	6.6.2011	£342,973.76	£85,743.44	£428,717.20
Project Name	-	-	-	-
International Oral History Conference	6.6.2011	£9,800	-	£418,917.20
Sunderland Festival	6.6.2011	£3000		£415,917.20
Balance	-	£330,173.76	£85,743.44	£415,917.20

<u>SIP: North Statement July 2011</u>			
	SIP Budget	Approvals	Balance
Available Funding 2010/2011	£170,540	£154,257.62	£14,703.38
Castle	£43,308	£43,211	£97
Fulwell	£20,308	£16,727.62	£3580.38
Redhill	£43,308	£43,308	£0
Southwick	£43,308	£32,590	£10,718
St Peter's	£20,308	£18,421	£1887
NB:- £9,200 from Washington Road Tree Light project has been recouped for Castle Ward (included in remaining balance) £5818 from Dene Lane project has been recouped for Fulwell Ward (included in remaining balance) £1579 from Roker Fountain project has been recouped for St Peters Ward (included in remaining balance)			
Balance	£170,540	£154,257.62	£16,282.38

Community Chest Budget 2011 - 2012			
Available Funding 2011/12 *This includes the 2011 – 2012 allocation of £10,000 per ward, £5146 unclaimed funding for 2008 – 2009 and £12,267 unallocated funding for 2010 - 2011			
	Community Chest Budget	Approvals	Balance
Castle	£10,047	£255	£9792
Fulwell	£17,371	£975	£16396
Red Hill	£12,665	£3645	£9020
Southwick	£12,004	£1000	£11004
St Peter's	£15,326	£375	£14951
Total	£67,413	£6250	£61,163

2.2 Strategic Initiatives Budget

2.2.1 Following the June 2011 Committee meeting, £415,917.20 remained.

2.2.2 The following projects detailed in **Annex 5** are presented to Committee for approval:

1. The Carers Centre	£10,000	Approve
2. Grange Rd Speed Limit	£6,000	Approve
3. Houghton Feast	£3000	Approve
4. Sunderland Recreation Park	£7,000	Approve

2.2.3 Projects presented total £27,500. Should all of the proposals be approved the remaining balance for the 2011/2012 allocation would be £389,917.20.

2.2.4 Subject to approval, as outlined in the update reports, if Committee agrees to allocate £27,000 to its priority of 'Activities for Young People' and £60,000 towards its priority of 'Heritage', the remaining balance for the 2011/2012 allocation would be £302,917.20

2.3 Strategic Investment Plan

2.3.1 Following the June 2011 Committee meeting, £16,282.38 remained to be allocated during 2011/2012.

2.3.2 The following projects detailed in **Annex 5** are presented to Committee for approval:

Fulwell Ward

5. Dene Lane bulb planting scheme	£230	Approve
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Southwick Ward

6. Southwick environmental improvements	£3553.76	Approve
7. Southwick Christmas Tree	£3600	Approve
8. St Peter's environmental improvements	£500	Approve

2.3.4 Should the proposals, outlined above, be approved, the remaining balance will be: £8398.62.

2.4 Community Chest

2.4.1 The table below details the projects proposed following the last meeting. The total project proposals received are set out in **Annex 6**, together with the balances remaining should these proposals be approved.

Ward	Budget Remaining	Project Proposals	Balance
Castle	£9,792	£753	£9,039
Fulwell	£16,396	£1240	£15,156
Redhill	£9020	£270	£8750
Southwick	£11,004	£1796.96	£9234.04
St Peters	£14,951	£20	£14,931
Total	£61,163	£4052.96	£57,110.04

Recommendations

Committee is requested to:

- Note the financial statement set out in section 2.1.
- Approve the recommendations set out in Annex 5 (SIB/SIP applications)
- Approve the 12 proposals for support from 2011/2012 Community Chest set out in Annex 6.

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**Item 2 ANNEX 5
SIB/SIP FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

Application No.1 – SIB

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	Sunderland Carers Centre
Lead Organisation	Carers Centre

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£162,000	£152,000	£10,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	July 2011	June 2012

The Project

The project will bring back into use a disused building, refurbished to good energy economy standards, which will benefit park users through the cafe and toilets and benefit carers and disabled people in the area by bringing services closer to the community in the North of Sunderland. Although the Carers' Centre provides outreach services it also operates on a drop in basis, most used by residents local to the Centre.

The planned refurbishment includes high levels of insulation and energy conservation as well as full disabled access.

The project will also contribute to the amenity and safety of the park as it will bring regular usage and therefore more people to its section of the park with the increased security which comes with more people being about.

In addition to this the development of a café as a Beckwith's franchise will offer adults with learning disabilities the opportunity to learn and take up employment that may have not been [reviously available. The incorporation of toilets into the faciliy supports the ongoing refurbishment work of Thompson Park including the demolition of the toilets on Newcastle Rd. The café is also likely to attract further people to the area and use the park.

The Need for the Project

Sunderland, like other areas with high levels of deprivation, has a higher number of carers doing more hours of caring than the England and Wales average. The greatest percentage of carers are in the wards with the highest levels of deprivation. (Figures from 2001 Census.)

Sunderland Carers' Centre has expanded since it was started in Southwick in 1994 and now reaches at least 2000 adult and almost 300 young carers per year. However the current building in Toward Road is expensive to run, not fully accessible and does not lend itself to a drop in Information Library. It is also a poor working environment for staff and volunteers as well as for carers coming to use the Centre's services.

The former Thompson Park Nursery has been empty for some years and is the right size, is all on one level and offers the opportunity to provide additional amenities to the park and community.

The Board of Sunderland Carers' Centre are all carers or have had caring experience in the past and so it was carers and their representatives who made the decision to take on the former nursery building. Carers in the north of the city have been consulted through

the Centre's Development worker for the area, mainly through discussions on home visits and at the regular groups. The Southwick Councillors have been involved throughout the process of obtaining the building.

Sunderland Carers' Centre was invited to present the proposals to an open meeting of the Friends of Thompson Park and had a very positive response.

In addition Thompson Park nursery has been empty for a number of years. Empty properties impact on the local area attracting anti social behaviour and criminal activity. Bringing back into use this empty property will revitalise the local area, offer increased and improved accessible services as well as opportunities for increased learning and employment opportunities for adults with learning disabilities.

The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	Number of new or improved community facilities	1
A2	Number of people using new or improved facilities	660

Milestones and Key Events	Forecast Dates
Documents to tender	June 2011
Building control approval	June 2011
Start on site	July/August 2011
Completion	June 2012

Recommendation: Approve

The application supports the Attractive and Inclusive theme of the local area and the priority of Attractive and cared for environment for the North area.

Application No.2 – SIB

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	Grange Rd Speed Limit
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council – Craig Wilkinson

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£7500	£1500	£6000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
6 months	September 2011	March 2012

The Project

The project will reduce the existing National Speed Limit (60mph) on Grange Road and Ferryboat Lane to 40mph to deter high vehicle speeds and reduce perceived safety concerns.

A local Councillor has raised the most recent concern about vehicle speeds and perceived safety on these roads. Funding will pay for fees during the statutory consultation process

and the introduction of the 40mph traffic regulation order (TRO) including new illuminated speed limit terminal signs and repeater signs. The match funding represents the staff cost involved in delivering the project.

The Need for the Project

A local Councillor has raised concerns about vehicle speeds and requested a 30mph speed limit. Investigations have shown that a 40mph speed limit would be appropriate; however, finance cannot be justified from the Local Transport Plan, which is fully committed. It is likely that the scheme will continue to be regarded, overall, as a low priority in future years.

Consultations will be carried out with key partner organisations and those residences and businesses directly affected during the development of the scheme. It is a statutory requirement to publicise the proposals on-street and in the local press. Delivery of the scheme is subject to satisfactory consultations.

The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A4	Number of events/programmes of work to improve the appearance of the streets	1

Milestones and Key Events	Forecast Dates
Consultations	September 2011
Approval	October 2011
Publication of Proposals	December 2011
Planning and Highways Committee	January 2012
Implementation	March 2012

Recommendation: Approve

The application supports the Attractive and Inclusive theme of the local area and the priority of Attractive and cared for environment for the North area.

Application No.3 – SIB

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	Houghton Feast
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council – Zoe Channing

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£41,000	£38,000	£3000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
5 months	July 2011	November 2011

The Project

Houghton Feast 2011 will commence with an opening ceremony on Friday 7th October. Taking inspiration from the Saxon stone carvings of Wyverns which can be found in St Michael's Church, the Festival will this year be based on the theme of myths and legends

with particular focus on the Lambton Worm. Community workshops will take place across the city in the run up to the event. These workshops will be led by a key writer in residence who will use the legend of the Lambton Worm as a foundation to create a new story with community members. This story will then be brought to life by professional artists and community participants during workshops in schools and community venues. These workshops will result in a short, high quality performance using sound and light during the Friday night ceremony. Friday's performance will then link directly to the Saturday parade which will feature children from all areas of the City who have taken part in the preparation workshops.

Workshops will take place in each of the 5 Areas across Sunderland in an effort to build audiences for and raise the profile of Houghton Feast. Participants will have the opportunity of being involved in the Saturday Parade.

The Need for the Project

The theme of Myths and Legends was selected through consultation with local school and community groups. The Houghton Feast Steering Group have also been involved in the development of this concept. In previous years several schools have expressed an interest to be involved with the Houghton Feast Workshops, this new approach will allow more schools and community groups to participate in the process.

The funding from North Area Committee will provide access to the festival activity for a greater number of people providing opportunities to participate in the Saturday parade and the overall festival programme.

The Arts Team will be working closely with the Community Network Co-ordinator to identify community groups and schools who may be interested in taking part.

The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
S5	Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	20
A3	Number of Community/Voluntary Groups supported	1
A6	Number of community or educational events held	7

Milestones and Key Events	Forecast Dates
Approval of funding from Area Committees	July 2011
Procurement of writer in residence	August 2011
Workshops with schools and community groups	September 2011
Promotion of events	September 2011
Delivery of events	October 2011
Evaluation/Debrief	November 2011

Recommendation: Approve

The application supports the Attractive and Inclusive theme of the local area and the priorities of Heritage and Activities for Young People for the North area.

Application No.4 – SIB

Funding Source	SIB
Name of Project	Sunderland Recreation Park
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council – Jane Hall

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£7,000	£0	£7000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 months	October 2011	November 2011

The Project

The improvements to the entrances of Recreational Park at Seaburn are following feedback from organisations using the site and difficulties they have encountered moving on and off the site.

The SIB funding will be used to build up the entrance areas to allow an even gradient and reinforcing the entrances through the use of plastic reinforcing mesh (GP flex).

This work will make the site more suitable for delivering events and help to retain the businesses/organisations who hire the site to deliver events and other activity. It will also support the opportunity to use the site more frequently for cultural/heritage based activities.

The improvements will also support and add further value to the Seafront Improvements currently underway.

The Need for the Project

Feedback has been received from external event organisers of the site who have experienced difficulties accessing and exiting the site and requested that the issue be reviewed.

The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	Number of new or improved community facilities or equipment	1

Milestones and Key Events	Forecast Dates
Recreation Park closed and work commences	October 2011
Work completed and recreation park reopened	November 2011

Recommendation: Approve

The application supports the Attractive and Inclusive theme of the local area and the priority of Heritage for the North area.

Application No.5 – SIP

Funding Source	SIP
Name of Project	Dene Lane Bulb Planting
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council – Andy Old

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIP requested
£230	£0	£230
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 months	October 2011	November 2011

The Project

Plant bulbs to each side of Dene Lane footpath, which is on a main bus and car route and close to a shopping centre area. The bulbs will flower in the spring and reoccur annually with no additional maintenance required. These works will physically improve the appearance of the area and shopping centre bringing benefit to the local community.

The Need for the Project

Local residents have raised the request with Ward Councillors.

The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A4	Number of events/programmes of work to improve the appearance of the streets	1

Milestones and Key Events	Forecast Dates
Order the bulbs	October 2011
Plant bulbs	November 2011

Recommendation: Approve

The application supports the Attractive and Inclusive theme of the local area and the priority of Attractive and cared for environment for the North area.

Application No.6 – SIP

Funding Source	SIP
Name of Project	Southwick Environmental Improvements
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council – Norman Atkinson

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIP requested
£3553.76 (benches: £1682; baskets: £1872)	£0	£3553.76
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 months	July 2011	August 2012

The Project

Purchase and installation of 2 seating benches near the play area within Thompson Park. There is limited seating which is spread out across the park, the installation of the additional seating will support the accessibility and use of the park and play area for families and local residents.

The hire of artificial hanging baskets x 14 to be located on The Green at Southwick. This will physically improve the appearance of the area and bring benefit to local residents, community groups and businesses.

The Need for the Project

The project was developed by Southwick ward Councillors in response to local need.

The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A4	Number of events/programmes of work to improve the appearance of the streets	1

Milestones and Key Events	Forecast Dates
Order the seating and artificial flowers	July 2011
Install seating and artificial flowers	August 2011

Recommendation: Approve

The application supports the Attractive and Inclusive theme of the local area and the priority of Attractive and cared for environment for the North area.

Application No.7 – SIP

Funding Source	SIP
Name of Project	Southwick Christmas Tree
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council – Michelle Whittle

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIP requested
£3600	£0	£3600
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
3 months	November 2011	January 2012

The Project

The project seeks to enhance the Southwick Shopping centre with the provision of an illuminated Christmas tree and an official switch on of the tree.

The project will complement and build upon the provision of Christmas trees and illuminations in other parts of the City.

As outlined above it is considered that the project will benefit all sections of the community and thereby contribute to some of the key priorities of the Sunderland North LAP, through the attractiveness of the centre thereby resulting in increased numbers of visitors and shoppers with the potential economic benefit to traders in the area over the Christmas period.

The Need for the Project

The need has been identified by local ward Councillors who wish to build upon the success of last year's event and illuminations. The area is the main shopping centre in Southwick and Shopping Centres have been identified as a priority for the North area. It is anticipated that this will add value to other works ongoing.

The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	Number of new or improved community facilities or equipment	1
A6	Number of community or educational events held	1

Milestones and Key Events	Forecast Dates
Purchase and delivery of tree and lights	November 2011
Electrical Works	November 2011
Erection and dressing of tree	December 2011
Switch on Event	December 2011

Recommendation: Approve

The application supports the Attractive and Inclusive theme of the local area and the priority of Attractive and cared for environment for the North

Application No.8 – SIP

Funding Source	SIP
Name of Project	St Peters Environmental Improvements
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council – Andy Old

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIP requested
£500	£0	£500
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
5 months	July 2011	November 2011

The Project

Plantation of bedding plants on the large roundabout at the Wheatcheaf. The area has suffered from low levels of satisfaction amongst residents recently and there are areas of land which appear uncared for. This affects the local community and visitors perception of the area. The location proposed for bedding plants is on a main route into and out of the city as well as a very busy public transport route..

The area attracts a lot of visitors from out of the area due to it's proximity to the football stadium, the coast, seafront and proposed world heritage site, this project would improve the physical appearance of the area making it more attractive and welcoming for local residents and visitors and help to improve satisfaction levels in the area.

The Need for the Project

The area has been highlighted by local councillors as well as the area experiencing low levels of satisfaction when surveyed and consulted.

The Outputs for the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A4	Number of programme of works to improve the physical appearance of the streets	1

Milestones and Key Events	Forecast Dates
Purchase bedding plants	July 2011
Install bedding plants	July 2011
Remove bedding plants	November 2011

Recommendation: Approve

The application supports the Attractive and Inclusive theme of the local area and the priority of Attractive and cared for environment for the North

COMMUNITY CHEST 2011/2012 NORTH AREA - PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

Ward	Project	Amount	Allocation 2011/2012	Project Proposals	Previous Approvals	Balance Remaining
Castle	Neighbourhood Warden – Summer holiday activities for young people in the Castle Ward, 6 weekly trampolining sessions and 6 weekly sessions of inflatable fun in the pool, based at Castleview Academy	£399				
	Neighbourhood Warden – Football programme delivered on Wednesday and Friday nights for juniors and young people.	£334				
	Sunderland Armed Forces Network – Funding for administration and publicity costs to identify veterans and their families to refer signpost and obtain expert care and financial support other than the LA	£20				
	Total		10,047	753	255	9039
Fulwell	Seaburn Dene Primary School – Contribution towards a multi media system for the refurbished school hall to support school productions and CVS groups using the hall	£700				
	Sunderland Armed Forces Network – Funding for administration and publicity costs to identify veterans and their families to refer signpost and obtain expert care and financial support other than the LA	£40				
	North East Bus Preservation Society – to contribute towards the annual display of vehicles on Recreation Park. Funding will be used for organisation of event, fuel for free bus services and plaques.	£500				
	Total		17,371	1240	975	15156
Redhill	Northside United Football – Purchase of football strips and wet weather kit.	250				

	Sunderland Armed Forces Network – Funding for administration and publicity costs to identify veterans and their families to refer signpost and obtain expert care and financial support other than the LA	£20				
	Total		12,665	270	3645	8750
Southwick	SCC – Purchase, planting up and maintenance of x 6 planters for The Green	£789.96				
	Sunderland Armed Forces Network – Funding for administration and publicity costs to identify veterans and their families to refer signpost and obtain expert care and financial support other than the LA	£20				
	North East Sports – Delivery of 2 x 2hr play and sport sessions per week in the Marley Potts/Southwick area over the 6 weeks summer holidays.	£960				
	Total		12,004	1769.96	1000	9234.04
St Peters	Sunderland Armed Forces Network – Funding for administration and publicity costs to identify veterans and their families to refer signpost and obtain expert care and financial support other than the LA	£20				
	Total		15,326	20	375	14,931
Totals			67,413	4052.96	6250	57,110.04

North Sunderland Area Committee

11th July 2011.

Report of the Chief Executive

Influencing Practice, Policy and Strategy

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1. This report offers Members the opportunity for consultation on plans and strategies relevant to the North area. It also provides information and updates which will encourage Members to feed into proposals for service or policy change and facilitates the referral of outcomes of issues previously identified.

2. Information, Advice and Guidance Services

- 2.1 The Council is currently reviewing its services, which provide information, advice and guidance to customers. This is to ensure a standard quality of service across the Council. Officers from the Business, Improvement and Advice Services Team will present an update at Committee on the Information, Advice and Guidance review, seeking members' views and feedback.

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