

PLACE BOARD PRIORITIES - Area specific contribution to Corporate Outcome Framework and the Transformation of Council Services

	Influencing Core Services/Activities devolved to Area Committee	Why it is coming to the Board?	When will it come to the Board?	Action Required by the Board	When will Area Committee Decision be required	RAG	Progress
1	Responsive Local Services - Streetscene	To influence delivery in the Coalfields	Monthly basis	Work with Area Response Manager to identify opportunities to influence service; Review existing service scope and re-consider how members can influence future delivery - particularly focusing on agreement of programmed activities and the implementation of Dog Control Orders	As required		Dog control order final recommendations have been shared with members. Increased incidents of fly tipping have been recorded during the 6 months to September 2013. The ARM is working with Durham County Council to develop a joint strategy (including use of covert cameras). Recently placed cameras have provided supporting evidence for legal action against offenders.
2	Highways Maintenance	To influence usage of resources at an area level for inclusion in Capital Programme	Dec-13	Members to feed in views to prioritise works for inclusion in the annual Capital Programme;	Apr-14		Data currently being collated by Head of Streetscene. Officers to attend future Board meeting to agree an approach for Capital Highway Maintenance Programme. Highways plan for 2014/15 presented to Place Board to influence capital maintenance expenditure across the Coalfield area.
3	Public Protection and Regulatory Services	Consideration to be given to potential alignment of the services with the Board. Services in scope including trading standards, food standards, pollution control, pest control and licensing	Nov-13	Establish understanding of services delivered at a local level; Look to develop early intervention activities which support vulnerable groups within the locality	As required		An officer from PPRS aligned to Coalfield Area and supported presentation to December Board.
4	Play and Urban Games Strategy	Influence the update of the strategy - consider with more relevance to board or ward basis	tbc	tbc	As required		Gill Wake meeting regularly with Sport + Leisure colleagues. No further action required by Boards at this stage.
5	Section 106	Give consideration to how members can influence the refinement of policy in order that they are involved earlier to influence how S106 could be used and member involvement on individual cases thereafter	tbc	tbc	tbc		
6	Parking Management Schemes	Members to be consulted on Parking Management Schemes should they be proposed	As required	As required	As required		Not applicable to the Coalfield area at present
7	Local Development Framework (LDF), Core Strategy and associated documents	Members to be consulted on process for the review of the Strategy, share views and feed into the public consultation process	Sep-13	Members to bring local knowledge to inform the development of the future policy	Not applicable		Local plan and settlement break documents discussed at the July board meeting. Public consultation is underway and a workshop for members to discuss further was held in September 2013 with a further workshop in November to discuss the greenbelt strategy. Further consultation to take place during 2014.
8	Housing Renewal	Consideration to be given to how the board could inform the development of annual delivery plans and identify local hot spots for target action	tbc	tbc	tbc		Lead Area Coordinator in discussion with the Housing Service Lead as to how area arrangements can influence how resources are locally deployed. Updates to follow.

Additional Area Priorities

	Local Priority	Why it is coming to the Board?	When will it come to the Board?	Action Required by the Board	When will Area Committee Decision be required	RAG	
1	Improvement of areas of neglected land	To influence and support the improvement and management of Council owned sites across the area		Develop a programme of LWYL projects Support the improvements of identified Council owned sites Influence the maintenance programme including budgets Monitor SIB neglected land project			The LWYL project continues to be delivered in partnership with local schools and community groups via the VCS Network. All of the smaller council owned plots have been cleared and are being monitored by ARM The final large scale project on Council owned land is being developed and an update is given in the report at Item 3 Over 80 of the 95 private plots identified have been improved, brought into meaningful use or are in the process of being sold or let. the ARM is working with private owners to continue and maintain improvements. Enforcement action has commenced with owners of three privately owned sites.

2	Support to local shopping centres	To influence and support the physical and economic improvement of the three local shopping centres (Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row)		To continue to monitor progress To direct the work of the lead agent and retail expert To bring local intelligence to ensure effective results		Physical improvements have been made in all three shopping centres. A retail specialist has been engaged by the lead agent and is currently providing bespoke advice and mentoring to 26 businesses in Houghton, 14 in Hetton and 8 in Shiney Row. Houghton Traders have set up a Traders' Association and formed a committee, designed a logo and developed a website. There are 18 businesses in Hetton who are interested in discussing the merits of forming a traders forum
3	Improvement of allotments and community gardens	To influence the improvement and management of Council owned allotment sites across the area		Monitor progress of sites improved Support the development of a more robust management process Provide local knowledge on specific issues and sites Further develop the SIB funded project to improve sites		Sites with unlettable plots have been improved and fencing installed. Tenancies of those using plots inappropriately have been terminated. Waiting lists have been reviewed and reduced significantly. Phase 1 of Britannia Tce improvements is underway and occupiers of the remaining plots are being consulted with as to the development of Phase 2.
4	Local events and celebrations (also on People work plan)	Identify opportunities to celebrate significant events and festivals		Continue to monitor and receive information relating to celebrations, events and activities taking place in the local area Develop local projects with VCS organisations via local celebrations SIB project Continue to build on successful heritage events and projects delivered locally		The VCS Network wish to develop a 2014 calendar of events in relation to 100 years of WW1 - HLF has been applied for . The Place Board has identified a number of events to be delivered in partnership with local organisations.
5	Flood risk planning	Influence the development of a partnership approach to improving flood risk planning		Identify opportunities where members/officers/relevant partners can work together to address issues Provide local intelligence on problematic locations Receive and respond to updates from Street Scene Head of Service		The Council, in our role as Lead Local Flood Authority are co-ordinating plans and actions with Northumbrian Water Limited and the Environment Agency to addressing flooding issues in the Coalfields which cut across the responsibilities of the different agencies. The Head of Service for Street Scene will feed back on future progress.
6	Empty properties	Influence empty properties action plan and enforcement powers to reduce negative impact on the area		Provide information on problematic empty properties to inform action plan Provide information and assurance to local residents regarding action taken		An Empty Homes strategy has been developed, with targets for each area. The Empty Properties Officer receives information directly from Councillors and members of the public and acts accordingly. Regular updates are given via the Place Board
7	Major developments in the Coalfield area (may link to item 7 on core service list above - to be agreed)	To be more informed about large developments and their impact on the local community in order to fulfil the Council's Community Leadership role		Receive information regarding significant developments in the area		Information on planning applications is provided to members in their regular bulletin Workshops on core strategy development will contribute to this priority
	G	Progressing on target				
	A	Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action)				
	R	Not progressing				