Community Action: Outstanding Issues Log from 2009/10

Priority	Issue/Action	Action taken and next steps	Funding	Progress
Improve local shopping	Receive update/progress	Lead Agent addressed Area Committee at the July 2010 meeting to provide	request £30,000	
centres	report regarding the Hetton	an update. Additional funding options are still being explored. The status of	March 2009	
Centres	Memorial Garden	the project will be reviewed in Nov 2010		
Improve local shopping	Receive updates regarding	An update was given in March 2010. A report will be presented to Cabinet	NO	
centres	the Hetton Area Action Plan	later in the year, after which a further update will be provided.		
Improve local shopping	Provide update on the	A further meeting was held in September 2010 regarding possible solutions	NO	
centres	provision of public toilets in	to the lack of public toilet provision in Houghton. The head of Street Scene is		
	Houghton Town Centre	now taking the issue forward in conjunction with Scrutiny Committee. The		
		feasibility of developing a Community Toilet Scheme is being explored.		
		Consultation with potential providers and members of the public will take		
		place as part of this. Toilet provision for the Houghton Feast will be in place.		
Bring empty properties	Area Committee receive	The Housing and Renewal Team are finalising the strategy and are to	NO	
back into use	Empty Homes strategy and	provide information by September 2010		
	targets			
Adequate youth	Explore the opportunities for	Cross border working on 14-19 provision already in place with Headways	NO	
provision to be	cross border working with	Sixth Form (Seaham and Hetton). Kath Butchert has met with Paul Hebron,		
available for all wards	Durham County Council (e.g.	Head of Positive Activities in Durham to discuss the possibilities of cross		
	Fencehouses crosses	working in Fencehouses regarding the youth mobile resources. Discussions		
	boundaries)	are ongoing and Durham may provide some in-kind support to the delivery of		
		the joint working. Further updates once progress has been made.		
Prepare young people	Review anti bullying	Sunderland has set up an Anti-Bullying group which is part of the Regional	YES – SIB	
for adult life through	provision in schools and	Anti-Bullying Alliance. The Group look at provision, policies in schools and	application	
encouragement and	explore the need to extend	anti-bullying initiatives across the City. The recently appointed Anti-Bullying	for	
building of confidence	anti-bullying programmes in	Co-ordinator will work with schools and their representatives. A further	£13,200 to	
	primary schools in the	update will be given by the Head of Safeguarding in October/November 2010	November	
	Coalfield area.		2010	
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Raise aspirations of	Review FACL (Family, Adult	Meetings between FACL, the Area Co-ordination Team and Procurement		
children/young people	and Community Learning)	have reviewed current arrangements. Agreement has been reached on a		
and their families	Programme	new procurement process that will enable more local Voluntary and		
		Community Sector (VCS) providers to deliver adult learning. Meetings with		
A 1 1	N. C.	VCS Networks in Sept/Oct to progress	NO	
Address issues around	Nexus to ensure full	Nexus will attend all future Area Committee meetings and provide	NO	
lack of public transport	consultation with the	information when required. A consultation exercise was carried out at the		
in some areas	Committee and local	March 2010 meeting. Committee members requested a number of venues		
	residents on the Secured	for public meetings to be held. These were carried out during April and May		
	Services Network	2010. Nexus will feed back the results of the consultation exercise once		
		analysed.		

Community Action: Work Plan for 2010/11

Priority	Issue/Action	Date raised	Evidence and/or Data Source	Next steps/Options	Funding request	Lead Agent(s)
Bulb planting and landscaping	Machine planting scheme	June 2010	Area Committee Place Survey VCS Network Residents Gentoo	During week commencing 11 October the machine planting took place at 35 locations across the Coalfield area, as previously agreed by Area Committee. This element of the project is now complete	Yes - £50,000 SIB approved in July 2010.	Les Clark, Head of Street Scene
	Community planting scheme	June 2010	Area Committee VCS Network Gentoo customer panel	A schedule for the community planting has been developed. Over 40 local community and voluntary groups (including schools and residents' groups) will take part in the planting which will take place during October and early November and discussions are underway to develop the project to include Christmas and spring planting.	As above	Les Clark, Head of Street Scene
Heritage	Audit of current provision	June 2010	Area Committee VCS Network Local Area Plan	To enable an action plan to be developed an audit will be carried out. Once the audit is complete the Task & Result group will consider the findings to inform the next steps	Yes – £10,000 agreed at September 2010 meeting	Vicki Medhurst, City Services
Local Shopping Centres	Decline of local shopping centres, Lack of adequate provision.	June 2010	Local Development Framework Retail needs assessment	A series of proposed projects will be explored by the Task and Result group in further detail. The first step agreed was to undertake an audit.of what is available and what is required.	Yes – request to this meeting (Nov 2010) approve £5,000 to undertake the initial scoping work	Andrew Perkin, Business and Investment Team
Child Poverty (CP)	High levels of children in families with low income	June 2010	Area Committee Draft Child Poverty strategy Child Poverty Area Profile Income data' Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2007	An update will be provided to the January 2011 meeting by the Lead Agent.	No	Raj Singh, Children's Services

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Unadopted Roads	Review the current policy and alternative options regarding unadopted roads	September 2009	Cabinet report LAP Area Committee	A significant amount of work has been carried out to determine a baseline position in regard to private streets. An extensive desktop study together with on site photography exercise to identifying all the unadopted streets in the Coalfield Area and across the city has been undertaken. A further update will be presented by the lead agent at the January 2011 meeting.	No	Stephen Pickering/ Graham Carr, City Services
Play Provision	Review Play and Urban Games Strategy	July 2010	Play and Urban Games Strategy (PUGS) strategy Community Consultation LAP	At the September 2010 meeting of Area Committee an update on the PUGS Review was given by an Officer from City Services. Members agreed the recommendations in the report but raised a number of queries which required a response. A response will be forwarded to Councillors when available. It is recommended that the results of the review are considered by Committee before any further actions are taken against this priority.	Possibly to a future Area Committee	Julie Gray, Head of Community Services
	Receive more information on play provision services in the Coalfield area	July 2010	Area Committee	No progress to date. Area Officer to contact relevant officers.	No	Children's Services (To be confirmed)
Review of the Greenspace	Planning for open space, sport and recreation	September 2010	Local Development Framework	Initial workshops to identify open spaces will be delivered across the Coalfield area during October and November. Phase two of this exercise will be follow up workshops to assess what value to the community these areas are.	No	Clive Greenwood, Senior Planner