

## COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 at 6:00pm

VENUE – The Hetton Centre, Welfare Road, Hetton le Hole, DH5 9NE

### Membership

Cllrs Allen, Anderson (Alternate Vice Chair of the Area Committee and Chair of the Place Board), Blackburn, Cummings, Ellis, Lawson (Vice Chair of the Area Committee and Chair of the People Board), Scott (Chair), D. Smith, Speding, Taylor, Turton and Wakefield.

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**ELAINE WAUGH**

**Head of Law and Governance**

**10<sup>th</sup> June, 2014**

**At a Meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held at HOUGHTON HOUSING OFFICE, THE SKYLINE CENTRE, 88 NEWBOTTLE STREET, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, DH4 4AJ, on WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2014 at 6.00 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Richardson in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Ellis, Heron, Lawson, Scott, D. Smith, Speding, Tate, Taylor and Wakefield

**Also in Attendance:-**

Ron Barrass	Member of the Public	
Susan Brown	Area VCS Representative	ELCAP
Charlotte Burnham	Area Lead Executive for the Coalfield Area Committee and Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements	Sunderland City Council
Melanie Caldwell	Head of Operations – Houghton/Hetton	Gentoo Ltd.
Nonnie Crawford	Director of Public Health	Sunderland City Council
Dave Ellison	Area Response Manager	Sunderland City Council
Sam Gallilee	Area VCS Representative	Herrington Burn YMCA
Debbie Hall	Area Response Manager	Sunderland City Council
Julianna Heron	Councillor	Hetton Town Council
Pauline Hopper	Area Community Officer, Coalfield	Sunderland City Council
Karen Makepeace	Programme Development Manager	Sunderland Live
Chris McCaul	Scrutiny and Area Support Officer	Sunderland City Council
Lisa Musgrove	Neighbourhood Inspector	Northumbria Police
Rachel Putz	Coalfields Locality Manager, Children's Services	Sunderland City Council
Jessica Regnart	Creative Development Manager	Sunderland Live
Tim Smith	Group Engineer, Streetscene	Sunderland City Council
Christine Tilley	Governance Services Team Leader	Sunderland City Council
William Turton	Member of the Public	
Gill Wake	Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Jeff Wilkinson	Station Manager	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Andy Wilson	Area Response Manager	Sunderland City Council

## **Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Coalfield Area Committee meeting and invited all those present to introduce themselves.

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that this was Mr. Dave Ellison's last meeting as he was retiring from the Council.

On behalf of the Committee the Chairman thanked Mr. Ellison for the tremendous amount of work he had done to improve the Coalfields area which was much appreciated adding that he would be sadly missed.

The Chairman introduced Ms. Debbie Hall and Mr. Andy Wilson, Area Response Managers to the Committee.

Councillor Julianna Heron added the thanks of Hetton Town Council to Mr. Ellison.

Mr. Ellison thanked the Committee for their kind wishes.

Councillor Scott paid tribute to the Chairman, Councillor Richardson and Councillor Tate on behalf of the Committee who were attending their last meeting of the Area Committee as they were also retiring from the Council. He thanked them for their valuable contributions to the work of the Coalfield Area Committee and the work they had carried out as Councillors for the Coalfield area.

Councillor Tate paid tribute to Councillor Richardson for the role he had carried out in Charing meetings of the Area Committee over the years.

Councillor Richardson thanked the Members and Officers of the Committee for the work they had carried out and the support they had provided to him.

## **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Anderson, together with John Chapman (Gentoo), Les Clark and Judith Stonebridge (Sunderland City Council).

## **Declarations of Interest**

Item 2 – Sunderland Live Presentation

Councillor Richardson made an open declaration of interest in the report as a Member of the Board of Directors of Sunderland Live.

Item 8 – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocations of Resources

Councillor Tate made an open declaration of interest in the report as a Council appointed Director of Easington Lane Community Access Point and left the room

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during the consideration of the item taking no part in the consideration or decision thereon.

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **Sunderland Live Presentation.**

Ms Jessica Regnart, Creative Development Manager at Sunderland Live provided Members with a presentation (copy circulated) which detailed the background to the establishment of Sunderland Live, the maintenance and protection of the Core Events Programme, the increase in the provision of events in the City together with the outcomes of recent customer research.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Ellis enquired about the arrangements for the production of the Houghton Feast publicity booklet. She commented that she felt community groups were not informed or consulted by the Houghton Feast Steering Committee.

In response, Councillor Lawson advised that any voluntary groups who wanted to be involved, were welcome. If any groups felt they had been missed out and that they could contribute to the organisation of the event, all they needed to do was to contact the Houghton Feast Steering Committee of which she was Chair. She advised that there were representatives from voluntary groups on the Steering Committee.

Ms. Pauline Hopper Area Community Officer, Coalfield advised that last year there had been two publications promoting Houghton Feast, one produced by the Council and one by the Steering Committee. The feeling was that this had resulted in duplication and so this year only one was to be produced and this would be by the Steering Committee.

The Chairman suggested that Councillors Ellis and Lawson speak further on the issue outside of the meeting if this was needed.

In response to Members questions, Ms Jessica Regnart advised that Sunderland Live were looking at opportunities to raise income for the events and thereby to reduce the Council's contribution. One way of doing this was to develop sponsorship packages which could be offered to businesses. Work was being carried out to develop this aspect with officers talking to companies to give them a better understanding of the events in the calendar, discussing which ones they may be interested in sponsoring depending on the level of budget they have available.

The Mayor, Councillor Heron commented that the Sunderland International Airshow had been very well organised and he had felt that the new location for the

marquees on the cliff top had worked well. Councillor Heron thanked Sunderland Live for all the help and support they had provided to him during his mayoral year.

The Chairman having thanked the officers from Sunderland Live for the presentation and their attendance at the meeting, it was

2. RESOLVED that the information in the presentation provided by Sunderland Live be received and noted.

### **Annual Report 2013 – 2014**

The Chairman submitted a report (copy circulated) which sought approval for the inclusion of the Coalfield Area Committee's Annual Report 2013 – 2014 in the combined Area Committees' report to be presented to full Council.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chairman having asked Members to support the report, it was;-

3. RESOLVED that the Coalfield Area Committee's Annual Report 2013 – 2014 be approved accordingly for inclusion in the combined Area Committees' Annual Report to Council.

### **Maximising the Use Made of Green and Other Space in Areas to Improve Health and Happiness**

The Director of Public Health submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided background information to support members in considering the future use of funding released by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to support improvement to mental and physical wellness through a combination of approaches aimed at facilitating local people's access to, and use of local green space.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Nonnie Crawford, Director of Public Health presented the report inviting the Area Committee to consider ways in which to use the available funding. She advised that it would be up to the Area Committee to develop ideas and agree where the funding would be best used.

Members commented that the Area People and Place Boards were ideally placed to give consideration to how they might enhance and facilitate local people engaging in the five ways to wellbeing and to look at action around greenspace accessibility, availability and amenity utilisation.

Members welcomed the £20k share of the total £100k allocated by the CCG to the five Area Committees for the above purposes and commented that they might wish to supplement it with SIB funding. It was highlighted that input into the

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process by the VCS and community organisations was important in order to make best use of the funding allocation and the area's community assets in order to achieve the intended goals.

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted and the Area Boards give consideration to allocating the above funding accordingly.

### **Partner Agency Reports – Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network**

Ms. Susan Brown, Ms. Sam Gallilee and Ms. Ann Owen, Area Network Representatives submitted a report (copy circulated), providing an update with regard to the Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Brown advised the Committee of her appointment as the newly elected VCS Network representative. She highlighted the issues raised at the Coalfield VCSN meetings held in February and March and in particular the Health Trainers Programme; a team of 12 Health Trainers in the City who will support any resident over 16 years of age with regards to issues such as healthy eating, smoking cessation, exercise and wellbeing.

Ms. Brown also highlighted the work going on in relation to the WW1 commemoration and the Information Fair which VCS Network members were planning to hold to advertise and showcase the services and activities available in the area.

Councillor Speding commented on the financial challenges the Council was facing, the difficulties it was experiencing in trying to fulfil the voluntary sector ethos and the difficulty the Area Committee had in trying to make funding available given the constraints and the number of voluntary groups.

Ms. Charlotte Burnham, Area Lead Executive for the Coalfield Area Committee and Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements briefed the Committee on the work which had been done to date looking at the Council's changing relationship with the VCS, how the Council would look to support the sector in the future to respond to what communities needed and to deliver this as well as the future arrangements for the allocation of European Social Funding.

Councillor Ellis commented that the vast majority of groups were small community groups who did not need a large sum of money but wanted help and support from the Council in other ways.

Member of the Committee thanked the VCS representatives for the work they carried out in the community to support the delivery of the Area Committee's priorities.

Full discussion having taken place on the report it was:-

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5. RESOLVED that the update from the Area Voluntary and Community Sector be received and noted.

### **Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police**

Neighbourhood Inspector Lisa Musgrove provided the Committee with verbal update on crime in the Coalfield Area. She advised that there had been a 5.1% increase overall which equated to 108 crimes. There had been an increase in criminal damage and low level crime.

In comparison to the above there was good news as there was a 21% reduction in Burglary to Dwellings and a reduction of 24.5% in the number of reports of youth anti social behaviour incidents with 324 fewer reports in 2013/14 than the previous year across the Coalfields. There was however one priority, Hetton Lyons Country Park and Rough Dene which had been the subject of a special LMAPS meeting and Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove briefed the Committee on operations in place to deal with the situation.

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield briefed the Committee on the discussions taking place with organisations in the locality to provide activities in the area to occupy young people. Ms. Hopper advised that she would keep Members informed of any developments in this respect.

Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove also informed Members of the recent spate of break ins to sheds in the Grasswell area where motorbikes and mobility scooters had been targeted.

In response to Members, Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove advised that she felt that the new legislation in the licensing of scrap dealers was having an impact and she there was a definite decrease in the number of vehicles operating in the Coalfield area.

6. RESOLVED that the update from Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove be received and noted.

### **Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service**

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service submitted a report (copy circulated) providing Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Coalfield Area Committee area from 1.01.2014 to 17.03.2014.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr. Jeff Wilkinson, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service briefed the Committee on the report highlighting that there had been no deaths recorded during the time frame of the report. There had however been injuries from accidental fires in dwelling houses and there had been two deliberate property fires.

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Mr Wilkinson advised that there had been 60 deliberate secondary fires during the period compared to 27 over the same period last year. Actions from the special LMAPS meeting were being taken forward to address the issue.

Members discussed the issue of the increased number of furniture fires and the Chairman advised that officers were looking at whether there was any correlation with the introduction of the Council's charge for the collection of bulky waste items.

Ms. Melanie Caldwell, Head of Operations – Houghton/Hetton, Gentoo Ltd advised of the community organisations operating in the locality which were able to collect furniture items people no longer needed.

Members having asked questions in respect of the individual fires in their wards, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be received and noted.

### **Place Board Progress Report**

The Chair of the Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update against the Place Board Work Plan for 2013/14.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Scott, Chair of the Place Board, introduced the update on the progress made by the Place Board on the priorities identified. He highlighted the discussion and identification of areas requiring capital maintenance works across the Coalfield.

Councillor Scott pointed out the influencing role the Board was undertaking with regards to the Public Protection and Regulatory Service by raising concerns about the increased volume of scrap and waste transfer vehicles in the area, advising that a further meeting would be held to keep Members updated on related issues.

The Chair drew attention to the point that the West Area Committee was consulting with the Coalfield Place Board drawing on the success and experience of the Neglected Land project to develop a similar project in that area.

Councillor Scott referred to the Love Where You Live project and advised the Committee that three of the work placement clients previously supporting the project had been successful in gaining an apprenticeship with the Council.

Mr. Dave Ellison, Area Response Manager commented that the Neglected Land project had made a massive improvement to the area for the people who lived in the neighbouring areas. He briefed the Committee on the progress with regards to the individual allotment sites included in the project and how the process of letting and managing allotments was now being carried out.

Councillor Lawson commented that she was seeing a marked difference in the Shiney Row Shopping Centre as a result of the Local Shopping Centres project.

Full consideration having been given to the report it was:-

8. RESOLVED that:-

- a. the progress and performance update with regards to the Place Board work plan for 2013/14 be noted; and
- b. the recommendations from the Place Board regarding SIB allocations for place based projects be noted and supported.

### **People Board Progress Report**

The Chair of the People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on the progress made against the 2013/14 People Board Work Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chair of the People Board, Councillor Lawson, presented the report which detailed the work that had been done by the Board up to March 2014.

Councillor Lawson highlighted the high level of NEET (not in education, employment or training) young people in the area and pointed out that the People Board had considered this issue as part of its priority setting.

Councillor Lawson drew attention to the fact that an update on the new Library service had not been back to the Board.

Councillor Lawson highlighted the discussions held at the Board meetings on the Family and Adult Community Learning Service concerning the current procurement and delivery of the service. She pointed out that the Sexual Health review had highlighted issues with access to services locally in the Hetton and Cophill wards and the high rate of teenage pregnancy in the Hetton ward and that how services were being delivered would be considered further by the Board.

Councillor Lawson highlighted and recommended the Dementia Awareness Workshops being delivered which provided a free half day training course available to anyone living, volunteering or working in the Coalfields Area.

Councillor Lawson drew the Committee's attention to the People based projects which the Board was recommending for support detailed at item 8 on the agenda which included support for the Houghton Centre for the Blind.

Councillor Blackburn thanked the appropriate officers involved in progressing the work in respect of the Houghton Centre for the Blind.

Full consideration having been given to the report it was:-

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9. RESOLVED that:-

- a. the progress and performance update with regards to the People Board work plan for 2013/14 be noted; and
- b. the recommendations from the People Board regarding SIB allocations for people based projects be noted and supported.

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

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) providing a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest and presenting proposals for further funding requests to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper presented the report highlighting the four applications for SIB funding detailed at paragraph 2.2 pointing out that the recommendation included a condition to be placed on the 3 year projects for a performance review to be undertaken at the end each year to ensure they were achieving the required targets. Ms. Hopper drew the Committee's attention to those projects recommended for approval by the Place Board following a Call for Projects in relation to Environmental Improvements and Education via the VCS detailed at paragraph 2.3.

In response to Members comments, Ms Susan Brown, Area VCS Representative, ELCAP advised in relation to the Community Transport project that whilst the Community Transport Shopper bus did encourage people to shop in the local shopping centres, it was a case of asking people where they wanted to go and this sometimes meant they wanted to go to other shopping centres outside of the Coalfield Area. The project also played a vital role in addressing social isolation.

Ms. Hopper drew the Committee's attention to paragraph 2.4 concerning the Call for Projects (Celebrating Success) via the VCS Network made by the Place Board and the project which had been recommended from this process 'Welcome to the Coalfield' – Herrington Burn YMCA and the Community Chest approvals made by the Panels detailed in paragraph 3 of the report.

Full consideration having been given to the report it was:-

10. RESOLVED that:-

- a. the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be noted;
- b. the four SIB project applications set out in section 2.2 and detailed in Annex 1 be approved as follows subject to a condition being placed on the 3 year projects that a review is carried out at the end of each year:-

Advice Volunteer Co-ordinator	ShARP	£30,000
Community Transport	ELCAP	£60,000
Social Club	Houghton Centre For the Blind	£4,000
Baulkham Hills Footpath	Sunderland City Council	£4,289

- c. approval be given to the following projects resulting from a Call for Projects (Environmental Improvements) as set out in paragraph 2.3 and a Call for Projects (Celebrating Success) by the Place Board via the VCS Network, as set out in paragraph 2.4 and detailed in annexes 2 and 3 respectively, totalling £28,388; the balance of £1,612 up to the £30,000 which was allocated to return to the main SIB budget:-

#### Environmental Improvements and Education

Improving Our Community, Herrington Burn YMCA	£4,371
A Clean Sweep, Easington Lane Community Access Point	£5,000
Looking Good in the Coalfield, Sunderland North Community Business Centre	£4,988
Flatts Allotment, Sunderland North Community Business Centre	£2,285
Naturally in your Neighbourhood, Hetton Greenwatch	£2,500
Spring into Action, Groundwork North East	£4,352
Poo Watch, Groundwork North East	£4,892

#### Celebrating Success

Welcome to the Coalfield – Herrington Burn YMCA	£1,964
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- d. the information detailed in paragraph 2.5 of the report concerning the closure of a project to provide additional holiday activities for young people be noted and approval be given to the balance of £1,513 remaining from the project to be returned to the main SIB budget; and
- e. the 16 Community Chest approvals supported from the 2013/14 budget as set out in Annex 4 be noted.

The Chairman wished everyone well for the future, thanked them for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) D. RICHARDSON,  
Chairman.

18 June 2014

## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

### Place Board Progress Report

#### 1 Purpose of Report

##### 1.1 This report:-

- a. Provides an annual update of the 2013/14 Work Plan, including SIB funded projects.
- b. Seeks Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2014/15
- c. Provides an update on Place Board Governance Arrangements for 2014/15.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 At the beginning of each financial/municipal year Coalfield Area Committee agrees its Local Area Plan priorities associated with Place and refers the priorities to the Coalfield Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The Place Board have presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence/ achievements during that period.
- 2.3 This report provides the annual update to the work plan in addition to proposing priorities and governance arrangements for the year 2014/15.

#### 3. Annual Update of 2013/14 Place Board Work Plan

- 3.1 The 2013/14 Work Plan and SIB Project Reports are attached as **Annex 1 and 2** and provide an annual update on performance.

#### 4. Proposed Work Plan for 2014/15

- 4.1 The proposed Work Plan is attached as **Annex 3** and outlines those priorities for action that the Place Board considers key to deliver during 2014/15.
- 4.2 Additionally the Place Board will continue to influence the design, delivery and review of Place Based Services devolved to Area Committee. Proposals also outlined in **Annex 3**.

#### 5. Area Governance Arrangements

- 5.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-
  - a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
  - b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilizing its own resources.

- 5.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities. Terms of Reference attached as **Annex 4**.
- 5.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the Place Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Place Board Membership</b>
Chair/Hetton	Cllr Florence Anderson
Copt Hill	Cllr Anthony Allen
Houghton	Cllr Billy Turton Cllr Sheila Ellis
Shiney Row	Cllr Mel Speding

## **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 Members are requested to:-
- a. Consider the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Coalfield Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2013/14 attached as **Annex 1 and 2**.
  - b. Consider and agree the Coalfield Area Place Board Work Plan Priorities for 2014/15 attached as **Annex 3**.
  - c. Note the Area Governance arrangements for 2014/15 outlined in **Section 5 and Annex 4**.

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## 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?	Action Required by the Board	RAG	Progress
1	Responsive Local Services - Streetscene	To influence delivery in the Coalfields	Work with Area Response Manager to identify opportunities to influence service; Review existing service scope and re-consider how members can influence future delivery		Dog control order final recommendations agreed at January 2014. Consultation now complete and a report is presented to Committee under Item 6 on the agenda (June 2014). Implementation of the Orders will take place in August 2014 Increased incidents of fly tipping has led to the ARM developing a strategy with partners and colleagues 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	Members to feed in views to prioritise works for inclusion in the annual Capital Programme;		Highways plan for 2014/15 presented to Place Board to influence capital maintenance expenditure across the Coalfield area. Recommendation presented to April 2014 AC.
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	Establish understanding of services delivered at a local level; Look to develop early intervention activities which support vulnerable groups within the locality		An officer from PPRS aligned to Coalfield Area and supported presentation to December Board. Information regarding scrap and waste transfer licences discussed and further information provided
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	Members to bring local knowledge to inform the development of the future policy		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 has taken place and comments incorporated into the next phase of the LDP documents and Core Strategy. Further consultation with members will continue to take place during 2014.

## Additional Area Priorities

	Local Priority	Why it is coming to the Board?	Action Required by the Board	RAG	Progress
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. The Customer Relationship Officer (CRO) from Street Scene services will further develop the LWYL programme in partnership with the Area Community Officer.
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 businesses in Houghton, Hetton and Shiney Row. Houghton Traders have set up a Traders' Association and formed a committee, designed a logo and developed a website. Businesses in Hetton and Shiney Row 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 has set up a steering group to develop a 2014 calendar of events in relation to 100 years of WW1 - SIB and HLF funding is available to the group. The Place Board has identified a number of events to be delivered in partnership with local organisations and the January 2014 agreed a budget to fund specific events.
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 and attached to AC reports for information only Workshops on core strategy development will contribute to this priority
	<b>G</b>	Progressing on target			
	<b>A</b>	Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action)			
	<b>R</b>	Not progressing			



<b>Place Project Performance 2014/15</b>
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Below is a summary of all Place based SIB funded projects, how they have performed against targets and what they have achieved to the end of March 2014.

<b>Retail Support Business Project Business Investment Team</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
Number of businesses supported one to one	31	25		£50,000	£67,699	
Number of business supported via workshops / grants	81	53				
Number of businesses received a grant	17	17				
<p>This project was originally awarded a total of £50,000 to assist independent retail businesses throughout Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row to improve business competitiveness, effectiveness and sustainability. A further £40,000 was awarded at June 2013 Area Committee to allow continuation of this project, to reach an additional 31 businesses with expert advice and to issue grants. Advice is being offered from the Independent Retail Specialist and also Sunderland City Council. Retailers engaged on the programme are given mentoring support and specialist advice/support where necessary. In Houghton, the Traders Association is going from strength to strength, and the support it has received from the project is being utilised to print its first 'DH Deals' Brochure. A small number of individuals on the programme from the first phase are still receiving mentoring support from the project. Traders in Shiney Row are now engaging with the project and a number of grant awards have been given out. For phase 2 of the project there are currently 12 people on the programme, 3 in Houghton, 3 in Hetton and 5 in Shiney Row. There has been 3 grants awarded in Hetton, 5 grants in Shiney Row and 2 grants in Houghton. A workshop is being arranged for delivery in Shiney Row for 15 -20 businesses.</p>						

<b>Shopping Centres Marketing Programme SCC Communications Team</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
Number of community or educational events held	6	8		£7,572	£333	
Number of new businesses established or new businesses supported	20	32				
<p>The project was awarded £15,000 to provide marketing campaigns for the three local shopping centres of Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row. Progress on this project has included building relationships with local traders, a voucher booklet being distributed via Community News, a Shop Local Advert in the Houghton Feast programme, and Christmas events. An advert appeared in the Sunderland Echo to promote this project and there has been contribution to the development of the Houghton Traders Association. Spend is behind the target spend but a re-profile has been requested.</p>						

<b>Shop Scene Improvements SCC</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
Number of new or improved community facilities and equipment	7	6		£6,551	£775	
<p>The project was funded to £15,000 to provide physical improvements to railings, seats, barriers and planters in the three shopping centres of Houghton, Hetton and Shiney Row, and to provide promotion of local shops. Progress on this project includes Ad bins being installed as follows- 1 in Hetton, 1 in Shiney Row, 2 in Houghton. Bollards, railings and seats have been painted in these areas. Planters have been installed in Newbottle Street Houghton, and Shiney Row made over with bins, seats and railings painted, graffiti removed, weeds removed, tree guards installed and gravel replaced. Spend is behind target but a re-profile has been requested.</p>						

Houghton War Memorial SCC	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of new or improved community facilities and equipment	1	0		£10,000	£0	
<p>This project was funded £10,000 to refurbish the stone war memorial record stone located in the grounds of St Michael and All Angels Church. The proposals were to clean the remaining Portland stone and re-cut the remaining names. Due to lengthy permissions processes determined by Church procedures the project suffered lengthy delays. At a recent DAC update meeting, the lead agent from Property Services was informed that the DAC members agreed in principle with the alternative proposed method of letter cutting however formal committee approval will still be required. They advised that the matter will be tabled for discussion at the next DAC committee meeting in June 2014 where it is anticipated approval will be received and work can commence. A further update will be provided after this meeting and funds and outputs are requested to be moved to reflect the delays.</p>						

Local Celebrations and events SCC	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of community / voluntary groups supported	5	7		£7,740	£7,740	
Number of community / educational events held	4	4				
<p>This project was awarded £7,740 to support local events and celebrations across the Coalfield area. A Christmas switch on at Shiney Row and Santa's Grottos at Houghton and Easington Lane was delivered by community groups and supported by this project. A WW1 themed 'International Women's Day' took place at ELCAP with over 50 local women attending and celebrating the role of women in this and other relevant dates throughout history. This project is now fully spent and closed.</p>						

Allotments Improvement	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of new community facilities or equipment	17	14		£57,283	£45,403	
<p>This project was awarded £57,283 to improve allotments and sites in the Coalfield area. To date improvements have been made on a number of identified allotment sites across the Coalfield area including Hutton Street, Old Store Terrace, Girven Terrace and Elemore Vale. There has been a clearance of unsightly plots along the back of Britannia Terrace, Fences have been removed, structures and old concrete bases demolished, and installation of uniform steel fencing. The process of letting and managing allotments has been improved for customers. Burnside Allotment Site has been cleared and fencing work complete, with a new sign erected. Britannia Terrace phase 1 works are now complete with new powder coated palisade fencing and clearance works complete and a new sign erected. At St Matthews, Newbottle, 6 allotment plots have been cleared and re-let and 3 new allotment plots created as part of the clean-up work. Consultation has begun with existing allotment holders on gravel walks to explore the possibility of relocating some tenants from the Seaham Road site. Property Services are currently reviewing the lease arrangements with regard to Seaham Road.</p>						

Love Where You Live	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of new or improved community facilities	8	10		£10,000	£4,417	
<p>This project was awarded £10,000 to develop a Love Where you Live Campaign across the area, involving local community groups and schools. To date progress includes the purchase of essential equipment and materials to act as a store to provide groups and volunteers with the equipment to improve their area. The RLS Street Scene team has worked with local schools and community groups to arrange clean up and educational events. A number of schemes have been delivered in partnership with work experience volunteers, the most recent being a refurbishment of the Leyburn Grove sports complex in January 2014. A new supply of materials, a laminator and camera has been purchased to continue the project into the new financial year. The restructure of Street Scene has now introduced a Community Relationship Officer (CRO) for the area who will work with the local community and Area Community Officer to further develop this project.</p>						

<b>Neglected Land</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
Number of new or improved community facilities and equipment	9	7		£45,120	£16,073	
<p>This project was awarded funding in 2012 and 2013 to improve plots of neglected land across the Coalfield area. An additional award of £30,000 was awarded at January 2014 Area Committee in order to continue the successful work. A number sites including Market Place industrial estate, Percy Street old depot, Hetton Lyons industrial estate, West of Abbey Drive, Parnell Street, Wear Street, West View, Kentemere House, Langdale Road, Ferndale Street, and McLaren Way have been improved and are being maintained. Feedback from residents and elected members has been very positive and a media project to promote the work is being developed by a group of young people from Herrington Burn YMCA. The old Dubmire school site developed with Groundwork as part of this project continues to be well used by the local community and no negative issues have been reported. Similarly, the Collingwood Drive site which previously attracted negative behaviour has been improved and is now used as an informal play area by young people. The West View site has now been cleared of overgrown vegetation and derelict structures and the former Forest Estate site has been cleared, with 5 tonnes of rubble/rubbish being removed in preparation for fencing and lighting works. Spend is behind target due to a delay in some of the major costs, but a re-profile has been requested.</p>						

<b>Local Celebrations 2014- ELCAP and Sunderland City Council</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A	
<p>This project was awarded £15,000 in January 2014. £5,000 allocated to the VCS Network for a World War 1 Project with ELCAP leading this and the remaining £10,000 led by the Area Community Officer to develop a programme of activity in partnership with the VCS Network. A steering group has been set up and has begun to develop a calendar of events across the whole of the Coalfield area. An update will be provided for the next meeting.</p>						

## PLACE

	Area Priority	ACTIONS	Lead Agent	Progress Report
1	<b>Support for local shopping centres</b>	Building on the success of previous projects and sharing best practice across the local area.		
		Identifying areas for development to improve footfall and spending in local shopping centres		
		Supporting the dementia friendly shopping centres project		
		Supporting local traders to develop initiatives to increase trade		
2	<b>Community involvement and LWYL</b>	Enhancing community cohesion and collective pride.		
		Identifying sites for improvement and supporting a programme of activities to enhance the site		
		Encouraging residents to participate in maintaining the local natural environment and develop skills associated with planting and growing fruit, veg, herbs and flowers		
		Supporting programmes that educate all residents to appreciate natural growth and wildlife in the local area		
		Promoting health messages		
		Supporting the education of residents to understand the consequences of environmental neglect		

		Supporting the collaboration of the VCS, councillors, residents and council services to contribute to the maintenance of the local environment		
<b>3 Make better use of greenspace</b>		Utilising devolved Public Health funding to create and promote outdoor facilities (In collaboration with the People Board)		
		Identifying green space areas for development		
		Supporting groups to improve areas and be creative in their use		
		Provide signage regarding local facilities and features		
<b>4 Environmental improvement and education</b>		Identifying sites that suffer from neglect and/or dereliction and would benefit from improvements /alternative use		
		Work in partnership with local groups, residents and council services to enhance land development for public or private use		
<b>5 Monitor and maintain improved land</b>		Ensuring local improvements already made continue to succeed		
<b>4 Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee</b>		1. Work with individuals and communities to take more responsibility for and be passionate about keeping local communities clean, green and well looked after. Develop approach(es) to deal with neglected:- Land, Housing, Shopping Parades Industrial Estates, through interventions appropriate at Area Level		
		2. Re-consider how members can influence the allocation of S106 funding at an area level		

	3. To influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme		
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## **Place Board – Terms of Reference**

The Place Board is a working Board of the Area Committee for the design, delivery and review of services designated to deliver at an area level.

### **Membership and Role**

#### **Chair**

- The Chair of the Place Board is agreed at the Annual Council meeting.
- The content and order of items on the agenda and the amount of time allocated to each one will be set in consultation with the Place Board Chair, who will ensure that the activities of the Board are contributing to the delivery of Area priorities.
- The Chair will progress matters and make recommendations to the Area Committee where necessary together with regular progress reports on the work of the Place Board.
- The Chair will highlight issues and opportunities to the Place Board, Area Committee and relevant Portfolio Holder.

#### **Elected Members**

- Core Membership of the Place Board will be nominated and agreed at the first Area Committee meeting of the municipal year and will consist of representation of one Member per ward area.
- Attendance of the Board is open to all Ward Members; however, Core Membership may be changed throughout the municipal year in consultation with the Chair of the Area Committee and the subsequent approval of the Area Committee.
- As the Member representative for their Ward; Core Members will consult ward colleagues on issues and items discussed at the Place Board then feedback appropriately.
- Members will adopt a fair and equitable overview of the Area and ensure that Place Board activity is based upon evidence of need and opportunity.

#### **Support Officers**

- **Relevant Council Officers** - will attend the Board as the link between their service and the business of the Board as and when required.
- **Designated Area Co-ordinator**– is the Lead Council Officer for cross-directorate support provided to the Board, and also supports the Chair and Board in determining and delivering Area Priorities in line with the Corporate Outcome Framework and Community Strategy.
- **Designated Area Community Officer**–supports the Area Co-ordinator and Chair of the Place Board in delivering place board priorities; ensuring links are made to the Area VCS Network where relevant.
- **Governance Officers** - will provide governance advice and administrative support for all meetings of the Board, which will include arranging meeting times / and venues and action points, loading reports on to Sharepoint.

## **Frequency**

Place Board meetings will be held every 4-5 weeks excluding months when Area Committees are held.

## **Reporting Arrangements**

The Place Board will report quarterly to the Area Committee through both oral and written reports presented by the Chair of the Place Board, assisted by the designated Area Co-ordinator and Area Community Officer.

## **Remit of the Place Board**

The remit of the Place Board is to:

- Respond to all Place priorities in the Local Area Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Agree to the development / implementation plans for each priority and make recommendations to the Area Committee based on information and research.
- Improve the identification of services that could benefit the area by being more responsive to local issues and priorities.
- Ensure that the delivery of devolved Council services and the use of its resources reflect the priorities of the Area Committee and supports the delivery of the Corporate Outcome Framework at a local level.
- Make recommendations on any plans and proposals for potential service delivery to the Area Committee.
- Ensure that devolved Council services, partner agencies and the local community work together to implement the Council's policies and to respond to local issues more effectively.
- Work with partner agencies to promote the aims, principles and actions relating to a specific priority.
- Receive monitoring information in relation to expenditure from agreed funds e.g. Community Chest and Strategic Initiatives Budget.
- Recommend applications for funding from the Council's Strategic Initiative Budget to the Area Committee for approval.

The Board has no formal decision making authority on operational matters or budget expenditure but acts as an informal discussion forum making recommendations to the Area Committee. Where necessary, a majority vote of Core Membership will be required to carry forward any recommendation(s) to the Area Committee.

June 2014



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## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

### People Board Progress Report

#### 1 Purpose of Report

##### 1.1 This report:-

- a. Provides an annual update of the 2013/14 Work Plan, including SIB funded projects.
- b. Seeks Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2014/15
- c. Provides an update on People Board Governance Arrangements for 2014/15.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 At the beginning of each financial/municipal year Coalfield Area Committee agrees its Local Area Plan priorities associated with People and refers the priorities to the Coalfield People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee.
- 2.2 The People Board have presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence/ achievements during that period.
- 2.3 This report provides the annual update to the work plan in addition to proposing priorities and governance arrangements for the year 2014/15.

#### 3. Annual Update of 2013/14 People Board Work Plan

- 3.1 The 2013/14 Work Plan and SIB Project Reports are attached as **Annex 1 and 2** and provide an annual update on performance.

#### 4. Proposed Work Plan for 2014/15

- 4.1 The proposed Work Plan is attached as **Annex 3** and outlines those priorities for action that the People Board considers key to deliver during 2014/15.
- 4.2 Additionally the People Board will continue to influence the design, delivery and review of People Based Services devolved to Area Committee. Proposals also outlined in **Annex 3**.

#### 5. Area Governance Arrangements

- 5.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-
  - a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
  - b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilizing its own resources.

- 5.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities. Terms of Reference attached as **Annex 4**.
- 5.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the People Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

<b>Ward</b>	<b>People Board Membership</b>
Chair/Shiney Row	Cllr Anne Lawson
Copt Hill	Cllr Derrick Smith Cllr Colin Wakefield
Hetton	Cllr James Blackburn Cllr John Cummings
Houghton	Cllr Gemma Taylor

- 5.4 Other local groups/boards where Coalfield Area Committee has elected member representation are outlined below:-

<b>Group</b>	<b>Elected Member Representative</b>
Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS)	Cllr J Scott
Childrens Centre's Local Area Board (CLAB)	Cllr A Lawson
Youth Operations Group	Open to all ward members
Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network	Cllr J Scott

## **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 Members are requested to:-
- a. Consider the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2013/14 attached as **Annex 1 and 2**.
  - b. Consider and agree the Coalfield Area People Board Work Plan Priorities for 2014/15 attached as **Annex 3**.
  - c. Note the Area Governance arrangements for 2014/15 outlined in **Section 5 and Annex 4**.

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## PEOPLE 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?	Action Required by the Board	RAG	Progress
1	Support the Delivery of the Health and Well Being Strategy: Transformation of Adult Social Care	To influence the design and delivery of local services to support improvements in public health and adult social care	Develop community directory of services Identify gaps and opportunities to enhance community provision Consider potential to develop Dementia Cafés Develop dementia module of Health Champions Identify key individuals/organisations to act as 'community connectors'		The first version of a 'one directory' is now being tested and will be presented via people boards in the new financial year. Area Committee funding has supported the development of a dementia cafe with Bernard Gilpin school SIB funding of £5,750 approved to develop dementia training module. 5 workshops with a total of 67 delegates have been held with positive feedback. Further dates planned throughout the year. Work with the VCS Network groups has identified a number of individuals within organisations who can support this work The Area Community Officer is part of a multi agency group developing a 'dementia friendly shopping centre' pilot in Houghton
2	Early Years Intervention and Locality Services	To influence service delivery in the Coalfields	Work with Locality Manager to identify opportunities to influence services; Specifically monitor and influence the delivery of activities for young people		Early Intervention and Locality Services performance information presented to the Board on a quarterly basis. The latest report showed the high number of NEET (not in education, employment or training) young people in the area. The Board propose to further explore this issue as part of the 2014/15 local priorities
3	Re-commissioning services in Children's Centres for 2014	To influence service provision in the Coalfields as of April 2014	Bring unique understanding of communities to identify options for future delivery		New contracts to be awarded from 1.4.14 for a fixed period of 2yrs. Members to be consulted in next review cycle.
4	Influencing re-commissioning of Youth Contracts for 2015	Influence Youth Contract Provision from April 2015	tbc		Youth Contract performance information presented to Board on 6 monthly basis. Members will be consulted in next review cycle.
5	LMAPs - review and links with Area Arrangements	To ensure the Board understand the outcome of the review and the impact on linkages with Area Arrangements	tbc		Work is ongoing with the Community Safety Team to determine the links between LMAPS and Area Arrangements
6	Library Services	Stage 2 consultation - opportunity for members to influence transformation of a reading and learning information service	Members to feed in potential venues in the area for Community Book collections and reservations, outreach programmes and use of buildings		First and second stage consultation presented to Board and VCS network. A Community Engagement Officer and Assistant dedicated to Coalfield area will develop and deliver community based activities in partnership with ACO and VCS partners. A presentation to VCS Network in February 2014 identified more partnership and joint working with community and voluntary groups.

7	Lifelong Learning	to consider the benefits of lifelong learning being influenced at a local level	To consider how members can influence the commissioning of activity utilising Family Adult and Community Learning Funding (FACL) available in 2014/15		The February and March 2014 People Board meetings discussed and considered the information available and recommended that the FACL officers attended VCS Network to discuss how local organisations can become involved in the development, delivery, hosting and promotion of available opportunities. A list of local venues has been provided. The VCS Network received information and gave feedback at the May 2014 meeting.
8	HHA Commissioned Grant	To consider how members can influence the commissioning process for 2015/16 grants	To work with HHAS and the Board during 2014/15 to contribute to the commissioning approach which will take place Sept-March 14/15		
9	Child Health/Obesity	Consideration to be given to opportunities where members/officers/relevant partners can work together to understand the local context and how community leadership can help reduce obesity	tbc		Call for projects resulted 10 projects being approved, jointly funded with CCG. All projects are now live, updates will be given as part of the regular performance reports Partnership working with the CCG is identifying further areas of work to be developed
10	Health Funding - £20k per area	To allocate against Health priorities	tbc		A report was presented to the April 2014 Area Committee meeting. This will now be incorporated into the 2014/15 work plans
11	Integrated Wellness Service Review	To input into forthcoming review	Influence services to be commissioned and delivered from October 2014		Integrated wellness was discussed at the April 2014 meeting and will form part of the 2014/15 work plan. The new model is based upon the principles of the health and wellbeing strategy to enable and empower individuals and communities to make positive changes to their own health.
13	Welfare Reform	Consideration to be given to how the board could influence/take actions	Presentations to November Boards to identify elements that can be influenced through community leadership role & influence contract evaluation in local area.		Presentation delivered to November Board on the local and national position. Members' views were given regarding crisis support and food parcels in order to improve local service delivery. A presentation to the March 2014 Board by Gentoo discussed the impact on the reforms within the local community. The Board will develop actions as part of the 2014/15 work plan
14	Sexual Health Review	To input into review of sexual health services in the city at an area level and influence future service delivery in terms of how much is delivered centrally and how much is delivered through outreach	Members asked to contribute to local perspective and bring unique understanding of communities to identify options for future delivery		A presentation was given to the Board by Public Health colleagues updating on progress of review. Members contributed local knowledge and raised queries. The Board will further discuss as part of their 2014/15 priorities.
<b>Additional Area Priorities</b>					
	<b>Local Priority</b>	<b>Why it is coming to the Board?</b>	<b>Action Required by the Board</b>		

1	Healthy life choices for children and young people	Consideration to be given to opportunities where members/officers/relevant partners can work together to understand the local context and how community leadership can help promote and develop projects to address sexual health, mental health and healthy weight in children and young people.	Receive information on current projects and identify gaps Develop appropriate mechanism to engage local VCS organisations in the development and delivery of successful projects Identify how information sharing and promotion of services can be improved	Call for projects resulted 10 projects being approved, jointly funded with CCG. All projects are now live, updates will be given as part of the regular performance reports Partnership working with the CCG is identifying further areas of work to be developed
2	Positive activities for young people focusing on holiday and under 13 provision	Influencing youth provision in line with the Youth Contract commissioning cycle (to be combined with 4 above once the approach has been agreed)	Consider future holiday provision once current SIB funding has ended Consider the use of Community Chest against current priorities	The Board agreed that current contractual provision, along with SIB and Community Chest funded projects was providing a wide range of holiday activity. The People Board has also developed a 'CAN DO' fund which is available for young people to apply for.
3	Support for older people, vulnerable adults and their carers	To influence how services might be delivered in the future	Continue to monitor SIB funded projects Develop further relationships with local VCS organisations delivering local services Identify further opportunities for SIB allocation	Joint working with Bernard Gilpin school has identified further potential to work together to develop dementia café, singing for the brain and dementia friendly community. An application for £5,700 SIB was approved at the September Area Committee A further call for projects resulted in six approvals for funding to local VCS organisations being agreed. The April 2014 Area Committee awarded ELCAP £60,000 to continue and further develop the community transport and shopper bus service to support this priority.
4	Local Events and Celebrations (also on Place 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 Discuss how support for Houghton Feast is provided	The VCS Network has set up a Steering Group to develop a 2014 calendar of events in relation to 100 years of WW1 - HLF and SIB funding has been approved. The Place Board has identified a number of events to be delivered in partnership with local organisations. An application for funding to deliver the community element of Houghton Feast is presented to Committee under the finance report at Item 5 on this (June 2014) agenda.
	<b>G</b>	Progressing on target		
	<b>A</b>	Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action)		
	<b>R</b>	Not progressing		

### People Project Performance 2013/14

Below is a summary of all People based SIB funded projects, how they have performed against targets and what they have achieved to the end of March 2014.

<b>Delivering the Heritage Action Plan</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
Number of community groups supported	3	12		£11,442	£5,000	
Number of community or educational events held	3	3				
<p>This project was awarded £35,000. This is a 'network' of local history and heritage groups and individuals who come together to share best practice and knowledge. ELCAP delivered a community heritage project that benefitted the Coalfield wide community groups. There has been show and tell hubs to share and show memorabilia, with established and new groups. There was a good take up on collection management training. This has led to a steering group forming from the VCS Network who have secured additional funding for a WW1 project which has now commenced. The Penshaw Village Atlas is being developed with Limestone Landscapes in partnership with local residents and groups and will be finalised in early June 2014.</p>						
<b>Community Transport Easington Lane Community Transport Scheme</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
Number of people going into employment	1	1		£9,321	£9,321	
<p>This project was awarded £9,321 to deliver a shopper bus for local residents and to support a drivers post. Over the course of the project, the represented split for users was as follows: Hetton 27%, Shiney Row 29%, Copt Hill 19% and Houghton 25%. Over 400 people benefitted during the lifetime of the project, there was in an increase in volunteer drivers and further funding was attracted from Gentoo for 4 additional MIDAS drivers. The shopper bus has assisted in helping elderly socially isolated people attend events and make new friendships. The project was publicised in Community News, with attendance from local councillors and over 200 community members. Spend and outputs were on target throughout the project. A recent award of £60,000 at April 2014 Area Committee will continue the project over a three year period and is subject to review annually and subject to use and promotion of local shopping areas. A further update will be given once the newly funded project has commenced.</p>						
<b>Welfare and Benefits Advice SHARP</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
Number of people accessing improved advice and support	400	570		£23,166	£23,166	
<p>This project was awarded £23,166 to deliver a welfare rights service to Coalfield residents in order to support and add capacity to the existing provision. The numbers of people using the service fluctuated and the project saw an increase in numbers. The project identified that a significant proportion of local people continue to struggle with form filling and accessing information online and SHARP saw a growth in the demand for this. An internal review of systems led to a more thorough recording and assessment process for the clients who accessed the information further enabling advisers to give the right level of support. Throughout the project 570 people used the service, including drop ins and outreach appointments. The beneficiaries included people experiencing financial hardship, debt, housing and employment issues, as well as older and retired people. The project was publicised via Coalfield Community News. The organisation has secured further SIB funding of £30,000 over a three year period in order to continue the project by recruiting, training and co-ordinating advice volunteers. A further update will be provided once the project commences.</p>						

## Support for Older Peoples Projects –Call 1

A call for projects to support older people, vulnerable adults and their carers resulted in the following successful projects being awarded funding and a short progress report is given for each.

**New Dawn@Central Point. Hetton New Dawn** was awarded £5,000 to increase the capacity of the Befriender scheme. Recent progress includes regular monthly coffee mornings and listening training.. Social services attend weekly luncheon clubs and partnership working with Gentoo has been further developed. A growing need for shopper support services due to sight problems and frailty has been identified. Several befrienders have attended the dementia awareness course.

**Learn to Play Flat Green Bowls. New Herrington WM Bowling Club** was awarded £3,300 to teach older people to play flat green bowls and engage them in social activities at the club house. This successful project purchased equipment with 12 people attending the sessions Wednesday and Friday between May-August 2013. The project is now closed and the equipment will be utilised throughout this and subsequent years to continue working with older people.

**Real Aid Project. ELCAP** was awarded £3,500 to deliver a coordinated activity programme for Coalfield residents. Real Aid started the project with Friendly Friday group to identify gaps in service areas. In the first six weeks take up was predominantly female, but now there are 17 new males taking part in heritage and music activity. A music maestro was also held, drama groups and links into men's health work continue to further develop this project.

**Last of the Summer Wine. Houghton Racecourse Community Access Point** was awarded £5,040 to provide sessions on their community allotment for older people to participate in and enjoy. This project is now closed having not being able to fulfil the criteria of the funding and funds of £4,040 has been returned to Area Committee funds.

**HOPE Social. Houghton Older People's Enterprise** was awarded £1,000 to deliver social activities for elderly residents in the Coalfield area working in partnership with local providers. This enabled three trips to Boundary Mill, Millstones, and the Donnison School for members. It also enabled the music and song event by One Accord and storytelling and music from Geo Hetherington. This project is now closed.

### **A second Call for projects awarded the following organisations: (Total £12,270)**

**Space For Care. Houghton PCC** was awarded £2,170 to extend the existing Space 4 CARE support group for vulnerable adults with poor mental health from 12 to 24 places.

**HOPE Social. Houghton Older People's Enterprise** was awarded £1,500 to improve and deliver social activities which are caring, creative and fun for elderly people in the Coalfield through outings speakers and transports costs.

**Social Activity Health Mentor. B Active and B Fit** was awarded £3,000 to work with Two Castles and Cherry Tree Gardens to create a holistic activity package for vulnerable and older people.

**Luncheon Club SHARP** was awarded £2,600 to convert the current crèche area into a 'multi-use' space that will allow the organisation to host regular luncheon clubs and other activities for older people, vulnerable adults and carers.

**AGE UK. iPad Engage** was awarded £3,000 to deliver iPadengage training events providing practical help to older people in using iPads for activities.

**The second round of applications will be due to update in July 2014.**

St Aidan's Angling Training	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of people engaged in healthy lifestyle projects	36	0		£450	£526	
Number of activities for children and young people being delivered during school holidays	8	0				
<p>This project was awarded £5,000 to deliver angling sessions in the school holidays along with recruited volunteers. The project will be a structured course to teach the art of angling and conservation of the fishing lake. Participants in the project will receive an Angling and Conservation Certificate on satisfactory completion of the course. The project will deliver a year long programme of 10-session courses during school holiday breaks and will be managed by qualified coaches from the Angling Development Board. Recent updates state that currently, due to the Angling Season being only opened recently, the expenditure has been limited and in discussion with the environmental agency, it was decided to delay the project until the new season before entering into major expenditure. With this in mind the group utilised their own funding in October and during the closed season and requested deferral of the Q4 2013 /2014 payment which was to be used towards the payment of legal fees in relation to a licence from the Council for the Angling Lake in Herrington Country Park.</p>						

Dementia Training SCC	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Deliver one session per month to individuals and organisations within the Coalfield.	3	3		£5,750	£0	
<p>£5,750 of SIB funding was awarded to enable delivery of training within the local community to improve awareness and understanding of dementia. The Public Health and the Clinical Commissioning Group's Dementia Champion developed a dementia awareness module as part of the Health Champions programme. The workshop is a half-day session delivered via community venues aimed at non-health frontline workers, community and voluntary workers, and carers in the community. The aim of the workshops are to improve awareness of dementia in our community in order to improve levels of early diagnosis and improve people's knowledge around current local services to support people with dementia. From November to January 2014 the key findings through carrying out the workshops included: Participant knowledge and awareness of dementia grew by 87%, Learners reported feeling 91% more competent to support people living with dementia, Confidence levels in signposting people to different services within their local area more than doubled after completion of the course, 100% of attendees said that training met their expectations, 100% stated that the training was pitched at the right level. Feedback from course participants was positive including "The training was really good – not sure it could be improved!" Spend of the project is behind due to late invoices, therefore there has been no financial claim to date. There has been a request to re-profile and funds to be claimed in Quarter 1.</p>						

Bernard Gilpin School Community Project	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Deliver weekly sessions of activity and support to those living with dementia and their carers in our local area.	1	1		£5,700	£5,700	
<p>This project was awarded £5,700 to contribute to the new community facility at the school, to benefit both older and younger people through a wide range of clubs and activities. The Living Room at Bernard Gilpin is a purpose built accessible Community area, with its own entrance and facilities, where people can come and enjoy spending time with others. It was officially opened in December 2014 by the Mayor of Sunderland, Councillor Bob Heron. In January 2014 The Living Room started hosting weekly activities for people in our community living with dementia and their carers/families. All sessions have been well attended, averaging 28 people with dementia and their carers. The activities, which run on a four week rota, are: Singing for the Brain, an Inter-generational Choir, Dementia Café and Dance. All sessions provide a relaxed environment for people with dementia and their carers to get together in an informal setting. Singing for the Brain and Inter-generational Choir sessions use music as a form of therapy for people with dementia. The Dementia Café is an opportunity to have a meal and a chat with others while the Dance session gives people the chance to dance and rock 'n' roll. The project is now closed having fully achieved their outputs and spend target.</p>						



<b>Healthy Weight Call for Projects</b>	
This Call for Projects is made up of £15,000 SIB matched with £15,000 CCG funds. Projects that were awarded funding through this Call for projects are as follows:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Family Health YMCA</b> was awarded £4,982 to deliver workshops with families
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Food and Ceramics ELCAP</b> was awarded £5,000 to deliver family work, healthy eating, ceramics and ICT skills
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sports /healthy eating St Aidans</b> was awarded £5,000 to deliver sports sessions and healthy eating classes
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Tackle It-SAFC</b> was awarded £5,000 to deliver coaching through classrooms and workshops.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Awareness Washington Mind</b> was awarded £3,050 to deliver workshops with five themes including eating disorders
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>High Five SNCBC</b> was awarded £3,640 to deliver healthy eating and fitness sessions.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Trails, Snails and Scales</b> was awarded £3,000 to deliver a trim trail at Elba Park and family outdoor fun
<b>The majority of the projects commenced in March and will be prompted for a progress report in July 2014</b>	

<b>Sexual and Mental Call for Projects</b>	
This Call for Projects is made up of £15,000 SIB matched with £15,000 CCG funds. Projects that were awarded funding through this Call for projects are as follows:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Peer Educator YMCA</b> was awarded £4,918 to train young people to become peer educators for other young people
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Looking After Yourself SNCBC</b> was awarded £3,640 to deliver workshops to eat well exercise and approach sexual health
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Healthy Young Minds Washington Mind</b> was awarded £4,950 to raise awareness and hold workshops
<b>The majority of the project commenced in March and will be prompted for a progress report in July 2014</b>	

<b>Celebrating Success - Herrington Burn YMCA (HBYMCA)</b>	
This project was awarded £1,964 to work with a group of 4-6 young people engaging them in the planning, recording and editing of a promotional piece of video or photography that will depict and publicise the improvements made within the Coalfields by the 'Love Where You Live' campaign. Media Savvy will be the partner providing the professional expertise. The project will be led by young people, and a youth worker. The end product will be presented to Area Committee in the autumn and would be available to be used at other promotional events. £890 is allocated from HBYMCA to support project delivery. <b>A progress update will be due in July 2014.</b>	

<b>Environmental Improvements LWYL Call for Projects</b>	
Coalfield Area Committee awarded £30,000 to deliver a call for projects to address environmental improvements. A total of 7 projects were awarded funding and will commence during May and June. An update on progress will be requested in June 2014.	

<b>Philadelphia Cricket Club</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>	<b>Spend Target</b>	<b>Spend Actual</b>	<b>Progress Indicator</b>
This project was awarded £5,000 SIB to act as match for an application for funding to Biffa for £50,000. The project aims are to expand their current community development programme, but needed fit for purpose facilities for all of the community in order to do so. The Club has recently taken a change of direction; no longer only delivering traditional sports programmes but have diversified and cater, due to demand, for none sporting activities. This project aims to: Install a brand new energy efficient heating system, improve the lighting within and around the building, refurbish the old outdated toilet systems to include water and energy conservation measures. Plans would be to further extend activity to offer more for the older population. The improvements would ensure it is a warm and welcoming place for the local community to use and help reduce running costs, which have increased over recent years, improving						

sustainability. A recent update in May 2014 stated that the outcome of the Biffa application is still awaited, and the new kitchen is in operation making a huge difference. Work is on-going with the toilet, there are now ramps at the front and rear, new front doors and a heating boiler and the cricket season has now commenced. **A further update will follow at the next progress update stage.**

## PEOPLE

	Area Priority	ACTIONS	Lead Agent	Progress Report
1	<b>Healthy life choices for children, young people and adults with a focus on physical wellness and sexual health</b>	Working in partnership with CCG and Public Health to deliver outcomes against shared priorities in the Coalfield		
		Supporting local improvements that promote healthy weight for children and young people		
		Improving local rates for accessing chlamydia screening, contraception clinics, sexual health clinics and reducing teenage conceptions		
		Facilitating residents' access to use of green space to support physical and mental wellness. ((20k funding from PH; in collaboration with the Place Board)		
		Ensuring the VCS are supported to deliver outcomes in partnership with council services		
2	<b>Improve emotional and mental health &amp; wellbeing in families and communities by helping reduce the impact of welfare reform</b>	Ensuring that advice and support is available at a local level (incl SIB support for ShARP)		
		Supporting the VCS in responding to local need		
		Ensuring supportive links with council services		
		Delivering against shared priorities with the CCG, PH and other partners to reduce negative health impact		

3	<b>Support increased social participation for vulnerable and older people, including those with dementia, learning difficulties and physical disability</b>	Dementia friendly shopping centres project		
		Supporting dementia awareness training		
		Working with VCS partners to promote social and befriending opportunities for those with learning and/or physical disabilities		
		Build upon successful local projects that have benefitted local residents		
		Delivering against shared priorities with the CCG		
4	<b>Support opportunities to access services, training and learning for young people at risk of becoming NEET</b>	Working with partners promoting local job fairs, employment promotions and business connectors		
		Supporting access to training, learning and volunteering, linking with Connexions, FACL and Children's Centres		
		Supporting the development of social media to enhance training and learning opportunities with training to enhance the digital skills required		
		Contributing to the development of the community library service		
5	<b>Local Events, celebrations and heritage</b>	Supporting long standing historical events and celebrations taking place in local communities		
6	<b>Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee</b>	1. Develop New Relationship with Schools		
		2. Improve access to green/open/blue space, to support further participation in physical activities. (Greenspace Grant of £20k per area).		
		3. Review of Museum Services		

## **People Board – Terms of Reference**

The People Board is a working Board of the Area Committee for the design, delivery and review of services designated to deliver at an area level.

### **Membership and Role**

#### **Chair**

- The Chair of the People Board is agreed at the Annual Council meeting.
- The content and order of items on the agenda and the amount of time allocated to each one will be set in consultation with the People Board Chair, who will ensure that the activities of the Board are contributing to the delivery of Area priorities.
- The Chair will progress matters and make recommendations to the Area Committee where necessary together with regular progress reports on the work of the People Board.
- The Chair will highlight issues and opportunities to the People Board, Area Committee and relevant Portfolio Holder.

#### **Elected Members**

- Core Membership of the People Board will be nominated and agreed at the first Area Committee meeting of the municipal year and will consist of representation of one Member per ward area.
- Attendance of the Board is open to all Ward Members; however, Core Membership may be changed throughout the municipal year in consultation with the Chair of the Area Committee and the subsequent approval of the Area Committee.
- As the Member representative for their Ward; Core Members will consult ward colleagues on issues and items discussed at the People Board then feedback appropriately.
- Members will adopt a fair and equitable overview of the Area and ensure that People Board activity is based upon evidence of need and opportunity.

#### **Support Officers**

- **Relevant Council Officers** - will attend the Board as the link between their service and the business of the Board as and when required.
- **Designated Area Co-ordinator**– is the Lead Council Officer for cross-directorate support provided to the Board, and also supports the Chair and Board in determining and delivering Area Priorities in line with the Corporate Outcome Framework and Community Strategy.
- **Designated Area Community Officer**– supports the Area Co-ordinator and Chair of the People Board in delivering People board priorities; ensuring links are made to the Area VCS Network where relevant.
- **Governance Officers** - will provide governance advice and administrative support for all meetings of the Board, which will include arranging meeting times / and venues and action points, loading reports on to Sharepoint.

## **Frequency**

People Board meetings will be held every 4-5 weeks excluding months when Area Committees are held.

## **Reporting Arrangements**

The People Board will report quarterly to the Area Committee through both oral and written reports presented by the Chair of the People Board, assisted by the designated Area Co-ordinator and Area Community Officer.

## **Remit of the People Board**

The remit of the People Board is to:

- Respond to all People priorities in the Local Area Plan as agreed by the Area Committee
- Agree to the development / implementation plans for each priority and make recommendations to the Area Committee based on information and research.
- Improve the identification of services that could benefit the area by being more responsive to local issues and priorities.
- Ensure that the delivery of devolved Council services and the use of its resources reflect the priorities of the Area Committee and supports the delivery of the Corporate Outcome Framework at a local level.
- Make recommendations on any plans and proposals for potential service delivery to the Area Committee.
- Ensure that devolved Council services, partner agencies and the local community work together to implement the Council's policies and to respond to local issues more effectively.
- Work with partner agencies to promote the aims, principles and actions relating to a specific priority.
- Receive monitoring information in relation to expenditure from agreed funds e.g. Community Chest and Strategic Initiatives Budget.
- Recommend applications for funding from the Council's Strategic Initiative Budget to the Area Committee for approval.

The Board has no formal decision making authority on operational matters or budget expenditure but acts as an informal discussion forum making recommendations to the Area Committee. Where necessary, a majority vote of Core Membership will be required to carry forward any recommendation(s) to the Area Committee.

18 JUNE 2014

**REPORT OF COALFIELD AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK****1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

**2. Background**

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.
- 2.2 Coalfield Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

**3. Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN) Progress Report**

The Coalfield VCSN has met twice since the last Area Committee in April 2014.

**3.1 May 2014**

**FACL** - The group were given a presentation by Andrew McGuckian from Family, Adult and Community Learning (FACL) who outlined what FACL provides and how local VCS organisations can be involved as a training provider, a community venue or by identifying training needs within the local area.

Andrew informed the group that FACL were in the process of developing service specifications for learning provision for the new academic year. Members of the network requested further information when available, in order that the provision meets the need in the locality.

Since the meeting, a Call Out for training providers to deliver a range of funded courses has been posted on the NEPO portal, and the VCS Network members have received the information directly.

**Area Priorities for 2014/15** - Councillor Anne Lawson and Councillor John Scott attended the meeting and discussed the draft priorities for 2014/15 currently being developed by the People and Place Board. Members of the Network were asked for their input and to identify specific issues and actions against each of the draft priority subjects. Members of the Network were pleased to be given the opportunity to have an input to the process and welcome the idea of having an action plan which sits beneath the Area Committee Work Plan, in order they can support the delivery of the agreed priorities. The Area VCS Reps will continue the close working relationship with the Area Community Officer to support delivery of the priorities once agreed at the June 2014 Area Committee meeting.

**VCS Information 'Roadshow'**

The VCS Network members identified that there is lots of fantastic work going on within the community but often groups do not know what others are doing and what services they provide. It was agreed that an information sharing event would take place which would showcase what individual organisations do, and what the VCS do as a whole. Residents would be invited along to hear about a range of services and activities which they can take

part in. The work of Area Committee, the People and Place Boards, and local Councillors would also be promoted, with elected members being invited to come along to the event to speak to local groups and residents. A Steering Group was set up to take this work forward.

### 3.2 **June 2014**

#### **All Together Sunderland**

Sam Meredith, Corporate Communications, Sunderland City Council informed the meeting of the **All Together Sunderland** campaign. It is a campaign between the Council and partners, currently giving information and advice on 'making your money go further'. The campaign is in its early days and as it develops will focus on other themes and subjects including health and wellbeing. The Network members expressed their wish to ensure that other programmes and initiatives are taken into consideration during the development of the campaign so as not to duplicate local information sources and projects.

**A WW1 Commemoration project** has now been set up. HLF (Heritage Lottery Funding) and Area Committee SIB (Strategic Initiative Budget) funding will allow local groups and organisations to come together to plan and deliver a range of displays, activities and programmes to remember and mark the First World War. A total of 20 VCS groups and 5 schools are engaged in the local project and are planning a wide range of activities and events including an art project making ceramic poppies, a war memorial research project, a sewing project making WW1 costumes and show and tell events. A memory garden project launch in August 2014 will be attended by over 60 local school children. The VCS Network welcomes the opportunity to develop this project and request that Committee consider further SIB support to the Network to continue the project beyond 2014.

**The Coalfield Community Roadshow** will promote the work of local VCS organisations and partners, and give local residents the opportunity to find out what services and activities are available in their area. Each organisation will be requested to provide a 'stand' with relevant information and also prepare an activity or interactive information for local residents. It is proposed the event takes place on 25 October 2014 at the Hetton Centre and a small steering group made up of VCS Network members is planning the event. The Network would welcome the input from Area Committee, Place and People Boards and invite the Area Committee to design and prepare an information stand to display at the event.

### 3.3 **Future meetings**

## 4. **Recommendations**

### 4.1 Members are requested

- To note the contents of the report
- To consider, through the Place and People Boards, continuation of SIB support for the WW1 programme
- To add support to the development of a 'Coalfield Community Roadshow'
- To provide an information stand for the 'Coalfield Community Roadshow'

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# Sunderland Coalfields Area Committee Report

01/04/2014 -31/05/2014

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## **Sunderland Coalfield LMAPS Area**

The following report provides commentary on Sunderland Coalfields area incidents from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014

*Some incident data may not be validated and therefore subject to change.*

### **LI 2 Number of Deaths from all fires**

No Deaths were recorded during the time frame of this report

### **LI 3 Number of injuries from accidental fires in dwelling (Excluding precautionary checks and first aid given at the scene)**

There were no LI3 injuries in the Sunderland Coalfields Area over the report period.

There were no injuries in this area over the same period last year.

### **LI 4 Number of injuries from accidental fires in dwellings**

There were no LI4 injuries over the report period.

There were no injuries in this area over the same period last year.

## LI 8 Number of Accidental fires in dwellings

There were no LI8 injuries over the report period.

There was one LI8 incident in this area over the same period last year.

## LI 14 Number of Deliberate primary fires (excluding road vehicles)

There were 5 deliberate property fires over the report period in the Coalfields Area.

There were also 5 incidents in this area during the same period last year.

Incident ref	Date and time	Building name	Street	Locality	Ward	Property level 4	General Notes
42006891	21/04/2014 06:16		QUEENSWAY	HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING	Copt Hill Ward	House - single occupancy	Bags of clothing had been put out by the owner for collection and were under the kitchen window these were set on fire and heat had cracked the kitchen window and melted the plastic pipe from the sink to the outside drain. The fire was out on arrival of FRS and a hosereel was used to cool the surrounding area which was also checked over using a TIC.
42007212	26/04/2014 02:47		KIRKLEA ROAD	HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING	Copt Hill Ward	Private Garden Shed	Garden shed no electrical supply; nobody had been in shed that day. Contents, gardening equipment, children's quad bike, garden furniture affected by fire.
42007601	03/05/2014 17:56		KINGSTON MEWS	SHINEY ROW	Copt Hill Ward	Stacked/baled crop (incl manure heap)	LARGE PILE OF MANURE
42007910	08/05/2014 18:45	DUNNYS FARMHOUSE	LAWSON TERRACE	EASINGTON LANE	Hetton Ward	House - single occupancy	derelict farmhouse 25% ground floor DBF, 100% smoke damaged, FRS crews secured property, police attended, informed of risks, asked to trace owner, and inform them and request re-boarding of property.
42008158	13/05/2014 19:00		KINGSTON MEWS	SHINEY ROW	Copt Hill Ward	Stacked/baled crop (incl manure heap)	This was a pile of horse manure which had been ignited some time ago. TWFRS attended this location approximately 10 days ago according to the caller.

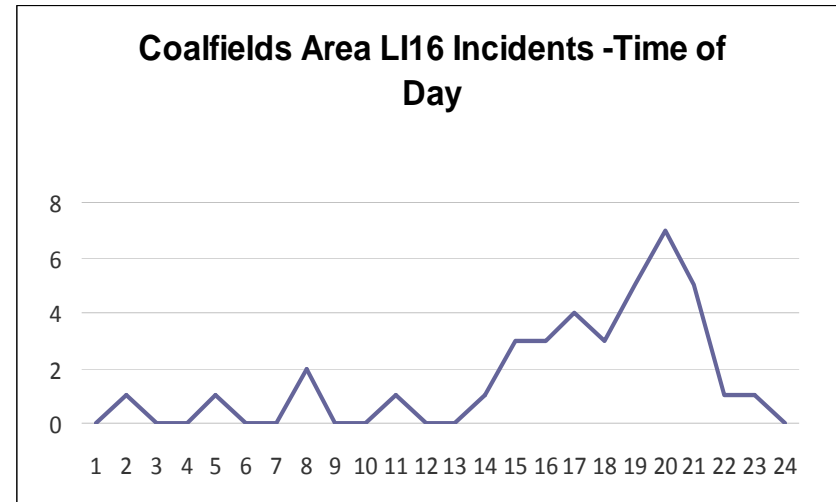
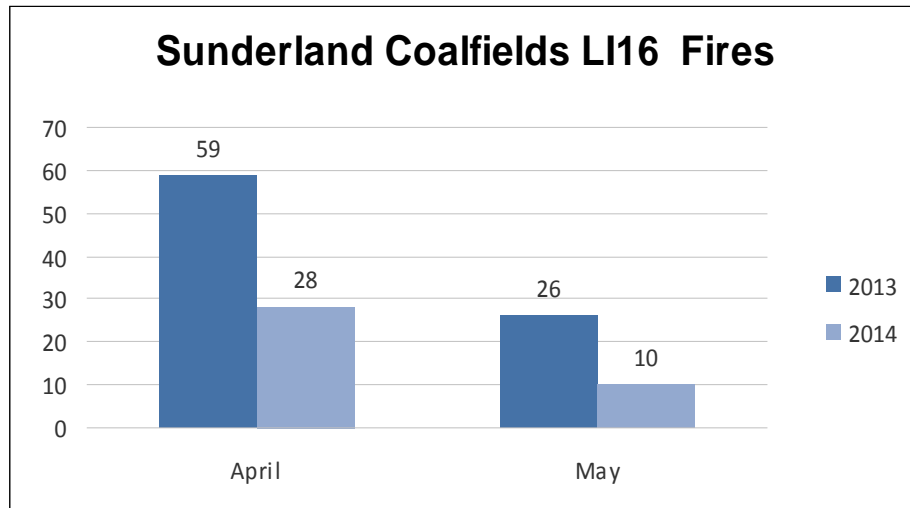
### LI 15 Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fires

There were 2 deliberate vehicle fires in this area over the report period – also 2 last year.

Incident ref	Date and time	Property level 3	Building name	Street	Locality	Ward	General Notes
42006593	17/04/2014 17:07	Motorcycle	CARAVAN PARK SUNNISIDE FARM	BRINKBURN CRESCENT	HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING	Houghton Ward	small motor scooter completely destroyed by fire, last remaining embers were extinguished on arrival and vehicle frame cooled by FRS
42007270	27/04/2014 23:28	Towing caravan elsewhere (not on tow)		FREEZEMOOR ROAD	NEW HERRINGTON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE	Shiney Row Ward	On arrival, 3 caravans and one box van well alight, slight damage via fire spread to window frame of building. Strong smell of petrol near box van indicated use of accelerant also burn patterns on exterior of van indicated petrol poured over exterior of van then ignited. Radiant heat generated caused caravans to ignite.

### LI 16 Number of Deliberate secondary fires

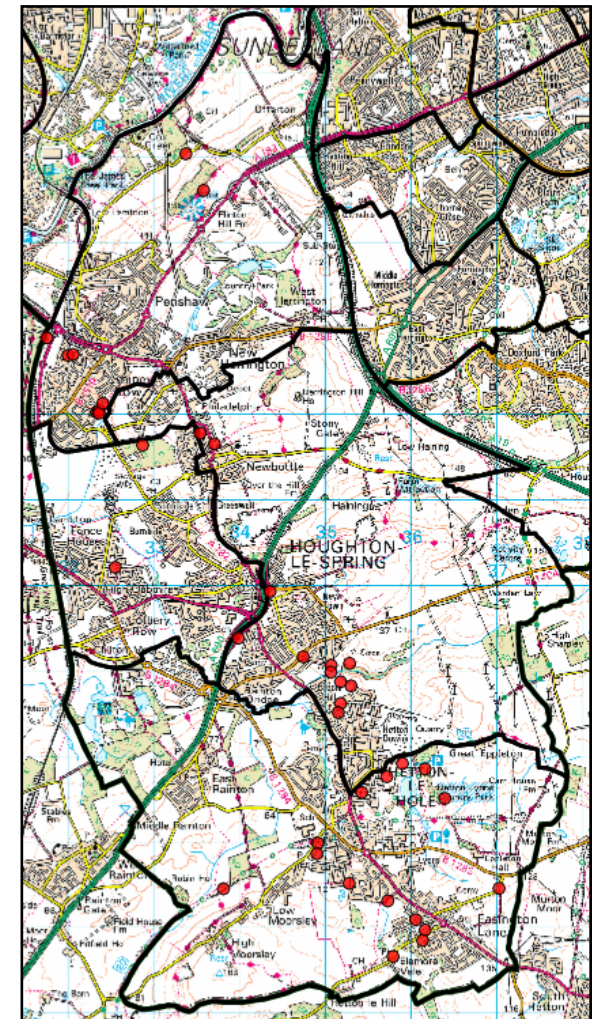
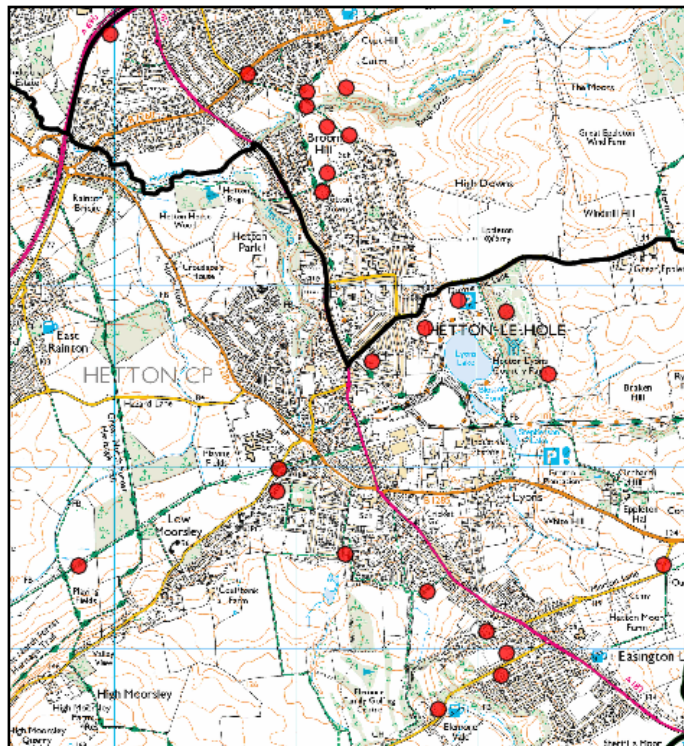
There have been 38 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 85 over the same period last year.



Property level 4	Total
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	18
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	9
Scrub land	3
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	2
Hedge	2
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	1
Wheelie Bin	1
Heathland or moorland	1
Other outdoor items including roadside furniture	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>38</b>

Ward	Total
Hetton Ward	15
Copt Hill Ward	11
Shiney Row Ward	9
Houghton Ward	3
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>38</b>

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Incident ref	Date and time	Property level 4	Building name	Street	Locality	Ward	General Notes
42005708	04/04/2014 21:00	Loose refuse (incl in garden)		MULBERRY WAY	HOUGHTON LE SPRING	Houghton Ward	
42005764	05/04/2014 18:03	Loose refuse (incl in garden)		ESKDALE STREET	HETTON-LE- HOLE	Hetton Ward	
42006030	10/04/2014 16:57	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc		GILLAS LANE	HOUGHTON LE SPRING	Copt Hill Ward	
42006041	10/04/2014 18:17	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	HETTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	MOORSLEY ROAD	HETTON-LE- HOLE	Hetton Ward	
42006052	10/04/2014 20:33	Heathland or moorland		HETTON LYONS COUNTRY PARK		Hetton Ward	
42006120	11/04/2014 21:04	Loose refuse (incl in garden)		BORROWDALE STREET	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Hetton Ward	
42006180	12/04/2014 20:07	Scrub land		WARDEN GROVE	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Copt Hill Ward	
42006193	12/04/2014 22:09	Loose refuse (incl in garden)		HUNTER STREET	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Shiney Row Ward	
42006246	13/04/2014 19:09	Loose refuse (incl in garden)		ROSS LEA	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Shiney Row Ward	
42006362	14/04/2014 19:44	Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)		LEE HOLME	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Copt Hill Ward	
42006381	14/04/2014 21:23	Loose refuse (incl in garden)		FLETCHER TERRACE	PHILADELPHIA	Copt Hill Ward	
42006418	15/04/2014 14:29	Hedge		ELEMORE LANE	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Hetton Ward	
42006431	15/04/2014 16:15	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc		ELEMORE LANE	HOUGHTON LE SPRING	Hetton Ward	
42006443	15/04/2014 19:42	Loose refuse (incl in garden)		LYTHAM GRANGE	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Shiney Row Ward	
42006514	16/04/2014 16:21	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc		WEST VIEW	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Houghton Ward	Grassland adjacent disused railway set on fire
42006702	18/04/2014 19:36	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc		DOWNS PIT LANE	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Hetton Ward	Grassland adjacent to Hetton Lyons Park car park, near to Downs Pit Lane burning for approx. 50m.
42006732	19/04/2014 02:13	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc		MURTON LANE	HOUGHTON LE SPRING	Hetton Ward	
42006773	19/04/2014 17:16	Loose refuse (incl in garden)	SAINT MICHAELS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH	DURHAM ROAD	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Copt Hill Ward	
42006787	19/04/2014 20:40	Loose refuse (incl in garden)		DOWNS PIT LANE		Hetton Ward	small amount of loose rubbish including 1 tyre burning on waste

							ground.
42006814	20/04/2014 08:26	Loose refuse (incl in garden)	WEARISIDE GOLF CLUB	OFFERTON VILLAGE		Shiney Row Ward	Household rubbish fly tipped and set alight.
42006815	20/04/2014 08:28	Other outdoor items including roadside furniture		ELEMORE LANE	EASINGTON LANE	Hetton Ward	
42006845	20/04/2014 17:13	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	HOUGHTON GOLF COURSE	GILLAS LANE	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Copt Hill Ward	
42006936	21/04/2014 17:37	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc		HAZARD LANE	EAST RAINTON	Hetton Ward	
42006959	21/04/2014 20:19	Loose refuse (incl in garden)		CAROLINE STREET SOUTH BACK	HETTON-LE- HOLE	Hetton Ward	
42006966	21/04/2014 21:41	Scrub land		WOODLEA	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Copt Hill Ward	
42007082	23/04/2014 21:49	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc		LEEHLIME	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Copt Hill Ward	
42007265	27/04/2014 19:42	Loose refuse (incl in garden)		ROSS LEA	HOUGHTON LE SPRING	Shiney Row Ward	loose rubbish set alight in a disused builders yard
42007318	28/04/2014 18:07	Loose refuse (incl in garden)		PAULS GREEN	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Copt Hill Ward	
42007526	02/05/2014 20:02	Loose refuse (incl in garden)		LAWSON TERRACE	EASINGTON LANE	Hetton Ward	
42007680	04/05/2014 20:03	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)		SHELLBARK	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Shiney Row Ward	The fire was extinguished by members of the public prior to our arrival.
42007787	06/05/2014 15:51	Loose refuse (incl in garden)	EPPLETON ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL	CHURCH ROAD	HETTON-LE- HOLE	Copt Hill Ward	
42008042	11/05/2014 11:33	Scrub land	PENSHAW MONUMENT	CHESTER ROAD	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Shiney Row Ward	
42008491	18/05/2014 15:07	Hedge		A690	HOUGHTON LE SPRING	Copt Hill Ward	
42008635	20/05/2014 17:10	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)		SHELLBARK		Shiney Row Ward	
42008665	21/05/2014 05:14	Wheelie Bin		STORE TERRACE	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Hetton Ward	
42009077	27/05/2014 20:11	Loose refuse (incl in garden)		ROSS LEA	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Shiney Row Ward	
42009185	29/05/2014 15:52	Loose refuse (incl in garden)		MAIDSTONE TERRACE	HOUGHTON- LE-SPRING	Houghton Ward	
42009300	31/05/2014 23:23	Loose refuse (incl in garden)		FRONT STREET	HETTON	Hetton Ward	



## LI 21 Malicious False Alarm Calls Attended

There have been 2 FAM calls in this area over the report period.

There was one FAM call over the same period last year.

Incident ref	Date	Time	Incident type	Building number	Street	Locality	Ward
42006047	10/04/2014	19:29	Malicious False Alarm		OKEHAMPTON DRIVE		Houghton Ward
42008024	11/05/2014	00:22	Malicious False Alarm	44	SCHOOL ROAD	HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING	Hetton Ward



# Healthwatch Sunderland Update

June 2014

## Background

**What is Healthwatch?** Healthwatch is the new independent consumer champion for both health and social care services.

**Healthwatch is unique** as a non-statutory body with statutory powers

**Healthwatch Sunderland governance** is made up of an Executive Board responsible for the direction of HWS and accountable to its membership



## Progress

The Healthwatch Sunderland Executive Board were recruited at the end of October and met for third time in May 2014.

Promotional materials continue to be distributed widely at external events raising awareness and recruiting members. The membership stands at 87 groups/organisations and 73 individuals.

Posters and leaflets were sent out to council locations, GP's, pharmacies etc highlighting the new office address and what Healthwatch Sunderland is, in November 2013, and we are keen to continue promoting the information and signposting service.



# 'Just Ask'...Healthwatch Sunderland



**healthwatch**  
Sunderland

**Just ask...**

*How can I find a new GP or dentist?*

*How do I get help for an elderly relative?*

Freephone  
**0800 023 8840**

The poster features a dark blue background with large, stylized speech bubbles in pink and green. The text is in white and pink. The 'Just ask...' text is the largest and most prominent.



# Progress

## Executive Board members and staff

continue to represent HWS at key partnerships and committees - these include Health and Well Being Board, Safeguarding Adult Board, Scrutiny Committee, Local Engagement Board, New Horizons.



**Bulletins** are sent out on a monthly basis, sharing information with the wider membership showcasing news items, upcoming consultations and events both external and Healthwatch related.



# Progress

## Developing the work plan

The issues collected through the last Forum event, our Information and Signposting service and engagement activity were collated and a thematic analysis was adopted to support the Board to prioritise the work plan. The Work Plan was shared with our membership at our last Network Forum on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014. You can also find details of this on the HWS website [www.healthwatchesunderland.com](http://www.healthwatchesunderland.com) but key areas include

**Lack of Involvement of Young People in GP Patient Groups & Health Services**

**Patient and Public Engagement in Health Services**

**Integrated Care**



## What's next?

- Continue to raise awareness of the Information & Signposting service
- Recruit more Information Champions
- Work with partners to identify issues
- Review our current work plan
- Set up Task & Finish Groups (ongoing)
- Hold our annual update event - 27<sup>th</sup> June



Training dates (3 x  
½ day sessions)  
3<sup>rd</sup> July  
17<sup>th</sup> July  
24<sup>th</sup> July





**COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE**  
**18 June 2014**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

Area Budgets Report

**Author(s):**

Chief Executive

**Purpose of Report:**

This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and note allocations awarded Community Chest grant.

**Description of Decision:**

The Area Committee is requested to:

- a) Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1
- b) Approve a sum of £10,000 SIB for the Community Engagement and Friday opening programme of Houghton Feast 2014, set out in 2.2 and Annex 1
- c) Note the 14 Community Chest approvals supported from 2013/14 budget as set out in Annex 2

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

The Area Committee has been allocated Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Work Plan and to attract other funding into the area.

**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

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

18 June 2014

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****Area Budgets Report****1 Purpose of Report**

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 and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

**2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)**

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIB for 2014/2015:

<b>Total SIB for 2014/2015 is £268,412</b>				
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Allocated (not yet assessed)</b>	<b>Approvals</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Advice Volunteer Co-ordinator - ShARP	09.04.14		£30,000	£238,412
Community Transport - ELCAP	09.04.14		£60,000	£178,412
Social Club – Houghton Centre for the Blind	09.04.14		£4,000	£174,412
Baulkham Hills Footpath - SCC	09.04.14		£4,289	£170,123
<b>Balance</b>				<b>£170,123</b>

2.2 There is one application for SIB funding presented to Committee for consideration as below and at Annex 1.

- Houghton Feast 2014 community involvement and Friday evening opening programme £10,000

The total budget being requested is **£10,000**. Should the proposal be approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be **£160,123**.

**3 Community Chest**

3.1 The table below details the starting balances for 2014/2015. **Annex 4** shows the approvals for April and May 2014.

Ward	Start Balance	Approvals since April 2014	Returned Grant	Balance
Copt Hill	£12,889.76	£2,439.00		£10,450.76
Shiney Row	£11,859.00	£1,644.00	£250	£10,465.00
Houghton	£13,917.50	£1,544.00		£12,373.50
Hetton	£13,088.00	£4,346.60		£8,741.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>£51,754.26</b>	<b>£9,973.60</b>	<b>£250</b>	<b>£42,030.66</b>

#### 4. Recommendations

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- c) Note the 14 Community Chest approvals supported from 2013/14 budget as set out in Annex 2

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**Annex 1** SIB Application

**Annex 2** Community Chest approvals

## SIB Application for Funding

### **Houghton Feast Community Programme and Opening Parade £10,000**

Sunderland Live has been commissioned by Sunderland City Council to deliver a number of core events across the City during 2014, Houghton Feast being one of the core events. The services provided by Sunderland Live include Infrastructure, marketing, site and event management for all aspects of the Feast, fireworks and civic arrangements.

In addition to the core programme, and in line with previous years, a community element for the Friday evening opening event is proposed. This additional element would include involvement of, and engagement with, local schools and community groups in the lead up to the Feast and performances at the Friday evening parade and it is envisaged these additional features would be developed and managed by a voluntary or community organisation. A detailed specification of services has been produced and will be sent to members of the Coalfield VCS Network to invite applications to deliver the community programme. The successful applicant will be required to work in partnership with Sunderland Live and the Houghton Feast Steering group to design and deliver the programme.

A total of £10,000 is requested to deliver the programme. Of this amount, £8,000 will be available to deliver the service specification, and £2,000 as a contingency for the Houghton Feast Steering group to utilise for any unforeseen expenses during the development of the programme. Should the £2,000 not be required it will be returned to the main SIB budget following the delivery of the Feast in October 2014.

## COMMUNITY CHEST 2014/2015 COALFIELD AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED April – June 2014

<b>Copt Hill Ward</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance at April 2014</b>	<b>Project approvals</b>	<b>Grants returned</b>	<b>Balance Remaining</b>
	03.04.14 Houghton Bowls - Contribution towards costs of celebrating 50th Anniversary	£104		£104		
	25.04.14 Eppleton Cricket Club - Contribution towards cost of replacing timber floor as a result of floor becoming unsafe through decay.	£2,335		£2,335		
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£12,889.76</b>	<b>£2,439</b>		<b>£10,450.76</b>
<b>Hetton Ward</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance at April 2014</b>	<b>Project approvals</b>		<b>Balance Remaining</b>
	03.04.14 Houghton Bowls - Contribution towards costs of celebrating 50th Anniversary	£48		£48		
	25.04.14 Friends of Bramble Hollow - Contribution towards the cost of erecting 2 new awnings to create a shady area for residents	£410		£410		
	25.04.14 Hetton School - Contribution towards the cost of international sporting event. Grant will be used to support young people who would otherwise not be able to take part.	£2,000		£2,000		
	21.05.14 Hetton & Lyons Mother's Union - Xmas Lunch for 70 members & friends	£700		£700		
	21.05.14 Thursday Bingo Club - Xmas Lunch for 30 members	£250		£250		
	21.05.14 Easington Lane Senior Citizens Club - Xmas Lunch for 45 members & friends plus entertainment	£938.60		£938.60		
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£13,088</b>	<b>£4,346.60</b>		<b>£8,741.40</b>
<b>Houghton Ward</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance at April 2014</b>	<b>Project approvals</b>		<b>Balance Remaining</b>
	03.04.14 Houghton Bowls - Contribution towards costs of celebrating 50th Anniversary	£544		£544		
	21.05.14 Bank Head Independent Methodists Church - Contribution towards the cost of new entrance door	£1,000		£1,000		

	<b>Total</b>		<b>£13,917.50</b>	<b>£1,544</b>		<b>£12,373.50</b>
<b>Shiney Row Ward</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance at April 2014</b>	<b>Project approvals</b>		<b>Balance Remaining</b>
	03.04.14 Houghton Bowls - Contribution towards costs of celebrating 50th Anniversary	£104		£104		
	25.04.14 New Herrington Miners Banner Group - Contribution towards costs of attending Durham Miners Gala	£400		£400		
	21.05.14 Friends of Gillwood Court	£640		£640		
	21.05.14 Penshaw Catholic Women's Guild	£500		£500		
	11.11.13 Trinity Methodist Church – grant awarded for 5 new radiators, more work needs to be done so have returned the grant in order to re-assess the position				£250	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£11,859</b>	<b>£1,644</b>	<b>£250</b>	<b>£10,465</b>
<b>Overall Totals</b>			<b>£51,754.26</b>	<b>£9,973.60</b>	<b>£250</b>	<b>£42,030.66</b>

18<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**PART 6, CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005, DOG CONTROL ORDERS – CONSULTATION RESULTS AND FINDINGS**

**1 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To update and advise Ward Members within the Coalfield Area Committee the results of the public consultation relating to Sunderland City Council’s intention to implement legislation, subject to Part 6, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, Dog Control Orders and to seek approval to implement the orders detailed within Appendix 1.

**2 Background**

2.1 In November 2013, Cabinet approval was sought to implement Part 6, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, Dog Control Orders, following recommendations from Area Committee.

2.2 Area Committee sought approval to implement Dog Control Orders, in order to deal with some of the most challenging local concerns, and to bring the legislation in line and up to date with other similar environmental crimes, already implemented and used by Sunderland City Council.

2.3 Cabinet approval was granted and Area Committee’s agreed the specific requirements of each Order specifically, to address the local needs.

2.4 In respect of each Area, the following was agreed across all sites and Wards:-

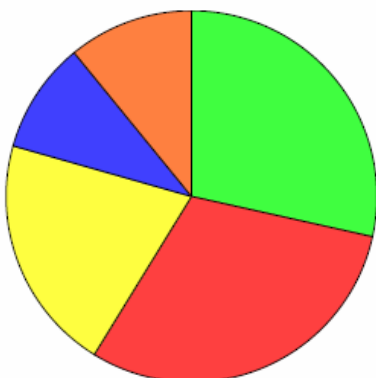
- Cemeteries - Dogs on Leads at all times
- Open Fixed play sites - Dogs on Leads at all times
- Open sports pitches - Dogs on Leads at all times
- Formal parks or gardens - Dogs on Leads at all times
- Enclosed fixed play sites - Dogs Prohibited
- Roker and Seaburn Foreshore - Dogs Prohibited (1 May to 30 Sept)
- All public areas - Dog fouling
- All public areas - Dogs on Leads under direction to do so

2.5 These proposals have been open to public consultation until 31 May 2014, by means of an on-line forum.

**3 Consultation Results**

3.1 An on-line survey provided an opportunity for comments and feedback on the proposals. The survey was completed by 168 residents from all Regeneration Areas.

3.2 The breakdown of responses of each area are illustrated as follows:-



	% Total	% Answer	Count
North	27.98%	28.48%	47
East	29.76%	30.30%	50
West	20.24%	20.61%	34
Washington	9.52%	9.70%	16
Coalfield	10.71%	10.91%	18
[No Response]	1.79%	--	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>168</b>

- 3.3 68% of those completing the survey were dog owners and 66% were dog walkers.
- 3.4 Of the 4 Dog Control Order Proposals consulted upon, the results are as follows:-
- a. **90.48% agreed** with the proposal to introduce an order making it an offence for a person to fail to clear away after their animal has fouled in any open public area.
  - b. **83.93% agreed** with the exclusion of dogs from enclosed children's play sites
  - c. **56.55% agreed** with the proposal to require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times in open play areas
  - d. **72.02% agreed** with the proposal to require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times in cemeteries
  - e. **66.07% agreed** with the proposal to enable an authorised officer of the Council to request a dog be put on a lead in any location across the city which is open to the public, where the officer feels it is appropriate to do so.
- 3.5 The Dogs Trust was consulted individually and provided the following response:-
- a. Fouling of land Order:  
Dogs Trust consider 'scooping the poop' to be an integral element of responsible dog ownership and would fully support a well-implemented order on fouling. We urge the Council to enforce any such order rigorously and to provide ample signage and disposal points for responsible owners to use.
  - b. Dog Exclusion Order:  
Dogs Trust accepts that there are some areas where it is desirable that dogs should be excluded, such as children's play areas and sports grounds, however we would recommend that exclusion areas are kept to a minimum and that, for enforcement reasons, they are restricted to enclosed areas. We would consider it more difficult to enforce an exclusion order in areas that lack clear boundaries.
  - c. Dogs on Leads Order:  
Dogs Trust accepts that there are some areas where it is desirable that dogs should be kept on a lead. Dogs Trust would urge the Council to consider the Animal Welfare Act 2006 section 9 requirements (the 'duty of care') that include the dog's need to exhibit normal behaviour patterns – this includes running off lead in appropriate areas. Dog Control Orders should not restrict the ability of dog keepers to comply with the requirements of this Act. The Council should ensure that there is an adequate number, and a variety, of well sign-posted areas locally for owners to exercise their dog off-lead.
  - d. Dogs on Lead by Direction Order:  
Dogs Trust enthusiastically supports Dogs on Leads by Direction orders (for dogs to be put on and kept on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised official). We consider that this order is by far the most useful, other than the fouling order, because it allows enforcement officers to target the owners of dogs that are allowing them to cause a nuisance without restricting the responsible owner and their dog. As none of the other orders, less fouling, are likely to be effective without proper enforcement we would be content if the others were dropped in favour of this order.
  - e. Taking more than a specified number of dogs onto a land Order:  
Dogs Trust does not agree that there should be a limit on the number of dogs walked as so much depends on the ability of the person to control the dogs. A good owner may be able to control large numbers of dogs while a less responsible person may be incapable of controlling one. While we accept the motivation for introducing this order, we consider that proper use of a "Dogs on Leads by Direction" order, by authorised officers, would be a better solution that is less restrictive on responsible owners.



- 3.6 In addition to the survey, several comments and suggestions have been received as part of the consultation process and require a response. All comments are provided anonymously and responses will be available to view on-line, following the end of the consultation.

### **Comments raised during the Consultation**

- 4.1 Allowing dogs to exercise freely on sport pitches when not in use was the most common suggestion within the consultation with 13 participants raising this as a concern. Whilst consideration for allowing dogs' access to sports pitches has been given, it is dog fouling on these areas that is the issue. Many open sports playing fields are within vast open spaces where dog handlers may struggle to locate the fouling once occurred or find that their dog is too far away at the time of the offence to clearly observe the incident. By asking for dog owners to place their dog on a lead when visiting sports facilities we are reducing the incidents of fouling within these locations and creating sports grounds free from dog fouling. Whilst the pitch is not in season or marked out as a playing field, dog handlers are free to exercise their dogs in these areas. Additionally, informal sports facilities maybe removed from this Order, but would be included in the Dog Fouling and Dogs on Lead under Direction Orders.
- 4.2 Dog Zones or Dog Parks have been suggested by 4 participants. Dog Zones would provide grassed, fenced areas where dogs could exercise freely without any restriction or Control Orders. Sunderland has vast open spaces where dogs are free to exercise off lead without restriction and whilst consideration for Dogs Zones or Dog Parks has been given, it would not be recommended that Dog Zones be deemed a necessary requirement of the implementation of Dog Control Orders.
- 4.3 The availability of dog bins was raised by 3 participants who requested that more be provided however over 1000 dog foul specific bins and over 1000 litter bins are available to dog walkers throughout the City and additional bins can be considered upon request.
- 4.4 Policing, education and enforcement was raised on 5 occasions with various recommendations ranging from more visible enforcement officers; less visible enforcement officers: overnight patrols; and powers provided to members of the public to enforce.
- 4.5 Improved signage to all areas was raised as a concern following the implementation of Dog Control Orders, providing information to public space users on the Dog Control Orders specific to each site. Once implemented, signed to all areas affected by Dog Prohibited areas or Dogs on Lead areas will be replaced.

### **5. Summary**

- 5.1 Consultation is complete with a majority in favour of the implementation of the Dog Control Orders as recommended.
- 5.2 Further to Area Committee recommending approval of the Dog Control Order's, implementation of the Orders is anticipated for 31 August 2014.

### **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 Members are requested to:-
- a. Note the contents of this report
  - b. Authorise the recommendations for implementation of Dog Control Orders within the Coalfield Area of the City

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNDERLAND**

**CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005**  
**The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc.) Regulations 2006**  
**The Dog Control Orders (Procedures) Regulations 2006**

NOTICE is hereby given that The Council of the City of Sunderland (“the Council”) is proposing to make the following four Dog Control Orders pursuant to its powers under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 :-

**1. The Fouling of Land by Dogs Order 2014**

If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this Order applies and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless (a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented to his failing to do so.

It is proposed that this Order will apply to all land to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment) within the administrative area of the Council which is :-

- (a) parks, pleasure grounds and open spaces maintained by the Council;
- (b) sports grounds/pitches and playing fields maintained by the Council;
- (c) beaches/foreshore and any slopes or staircase leading thereto;
- (d) school grounds;
- (e) cemeteries, burial grounds and churchyards maintained by the Council;
- (f) car parks, owned and operated by the Council;
- (g) carriageways and adjoining footpaths and verges; and
- (h) footpaths, bridleways, alleys, precincts, promenades, thoroughfares and other ways (not being carriageways)

**Exemption :-** This order will not apply to a person who is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948 or to a person who has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects and relies on a dog for assistance trained by a prescribed charity, namely, Dogs for the Disabled, Support Dogs or Canine Partners for Independence.

**Note:** This Order will replace the existing controls the Council has under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996.

**2. The Dogs on Leads by Direction Order 2014**

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if, at any time, on any land to which this Order applies, he does not comply with a direction given him by an authorised officer of the Council to put and keep the dog on a lead, unless (a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented to his failing to do so.

An authorised officer of the Council may only give a direction under this Order to put and keep the dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a dog causing or likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other person, animal or bird.

It is proposed that this Order will apply to all land to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment) within the administrative area of the Council which is:-

- (a) open parks, pleasure grounds and other open spaces maintained by the Council;
- (b) open playing fields maintained by the Council not otherwise marked as a “dogs on leads area” (whether the sign uses those particular words or words and/or symbols having like effect);
- (c) beaches/foreshore and any slope or staircase leading thereto not otherwise marked as a “dog exclusion area” (whether the sign uses those particular words or words and/or symbols having like effect);
- (d) school grounds;
- (e) car parks, owned and operated by the Council;
- (f) carriageways and adjoining footpaths and verges; and
- (g) footpaths, bridleways, alleys, precincts, promenades, thoroughfares and other ways (not being carriageways).

### **3. The Dogs on Leads Order 2014**

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence, if at any time on any land to which this Order applies he does not keep the dog on a lead unless (a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented to his failing to do so.

It is proposed that this Order will apply to land maintained by the Council to which the public are entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment) signed at its entrance(s) or otherwise marked as a “dog on leads area” (whether the sign uses those particular words or words and/or symbols having like effect) which is:-

- (a) open (unfenced) designated children’s play areas;
- (b) cemeteries, burial grounds and churchyards;
- (c) enclosed parks, sensory and formal gardens; and
- (d) open and enclosed playing fields and sports facilities including football pitches, cricket pitches, skate parks and bowling greens.

Maps showing the proposed areas concerned under this Order may be examined free of charge during office hours at the Fawcett Street Customer Service Centre or online at [www.sunderland.gov.uk/dog-control](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/dog-control)

### **4. The Exclusion of Dogs from Land Order 2014**

A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time he takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or to remain on any land to which this Order applies unless (a) he has a reasonable excuse for doing so; or (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented to his doing so.

This Order will apply to land maintained by the Council signed at its entrance(s) or otherwise marked as a “dog exclusion area” (whether the sign uses those particular words or words and/or symbols having like effect) which is:-

- (a) enclosed designated children’s play areas;
- (b) enclosed multisports areas (MUGA’s), sporting and other recreational facilities; and
- (c) identified areas of the beaches/foreshore and any slope or staircase leading thereto between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> September inclusive in any year

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**Exemption :-** This order will not apply to a person who is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948, to a deaf person in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, or to a person who has a disability

which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects and relies on a dog for assistance trained by a prescribed charity, namely, Dogs for the Disabled, Support Dogs or Canine Partners for Independence.

### **PENALTIES**

A person guilty of an offence under any of the above Orders shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (currently £1,000).

### **CONSULTATION**

Residents are requested to express their views on these proposals at : [http://sunderland-consult.limehouse.co.uk/public/city\\_services/street\\_scene\\_services/dcos](http://sunderland-consult.limehouse.co.uk/public/city_services/street_scene_services/dcos)

Further information on these proposals is available at [www.sunderland.gov.uk/dog-control](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/dog-control) or by contacting the Council on 0191 520 555 or visiting the Fawcett Street Customer Service Centre during office hours.

Written representations may be made to Ms. N. Rowland, East Area Response Manager, Responsive Local Services, Jack Crawford House, Commercial Road, Sunderland, SR2 8QR or by e-mail to [nicola.rowland@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.rowland@sunderland.gov.uk)

**Any representations should be received no later than 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014.**

Janet Johnson  
Deputy Chief Executive  
Sunderland City Council

Dated the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014

# Dog Control Orders

# Dog Control Orders

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005

- 5 new offences
  - Failing to remove faeces forthwith
  - Failing to keep a dog on a lead in designated area
  - Failing to put a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer
  - Allowing dogs to enter a prohibited area
  - Taking more than the specified number of dogs into a designated area





**Why Change.....?**

- Repealed Dogs (fouling of land) Act 96
- Enforcement tools now outdated
- Cemeteries, beaches and Pleasure Grounds Byelaws
- Right tools
- Response to local concerns



# Dog Control Orders

- Cemeteries - Dogs on Leads at all times
- Open Fixed play sites - Dogs on Leads at all times
- Open sports pitches - Dogs on Leads at all times
- Formal parks or gardens - Dogs on Leads at all times
- Enclosed fixed play sites - Dogs Prohibited
- Roker and Seaburn Foreshore - Dogs Prohibited  
(1 May to 30 Sept)
- All public areas - Dog fouling
- All public areas - Dogs on Leads under direction to do so

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# Dog and animal fouling

Dog fouling is unpleasant and may cause disease and illness and, therefore, needs to be controlled.

## [Dogs fouling legislation](#)

Sunderland City Council has actively been promoting responsible dog ownership in the city through a rolling programme of education and awareness.

## [Dog control - maps](#)

As part of the consultation on dog control orders, the maps on this page help to describe the proposals for each area.

## [Dog control - questions and answers](#)

These are the frequently asked questions about dog control orders.

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Dog control - questions and answers

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What is a dog control order?

A dog control order is a local order made for controlling potential dog related issues.

The power for Sunderland City Council to make dog control orders is provided under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Which dog control orders is Sunderland City Council thinking about introducing?

- 1. Dog fouling (failing to pick up after your dog) 2. Dogs to be put on leads upon request 3. Dogs to be on leads at all times in designated areas

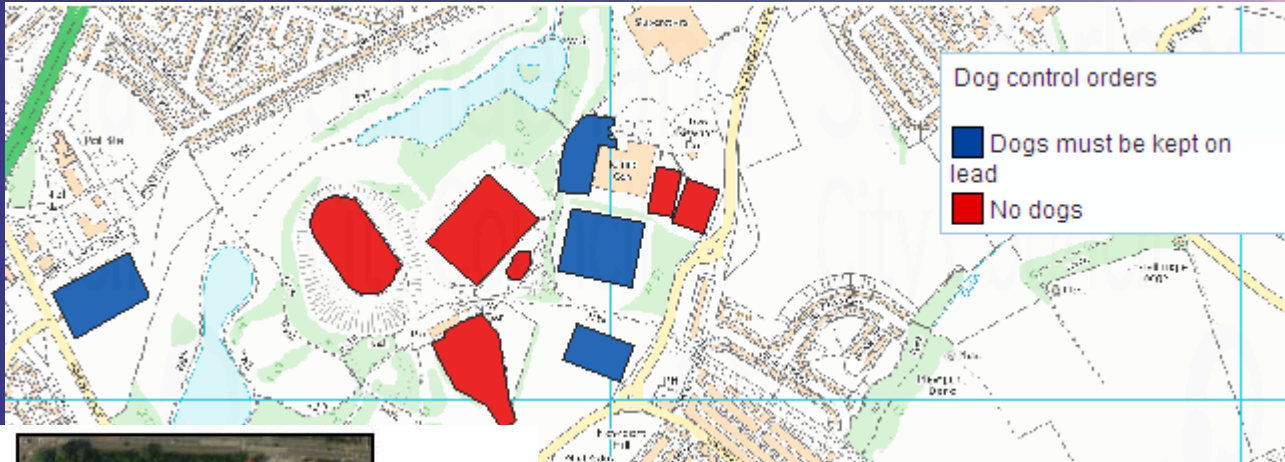
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Welcome to Sunderland's website

Find out more (and tell us what you think) about the website





Park

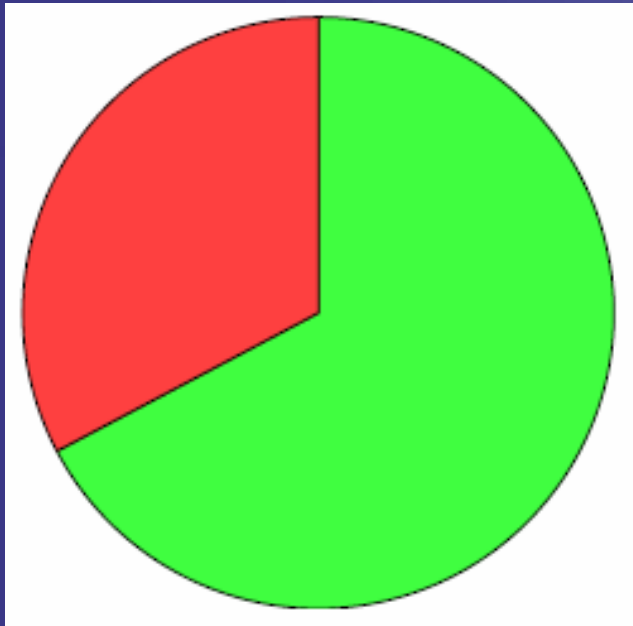
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What area of Sunderland do you live in?



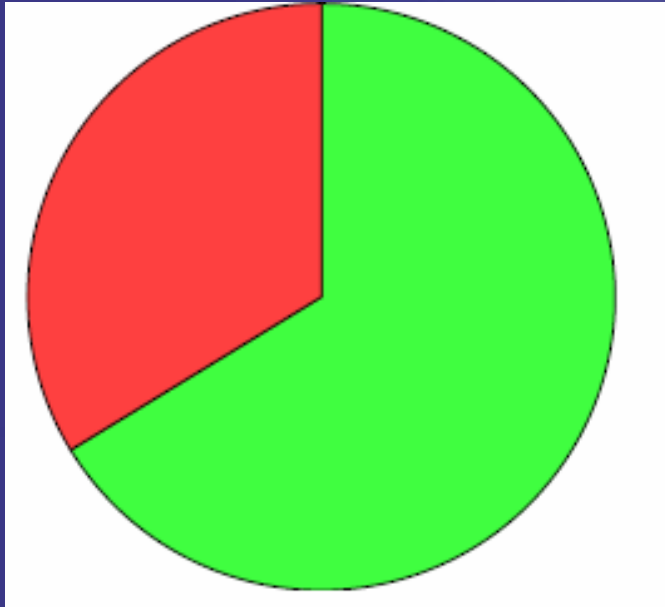
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East	29.76%	30.30%	50
West	20.24%	20.61%	34
Washington	9.52%	9.70%	16
Coalfield	10.71%	10.91%	18
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# Are you a dog owner?



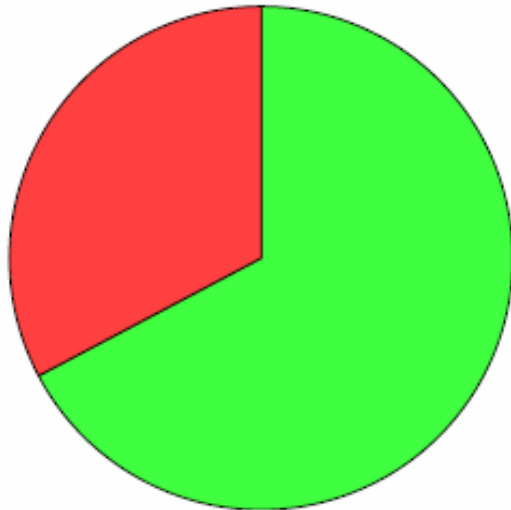
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# Are you a dog walker?



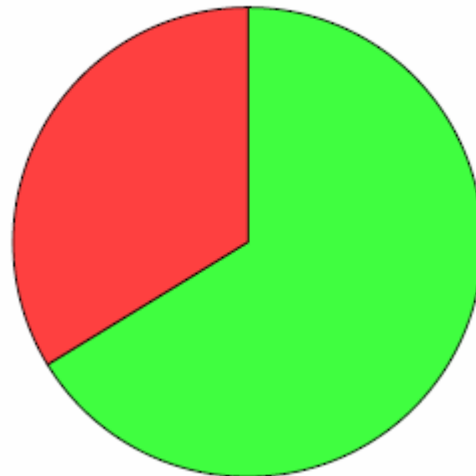
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Yes	65.48%	66.27%	110
No	33.33%	33.73%	56
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Are you a dog owner?



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Yes	67.26%	67.26%	113
No	32.74%	32.74%	55
Total	100.00%	100.00%	168

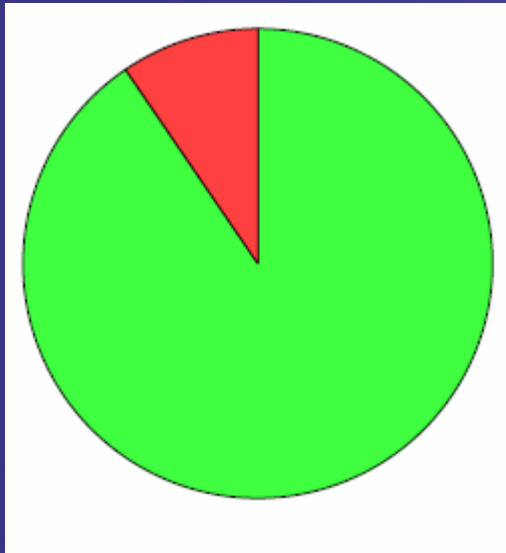
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Total	100.00%	100.00%	168

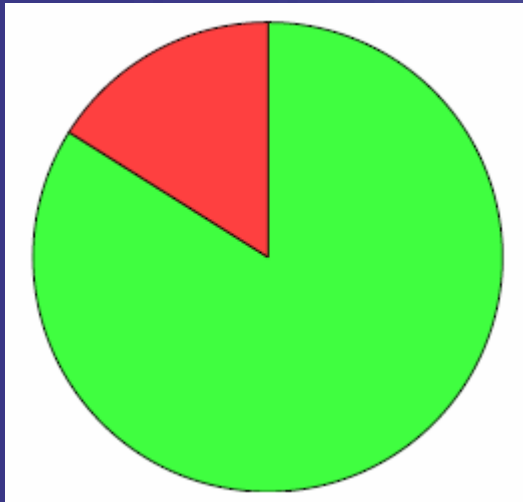


Do you agree with the proposal to introduce an order making it an offence for a person to fail to clear up after their dog has fouled in any area across the city which is open to the public?



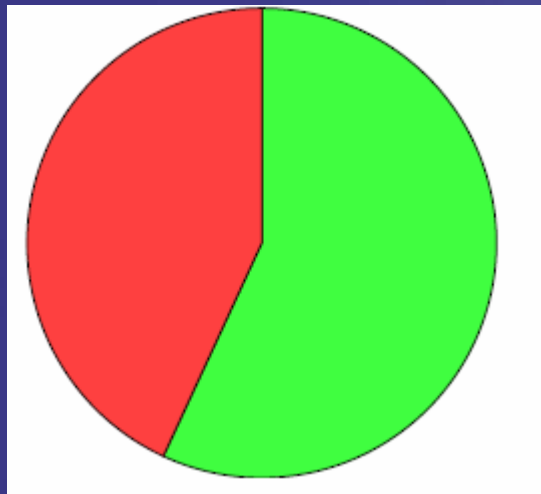
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Yes	90.48%	90.48%	152
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Do you support the exclusion of dogs from enclosed children's play areas?



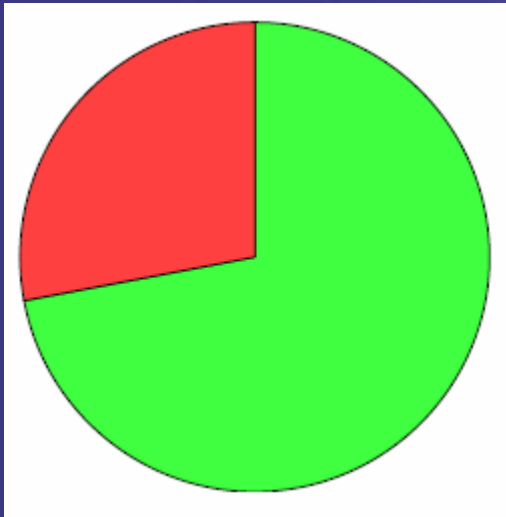
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Yes	83.93%	83.93%	141
No	16.07%	16.07%	27
Total	100.00%	100.00%	168

# Do you agree with the proposal to require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times in open play areas?



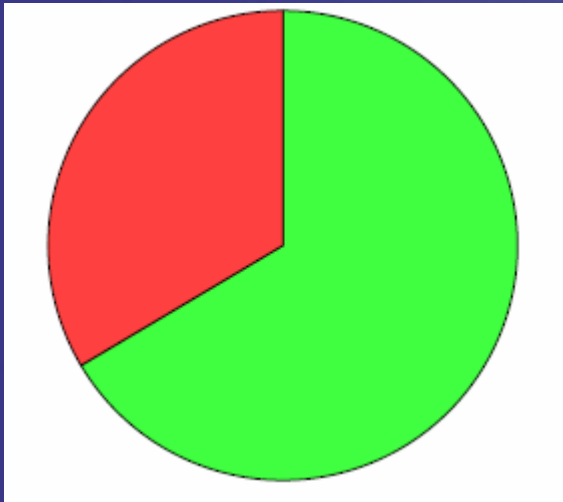
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Yes	56.55%	56.89%	95
No	42.86%	43.11%	72
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Total	100.00%	100.00%	168

# Do you agree with the proposal to require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times in cemeteries?



	% Total	% Answer	Count
Yes	72.02%	72.02%	121
No	27.98%	27.98%	47
Total	100.00%	100.00%	168

Do you agree with the proposal to enable an authorised officer of the Council to request a dog be put on the lead in any location across the city which is open to the public, where that officer feels it is appropriate to do so?



	% Total	% Answer	Count
Yes	66.07%	66.47%	111
No	33.33%	33.53%	56
[No Response]	0.60%	--	1
Total	100.00%	100.00%	168

# Suggestions

- Allow dogs to exercise on open play areas when not in use.
- Dog parks or Dog zones
- Extra dog bins
- Additional enforcement
- Improved signage

## Next steps

- Area Committee Agree Order
- Public Notice
- Update website
- Erect signs in relevant locations
- Train Staff
- Publicise Orders

QUESTIONS?





# Current Planning Applications Between 01/05/2014 and 31/05/2014 (Coalfields)

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
14/01037/FUL	4 Hetton Road Houghton-le-Spring DH5 8PA	Erection of a single storey extension to rear to provide sun lounge and erection of a single storey extension to front to provide porch with new canopy roof to front.	02/05/2014	27/06/2014
14/01154/FUL	Unit 4 Gurteens Yard South Street Newbottle Houghton-le-Spring DH4 4EH	Change of use from light industrial B1 use to takeaway with A5 use.	15/05/2014	10/07/2014
14/01284/FUL	47 Queensway Houghton-le-Spring DH5 8EW	Erection of single storey extension to side and front.	30/05/2014	25/07/2014
14/01100/OUT	Hetton Lyons Park Downs Pit Lane Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9NL	Demolition of existing community training facility and construction of new single storey community training facility, incorporating classrooms, office, cafe, changing rooms, bicycle repair shop, equipment stores, minibus garage, and ancillary accommodation, with associated landscape works.	14/05/2014	09/07/2014
14/00768/LP4	Hetton Community Centre Summerson Street Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9DL	Change of use from community centre to single family dwelling with alterations and erection of a single storey extension to create garden room.	21/05/2014	16/07/2014

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
14/01205/LAP	Easington Lane Primary School High Street Easington Lane Houghton-le-Spring DH5 0JT	Creation of a multi-use games area with associated fencing, lighting and ramps.	21/05/2014	16/07/2014
14/00601/FUL	Southern House Mill Terrace Rainton Bridge Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9NR	Demolition and replacement of existing dwelling	29/05/2014	24/07/2014
14/01137/FUL	Building Adjoining 29 Front Street (former Bistro 31) Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9PF	Change of use from ground floor shop to a one bedroom apartment.	29/05/2014	24/07/2014
14/00782/FUL	House North Hetton Farm Saint Andrews Fence Houses Houghton-le-Spring DH4 6PT	Erection of a detached dwelling	07/05/2014	02/07/2014
14/01101/FUL	2 Waterhouses Houghton-le-Spring DH4 6GE	Erection of a conservatory to rear	23/05/2014	18/07/2014
14/01236/FUL	LWC Limited Mulberry Way Fence Houses Industrial Estate Houghton-le-Spring DH4 5RH	Erection of a canopy to the rear (north) elevation of the building to provide covered loading and unloading facilities.	27/05/2014	22/07/2014
14/01091/FUL	Holly House Offerton Lane Sunderland SR4 9JL	Erection of a dormer to the rear.	09/05/2014	04/07/2014

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
14/01092/FUL	Ivy House Offerton Lane Sunderland SR4 9JL	Erection of a dormer to the rear.	09/05/2014	04/07/2014

