

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

	Influencing Core Services/Activities devolved to Area Committee	Why it is coming to the Board?	When will it come to the Board?	Action Required by the Board	When will Area Committee Decision be required	RAG	Progress
1	Responsive Local Services - Streetscene	To influence delivery in the Coalfields	Monthly basis	Work with Area Response Manager to identify opportunities to influence service; Review existing service scope and re-consider how members can influence future delivery	As required		Dog control order final recommendations agreed at January 2014 AC and now out to consultation with implementation of the Orders in July 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	Mar-14	Members to feed in views to prioritise works for inclusion in the annual Capital Programme;	Apr-14		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	Mar-14	Establish understanding of services delivered at a local level; Look to develop early intervention activities which support vulnerable groups within the locality	As required		An officer from PPRS aligned to Coalfield Area and supported presentation to December Board. 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	Sep-13	Members to bring local knowledge to inform the development of the future policy	Not applicable		Local plan and settlement break documents discussed at the July board meeting. Public consultation is underway and a workshop for members to discuss further was held in September 2013 with a further workshop in November to discuss the greenbelt strategy. Further consultation to take place during 2014.

Additional Area Priorities

	Local Priority	Why it is coming to the Board?	When will it come to the Board?	Action Required by the Board	When will Area Committee Decision be required	RAG	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 and an update is given in the main report
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)	May-14	To continue to monitor progress To direct the work of the lead agent and retail expert To bring local intelligence to ensure effective results	Jun-14		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	May-14	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	Jun-14		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
	G	Progressing on target					
	A	Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action)					
	R	Not progressing					