

## WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 at 5:30pm

**VENUE – Pennywell Community Centre, Portsmouth Road,  
Sunderland SR4 9AX**

### Membership

Cllrs P Gibson (Chair), Essl (Vice Chair – Place) Atkinson, (Vice Chair – People), Allan, D. Dixon, G. Galbraith, I. Galbraith, Gallagher, Gofton, Porthouse, P. Smith, Tye, Waller, Waters, P Watson, S Watson, A Wilson and T Wright.

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**ELAINE WAUGH**  
**Head of Law and Governance**

**29<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**At a meeting of the WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held at SANDHILL VIEW LIBRARY, GRINDON LANE, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2015 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor P. Gibson in the Chair

Councillors, Allan, Atkinson, Dixon, Essl, G. Galbraith, I. Galbraith, Gofton, Porthouse, P. Smith, Waller, Waters and A. Wilson.

**Also Present:-**

Steve Burdis	Station Manager	Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service
Bill Blackett	West Area Response Manager	Sunderland City Council
Simone Common	Acting Head of Community and Family Wellbeing	Sunderland City Council
Ash Hopper	Sergeant	Northumbria Police
Joanne Laverick	VCS Network Representative	Youth Almighty
Lisa Laverick	Inspector	Northumbria Police
Bill Leach	Partnership Co-ordinator	Pennywell Com. Centre
Chris Marshall	Head of Operations	Gentoo
David Noon	Principal Governance Services Officer	Sunderland City Council
Helen Peverley	Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Edna Rochester	Treasurer, Secretary	Tansy Centre and Pennywell Com. Centre
Gilly Stanley	Acting Area Community Officer	Sunderland City Council
Sonia Tognarelli	Area Lead Executive	Sunderland City Council
Karen Wood	Community Development Worker	Pallion Action Group

**Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially those attending their first meeting of the West Sunderland Area Committee and invited those present to introduce themselves.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors P. Watson, S. Watson and T. Wright.

## **Declarations of Interest**

The following Members made open declarations for the reasons indicated and left the meeting during consideration of the matter taking no part in any discussion or decision thereon

- i) Item 5b – Allocation of SIB funding – West Community Helpers.

Cllr Porthouse – as a Council appointed director of Farringdon Jubilee Centre.

Cllr Atkinson – as a Council appointed member of the Youth Almighty Project.

Cllr Waller – as a Council appointed member of Sandhill View Youth Project (A690).

Cllr A. Wilson – as a Council appointed member of Pallion Action Group and Lambton Street Fellowship Centre.

- ii) Item 5c – Allocation of SIB funding – WIRES 2

Cllr Gofton – as a Council appointed Managing Trustee of Parker Memorial Home.

Cllr A. Wilson – as a Council appointed Managing Trustee of Parker Memorial Home and a member of Pallion Action Group.

## **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

- 1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **Place Board Progress Report**

The Chairman of the West Sunderland Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on progress against the current year's Place Board Work Plan.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Essl presented the report drawing Members' attention to the initiation of action towards achieving key priorities as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report together with a summary of key areas of influence and achievements of the Place Board in relation to Responsive Local Services, Northumbria in Bloom, Winter Maintenance Age Friendly City, New Wear Bridge, Maximising Greenspace and Improving Derelict Land and Shopping Centres as at 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015.

There being no questions or comments on the report, it was:-

- 2. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the report be received and be noted;

- ii) consideration be given to the financial issues arising from the Place Board report later in the meeting at item 5 on the agenda.

### **People Board Progress Report**

The Chairman of the West Sunderland Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on progress against the current year's People Board Work Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Atkinson presented the report drawing Members' attention to the initiation of action towards achieving the key priorities as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, together with a summary of key areas of influence and achievements of the People Board in relation to Community Helpers, Universal Credit, West Intensive Recruitment Employment Support (WIRES), Healthy Lifestyles and Holiday Hunger as at 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015.

Councillor A. Wilson highlighted the importance of remembering that mental health and wellbeing issues potentially affected all age groups and she paid tribute to the Sunderland Youth Parliament for the impressive debate of the issue that they had undertaken in the Council Chamber the previous week.

There being no further comments or questions on the report, it was:-

#### **3. RESOLVED that:-**

- i) the report be received and be noted; and
- ii) consideration be given to the financial issues arising from the People Board report later in the meeting at item 5 on the agenda.

### **Report of the West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network (AVCSN)**

The AVCS Network submitted a progress report (copy circulated) which briefed the Committee on issues pertinent to the Voluntary and Community Sector.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Gilly Stanley, Acting Area Community Officer presented the report highlighting the following feedback and input arising from the single VCS meeting held since the Area Committee last met in October:-

- i) the receipt of a presentation from the charity Investing in Children,
- ii) the involvement of the VCS Network in the budget consultation exercise held at Pallion Action Group,

- iii) the receipt of up to date information on Family, Adult and Community Learning (FACL) provision and the continuing opportunities for involvement,
- iv) the involvement of the network in the pilot Coding Workshop to be held in 2016 in conjunction with the Library Service.

In addition Members were informed that the West VCSN would continue to deliver activities and services which supported the Area Committee's priorities.

The Committee were also advised that Bill Leach had been successful at the Active Sunderland Community Sports Awards 2015, winning the 'Inspiring Sport in the Community' Award. Bill's Club (Apollo Trampoline) was also successful being highly commended in the 'Community Sport Club of the Year' Award. The Committee congratulate Bill and his Team on their success.

There being no comments or questions the Chairman thanked Ms Stanley for her report, and it was:-

- 4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

#### **Report of the Northumbria Police – Sunderland West**

Inspector Laverick of Northumbria Police presented a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on the Force's most recent performance indicators for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

Particular reference was paid to crime levels in relation to violent crime, vehicle crime, burglary from dwelling, burglary other than dwelling, criminal damage, shoplifting, youth ASB, Non Youth ASB and drug crime. Members were informed that owing to a change in IT systems it was not possible at this meeting to provide the Committee with the usual crime patterns in respect of the Barnes, Pallion, St. Anne's, Sandhill, Silksworth and St Chad's wards.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

In addition Inspector Laverick briefed members on:-

- i) the Pallion Lights Switch On
- ii) the Darker Nights Campaign running jointly with the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, the Council and Gentoo
- iii) the transfer of the resource at Farrington Police Station to shared accommodation next door with the Fire and Rescue Service scheduled to take place the following day (3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2015)
- iv) changes to the HMIC requirements in relation to National Crime Recording and the effect of this on the presentation of local crime statistics. Inspector Laverick having addressed several queries from Members in relation to this, advised Members that she had organised a visit for the Committee to view

the new police accommodation in January 2016 where she would provide members with a practical demonstration of crime recording.

The Chairman having congratulated Sgt Hopper on successfully passing his Inspectors examinations, thanked Inspector Laverick for her report and it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

### **Report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service**

The report of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS) (copy circulated) was submitted which provided the Committee with an update on the Service's performance indicators for the period 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2015 with particular reference to:-

- i) the number of deaths from all fires (none),
- ii) deliberate property fires (4),
- iii) deliberate vehicle fires (3), and
- iv) secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles (50).

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Station Manager Steve Burdis having taken Members through the report, the Chairman thanked him for his attendance and it was:-

6. RESOLVED the report be received and noted.

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

The Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements submitted a report (copy circulated) in respect of the above matter.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Helen Peverley, Area Coordinator, presented the report highlighting the Committee's financial statement, details of 27 projects approved under delegated powers for support from the 2015/16 Community Chest budget, 1 further Community Chest application requiring Committee approval in respect of St Chad's Ward, details of proposals for the allocation of SIB funding and details of the allocation of funding under the small grants process in relation to maximising greenspace/derelict land activity.

Consideration having been given to the report and Councillor Porthouse having outlined his objection to the application from Northumbria Police for Community Chest funding from the St Chad's Ward, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Area Committee's funding statement be received and noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the 6 projects comprising the West Community Helpers scheme as detailed in Annex 1 of the report;
- (iii) approval be given to the allocation of £45,000 SIB funding to support the delivery of the Wires 2 scheme as detailed in Annex 2 of the report;
- (iv) the single proposal agreed through the small grants process in respect of Maximising Greenspace / Derelict Land activity as detailed in Annex 3 of the report be noted;
- (v) approval be given to the granting of £380 Community Chest funding from the St Chad's Ward in respect of the application received from the Northumbria Police West Neighbourhood Team as detailed in Annex 4, Table 2 of the report; and
- (vi) the approval of the 27 Community Chest applications as detailed in Annex 4 of the report be noted.

**Current Planning Applications (West Area)**

A schedule (copy circulated) of current planning applications lodged during the period 1<sup>st</sup> October and 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 was submitted for members' information only.

(for copy schedule – see original minutes)

8. RESOLVED the schedule be received and noted.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and especially to all at Sandhill View Library for their kindness and assistance in hosting the meeting and the associated community event.

(Signed) P. GIBSON,  
Chairman.



9<sup>th</sup> March 2016**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD****Place Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year's (2015/16) Place Board Work Plan.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the West Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board continue to initiate action on those priorities and **Item 2 Annex 1** outlines progress to date.

**3 Area Governance Arrangements**

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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	Cllr Michael Essl
Barnes	Cllr Ian Galbraith
Pallion	Cllr Amy Wilson
Sandhill	Cllr Debra Waller
Silksworth	Cllr Philip Tye
St Anne's	Cllr Karen Waters
St Chad's	Cllr Darryl Dixon

**4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 29 February 2016**

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the West Place Board up to 29 February 2016.

**Influence: Responsive Local Services, Street scene**

The Operating Model for Responsive Local Services moving forward continues to be discussed extensively. Local area delivery plans are currently being developed for future Area Committee approval.

Place Board asked for a Matrix of weed spraying activity for the 2016 season to ensure they can keep their communities advised of weed treatments in their wards.

<b>Influence: Local Bus Advisory Group</b>	
<p>The Sunderland Local Bus Advisory Group was established during 2015, and provides a framework for members to feed in issues from their community through to the Advisory Board (i.e. those issues brought to them by residents but require more of a strategic resolution). Suggestions from the board are then fed into the Combined Authority and in turn feedback returned via Area Committees. The Chair of the West Area Committee sits on the Local Bus Advisory Group to represent the West Area.</p> <p>A summary of the Terms of reference for the Board are as follows:</p> <p>To review and monitor provision, performance, patronage, customer satisfaction and quality standards of local bus services, highways and infrastructure, information and tickets; including integration of buses with wider local transport services.</p> <p>To receive reports from Nexus detailing any changes to local services, including those made by commercial operators.</p> <p>To provide comment to the North East Combined Authority on fares, marketing, branding and accessibility of secured services.</p> <p>NEXUS attended the West Place board in January to discuss the NEXUS Scholars Services. In particular the 421 service from Allendale Road to Barnes School. NEXUS explained that the service is currently exceptionally underutilised and NEXUS requested agreement to change the route of the service to maximise usage and ensure value for money from the service.</p>	
<b>Influence: Highways Maintenance</b>	
<b>Highways Maintenance Programme 2016/2017</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The board received information on the highways requiring capital maintenance works across the West area. The proposed areas were prioritised into high, medium and low priority to assist members.</li> <li>Members were asked to consult with ward colleagues to agree which of the proposed programmes should be recommended to Area Committee for completion up to a value of £100,500 for the West area.</li> <li>At the February Board members agreed recommendations to Area Committee for the completion of capital maintenance programmes in the West as described at <b>Item 2 Annex 2.</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Chester Road Route Action Plan, Congestion Corridor Study - Improvement Works</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A presentation on the improvement works planned for the A183 was presented to the Place Board in January for consultation as part of a wider consultation programme.</li> <li>The scope of the works include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amend road markings to increase number of lanes on approach</li> <li>More Lanes = More capacity = Reduced congestion</li> <li>No change to carriageway and footway widths - current car parking arrangements and footway widths will remain exactly as they are</li> <li>Benefit to road users with minimal impact on local residences</li> <li>Scheme extends west to include the Grindon Mill junction</li> </ul> </li> <li>No objections from key partner organisations, such as Emergency Services and Nexus Bus operators responded strongly in favour</li> <li>Letter drop to frontage properties within scheme</li> <li>Place Board agreed there was a need to ensure residents are fully informed about the extent / impact of proposals, the consultation results and the reasons why the scheme is to be introduced. Works will be implemented during the summer 2016.</li> </ul>	
<b>Area Priority: Shopping Centres</b>	
<b>Business Support</b>	Pallion Traders – Following the Christmas illuminations and activities the traders are now preparing for Easter as well as planning for Christmas 2016. The traders are also working towards their In-bloom ‘It’s your Neighbourhood application’.

	Broadway Traders – following the completion of the Area Committee funded capital improvements the St Anne's Councillors have worked alongside the traders to install flowered planters in the shopping area. The One-Stop Shop has committed to maintain the planters working with local schools and community groups.
<b>Capital Improvements</b>	<p>Area Committee agreed to financially support capital improvements across local shopping centres in the West.</p> <p>Each ward identified local shopping centres which required capital improvements. The capital improvements are to improve the visual appearance of the shopping centre. As part of the improvement program, Ward members are engaging with local traders and community groups to adopt flower planters and maintain them as well as agree to support keeping local centres clean and tidy.</p> <p>To-date the following works have been completed:          Broadway Shops – resurfacing and bollard replacement as well as adoption of flower planters by local trader          Farringdon Shops – resurfacing and litter bin replacement. Now looking towards other planting and flower planter adoptions          Pallion – planting and signage improvements, bench installation and event support          Sandhill – Members considering options for the Thorndale Road shops following a meeting with local traders          Silksworth – improvement of event space within local park</p>
<b>Area Priority: Environment and Street Scene</b>	
<b>Walk and Talk Programme</b>	The Walk and Talk programme continues to be successful and offers the opportunity to ward Councillors to be dynamic, flexible and implement small-scale people and place based projects, which have a positive impact on their local communities.
<b>Maximising Greenspace and Improving Derelict Land</b>	<p>Proposals were developed and agreed by Area Committee in October 2014. Funding was allocated to support developments. Work continues to be undertaken with officers, members and partners including the VCS to develop the agreed spaces across the West, to improve the health and wellbeing of residents in the West.</p> <p>2 projects were presented and approved at the Place Board in January - <b>Item 5 Annex 3</b></p>
<b>Area Priority: Housing</b>	
<b>Promoting accredited landlords and housing standards</b>	<p>Members attended an event in January 2016 to discuss the Housing Renewal Team's role in the West.</p> <p>This lead to further discussion at the February Place Board and it was proposed to obtain Area Committee approval <b>Item 5 Annex 2</b>, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Train the 6 West Community Helpers in the housing services offered by the Council and partners within the private rented sector so that they can cascade the information to other community and voluntary groups;</li> <li>• Brief voluntary groups on the housing services offered by the Council and partners within the private rented sector;</li> <li>• Promote the housing services offered by the Council and partners within the West;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure Housing attend the West Event in July 2016, to promote the links between health and housing conditions generally.</li> </ul>
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## 5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Note the content of the report.
- 5.2 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the West Place Board Work Plan for 2015/2016 **Item 2 Annex 1.**
- 5.3 Consider and agree the recommendation of the Place Board regarding the West Highway Capital Maintenance programme for 2016/2017, attached at **Item 2 Annex 2.**
- 5.4 Note the proposals agreed through the small grants process for Maximising Greenspace / Derelict Land activity, as described at **Item 5 Annex 3.**
- 5.5 Consider and agree the recommendation to approve the Accreditation Landlords project for the West, as described at **Item 5 Annex 2.**

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## PLACE PRIORITIES

	Area Priority	Proposed Action	Lead Agent	Progress
1	<b>Improving Environment and Greenspace</b>	1. Working with the RLS Area Response Manager and Customer Relationship Officer, work with schools and community organisations inc youth groups, to reinforce messages around the implications of littering, fly-tipping, wheelie bin fires, graffiti and anti-social behaviour. Support delivery of a further programme of educational support across all schools in the West, working with Safety Works.	All	Safety Works presented an update to September Place Board in relation to the success of the 2014/2015 programme and were awarded SIB funding at October Area Committee to continue delivery in 2015/2016. Area Committee covers the cost of the transport to enable all schools to travel to the Safety Works premises in Gateshead.
		2. Members to use their local knowledge to support sustainable improvements within their wards, creating spaces for families to enjoy and support community cohesion. Develop a programme of love where you live activities and events, linked to West Green Place Plan developments to promote participation and health messages, such as planting fruit and vegetables	All	Walk and Talk budget allocated to each ward for 2015/2016. Each Ward meets regularly with the Area Arrangements Team to ensure effective use of the budget to maximise outputs and support communities to sustainably improve their environment.
		3. Implement the detailed actions aligned within the West Green Space Plan for 2015/2016, working with communities and partners to maximise outputs and encourage wider participation	All	Area Tour held in June 2015. Area Committee visited various sites across the area and actions were logged into the West Place Plan for 2015/2016. Applications for projects are progressing well. Updated details can be found in the Maximising Green Space Plan.
2	<b>Improve the physical and environmental appearance of shopping centres in the West and support the establishment of 'Trader Groups', as interest arises</b>	1. Continue to work with Pallion Traders to promote trade and increase footfall and address local area issues. Encourage Pallion traders to become the first West Dementia Friendly Shopping Centre. Encourage Pallion Traders to apply to be 'The Great British High Street of the Year 2015'.	SCC, Traders	Pallion Traders fundraised over £800 for local charities during their Christmas events and illuminations. They're now planning for Christmas 2016 as well as Easter and other marketing opportunities/seasonal events. They fully intend to apply for the It's Your Neighbourhood In bloom award again in 2016 and are aiming for level 5 this year with aspirations for larger planting schemes.
		2. Continue to work with Silksworth Traders to promote trade and increase footfall and address local area issues. Introduce Incredible Edible programme to Silksworth Traders.	SCC, Traders	Advertising Litter Bins installed and advertising space promoted to encourage local traders to promote their business. Review currently underway to determine if other capital improvements could be completed to enhance the local shopping area.

		3. Introduce trader support within the Broadway (St Annes) & Thorney Close (Sandhill) Shopping centres, utilising lessons learnt from Pallion & Silksworth, working towards the same positive outcomes, to ensure traders work together to encourage trade and improve the look and feel of the area.	SCC, Traders	Capital improvement works now complete at the St Anne's Broadway Shopping area; St Chad's Allendale Road Shopping area; Plans are developing for the Sandhill Ward; Silksworth proposals have been agreed to improve the area around the cenataph in Silksworth park and Pallion is progressing the installation of five benches in and around St Luke's Terrace.
3	<b>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(s) to deal with neglected:- Land, Housing, Shopping Parades, Industrial Estates, through interventions appropriate at Area Level (detail within West Green Space Plan 2015/2016)	SCC, VCS, Partners, Land owners	Consultation Event held at Children's Forest to establish future use for the forest and community interest to support on going developments and maintenance. Silksworth have held an event to engage with local residents for Newport Dene, the project continues to work with young people both in local schools and youth groups. The group are intending to carry out a love where you live campaign in the area around Easter time.
		2. Influence the 'In Bloom' activity organised by Street Scene to encourage communities to consider developing It's Your Neighbourhood applications and develop a Sunderland In Bloom programme of activities	SCC, VCS, Partners, Land owners, Traders	Pallion Traders submitted an application to It's Your Neighbourhood. The traders won the RHS It's your Neighbourhood Level 3 'Developing' Award and are working towards level 4/5 'Thriving/Outstanding' for next year. Shopping Centre capital developments all include additional planters or planting features which will be created in partnership with local traders, schools and VCS organisations to ensure their ongoing sustainable maintenance. Ideas to develop It's Your Neighbourhood Applications within each ward in the West are being discussed with the VCS Network in February 2016, to support preparation of applications for early spring 2016. Area Arrangements Team are also discussing further opportunities to develop It's your neighbourhood In Bloom groups with ward cllrs during regular catch-ups.
		3. Continue to influence the development of the core strategy, and future land use in the West	SCC	No action required at present
		4. To influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2016/2017	SCC	Highway Maintenance Capital Programme for 2016/2017 was discussed at Place Board in November 2015, to enable approval of local Highway Capital Programme at March 2016 Area Committee.

		<p>5. Consideration to be given to how the Area Committee could inform the development of annual delivery plans and identify local hot spots for target through local intelligence and work with the Housing Renewal Team to prioritise area work.</p>	<p>SCC, Landlords</p>	<p>Members attend an event in January 2016 to discuss the Housing Renewal Team's role in the West. This lead to further discussion at the February Place Board and it was proposed to obtain Area Committee approval in March to train the 6 West Community Helpers in the housing services offered by the Council and partners within the private rented sector so that they can cascade the information to other community and voluntary groups; To brief voluntary groups on the housing services offered by the Council and partners within the private rented sector; To promote the housing services offered by the Council and partners within the West; To attend the West Event – Healthy Lifestyles, in July 2016, to promote the links between health and housing conditions generally. Recommended to Area Committee to approve £2900 SIB funding.</p>
		<p>6. Public Protection and Regulatory Services (PPRS) - ensure all Councillors receive Licensing and PPRS awareness training and are introduced to the Area Rep from PPRS for the West (Tom Terrett)</p>	<p>SCC</p>	<p>Update on PPRS presented to Place Board in July 2015. Board discussed supporting communication to prevent 'scratchers' - illegal tattooists from operating within the area as well as raise the profile of food hygiene ratings across Sunderland's food establishments, encouraging communities to 'check the scores on the doors' before purchasing food to encourage food premises to increase their food hygiene standards through local competition. Communication campaign to feature within a future edition of Community News.</p>

**West Highways Maintenance Capital Programme 2016-2017 – for West Area Committee  
Approval – 9 March 2016**

<b>STREET NAME</b>	<b>WARD</b>	<b>Actual Treatment</b>	<b>Estimate Road £</b>
Abingdon Street - rear	Barnes	Resurface road	14,000
Forest Road o/s 98 (part)	Pallion	Reconstruct road	5,000
Huntley Square	Pallion	Resurface road	4,000
Kimberley Street	Pallion	Resurface road	4,000
Mafeking Street	Pallion	Resurface road	5,000
Claxheugh Rd	St. Anne's	Resurface road	18,500
Park Lea (part)	St. Chad's	Resurface footway(part) and road (part)	14,000
Silksworth Road (part) - footway	St.Chad's	Replace section of flags and renew bitmac	3,000
Bridle Path (part)	St Chads	Resurface road (part)	4,000
Glanton Square	Sandhill	Resurface road	4,000
Gleneagles Road (part)	Sandhill	Renew footway (part)	5,000
Parkstone Close	Sandhill	Resurface road	5,000
Mary Street	Silksworth	Resurface footway	2,000
Pancras Road (part)	Silksworth	Resurface road(patch)	8,000
Seaham Street	Silksworth	Resurface Road	5,000
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100,500</b>



9<sup>th</sup> March 2016**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD****People Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

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**2. Background**

- 2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with People were referred to the West People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board continue to initiate action on those priorities and **Item 3 Annex 1** outlines progress to date.

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  - 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 utilising its own resources.
- 3.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas' of priority and ensure action taken in line with those priorities.
- 3.3 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	Cllr Rebecca Atkinson
Barnes	Cllr Michael Essl
Pallion	Cllr Celia Gofton
Sandhill	Cllr Jacqui Gallagher
Silksworth	Cllr Pat Smith
St. Anne's	Cllr Susan Watson
St Chad's	Cllr Gillian Galbraith

**4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements up to 29 February 2016**

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the West People Board up to 29 February 2016.

<b>Influence: Health and Wellbeing</b>
<b>Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Joint Working</b>
The CCG updated the People Board on the established Community Integrated Teams.
The CCG support the development of the West Community Helper project (supporting with £20,000 funding), linking the VCS within the area directly with GP practices and

the health integrated teams. The Community Helpers met with the GP Practices in January as part of their on-going training and development programme.

The People Board were introduced to the new CCG Locality Manager for the West and explained that the CCG were currently updating their priorities for 2016/2017. Confirmation was given that the CCG would ensure that their priorities were shared with Committee to enable further joint working, in particular the focus on young people's mental health and wellbeing.

**Area Priority: Job Prospects, Skills and reducing social isolation**

<b>Community Helpers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The six Community Helpers are now in place and delivering across the six wards, following approval at December 2015 Area Committee.</li> <li>• The Community Helpers have received comprehensive training which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Public Health and the opportunity to be a health champion and links to Live Life Well Service</li> <li>○ Dementia Awareness- Essence</li> <li>○ Introductory meeting with community ICT</li> <li>○ West Locality – Children services</li> <li>○ Introductory meeting with GP Practice Managers (<b>Item 3 Annex 2</b> for GP Practice/Ward Helper Map)</li> <li>○ Introductory meeting with community librarian and the offer of the library services</li> <li>○ Welfare benefits</li> <li>○ Offer of various e-learning options</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Helpers meet on a regular basis and have agreed a flexible working pattern which ensures that all days of the week are covered.</li> <li>• West GP surgeries will be promoting the Community Helper on their waiting room TV screens. Community Helpers are promoted on the All Together Sunderland website and individual community organisations websites. A press release is being developed.</li> <li>• All of the Helpers are supporting the delivery of the West Event which takes place in Barnes Park later in 2016.</li> </ul>
<b>Universal Credit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates continue to be presented to ensure members understand the development of the Local Support Framework in preparation for the roll out of Universal Credit, which commenced in November 2015. Community Helpers will be a crucial support to vulnerable residents to ensure they are aware of support available, as well as advised on how to improve their employment prospects.</li> </ul>
<b>West Enterprise</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Enterprise in the West was presented to the People Board in January. 10 new businesses have been supported to-date.</li> <li>• People Board saw the value in extending the Enterprise project for the West – however removing the personalisation criteria and opening up the opportunity to support new businesses generally in the West</li> <li>• People Board were also keen to understand how Enterprise is encouraged in schools, opening up broader opportunities to our young people. School Engagement research was commissioned to understand how enterprise is/ or is not nurtured in schools and in particular how harder to reach young</li> </ul>

	<p>people are offered the opportunity to focus on enterprise opportunities post-school. Research will be presented to the People Board in April 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The People Board agreed to submit a recommendation to the Area Committee in relation to a new West Enterprise Project. The detail and application is contained within the finance report <b>Item 5 Annex 1</b>.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Health and Wellbeing</b>	
<b>Healthy Lifestyles</b>	<p>The Healthy Lifestyles Project continues to deliver at a pace. To-date the following outcomes have been achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All 18 schools in the West have started Change4Life Clubs</li> <li>The Healthy Lifestyles Co-ordinator has trained 182 leaders and trained 53 teachers</li> <li>64 teachers have attended Change4Life Champions training</li> <li>The project has hosted celebration events for 6 schools</li> <li>The project has supported pupils to progress from change4life to school games events</li> </ul> <p>The cultural passport element of the project is also moving from strength to strength. To-date the following outcomes have been achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools attended the pantomime at the Empire at Christmas</li> <li>Tennis Festival planned for 22 March at 10am until 2pm at Silksworth Tennis Centre for the Change 4 Life Clubs</li> <li>Change4Life Festival planned for 20<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>Change4Life Festival planned for 24<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>Change4Life Clubs attending the West Road to Rio Event at Barnes Parks</li> <li>Visits to also be planned for the beach, ice-skating, bowling, trampoline, climbing, meal out and many more</li> <li>The Healthy Lifestyle Co-ordinator has also issued scrap books to all schools to ensure the Change4Life clubs complete to record their journey</li> </ul>
<b>West Health Programme (Mental Health and Wellbeing)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mental Health Project feedback was presented to the People Board in January.</li> <li>The People Board discussed how successful the projects delivered across the community had been.</li> <li>Lessons learnt from the Mental Health projects have informed the development of the West Community Helpers</li> <li>It is also very clear from the lessons learnt that a focus now needs to be Young People's Mental Health.</li> <li>Research is currently being collated to present to the People Board in April to enable an informed decision to be made, with a view to supporting activities, via a call for projects, which would support our most vulnerable young people, utilising the remaining West Health Programme funding.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Young People</b>	
<b>Holiday Hunger</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following approval at December Area Committee, the remaining funds from the Summer Holiday Hunger project were used to support families, in receipt of Free School meals, over the Christmas period</li> <li>Six VCS organisations across the West delivered the project, supporting vulnerable families over Christmas with food vouchers</li> <li>95 families were supported</li> </ul>

**Area Priorities: Influence and encourage heritage activity within the West as well as Improve Health and Wellbeing activities for Young People**

**West Event  
2016 - Road to  
Rio/Healthy  
Lifestyles**

- The final content for the event were presented to People and Place Boards in February 2016.
- West Carnival Theme linked to Rio Olympics – creating a legacy of sport, health and wellbeing in the West of Sunderland.
- Celebrate the achievements of the West projects funded by Area Committee such as the Healthy Lifestyles project, as well as work with partners to create some new fun activities.
- Date of event set Thursday 30th June and Friday 1st July for schools and Saturday 2nd July for Family event. Location agreed as Barnes Park.
- Event Plan developed and Multi Agency Event Group advised. Mayor invited and attending each day.
- All 19 west schools invited, currently the numbers are 559 children over the 2 days. Children who attend will arrive at 9.30am and enjoy the event until 2.30pm. There will be an Olympic opening ceremony and each school will represent a country and carry either a school flag or an Olympic torch designed by the school.
- Call for Projects issued to local VCS organisations to deliver 'healthy lifestyle/Olympic activities' over the three days.
- Music programme being developed for the Bandstand on the Saturday – music from around the world.
- Foods from around the world will be available during the Saturday with healthy eating options being the key ingredient
- The West Area Committee's Dr Who Tardis, which is currently visiting the Bridges Shopping Centre in Sunderland to promote the West Heritage for the first Police Box, will again be the gateway entrance for the event, transporting event goers into Rio for the Olympics
- Mint Management commissioned to 'Welcome' at the event – stilt walkers/Rio carnival style. They will also animate the park throughout the event, walking around and signposting to activities.
- Library, Museum and Active Sunderland Services have committed to supporting event.
- Nobles will hold a Funfair in the Park as part of the Event but they will be in place from Wednesday 29th June until Sunday 3rd July. The Funfair will be open until 7pm each evening. Nobles will provide free rides for the school children on the Thursday and the Friday.
- Volunteers to support event are currently being recruited. West Community Helpers have all committed to support the event each day.
- Road Closure and parking restrictions ordered as well as the required traffic management and enforcement.
- Resident communication agreed with letters prepared to deliver to local residents. Update to be presented to a future Barnes Friends Group. Posters will also be placed within Park notice boards as well as circulated around local schools, shops, community venues and libraries.
- Logo for the event agreed. Logo will now be used for the advertising banner for the Saturday family event and the banners will be located at all entrances to Barnes Park.

## **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 Note the content of the report.
- 5.2 Members are requested to consider the progress and performance update with regard to the West People Board Work Plan for 2015/2016 **Item 3 Annex 1 and Annex 2.**
- 5.3 Consider and agree the recommendation to approve West Enterprise Scheme **Item 5 Annex 1.**

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## PEOPLE PRIORITIES

	Area Priority	Proposed Action	Lead Agent	Progress
1	<b>Improving Health and Wellbeing - detail within West Health Plan on Page (developed in partnership with Public Health and Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group)</b>	1. The city approach to an Active Sunderland commenced in 2014/15 and will be developed over the coming years. West Area Committee will support the Active Sunderland approach working with others towards the same collective aim to support delivery of outcomes.	All	Linked to Maximising Green Spaces - West Place Improvement Delivery Plan - improving places and spaces to encourage physical activity - walking, running, playing. Area Committee in October 2015 agreed the theme for a large-scale event in the West during 2016, which will focus on physical activity, health and wellbeing linking with the Rio Olympics in 2016. Planning for the event is progressing well and the final dates for the event are agreed (30th June to 2nd July 2016)
		2. Monitor the outcomes of the West Health Programme Mental Health and Wellbeing VCS delivered projects and ensure the outcomes and lessons from the projects are directly fed into the CCG and Public Health Live life well programme to influence current mental health and wellbeing pathways and methods of communication and engagement	SCC, VCS, CCG	Learning from the projects continues to be collated, update presented to January People Board. Lessons learnt to-date have influenced the development of the West Community Helpers project, working directly in partnership with the CCG and the Live Life Well Service. Specifically the Sporting Memories Network project is now working with schools to encourage inter-generational activities and also supporting the West Event during 2016. Research is now underway to focus on Mental health and young people, with proposals being presented to Area Committee for consideration early in the new municipal year 2016.
		3. Improve diagnosis of Dementia through awareness raising across communities; creation of Dementia Friendly Shopping Centres within the West and working with large multi-nationals and West employers to ensure they are supportive	SCC, Public Health, SCCG, VCS	Community Helpers Project - approved at Area Committee in December 2015. The Community Helpers as part of their role are looking further at innovative ways to improve health and wellbeing, working closely with the Live Life Well Service and CCG to ensure pathways are developed and improved. Also see Enterprise update. The Community Helpers are trained Dementia Champions as well as encouraging wider VCS groups across the west to become more Dementia friendly.

		4. Continue to deliver the Healthy Lifestyles project and work with schools to influence and further embed physical activity programmes within Schools linked to School Games Organisers and the LAF Team	SCC, Schools, LAF Team, School Games Organisers	October Area Committee reviewed proposals to broaden the outcomes of the Healthy Lifestyles Project and to extend the project up to and including December 2016. Healthy Lifestyle Co-ordinator now heavily involved with developing proposals for a large-scale health and wellbeing event in the West during 2016 as well as ensuring Change 4 Life clubs are actively running in all West Schools.
		5. Reducing Social Isolation working closely with the SCCG to deliver a range of projects which ensure West GP's and formal health pathways consider the positive contribution of the West VCS	VCS, CCG, GP's, SCC	Community Helpers Project - presented to Area Committee in October 2015 for approval of call for projects. December Area Committee approved the six Community Helper applications to enable the project to commence delivery from 7th December 2015, for 18 months. Project has now commenced and all Helpers fully trained and delivering support within their dedicated wards for those most in need.
		6. Services for young people in relation to sexual health, mental health and use of drugs and legal highs	SCC	Understand the outcome of the recent Scrutiny Review in relation to legal highs; Consult youth providers in the area to understand the issues currently for young people in relation to sexual health and mental health and look to work in partnership to address issues. See point 1.2 above in relation to future project for Young People's Mental health and Wellbeing to be discussed at a future People Board later in 2016.
2	<b>Activities for Young People</b>	1. Elected members to support the Youth Operational Group and receive regular updates on youth activity delivery	SCC	Members were consulted upon the Winter 2015/2016 programme during October 2015.
		2. Influence and support the delivery of youth activity in the West, considering holiday hunger.	SCC and Youth Providers	Area Committee funded Holiday Hunger Pilot Scheme (along with all other Area Committees), across the West to supply additional food resource to children during the six week holiday period. Feedback from the scheme was shared with committee to ascertain need and future requirements to address need, linked with activities and programme already being delivered within communities. Committee agreed to utilise the underspend from the project to support the most vulnerable families across the West during Christmas 2015.

3	<b>Improve the employment prospects, aspirations and opportunities for West residents from -9 months to end of life</b>	1. Improve the employment prospects and opportunities of communities in the West, strengthening and promoting partnership working between schools and employers to improve career advice, skills development and enterprise	SCC, Schools and VCS	A proposal was developed and presented to People board in November and agreed at December 2015 Area Committee. The new project entitled WIRES 2, now in delivery stage, builds upon the success of WIRES and extends its remit to work with younger people from 14 years of age upwards, linking the job market opportunities within Sunderland and future growth within sectors, to ensure communities and our most vulnerable young people are best placed for local opportunities. Working with local employers and large-scale businesses to make firm connections with schools.
		2. Monitor the delivery and outcomes of the Apprenticeship Scheme, West Work Experience and the WIRES Project and review further options for skills support within the West Area - utilising the West Business Diagnostic	SCC, Schools and VCS	Regular meetings continue to be held with providers to ensure projects deliver outcomes required and also to capture lessons learnt to inform future project development (such as WIRES 2 noted above) and deliver to maximise opportunities to improve outcomes for West residents. To-date the West Area Committee has supported 56 apprentices.
		3. Attract external funding into the West	SCC, VCS	External funding opportunities and application advice and information collated for the West Area - circulated to all West VCS organisations to support their thinking. Ward meetings held with members and area arrangements team to also discuss opportunities for joint working to attract additional 'in-kind' funding. Area Arrangements Team now has access to and has been trained in the use of, the GRANTfinder software and regularly research and share information with the VCS network, as and when funding opportunities arise.
		4. Following the West Community Job Clubs, continue to understand the lessons learnt and develop a 'Community Helper' model which enables communities to develop their skills to support each other - through advice, guidance and signposting - particularly focusing upon the impacts of Universal Credit and requirement to manage budgets as well as access and ability to utilise ICT. Influence the programme to develop improving effective digital skills across the West.	SCC, VCS	People board reviewed Community ICT resources and available ICT support within the West. The board recognises that hard to reach individuals require specialist and intensive support to move closer to the labour market. • Community Helpers Project - The Helpers as part of their role are looking further at innovative and community learning courses to engage residents in learning.



		5. Monitor the implementation of the Sunderland Council Local Support Framework and identify potential gaps across the West of the city in preparation for the roll out of universal credit. Understand how the Sunderland Council led Complex Needs Survey is being undertaken and how support can be programmed to utilise the resources available across the West VCS Network.	SCC, VCS, DWP	Updates on Universal Credit continue to be presented to People Board to ensure members understand and are able to influence the Local Support Framework. All member sessions were also held in October and one to one sessions offered to members via People Directorate as the first phase of Universal Credit is rolled out. Community Helpers will support development of literature / information resources to be included within crisis intervention / food parcels to ensure that vulnerable residents are aware of the support available to reduce the cycle of poverty and encourage self-help wherever possible.
		6. Monitor and review delivery of the West Enterprise Scheme in the West to ensure businesses are growing & improving moving from the broader personalisation agenda to a 'Neighbourhood Level West Enterprise Scheme'	SCC, Local Businesses	Options presented to September People Board to develop a Neighbourhood Level West Enterprise Scheme. Options were developed and presented to People Board in January 2016. The West Neighbourhood Scheme which would link with existing activity to maximise effectiveness and opportunities for West residents is within Item 5 for consideration and approval by Area Committee at its March 2016 meeting.
		7. Review the completed diagnostic of the businesses within the West to identify and inform how enterprise and utilisation of skills can be supported in the West. Link to the Community Champion signposting model. Business diagnostic to be used to understand how employers and businesses in the West could support wider priorities such as becoming Dementia Friendly; Supporting Apprenticeships; Work Experience; Workplace Volunteer Programmes.	SCC, Local Businesses	Update presented to September People Board. West Business directory continues to be shared with schools and local VCS organisations to maximise work experience and apprenticeship opportunities.
4	<b>Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee</b>	1. Education and Skills Strategy and developing relationship with Schools with a particular focus upon work skills, vocational qualifications and opportunities to prepare young people to move into employment and raise their personal aspirations to succeed. Understand the impact of poor mental health and wellbeing in relation to young people's aspirations to move into secure employment and personal development	SCC & Schools	Linked to development of West Neighbourhood Enterprise programme. Research was commissioned following the January People Board to ascertain what opportunities young people have to become involved in enterprise activities, particularly those at risk of becoming NEET or excluded. Do all young people get the opportunity to understand the possibilities in relation to enterprise and starting your own business. Research to be presented back to a future People Board in April 2016. Also the additional outcomes for the Healthy Lifestyles Project (October Area Committee Item 5) will continue to gather intelligence in relation to the impact of poor mental health in relation to aspirations and personal development.

		2. The Sport and Leisure Joint Venture (Sport and Leisure Management SLM) - understand the implications for the West area	SCC/SLM	Active Sunderland approach presented to the People Board in July 2015, explaining the joint venture working arrangements and potential capital improvements for Silksworth Sports Complex. Further update presented to People board in January 2016. Active Sunderland met with all Area Chairs in November to continue dialogue and obtain community intelligence from Councillors in relation to service delivery standards to-date.
		3. The Care Act and the potential implications for communities within the West	SCC	Shared with VCS network to enable the VCS to understand the implications of the Act.
5	Influence and encourage heritage activity in the West	1. Hold the West Heritage 3 Day Event in 21-23 May 2015	SCC, VCS, Key Partners	Delivery of a safe, well attended & successful event. Boards discussed potential opportunities to host an event during 2016. October 2015 Area Committee agreed to fund an event in 2016. Dates confirmed 30.6.15 to 2.7.15, event to be held in Barnes Park, theme is Healthy Lifestyles and Road to Rio (linked to the 2016 Olympics).
		2. Encourage further local heritage and history groups to develop activities and infrastructure projects which bring together communities to reminisce and inspire future generations to take pride in their local area - particularly taking advantage of the West's Industrial Heritage. Linked to maximising green space plan and It's your neighbourhood.	SCC, VCS, Key Partners	Work with the Library service to develop a programme of reminiscence sessions across the West area linked to green spaces as well as local areas of interest. Development of outdoor Story Chairs for various locations to be confirmed within the West. Looking into installation of Art Work across the West.

# Sunderland West Practice Map



9<sup>th</sup> March 2016

## REPORT OF WEST AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the West 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 West Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

### 3. West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network (AVCSN) Progress Report

- 3.1 The West VCSN has met twice since the last Area Committee in December 2015. The West VCSN continue to deliver activities and services which support the Area Committee priorities of Health and Wellbeing, Improving Job Prospects, Increasing skills and personal aspirations, Activities for Young People, Heritage and Environment, Greenspaces and Shopping Centres.
- 3.2 At the January meeting, the VCSN welcomed the Live Life Well service and received information on the services offered and how residents can contact the service. The 'Have a Word' promotion was discussed and opportunities on how the local groups could become involved. The network received a presentation from the Council's Children's Services West Locality Manager – she talked about the services delivered within the locality and how the VCS network and the locality teams can work closely together in the future.
- 3.3 At the February meeting the network welcomed the Leader of the Council who discussed the proposal for regional devolution and the combined authority, the meeting was well attended with questions on how this would impact the community and the residents of Sunderland.
- 3.4 Following the discussion at the October Area Committee, a Coding Workshop will begin from April at Silksworth Youth and Community Centre, the coding workshop has been made possible by the partnership working of the Libraries Service; Software Centre and the Voluntary Community Sector.
- 3.5 The network received a call for project to be involved in the West Area Event, opportunities were available for all 3 days.

### 4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are requested
- To note the contents of the report

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9<sup>th</sup> March 2016

## REPORT OF THE NORTHUMBRIA POLICE – SUNDERLAND WEST

### 1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The following report provides performance information in relation to the Sunderland West Committee area from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 – until February 2016.

### 2 Background

- 2.1 At its November 2011 meeting Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

### 3 Events and Updates

- 3.1 The move to Farrington Fire Station for Sunderland West Neighbourhood Teams took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015. There is a front office facility for members of the public to report crime, issues or concerns Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. The team have settled in very well including 24/7 response officers for the West.
- 3.2 All Councillors were invited to attend Farrington Community Fire & Police Station in January 2016. They were given a guided tour of the facility including the team's new accommodation. A presentation was delivered by Inspector Laverick and Sgt Baker with regards to the changes and the opportunity to query issues around crime recording and resourcing or any other prevalent issues.
- 3.3 Sunderland West Neighbourhood Teams continue to tackle acquisitive crime focusing on for example burglary offences including violence against the person and domestic abuse. To address the issue the area has been subject to increased attention as part of a targeted operation. Additional resources dressed in plain clothes and uniform are deployed into the area and remains a force and local priority. "Op Impact" and priority tasking continues to focus on increased visibility patrols at key times. There have been some excellent arrests with target offenders who are currently remanded in custody. The use of social media is also utilised as an effective tool in driving crime prevention advice to members of the public ensuring doors/windows etc. are locked and secure.
- 3.4 Anti-Social Behaviour continues to remain a priority and continues to show reductions. The Darker Nights Campaign was a success with the Sunderland West Neighbourhood Policing Team continuing to focus on those identified areas utilising the new Anti-Social Behaviour legislation. The Lighter Nights Campaign will soon commence focusing on those highlighted area's that have been subjected to anti-social behaviour previously. We are hoping to work with TWFRS as part of this campaign.
- 3.5 Sunderland West NPT is utilising new anti-social behaviour powers to tackle anti-social behaviour with the Eden Vale area. An application has been put forward to Sunderland City Council to obtain a Public Space Protection Order. This is currently going through the cabinet process.
- 3.6 Sunderland West NPT now has their own Twitter account which can be found at Sunderland S/W NPT @NPSSUNSW.

#### **4. Update – Area Information**

- 4.1 The ward updates below are a selection of appropriate offence types of interest and not all crime (e.g. minor fraud or harassment type offences etc are not included).
- 4.2 Sunderland West Area figures. This is shown as South and West excluding ward based statistics.

South data covers the following wards:

St Chad's  
Silksworth

West data covers the following wards:

Sandhill  
St Anne's  
Pallion  
Barnes

<b>South Area</b>	<b>Actual crimes recorded inclusive of South</b>
	<b>01.04.15 – 22.02.16</b>
Total Crime	<b>+31%</b>
Violent Crime With Injury	<b>+67%</b>
Violent Crime Without Injury	<b>+165%</b>
Burglary dwelling	<b>-7%</b>
Burglary other than dwelling	<b>-57%</b>
Criminal Damage	<b>+48%</b>
Vehicle Crime TFMV	<b>-37%</b>
Shoplifting	<b>+10%</b>
Youth ASB	<b>-7%</b>
Non Youth ASB	<b>-10%</b>
Drug Crime	<b>-27%</b>

<b>West Area</b>	<b>Actual crimes recorded inclusive of South</b>
	<b>01.04.15 – 22.02.16</b>
Total Crime	<b>+35%</b>
Violent Crime With Injury	<b>+44%</b>
Violent Crime Without Injury	<b>+99%</b>
Burglary dwelling	<b>+29%</b>
Burglary other than dwelling	<b>-28%</b>
Criminal Damage	<b>+18%</b>
Vehicle Crime TFMV	<b>-5%</b>
Shoplifting	<b>+38%</b>
Youth ASB	<b>-28%</b>
Non Youth ASB	<b>-25%</b>
Drug Crime	<b>-27%</b>

## **5. Recommendation**

5.1 Note the content of the report.

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9<sup>th</sup> March 2016**REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for Sunderland West Committee area from 1 November 2015 to 1 February 2016.

**2 Background**

- 2.1 At its November 2011 meeting Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

**3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update****3.1 LI 02 Number of Deaths from all fires**

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

**3.2 LI 14 All Deliberate Property Fires**

There were 2 deliberate property fires during the reporting period in the West Area. There were 0 incidents in this area during the same period last year.

Date	Time	Ward	Building
13/12/2015	17:40	St Anne's	Subway
10/12/2015	23.03	St Anne's	Skate ramp

**3.3 LI15 Number of vehicle fires started deliberately**

There were 6 deliberate vehicle fires in this area during the reporting period. There were 2 incidents in this area during the same period last year.

Date	Time	Ward	Vehicle
11/12/2015	21:50	Pallion	Car
04/01/2016	04:47	Pallion	Caravan
04/11/2015	17:27	Barnes	Car
18/11/2015	20:59	Barnes	Car
25/01/2016	00:09	Sandhill	Car
27/11/2015	12:31	Silksworth	van

### 3.4 LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately

There have been 27 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the reporting period compared to 31 over the same period last year. This is a decrease of 13% over the same reporting period. This was mainly down to the hard work of our Prevention and Education, the Darker Nights campaign where historical Anti-Social Behaviour Fire Hotspots were targeted and a Schools Education Campaign that identified schools in the Hotspot Areas. Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service could not have had such good results without the assistance of our partners such the Neighbourhood Police teams from Farringdon, Gentoo, Sunderland Council Response Teams and volunteers from within the community to assist with Litter picks, wheelie bin stickering, rubbish uplifts and informing tenants/home owners of the dangers of storing combustible materials in the vicinity of the property.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service from the 21<sup>st</sup> March will start with its Lighter Nights campaign and will hopefully have the support of its partners once again in assisting in the reduction of Anti-Social Behaviour Fires.

Ward	Incidents
St. Anne's Ward	3
Barnes Ward	2
Pallion Ward	9
Sandhill Ward	5
Silksworth Ward	3
St. Chad's Ward	5

Barnes Ward	Total
Wheelie Bin	2

Date	Time	Ward	Property Level 4
13/12/15	17:40	Barnes	Wheelie Bin
20/12/2015	21:52	Barnes	Wheelie Bin

Pallion Ward	Total
Wheelie Bin	1
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	5
Small Refuse Container	1
Refuse / Tip	2

Date	Time	Ward	Property Level 4
03/11/2015	17.25	Pallion	Refuse/Tip
04/11/2015	19.36	Pallion	Small rubbish container
10/11/2015	18.21	Pallion	Loose refuse
20/11/2015	02.22	Pallion	Loose refuse
22/11/2015	02.24	Pallion	Wheelie Bin
23/11/2015	17.59	Pallion	Loose refuse
09/12/2015	21.19	Pallion	Loose refuse
10/12/2015	17.07	Pallion	Refuse /Tip
17/01/2016	17.33	Pallion	Loose refuse

<b>Sandhill Ward</b>	<b>Total</b>
Refuse/tip	3
Small refuse container	1
Fence	1

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Property Level 4</b>
05/11/2015	17.40	Sandhill	Refuse/tip
05/11/2015	19.59	Sandhill	Refuse/tip
06/11/2015	18.29	Sandhill	Refuse/tip
06/11/2015	19.37	Sandhill	Small refuse container
06/12/2015	14.31	Sandhill	Fence

<b>Silksworth Ward</b>	<b>Total</b>
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	3

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Property Level 4</b>
14/11/2015	19.04	Silksworth	Loose Refuse
25/11/2015	15.01	Silksworth	Loose Refuse
28/11/2015	02.40	Silksworth	Loose Refuse

<b>St Anne's Ward</b>	<b>Total</b>
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	1
Small refuse Container	1
Wheelie Bin	1

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Property Level 4</b>
19/12/2015	03.28	St Anne's	Loose Refuse
20/12/2015	19.47	St Anne's	Small rubbish container
01/02/2016	19.23	St Anne's	Wheelie Bin

<b>St Chads Ward</b>	<b>Total</b>
Wheelie Bin	1
Loose refuse	1
Refuse/Tip	2
Fence	1

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Property Level 4</b>
01/11/2015	21.16	St Chads	Fence
04/11/2015	18.32	St Chads	Loose Refuse
05/11/2015	17.53	St Chads	Refuse/tip
05/11/2015	20.52	St Chads	Refuse/Tip
05/11/2015	20.54	St Chads	Wheelie Bin

### 3.5 LI33 All deliberate Fires (combination of LI14, LI15 and LI16)

There were a total of 35 deliberate fires in this reporting period, this is a decrease of 10 (22%) on last year, when there were 45.

Ward	November	December	January	Total
St. Anne's Ward	0	4	1	5
Barnes Ward	2	2	0	4
Pallion Ward	6	3	2	11
Sandhill Ward	4	1	1	6
Silksworth Ward	4	0	0	4
St. Chad's Ward	5	0	0	5

### 3.6 LI21 Malicious false alarm calls attended

There were 2 Malicious False Alarm calls attended over this period.

## 4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of this report.

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEST AREA COMMITTEE</b>  <b>9<sup>th</sup> March 2016</b>  <b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</b></p>	
<p><b>Title of Report:</b>  Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest - Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources</p>	
<p><b>Author(s):</b>  Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements.</p>	
<p><b>Purpose of Report:</b>  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 updated position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.</p>	
<p><b>Description of Decision:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Area Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2015/16 budget:  Committee are requested to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Note the financial statement set out in 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1</li> <li>(b) Approve the allocation of £17,500 SIB for the West Enterprise Scheme. <b>Item 5 Annex 1</b></li> <li>(c) Approve the allocation of £2,900 to support the promotion of the Accreditation Scheme in the West. <b>Item 5 Annex 2.</b></li> <li>(d) Note the two proposals agreed through the small grants process for Maximising Greenspace / Derelict Land activity, as described at <b>Item 5 Annex 3</b></li> <li>(e) Note the 8 Community Chest approvals supported from 2015/2016 Community Chest as set out in. <b>Item 5 Annex 4</b></li> </ul>	
<p>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? <span style="float: right;">Yes</span></p>	
<p><b>Suggested reason(s) for Decision:</b>  The Area Committee has an allocation of £394,600 for 2015/2016 from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan and to attract other funding into the area.</p>	
<p><b>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:</b>  The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.</p>	
<p>Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No</p> <p>Is it included in the Forward Plan?</p>	<p>Relevant Scrutiny Committees:</p>

9<sup>th</sup> March 2016**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SCRUTINY AND AREA ARRANGEMENTS****Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB 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 2015/2016:

	<b>Committee Date</b>	<b>Aligned</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Total SIB for 2015/2016 is £394,600</b>				
				<b>£394,600</b>
<b>Project Name</b>				
Holiday Hunger Scheme Pilot	15.07.15 (Delegated Decision)	-	£5,000	£389,600
Local Shopping Centres	22.07.15 (Delegated Decision)	-	£90,000	£299,600
Safety Works Transport	07.10.15	-	£5,000	£294,600
West Area Event 2016	07.10.15	-	£40,000	£254,600
West Community Helpers	07.10.15	-	£82,000	£172,600
<b>Returned Funding:</b> Dementia Module	25.06.13	-	(£1,750)	£174,350
CHIPS Machines	25.06.13	-	(£1,338)	£175,688
WIRES 2 Project	02.12.15	-	£45,000	£130,688
<b>Balance</b>				<b>£130,688</b>

- 2.2 The People and Place Boards have made the following recommendations for SIB funding to Area Committee for consideration.

- 2.3 At the January People Board members received a report on West Enterprise. The People Board have made the recommendation to Area Committee to support the delivery of a West Enterprise scheme for £17,500 SIB details in **Item 5 Annex 1**.

2.4 At the February Place Board members received a report on how the Landlord Accreditation Scheme could be promoted throughout the West. The Place Board has made the recommendation to Area Committee to support the Accreditation Scheme for £2,900 SIB details in **Item 5 Annex 2**.

2.5 The total SIB budget requested for allocation for the above projects totals £20,400, if approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be £110,288

### 3 Maximising Green Spaces Funding

3.1 There were two maximising green spaces approvals between January and February 2016. **Item 5 Annex 3** details these approvals as part of the maximising green spaces to improve health within the West.

### 4. West Health Programme

4.1 The table below shows the financial position of West Health Programme following the December 2015 Area Committee meeting.

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
<b>West Health Programme including £20,000 match funding from CCG</b>				<b>£100,000</b>
<b>Project Name</b>				
Mental Health and Wellbeing Call For Projects	03.12.14	-	£31,421	£68,579
Community Helpers	07.10.15	-	£20,000	£48,579
<b>New Balance</b>			<b>£51,421</b>	<b>£48,579</b>

### 5. Community Chest

5.1 The table below details the Community Chest starting balances and approvals for 2015/2016. **Item 5 Annex 4** shows the approvals supported between December – February 2016

Ward	Starting Balance	Project Approvals since April 2015	Grant Returned	Balance
Barnes	£15,292	£4,253	£0	£11,039
Pallion	£22,446	£8,473	£0	£13,973
Sandhill	£14,784	£8,755	£0	£6,029
Silksworth	£14,544	£8,826	£0	£5,718
St Anne's	£21,062	£7,940	£0	£13,122
St Chad's	£17,096	£6,713	£0	£10,383
<b>Total</b>	<b>£105,224</b>	<b>£44,960</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£60,264</b>

**6. Recommendations:**

- 6.1 Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1 above.
- 6.2 Approve £17,500 SIB West Enterprise Scheme. Item 5 Annex 1.
- 6.3 Approve £2,900 for the promotion of the Landlord Accreditation Scheme in the West Item 5 Annex 2.
- 6.4 Note the two proposals agreed through the small grants process for Maximising Greenspace / Derelict Land activity, as described at **Item 5 Annex 3**
- 6.5 Note the 8 Community Chest approvals supported from 2015/2016 Community Chest as set out in. **Item 5 Annex 4.**

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### STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB)

#### Internally Lead Projects – under £25k

Project Title	<b>West Enterprise Start up scheme with Loan</b>
Project Description	This is a business start-up scheme providing one to one, bespoke start up advice in order to support 10 individuals living in the West Area wards to set up in business. There will also be access to a loan of up to £500 per individual for each of the 10.
Area Priority	Job Prospects
Grant Awarded	£17,500
Lead Officer	Berni Whitaker
Start Date	1 April 2016
End Date	31 March 2017
Outcome(s)	10 new businesses created  10 Individuals supported with start-up advice and financial support
Key Milestones	Delivery organisation procured by 15 March 2016
Key Milestones	Delivery Commences 1 April 2016
Key Milestones	Quarterly progress report produced by 30 June 2016, 30 September 2016, 31 October 2016, 31 December 2016 and 31 March 2017.
Performance Management/Transfer of grant arrangements	Performance will be monitored by the Lead Agent via regular meetings and progress updates. Payment for delivery of services will be invoiced by

	delivery agent and paid from Business Investment Team, and reimbursed through SIB monitoring and claims process.
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### STRATEGIC INITIATIVES BUDGET (SIB)

#### Internally Lead Projects – under £25k

Project Title	Improving Awareness of Housing Services
Project Description	Aim to promote the Sunderland Accredited Landlord Scheme and good housing standards so that tenants remain safe and can make informed choices.
Area Priority	West
Grant Awarded	£2900
Lead Officer	Emma Readman
Start Date	01/07/2016
End Date	31/07/2016
Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Train 6 community workers in housing services offered by the Council and partners within the private rented sector so that information can be passed to other community and voluntary groups.</li> <li>2. Brief 8 voluntary groups about the housing services offered by the Council and partners within the private rented sector.</li> <li>3. Raise awareness of housing standards among 50 tenants in the West, therefore improving tenants' health.</li> </ol>
Key Milestones (relating to Outcome 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare training material</li> <li>• Organise event to train community workers</li> <li>• Assess learning of community workers to ensure they understand information</li> <li>• Develop a strategy to cascade training to voluntary groups or direct to tenants</li> </ul>
Key Milestones (relating to Outcome 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify voluntary groups</li> <li>• Prepare briefing material</li> <li>• Organise event to train community workers</li> <li>• Assess learning of community workers to ensure they</li> </ul>

	<p>understand information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop an action plan to cascade training to tenants</li> </ul>
Key Milestones (relating to Outcome 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify key areas of privately rented properties within the West</li> <li>• Prepare promotional material</li> <li>• Distribute material to privately rented properties, through community workers/voluntary groups</li> <li>• Advertise services in public buildings within the West</li> <li>• Attend the Health City event in July</li> <li>• Attend community group meetings</li> <li>• Obtain figures from trained community workers/voluntary groups relating to the number of tenants the information has been passed onto.</li> </ul>
Performance Management/ Transfer of grant arrangements	

# **MAXIMISING GREEN SPACES TO IMPROVE HEALTH - PROJECTS APPROVED – January - February 2016**

Total Funding awarded: **£60,000**

Funding awarded to date: **£50,803**

Remaining Funding to date: **£9,197**

Project	Amount	Match Funding	Start Date	End Date
<b>Purchase of Goal Posts</b> – Purchase of two sets of goal posts to be installed at - Children's Forest, St Anne's - Site outside the Comrades, Silksworth.	£1,200	-	November 2014	February 2015
<b>Installation of Goal posts</b> – Installation of two sets of goal posts at - Children's Forest, St Anne's - Site outside the Comrades, Silksworth	£622	-	November 2014	February 2015
<b>Be Active in our Greenspace</b> – Provision of marked out routes, suitable for walking, jogging or running at Silksworth Sports Complex and Barnes Park extension, including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x 5k accessible circular routes - distances will suit a new walker through to more experienced athletes</li> <li>• Accessible routes - encourages a range of target audiences e.g. beginners, older adults, mums with pushchairs etc.</li> <li>• Opportunity for users to walk / jog / run from 1k to up to 9 k within the circular routes - with the opportunity to build on the distance</li> <li>• Detailed information signs at the start/finish of each circular route</li> <li>• Way markers positioned along the route with arrows and distances</li> </ul>	£4,500	£4,000	November 2014	June 2015

<b>West Area Signs</b> – Installation of 10 area signs to 3 attractions in the West at -Barnes Park, -Silksworth Sports Complex and -Quarry View Playing Fields.	£3,720.34	-	December 2014	March 2015
<b>Trees and Shrub Planting</b> – Planting of trees and shrubs within Sandhill Ward at; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme Road</li> <li>• Tasmin Road</li> <li>• Toronto Square</li> <li>• Twickenham Road</li> <li>• Tadcaster Road</li> <li>• Trevallyn</li> <li>• Saltburn Road</li> </ul>	£2,967	Match funding of £2,000 agreed by Gentoo	November 2014	April 2015
<b>Victory Street Improvements</b> – Cleaning of site around Victory Street with the installation of boulders and grass at the entrance to improve the overall appearance.	£583	-	November 2014	January 2015
<b>Plains Farm CA</b> - Clear overgrown shrubs and waste from rear of premises. This will open up the site and make it more visually appealing. Treat the soil to enable future growing within the space to support creation of an allotment and community garden.	£2,500	-	January 2015	April 2015
<b>Children's Forest Consultation</b> – Two consultation events at Pennywell Community Centre and South Hylton Tansy Centre to gather local resident's views on addressing the problems associated with the Children's Forest and suggestions about changes and improvements that could be made. Following the events focus groups will be formed to implement changes and to maximise the use of this space for local residents. Part of the event will include a small-scale tidy up of the site as well as designing a community logo for the Children's Forest	£4,600	£1,000	April 2015	September 2015

<b>Incredible Edible In Pallion</b> – To develop a green route in Pallion ward with the VCS and Pallion Traders as part of the Incredible Edible programme where local traders and community groups grow and look after edible planting.	£1,311	£460	February 2015	April 2015
<b>Newport Dene Consultation</b> – Consultation event as part of a Community Family Fun Day for residents of Silksworth to gather local resident's views and suggestions on improvements or changes within the Newport Dene area.	£4,800	£1,500	August 2015	October 2015
<b>Hollinside Square</b> - Create additional parking spaces for up to 10 vehicles within Hollinside Square, to enable those people parking in the square to visit the playing fields.	£13,000	£4,534 from Gentoo and £15,000 from St Anne's Walk & Talk Budget	October 2015	November 2015
<b>Lambton Street / Hylton Playing Fields</b> – Clearance work to thin the undergrowth in the inner plantation which bounds the playing fields, removal of brambles, self seeders and any litter etc on site.	£5,000	£0	November 2015	February 2016
<b>Goal Post</b> - Purchase and installation of goal post at the Blackie	£1,000	£0	February 2016	April 2016
<b>Sunderland Training &amp; Education Farm</b> – Purchase and installation of new fencing.	£5,000	£0	January 2016	March 2017
<b>Total</b>	<b>£50,803</b>			

## COMMUNITY CHEST 2015/2016 WEST AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED December 2015 to February 2016

Ward	Project	Allocation 2015/2016	Project Proposals	Previous Approvals	Grants Returned since April 2015	Balance Remaining
Barnes	No applications received between December and February					
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£15,292</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£4,253</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£11,039</b>
Pallion	<b>XL Youth Villages (Joint application with St Anne's)</b> - Contribution towards an ice skating activity on 16th December for members of the group. Cost include bus travel, ice skating and a meal.		£150			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£22,446</b>	<b>£150</b>	<b>£8,323</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£13,973</b>
Sandill	<b>111 Sunderland Squadron</b> - Contribution towards the purchase of leadership equipment for use by the squadron to help members gain further skills such as problem solving, leadership, team working and self-confidence.		£1,235			
	<b>Foundation of Light Under 15's FC</b> – Purchase of winter training kit for members of the football team		£1,036			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,784</b>	<b>£2,271</b>	<b>£6,484</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£6,029</b>
Silksworth	<b>Lakeside &amp; Gilley Law Community Association - Joint Application with St Chad's</b> - Contribution towards the replacement of the small entrance porch roof and 8 basins within the toilet area of the centre to improve facilities at the centre for users.		£740			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,544</b>	<b>£740</b>	<b>£8,086</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£5,718</b>



<b>St Anne's</b>	<b>XL Youth Villages (Joint application with St Anne's)</b> - Contribution towards an ice skating activity on 16th December for members of the group. Cost include bus travel, ice skating and a meal.		£71.00			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£21,062</b>	<b>£71.00</b>	<b>£7,869</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£13,122</b>
<b>St Chads</b>	<b>Lakeside &amp; Gilley Law Community Association - Joint Application with Silksworth</b> - Contribution towards the replacement of the small entrance porch roof and 8 basins within the toilet area of the centre to improve facilities at the centre for users.		£500			
	<b>Farringdon Jubilee Centre Christmas Event</b> - Christmas community event on 3rd December at Farringdon Jubilee Centre for residents and groups across St Chads Ward		£470			
	<b>Northumbria Police West Neighbourhood Team</b> - Purchase 6 bikes (funding across all six Wards for one bike per Ward) for sole use by teams of both PC's and Community Support Officers from Sunderland West Neighbourhood Police Team		£380			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£17,096</b>	<b>£1,350</b>	<b>£5,363</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£10,383</b>
	<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>£105,224</b>	<b>£4,582</b>	<b>£40,378</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£60,264</b>

**9<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE WEST AREA COMMITTEE**

**West Area Committee Annual Report 2015-16**

**1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To approve the West Committee's Annual Report as part of the combined Area Committee Annual Report 2015-16 to be presented to Full Council.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 This will be the fifth year that all Area Committee reports have been brought together in one combined report and presented to Full Council.
- 2.2 Area Committees are appointed by the Council to ensure improved service delivery at a local level in the context of best value and more efficient, transparent and accountable decision making. They deliver this role through:
- Monitoring the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the Council and other main providers in the area
  - Working in partnership to develop efficient and effective solutions to city-wide issues as well as supporting local area priorities
- 2.3 2015-16 has been an incredibly busy and challenging year for us all. The Annual Report for 2015/16 showcases some of the key achievements delivered this year through the dedicated work of the five Area Committees and their supporting Place and People Boards. It also highlights how we translate the principles of a community leadership council in practice and the central role played by local councillors in helping to strengthen our communities.

**3. Annual Report 2015-2016**

- 3.1 The Annual Report for West Area Committee 2015-2016 is attached as **Annex 1**
- 3.2 It is important that the Annual Report is viewed as a collaborative achievement and the West Area Committee would like to thank everyone who has contributed towards the outcomes achieved through the work of the Area Committees and the supporting Place and People Boards.

**4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider and approve the West Annual Report for inclusion in the combined Area Committee Annual Report for 2015-16.

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## West Sunderland - How we made a difference – highlights from 2015 / 2016

### Our local priorities for West Sunderland were:

Improving the Environment and Green Spaces
Improving the physical and environmental appearance of shopping centres
Influence delivery and design of Place based services devolved to area committee
Improving health and wellbeing – working with schools linked to Change for Life and also trying new projects to support people suffering from poor mental health
Activities for young people
Improve employment prospects, aspirations and opportunities for West residents from -9 months to end of life
Influence delivery and design of People based services devolved to area committee
Influence and encourage heritage activity in the West

### Our year in numbers

We approved £xx of projects to implement our local West priorities - supporting our own council departments as well as supplementing funding of partner agencies to improve services to the local community.

% Council led projects

% Third sector led projects

Supporting Holiday Hunger	£5,000
Community Helpers	£82,000 plus £20,000 from CCG
West Area Event 2016 – Healthy Lifestyles	£40,000
Improving Mental Health and Wellbeing	£31,421
West Enterprise Scheme	£17,500
West Intensive Recruitment Employment Support Phase 2	£45,000
Healthy Lifestyles Phase 2 including Cultural Passport	£27,000
Capital Improvements to Local Shopping Centres	£90,000
Safety Works Transport	£5,000
Walk and Talk	£60,000
Improving Health and Housing Standards for Vulnerable People	£2,900
Improving Green Spaces	£tbc

We have also awarded xx grants to the value of xx to xx organisations. The average grant value is xx

### Highlights

7000 people attended the West Area Heritage Event plus 650 school children took part in heritage activities  
 6 Shopping Centre Capital Improvements implemented working alongside local traders  
 10 new businesses established via the West Personalisation Enterprise project  
 12 Apprenticeships created  
 184 people supported back into work or full time education or training via WIRES 1  
 7 Green spaces improved/cleaned up  
 18 Healthy Lifestyles Change4Life clubs established across all West schools with 53 teachers trained to deliver Change4Life Clubs. 182 young volunteers have also been trained across West Schools  
 XX number of local community groups supported  
 6 West Community Helpers in place supporting our most vulnerable communities to move from crisis into structured support



## Current Planning Applications(West)

Between 01/01/2016 and 16/02/2016

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
16/00027/FUL	12 Norway AvenueHigh BarnesSunderlandSR4 8QW	Erection of a single storey extension to rear.	11/01/2016	07/03/2016
16/00150/PE1	9 Medway GardensSunderlandSR4 8NJ	Conversion of garage into living room	02/02/2016	
15/02375/FUL	Site Of The ForgeNeville RoadPallionSunderland	Erection of 48no. two storey dwellings with associated works.	06/01/2016	06/04/2016
16/00078/FUL	Land AtFront Road/Saint Lukes RoadSunderland	Erection of 9no. homes with associated hard and soft landscaping.	25/01/2016	21/03/2016
16/00171/ADV	Land AtPallion New RoadSunderland	Replacement of existing 96 sheet advertising display to 1x48 digital display	03/02/2016	30/03/2016
16/00176/P18	Pallion Metro StationWoodbine TerraceSunderland	Installation of a mast and antenna	05/02/2016	11/03/2016

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
16/00167/DIN	Car ParkRound RobinHylton RoadSunderlandSR4 8AB	Use of carpark for hand car wash	27/01/2016	17/02/2016
16/00133/FUL	52 Halesworth DriveSunderlandSR4 8DL	Erection of a two storey extension to side.	02/02/2016	29/03/2016
16/00116/P20	The Fruit Shop15B Railway TerraceSouth HyltonSunderlandSR4 0PE	Change of use of first floor to tea room	04/02/2016	25/02/2016
16/00222/PE1	39 Henley RoadSunderlandSR4 8AS	Single storey kitchen extension to rear.	09/02/2016	01/03/2016
16/00225/DIN	6 Southside GardensSunderlandSR4 0NP	rear kitchen extension	12/02/2016	04/03/2016
15/02298/FU4	East Herrington Branch LibraryAtlantis RoadSunderlandSR3 3JL	Demolition of library and erection of 5 detached dwellings.	08/01/2016	04/03/2016
15/02575/FUL	7 SummerhillMiddle HerringtonSunderlandSR3 3NH	Erection of first floor rear extension	18/01/2016	14/03/2016

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
16/00106/FUL	Lismoyne19 Saint Chads CrescentSunderlandSR3 3TR	Demolition of existing dwelling house, construction of 4 detached dwellings and associate works to include alterations to existing access, boundary enclosures and landscaping.	01/02/2016	28/03/2016
16/00161/PRI	40 Charter DriveSunderlandSR3 3PG	Erection of a single storey flat roof rear extension. (Extends 3.3m from the original dwelling, 3m in height)	04/02/2016	17/03/2016
16/00147/PE1	37 Brockenhurst DriveSunderlandSR4 9NT	Extension to rear of existing garage	27/01/2016	17/02/2016
16/00080/SUB	12 Tavistock SquareSunderlandSR3 1DZ	Erection of a single storey extension to side with pitched roof.	20/01/2016	16/03/2016