

PLACE

Budget:

Allocated:

Balance: £0

OUTCOME	Role for Area Committee	ACTIONS	Place Board to Consider	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Update to AC	RAG
<p>1 CORPORATE An attractive modern city where people choose to invest, live, work and spend leisure time</p> <p>AREA: High quality built and natural environments in Coalfield: Influence investment across Coalfield</p>	Strategic Influencing Role	1. Influence empty properties action plan/enforcement powers to reduce negative impact on the area	Feb-13	Alan Caddick (Liz McEvoy)	Members have influenced the action plan via the 2011/12 work plan and continue to be updated regarding progress against targets. Julie Wilkie is the Empty Homes Officer for the Coalfield area and can be contacted directly if any property is a cause for concern. An update on progress will be provided for the February 2013 meeting.	Apr-13	
		2. Influence traffic and road safety issues and priorities	Feb-13	James Newell/ Adam Clelland	An exercise is underway to develop a 'network' of Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) signs. The signs will be able to be deployed to areas of need on a rolling programme. Issues raised by members have been considered in the design of the scheme.	Apr-13	
	Local Action Key Priorities for Action: Neglected Land, Allotments and Shopping Centres	3. Receive and monitor information relating to development of major projects in the area	Ongoing	Colin Clark (Dave Evans)	Sunderland City Council Planning colleagues will be invited to attend Place Board meetings to discuss potential major development in the area. Information will be provided on an ongoing basis when relevant.	Apr-13	
		4.1. Neglected Land - improve Council owned land	Nov-12	Dave Ellison	Four priority Council owned sites identified. Collingwood Drive now complete and options for improvement of the remaining three sites (former Eppleton School, Old Dubmire School and Forest Estate) will be developed. Land and Property in conjunction with Street Scene are developing plans to deal with other areas of Council owned land currently derelict. A project will be presented to January 2013 Area Committee to agree a programme of work on selected sites. The policy to dispose of surplus land has been amended to enable small plots of land to be disposed at a nominal price where the holding and maintenance liability is equal to or exceeds the value of the land.	Jan-13	
		4.2. Neglected Land - work with landowners to improve private sites	Nov-12	Dave Ellison	66 out of the 95 identified plots in private ownership have been improved or brought into meaningful use and removed from the list defined as 'neglected'. The Lead Agent will continue to monitor these sites and work in partnership with land owners to encourage continued and sustained improvements	Jan-13	
		4.3. Neglected Land - instigate enforcement powers to address incidents of fly tipping and unfinished developments	Nov-12	Dave Ellison	Fly tipping removal and enforcement is ongoing, in conjunction with the police and Environment Agency where necessary. Issues with unfinished developments have been passed to planning enforcement colleagues	Jan-13	
		4.4. Neglected Land - explore funding opportunities and pooling of budgets to address issues on Council owned land	Nov-12	Les Clark	The Head of Streetscene and Head of Land and Property will explore options to combine maintenance budgets for future years.	Jan-13	

5.1. Local Shopping Centres - improve physical appearance of local centres of Hetton, Houghton, Shiney Row	Nov-12	Dave Ellison	Ad bins have been installed in Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row. Traders are being encouraged to advertise for a pilot period free of charge. Repainting of bollards and barriers took place during 2012. Hanging baskets and planters installed for the spring/summer have helped to make the areas more attractive. Education and enforcement programmes are being implemented to reduce litter.	Jan-13
5.2. Local Shopping Centres - Support local traders	Nov-12	Ian Williams (Berni Whittaker)	The SIB funded business support project has been allocated an additional £15,000 SIB and will work with traders on a 121 basis depending on their needs. A traders' forum will be set up in Houghton and if the need exists will also be developed for Hetton and Shiney Row. Retail specialists, BSupplied, have commenced a business support programme working with independent traders on a 1-2-1 basis and also in workshop settings.	Jan-13
5.3. Local Shopping Centres - Increase footfall and encourage new shoppers	Nov-12	Julie Heathcote	A shop local campaign has been developed and to date Christmas, Easter and Jubilee events have been delivered. feature in the November 2012 Community News promoted the campaign and a number of businesses took part in a Christmas discount voucher scheme. Christmas 2012 events have taken place.	Jan-13
6.1. Allotments - reduce number of derelict plots to increase the number of allotments available (reduce waiting lists)	Nov-12	Colin Curtis (Gillian Robinson)	The September 2012 Area Committee meeting approved a further £30,000 SIB for future development of the allotments. The Allotments group last met in Oct 12 and reviewed the plan for Britannia allotments. Land and Property will produce a 'mini masterplan' for the site to include discussions around housing development and model allotments. Actions on other sites will take place in the meantime.	Apr-13
6.2. Allotments - terminate tenancies of those using plots inappropriately	Nov-12	Colin Curtis (Gillian Robinson)	An inspection programme consists of six monthly inspection of all sites and enforcement activity is carried out as a consequence of the findings on each individual site. This work is ongoing and those who are not vacating their plots voluntarily are being referred to property and legal services.	Apr-13
6.3. Allotments - review the Council's arrangement regarding leasing of sites from Lambton estates	Feb-13	Colin Curtis (Gillian Robinson)	The Council lease two sites in the Coalfield area from Lambton Estates. The responsibility for maintenance of the site and the arrangement with tenants lies with the Council. Work to assess the viability of retaining the sites as been slow as legal guidance needed to be sought. It has now been identified that the benefits of closing the sites and taking tenants through the relocation process are not outweighed by the rent that the Council pays and therefore there are no plans to give up the primary lease at present. In the meantime enforcement action at this site will continue.	Apr-13
6.4. Allotments - support community gardens	Nov-12	Pauline Hopper/VCS Network	Through the LWYL campaign, the Area Response Manager is supporting the community garden at Burnside. This now needs to be further developed with the VCS network	Apr-13

		7. Flood Risk Planning - four main flood risk sites have been identified during the recent floods * Dairy Lane, Houghton * Dene St, Hetton * Borrowdale St, Hetton * Osman Tce, Fencehouses	Feb-13	Dave Ellison	Street Scene services are investigating these issues in detail alongside other responsible agencies. The Environment Agency and Northumbrian Water Limited are holding a series of meetings with Council officers to identify specific issues and discuss solutions to prevent future problems. The Area Response Manager will report back to the Place Board once discussions have taken place.	Apr-13	
2 CORPORATE	A responsible well looked after city that is adaptable to change AREA: A Coalfield adaptable to change and with a strong sense of community: Continue to support the significant partnership working, influencing the redesign of services and development of facilities and support community resilience and inclusion and involvement.	Strategic Influencing Role Key Priority for Action: To influence the design, delivery and review of RLS Streetscene Services	8. To influence the design, delivery and review of RLS Streetscene Services	Standard item	Ian Richardson	A Citywide policy on Dog Control Orders has been developed. A Citywide procedure has been written to deal with nuisance car parking and will be rolled out in January 2013. From April 2013 a proportion of the highways maintenance budget will be devolved to the Place Board to influence at a local level. The Area Response Manager will continue to consult with Members and the Place Board to inform service delivery relevant to the local area. Relationships with the ARM and Ward Team Leaders continues to develop with Members and improves the understanding of local need.	Jan-13
3 CORPORATE	A well connected city AREA: A well connected Coalfield: Continue to promote accessibility across Coalfield and ensure transport networks meet local needs	Strategic Influencing Role	9. Influence development of sustainable transport options through consultation of the Core Strategy 10. Influence the provision of public and local transport networks and have input regarding the Metro Extension, and consultation with Nexus re Quality Contracts	Feb-13 Mar-13	Neil Cole/ David Laux David Laux	The intention at present is to take the Draft Local Development Framework Core Strategy to the Cabinet meeting in March. Sessions will be organised in January and February 2013 that will provide an opportunity for members to consider and comment on the LDF proposals as they relate to their local area. The outcome of these sessions will be used to inform the development of the LDF as it progresses through the consultation process. Any amendments to the LDF programme that might require changes to the member engagement element will be communicated as soon as is feasibly possible. The QCS proposal has now been submitted to the ITA by Nexus. The North East Bus Operators Assoc (which has been established as a collective of bus operators to form a partnership bid) will also be putting forward proposals for a scheme in the coming weeks and both proposals will be considered at the November ITA. Further public consultation will be fundamental and follow any decision by the ITA with regard to influencing routes, times and fares. Under a QCS scheme, implementation would not be until at least 2015, under voluntary partnership implementation will be much sooner.	Apr-13 Apr-13
4 CORPORATE	A city where cultural identity and vibrancy act as an attraction	Strategic Influencing Role	11. Influencing role with City Services to determine future strategy for managing local events and celebrations	Nov-12	Zoe Channing	Report to be presented to Cabinet in Jan 13 to establish Sunderland Events Management Company from April 2013.	Jan-13

AREA: Coalfield's Cultural Identity: Continue to support activities and events which celebrate Coalfield's heritage, culture and identify.		12. Influence continuation of heritage work via City Services. Build on the successful heritage projects delivered in the area.	Feb-13	Trina Murphy	The Place Board has identified that the community heritage projects still being delivered as part of this project would be better suited to the work of the People Board and therefore request at the January 2013 Area Committee that the responsibility for the remaining £5,000 budget and the related educational outcomes are transferred to the VCS Network (led jointly by ELCAP and Groundwork) and monitored and reported upon by the People Board.	Apr-13
	Local Action	13. Continue to monitor and receive information relating to celebrations, events and activities taking place throughout 2012/13	Nov-12	Pauline Hopper	In July 2012, Area Committee agreed to allocate £22,740 SIB for local events and celebrations during 2012/13. A successful Houghton Feast opening ceremony was delivered in October 2012 and a Community Christmas Switch on in Shiny Row was held in December 2012. The project also supported the community switch on event at Easington Lane organised by volunteers.	Jan-13

G	Progressing on target
A	Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action)
R	Not progressing