

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 1st February, 2012 at 6.00 pm

VENUE – Bernard Gilpin Primary School, Hall Lane, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8DA

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At a meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held at HERRINGTON BURN YMCA on WEDNESDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER, 2011 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Richardson in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Hall, Heron, Rolph, Scott, D. Smith, Speding, Tate and Wakefield

Also in Attendance:-

Susan Brown	Area Community Co-ordinator	Sunderland Council
Graham Burt	Community Development Manager	Sunderland Council
Melanie Caldwell	Head of Operations	Gentoo
Tom Connor	Police Sergeant	Northumbria Police
Dave Ellison	Area Response Manager	Sunderland Council
Victoria French	Sport, Wellness and Partnership Manager	Sunderland Council
Emma Frew	Project Manager	SHARP
Cllr Juliana Heron	Member	Hetton Town Council
Pauline Hopper	Area Officer	Sunderland Council
Matthew Jackson	Governance Services Officer	Sunderland Council
Amelia Laverick	Member of the Public	
Liz McEvoy	Principal Housing Manager	Sunderland Council
Ann Owen	VCS Representative	
Malcolm Page	Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services and Area Lead Executive	Sunderland Council
Julie Parker	Public Health Practitioner	Sunderland TPCT
Rachael Putz	Coalfields Operational Manager	Sunderland Council
Liz St. Louis	Head of Cultural Services	Sunderland Council
James Third	Community Relation Officer	Nexus
Lee Wardle	VCS Representative	
Julie Wilkie	Empty Property Assistant	Sunderland Council

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Anderson and Ellis along with Mr Ron Barrass and Ms Wendy Cook

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Community Chest and SIB

The Chairman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the application for Dubmire School as a Governor of the school. He took no part in the discussion or decision making and the Vice Chairman took the Chair for the determination of this application.

Councillors Blackburn and Tate declared personal and prejudicial interests in the application for Elemore Boys Football Club as they knew Members of the club. They took no part in the discussion or determination of this application.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 21st September, 2011

Councillor Rolph stated that there was a difference between private streets and unadopted streets and the terms were not interchangeable; she asked that the minutes be checked to ensure that the correct terminology had been used throughout the minutes.

Councillor Rolph then referred to page 8 of the minutes and advised that it was the nPower site at Rainton Bridge which had resulted in the increased traffic on the B1284 rather than a new housing estate as was recorded in the minutes. She also stated that Councillor Ellis' comments around near misses on the roads seemed to be worded badly and asked that this be amended.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 21st September, 2011 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of the above amendments.

Community Action in Coalfield – Progress Review

Local Shopping Centres (Coalfield Shopping Initiative)

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the progress made against the agreed actions on the Committee's work plan for 2011/12.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Pauline Hopper, Area Officer, presented the report and advised that the timescales involved had been quite short, there had been leaflets distributed to promote the events. There had already been funds allocated to the priority and

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there were suggested projects detailed in the report which would be funded from this ringfenced budget should Members agree.

Councillor J. Heron stated that Hetton Town Council and the Hetton Centre had done a lot of work around the Christmas events.

Councillor Tate commented that a Christmas Market would be taking place and there would be a Santa's grotto.

2. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The Christmas Marketing Campaign detailed at Annex 2 be approved
- b. The proposals and associated costs set out in paragraphs 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 of the report and the associated costs be approved.

Play Provision (Kirklee Field Development)

The Executive Director of City Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which informed Members of the work done around the potential improvements at Kirklee Field which had been confirmed as a priority during the Play and Urban Games Review which the Committee had been presented with in September 2010.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Victoria French, Sport, Wellness and Partnership Manager, presented the report and advised that there was funding from Section 106 agreements of £83,532 which would not provide a lot of facilities on the site, it was therefore asked that Members give consideration to the allocation of SIB funding to increase the available funds to £115,000 which would allow for a lot more to be provided.

Councillor Heron stated that he had been trying to get a play area in this area for a long time. This was a big housing area and the only other accessible play area was a distance away from the housing. He queried whether any surveys had been carried out in the area.

Ms French advised that the location in relation to the housing developments had been looked into. There was a need to ensure that any facility was good value for money and this was why it was preferred for there to be one large site rather than a number of smaller satellite sites.

Councillor D. Smith welcomed the proposal. This was the only site in the area where children would not be forced to cross a major road to access it. He hoped that the Committee would be minded to agree to provide the funding.

Councillor Rolph stated that it was difficult to visualise how much of a difference the extra £36,000 would make; she asked what would be provided in comparison with other sites which had been refurbished.

Ms French stated that it was difficult to say what would be able to be done until work commenced on site. Pictures of other parks showing what was provided

there for different costs could be provided however it would not be possible to provide mock up images of this site or detail of what it would cost exactly.

Councillor Scott moved that SIB funding of £16,468 be allocated to the works to provide a total amount of available funds of £100,000. Councillor Blackburn seconded this motion.

Ms Hopper advised that the grant of funding would still be subject to consultation and full application and approval.

Councillor Rolph then referred to the table at paragraph 2.1 and advised that priority 45 should be referring to Fence Houses rather than Chiltern Moor.

It was then:-

3. RESOLVED that:-
 - a. The development at Kirklee Field be agreed,
 - b. An SIB application for £16,468 to support the Kirklee Field development be received.

Empty and Problematic Properties

The Director of Health Housing and Adult Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on the agreed actions in the work plan for 2011/12 on the Empty and Problematic Properties priority.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Liz McEvoy, Principal Housing Manager, and Julie Wilkie, Empty Property Assistant, presented the report. Ms McEvoy advised that Alan Caddick had attended a previous meeting and this report was a follow up to that. The Empty Properties Action Plan had now been agreed by Cabinet and the target was to bring 100 empty properties back into use; to date there had been 73 properties brought back into use. The Council had received £577,000 from the Government New Homes Bonus. There had been £250,000 made available by the Council to provide loans to enable owners to refurbish 50 properties across the city which must then be either tenanted or occupied by the owner.

There would also be £327,000 made available to registered social landlords to buy the most problematic properties on the estates then provide the houses to homeless people, this was expected to cover 5 to 10 properties. The council would be working closely with gentoo who had been awarded government funding of £200,000 to refurbish 10 properties across the city; these properties would be refurbished by unemployed young people who would then be given the opportunity to move into the houses.

Councillor Blackburn stated that he thought that the proposals had been solely for houses in the rental sector not owner occupied properties. Ms McEvoy advised that the proposals had been amended to improve flexibility.

Councillor J. Heron then referred to Maudlin Street and was informed by Ms McEvoy that 12 sales had been completed with a further 2 agreed with the solicitors. These empty properties would be demolished.

Councillor Rolph commented that terraced houses in the area were often difficult to let due to them being on unadopted streets. She suggested that there could be loans awarded to allow the streets to be improved as this would then increase the desirability of all houses on the street. Ms McEvoy stated that the focus would be on the refurbishment of houses, she agreed to look into the wording of the financial assistance policy.

Councillor Rolph then stated that she had asked a similar question at a Scrutiny Committee Meeting and had been informed by Alan Caddick that this would not be ruled out.

Councillor Heron then queried whether the funding awarded to gentoo would be available only for improvements to gentoo properties. Ms McEvoy advised that gentoo would be looking at their estates but not just at the houses they owned.

Councillor Heron then commented that some houses were unfit for habitation. He also pondered where the people who had lived in now empty houses had gone.

Councillor Hall stated that this was welcome news and commented that the funding that would be available for each property was only a very small amount. She queried how it would be ensured that properties were brought back into use following the works. There had been excellent work done in Shiney Row with a number of houses having been occupied or improved.

Ms McEvoy stated that there would be a requirement to sign a legal agreement which would require the property to be occupied and not sit empty after the works had been carried out.

Sergeant Connor suggested that landlords could be required to join the Council's Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme. Ms McEvoy stated that it would be desirable if landlords joined the scheme as it would enable them to use the Council's tenant vetting service.

4. RESOLVED that the update be noted and that regular updates be received.

Work Plan

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with the Committee's Work Plan for 2011/12 which identified all of the actions against the priorities and the progress made on them.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Pauline Hopper, Area Officer, presented the work plan and informed Members that the actions where there had been updates had been addressed in the separate update reports.

5. RESOLVED that the work plan be noted.

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) Interim Performance Report

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which informed the Committee of how the money allocated through SIB and SIP had been used during April – September 2011, how successful the projects had been in achieving their original objectives and how the projects would continue to perform.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Pauline Hopper, Area Officer, presented the report and advised that this update was up until the end of September and since then there had been further progress made on the projects.

Susan Brown advised that there had been a large number of events held for the Coalfield Community Challenge. As part of this a calendar had been produced, copies of which were available for £5 with the money being used to buy more bulbs to be planted for spring.

Councillor Rolph commented that she hoped that the success of this year would be able to be carried forward to next year. Next year was not only the Olympics but also the Queen's Diamond Jubilee; there were a lot of people who wanted to be able to hold events for this.

Councillor Speding then referred to the River Wear Trail and the concerns around the lack of progress made with this and with the works at Alice Well. Alice Well was a registered national site and as such needed to be preserved; there had been efforts to get Northumbrian Water to reinstate some form of water supply to the well, even if it was not drinking water, he asked whether any progress had been made with this.

Councillor Hall added that Northumbrian Water had concerns that the drinking water supply could be contaminated; she thought that they would have been able to ensure that this would not happen.

Ms Hopper advised that there had been a meeting of the Heritage Task and Result group which Mark Taylor, Senior Conservation Officer, had attended. Mr Taylor had advised that there would be works undertaken to improve Alice Well. There was to be a meeting with Tim Ducker and it could be arranged for the Ward Members to attend this meeting.

Councillor Scott expressed concerns over how long it has taken for very little work to take place. There was a lot of money given a long time ago. There had been a

lot of delay with the installation of the ramp for the footbridge. He had spoken to Tim Ducker to try to get the work done more quickly.

6. RESOLVED that the performance update be given consideration.

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

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested the Members to consider proposals for the allocation of SIB and Community Chest funding to support initiatives that would deliver activity against the priorities for 2011/12.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Pauline Hopper, Area Officer, presented the report and advised of the 4 proposals for SIB funding and the 14 Community Chest requests.

The 4 SIB proposals totalled £47,641 and should all of the applications be approved there would be £79,550 remaining in the budget.

It was suggested that £5,000 previously allocated to the Allotments Priority be moved to the Community Challenge project.

The Community Chest applications totalled £9,033 which would leave £23,710 to be allocated across all four wards.

There had been an exercise undertaken to reclaim any Community Chest funding which had not been spent and this had resulted in a total of £6,599 being returned to the budget.

Ms Hopper also informed the Committee that Councillor Ellis had raised some concerns regarding the Community Chest Application for Dubmire Primary School which she wanted the Committee to be aware of. Councillor Ellis had not felt that it was appropriate for three people to be flown to the other side of the world in the name of sustainability given that this would create massive amounts of carbon emissions; also she did not see how this would benefit the residents of the wider community.

7. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The financial information set out in sections 2.1 and 2.2 and Annex 4 be noted
- b. The SIB applications detailed in Annex 5 be agreed.
- c. £5,000 previously approved SIB funding be moved from the Allotments Priority to the Community Challenge Project.
- d. The 14 proposals for support from the 2011/12 Community Chest as set out in Annex 6 be approved.

Influencing Practice Policy and Strategy

Sunderland in 2012

The Executive Director of City Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which informed the Committee of the work around the proposed Sunderland in 2012 programme and which sought Members views on the proposals.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Victoria French, Sport, Wellness and Partnership Manager, and Graham Burt, Community Development Manager, presented the report. There was to be a workshop held for Members to enable them to inform and shape the content of the programme to ensure that the opportunities and activities were relevant to the area. It was important that the activities were decided on soon as it was intended that there would be events taking place from January right through until the Olympics. There were a number of outcomes which it was hoped would be achieved through the delivery of the programme and some of the aims linked into the Committee's priorities; the outcomes were detailed in the report at paragraph 3.4.

The Chairman queried when the nominations for Torch Bearers would be taking place. Ms French advised that the nominations were done on a national basis and anyone could make nominations. There was a focus on 12-24 year olds. The route would not be finalised until a short time before the Torch Relay took place. It was known that when the torch was passing through Sunderland that torch bearers from Sunderland would be used.

Councillor J. Heron expressed her pleasure that it would be local people who would be carrying the Olympic Torch as it passed through the city.

Ms French then stated that it was exciting that Penshaw had been chosen to be a key location for the events in Sunderland.

The Chairman commented that it was pleasing that the route was passing through Sunderland. It was not an overnight stop like some cities but that was a good thing as it allowed more flexibility in the events which were held to commemorate this.

Councillor Rolph stated that there was a lack of BME representation in the publications for the Sunderland in 2012 programme; there was a need to ensure that all parts of the community were represented. Ms French advised that there were not a lot of strong images available for some of the communities; there was work being done with these communities to get strong images.

Councillor Rolph then referred to the proposal for SIB funding of £10,000, she queried how it would be ensured that good value for money would be achieved. Ms French advised that there would be a workshop held and at this workshop there would be the opportunity to look at how the money could be used to support events.

In relation to the allocation of an Olympic ring to each area Councillor Rolph suggested that the Coalfield have the green ring given that this was the greenest area of the city.

Councillor Heron stated that as next year was also the Queen's Diamond Jubilee there was a need to look at how the celebrations for both could be linked.

Susan Brown stated that there was a lot of work being done with the Area Networks and in January the events for the year would be planned.

8. RESOLVED that:-
 - a. The committee inform and contribute to the development of the Sunderland in 2012 programme
 - b. SIB funding of £10,000 be approved, subject to full application, consultation and appraisal to support the delivery of the Sunderland in 2012 programme
 - c. Members be invited to the workshop session to contribute towards the development of the Sunderland in 2012 programme.

City Village Concept

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which offered Members the opportunity to be consulted on the City Village Concept and its relevance to the area.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Karon Purvis, Area Officer, presented the report and advised that the City Village concept was a part of the wider Economic Masterplan for the city. There had been work done in 2009 to identify the 'natural neighbourhoods' in the city; 65 of these natural neighbourhoods had been identified and this information formed the starting point for the development of the City Village boundaries.

Councillor Blackburn stated that when he had originally seen the information three years ago he could not understand how the neighbourhoods had been identified; it seemed nothing had changed. Easington Lane and Moorsley were two separate villages however they had been lumped together into one neighbourhood.

Ms Purvis advised that the neighbourhoods had been identified by asking residents what they called the area they lived in. during the further development of the concept there would be investigation to a much lower level. The neighbourhoods identified were not the City Villages.

Councillor Scott commented that he felt that the boundaries shown on the map were wrong, he queried whether they were the final boundaries. He also commented that he had not been consulted on this and queried what consultation had taken place.

Ms Purvis advised that the boundaries were not final; the neighbourhoods identified were not the City Villages. The neighbourhoods were the make up of the area today and would inform the City Villages which would have communities integrated with each other. Within the City Villages there needed to be a mix of housing types to allow choice and encourage aspirations.

Councillor Wakefield stated that he felt that this was a solution to a problem that did not exist. This area was made up of long established villages and the money that would be spent on this project would be better spent elsewhere.

Ms Purvis stated that this project was about the development of improved support for neighbourhoods, not the renaming of neighbourhoods.

Councillor Rolph commented that the Leamside Line divided Fence Houses in half; half of the village was in Sunderland while the other was in County Durham; there was a need to ensure that both halves of the community benefited from this work. She then expressed concern over the amount of jargon that had been used in the report; if there was a desire to engage with residents there the information needed to be in plain English. She queried what place-shielding and place-shaping were.

Ms Purvis advised that place-shielding was short term work while place-shaping was long term. The online questionnaire for residents had been written in plain English.

In response to Councillor J. Heron, Ms Purvis advised that there would be five pilot areas identified; there was a need to ensure that a mix of different types of area were selected for the pilots and there was a need to look at the differing methodology which would have to be used in each area.

In response to queries from Councillor Speding, Ms Purvis stated that the work would allow better integration of services provided by the Council and its partners and would improve services for residents. Multiple neighbourhoods would be focused around one major local shopping centre.

Councillor Heron commented that the character of the whole city was constantly changing. He also suggested that the areas where there were pockets of deprivation be identified rather than identifying the whole, wider area as being deprived.

Councillor Speding referred to New Herrington which was recognised as being a village with its own distinct community. He also stated that there had been a lot of employment lost in the area and due to this the demographics of the area had changed.

Ms Purvis stated that the work was a practical tool to show what needed to be done to reduce the levels of deprivation and improve areas. There would be a report to Cabinet which would be looking at the identification of the pilot areas across the city and there would be a report presented to the next meeting of the Area Committee.

9. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The report be noted
- b. The Committee be engaged and consulted further with regard to the development of the City Village pilot areas and the benefits it could bring to area arrangements.

(Signed) D. RICHARDSON,
Chairman.

1 FEBRUARY 2012

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN COALFIELD: IDENTIFYING NEW ISSUES AND AGREEING ACTIONS (2010/11 WORK PLAN)

Process for the Review of Local Area Plans for 2012

1.0 Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 The report provides a proposed approach and timeline for the Area Committee to review its Local Area Plan for 2012 onwards.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In February 2011 Sunderland Council agreed the approach to refresh the Sunderland Strategy, the purpose of which is to examine the robustness of the strategic framework for each Aim and identify ways to strengthen it, as well as the targets, milestones and delivery models, in addition to producing options for streamlined governance and a clear set of service delivery options for individual Aims.

- 2.2 The approach acknowledges it is vital that elected Members are central to the refresh of the Sunderland Strategy to ensure it reflects the needs of their communities, and that they, as community leaders, are able to identify and champion priorities to be addressed in their communities. As such it was agreed that the review and further development of Local Area Plans (LAPs) is integral to refreshing the Sunderland Strategy and would take place toward the latter stages of finalising the Sunderland Strategy refresh.

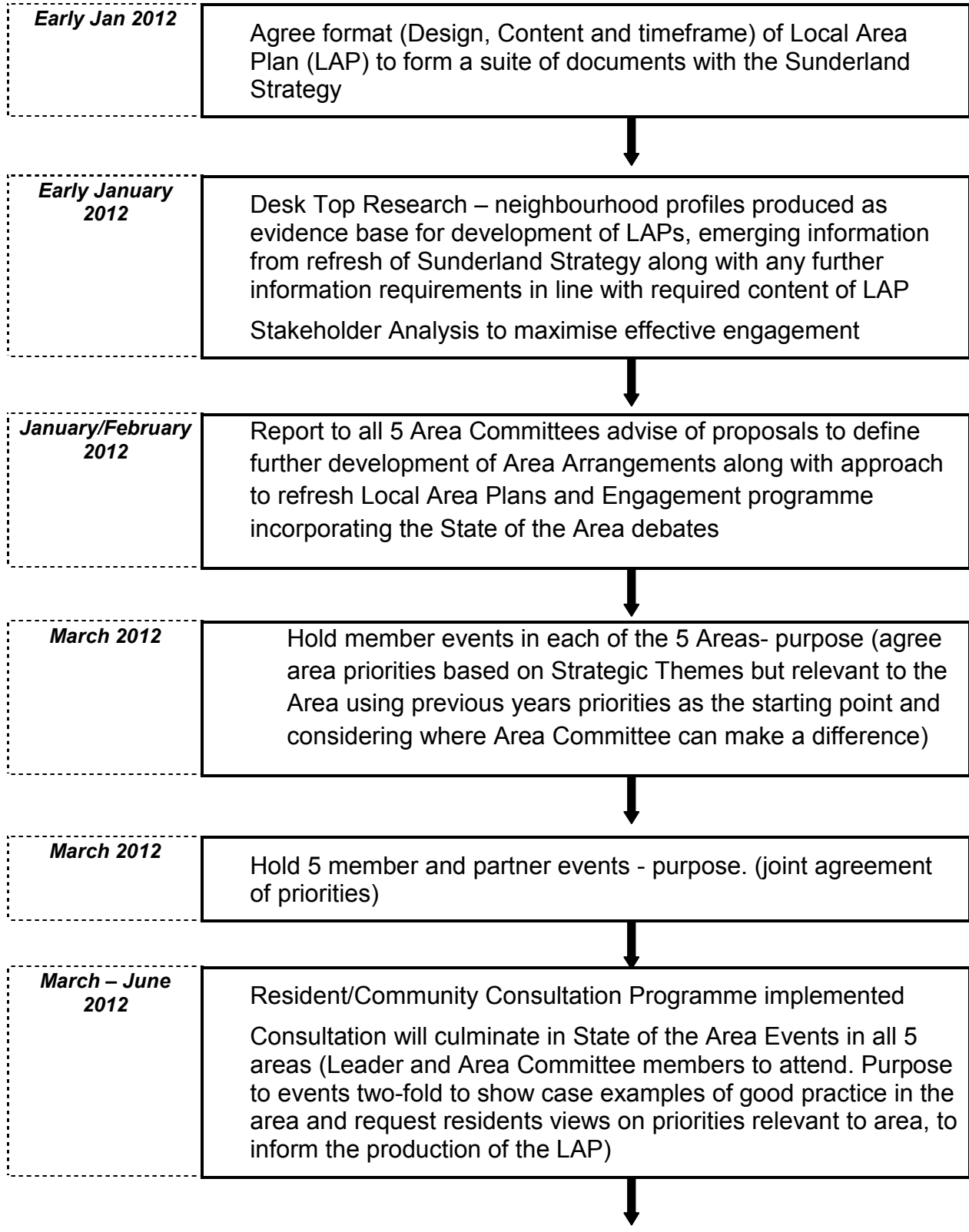
3. Role of Area Committees in the development of the LAPs

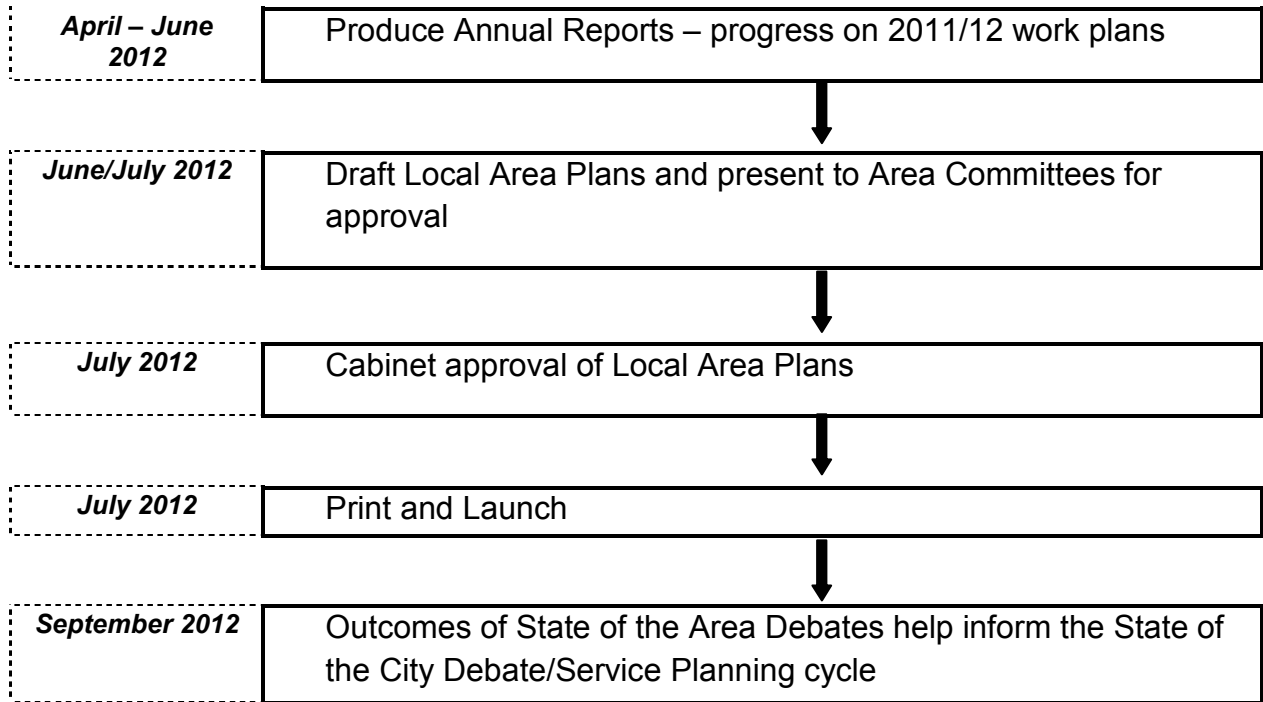
- 3.1 The role of Area Committee is to lead on the development and effective implementation of the Local Area Plan (as the local interpretation of the Sunderland Strategy, turning those priorities into reality and practical action for people in their area), monitor the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the Council and other main providers in the Area and actively encourage local residents to become involved in decision-making on matters which affect them.
- 3.2 The LAPs were originally developed by Area Committees, and adopted by Cabinet, in July 2009. They provide the background history, Councillor representation on each Committee and a detailed profile of demographic information. The plan includes information on how the Area is performing in comparison with City standards, what the public is saying about their areas and the document's structure is in line with the Sunderland Strategy. LAPs provide the baseline of knowledge to inform priorities through which the Area Committees will work with partners and undertake actions to improve their area and improve the quality of life for their residents.
- 3.3 The development of LAPs is a structured, evidence led approach to priority setting and problem solving at a local level. It supports the Area Committees in achieving an enhanced partnership/joint working approach which both supports Elected Members appreciation of the benefits of working closely together, and with LSP colleagues, to address issues at a

grass routes level, and inform the city's strategic framework. Providing for a more pro-active way of working with partners to address issues and grasp opportunities.

3.4 LAPs are required to be reviewed and finalised in readiness for the new municipal year.

4. Proposed Approach and timeline





Recommendations:

- Consider and provide feedback on the information provided
- Agree the proposed approach and timeline outlined in section 4

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1 FEBRUARY 2012

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES

COMMUNITY ACTION IN COALFIELD – PROGRESS REVIEW

Progress Report on 2011/12 Workplan: Heritage Priority

1.0 WHY HAS IT COME TO COMMITTEE?

1.1 The report provides an update on progress against agreed actions in the Coalfield Area work plan in relation to delivering Heritage priorities.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Heritage was agreed as one of the Coalfield Area Committee main priorities as part of setting its annual work plan in July 2010. In addition a full audit and report was undertaken by North of England Civic Trust (NECT) and a work plan was produced that identified a list of priorities in relation to delivering the Heritage agenda in the Coalfield area. In order to develop and agree the work plan a task and result group was established, which consists of Members, Officers and members of the voluntary sector. The Coalfield Heritage work plan was agreed by Committee in June 2011.

2.2 In order to deliver the priorities identified it was agreed that a Community Heritage Development Officer (CHDO) be employed to deliver the necessary outcomes.

2.3 To maximise resources and achieve value for money it was agreed that the CHDO would be appointed via the City Council's SWITCH project with a full time post being created to work between the North and Coalfield areas of the City. As part of the actual appointment process undertaken it was later agreed that two full time officers be appointed to work across both areas. Due to utilising SWITCH there was no additional cost to the project budget.

2.4 The funding of the current posts is being supported jointly through SIB (£10,000 allocation), and the City Council's SWITCH project. The CHDOs will as part of their role continue to look for external funding opportunities to support the future sustainability of the post following completion of the project in November 2012. Following on from this further discussions with the Area Committee will continue to assess the success of the project and the future direction of heritage as a priority for the Committee.

3.0 COMMUNITY HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT WORKERS

3.1 The two full-time Community Heritage Development Officers will be in post until October 2012. The officers (Ian Bower and Phill Connolly) will provide the staffing resources required to enable a range of the projects identified in the Coalfield Heritage Action Plan to be investigated and delivered. The officers will also be working on heritage projects in the North Area of the city during this period.

3.2 During the first weeks of the project, officers have initiated research based on the already identified work plan and a number of meetings have also taken place with colleagues across the City Council including a range of potential partners from community based heritage groups.

3.3 Given the project will be for a period of one year, it will be necessary to focus work on an identified number of priorities. The CHDOs will work with the Area Committee and the Coalfield Area Heritage Task and Result Group and other partners to deliver the identified priorities over this time. The outcomes will be measurable and sustainable and will be aligned to achieving corporate outcomes including wellness, social inclusion and promoting opportunities for volunteering.

4.0 HERITAGE PRIORITIES WORKPLAN

4.1 Below is a summary of work plan priorities agreed by the Task and Result Group and Area Committee with progress to date:

Coalfield Heritage Action Plan

Action Required	By Who	By When	Progress made	Next Steps
Appoint consultants to carry out audit and produce proposed action plan	Vicki Medhurst (VM)(Cultural Heritage Manager)	November 2010	Appointment led by Vicki Medhurst. Steering group of Susan Brown, Councillor Rolph, Councillor Ellis and VM will work with consultants (NECT). Audit complete and presented to Task and Result group and Area Committee.	Complete
Employ a Heritage Community Development Worker	VM/ Task and Result group	Sept 2011	2 Workers in place for 12 months	CHDOs working to deliver actions within the plan.
Gazetteer to be developed, updated and available on line (with summary hard copies in key locations)	NECT	May 2011 produced Oct 2012 online	Draft gazetteer provided – needs to be taken forward now the CHDO is in post.	As part of the initial audit that was carried out by NECT a gazetteer was produced electronically as a database for information relating to Heritage across the Coalfield area. The gazetteer lists full details of groups, organisations, collections and information relating to heritage in the area and the CHDOs are currently investigating the best method of communicating and regularly updating the information to interested groups, such as developing a heritage based website for the Coalfield area.
Learning materials and resources for schools to be delivered with a budget of £5,000	CHDOs	July 2012		<p>The two CHDOs will be liaising with Susan Brown, Area Community Co-ordinator Coalfield, to arrange visits to local schools to identify their heritage learning resources requirements. Once the initial consultation has taken place a small working group will be established to take this work forward.</p> <p>Funding has been allocated through SIB to support this project and there will also be opportunities for working in partnership with educational providers to deliver informal community based heritage learning which will be further investigated.</p>

Action Required	By Who	By When	Progress made	Next Steps
Collections management training to be given to local groups and interested parties with a budget of £5,000	CHDOs	Aug 2012	Citywide funding has enabled the provision of two free Collections Management Training Sessions in January and February 2012. These will take place at Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens and will be delivered by Tyne & Wear Archives and Museums. The CHDOs have contacted local heritage groups to make them aware of this learning opportunity.	<p>The CHDOs will also be liaising further with Tyne & Wear Archives Service after the events to discuss the delivery of sessions tailored to the specific requirements of Coalfield community heritage groups. They will also be investigating the feasibility of providing access to ICT resources including a scanner and a laptop / PC for dedicated use by community groups, for which SIB funding has been set aside.</p> <p>Opportunities to use the Libraries Information Access Zone mobile ICT vehicle to provide access to ICT resources and training for community heritage groups is also being investigated.</p>
A pilot 'village atlas' project will be commissioned using Penshaw or Hetton as the subject area. This will then be developed into an ongoing programme, producing documents for each of the 'villages' in the Coalfield area (depending on the success of the pilot and funding available).	Mark Taylor, Senior Conservation Officer	Aug 2012	<p>£6,000 allocated from heritage budget to deliver project.</p> <p>A Limestone Landscapes project is currently being delivered by Durham County Council which will enable the development of a Village Atlas for the Hetton area. Mark Taylor will continue to liaise with the Project Manager, Ken Bradshaw, who will be invited to attend the next meeting of the Coalfield Task and Result Group.</p>	Mark Taylor, Senior Conservation Officer, from the Planning Implementation Section will develop a brief for the development of the Old Penshaw Village Atlas. The tendering process will begin in January 2012 and it is hoped the contract will be awarded in February 2012.
Heritage trails should be explored and developed by the Wellness Team.	CHDOs/ City Council Wellness Team	Oct 2012	The CHDOs are currently undertaking an audit of the walks and trails that have been produced to date for the Coalfield area. They have contacted staff in the Council's Planning and Countryside sections to support this exercise.	Once completed the audit will establish what resources are already available and inform how the remaining SIB budget can be maximised. The CHDOs will also be liaising with the Wellness team when the audit has been completed to explore the potential use of these resources in delivering community based walking activities.

Action Required	By Who	By When	Progress made	Next Steps
Coalfield Community Challenge - Engage community groups and residents to work together to deliver heritage activities. Project to be delivered with VCS Network	Susan Brown/VCS Network	Oct 2012	The Coalfield Community Challenge project has already raised the awareness of heritage in the area with 18 local groups currently engaged. A heritage 'steering group' made up of local organisations and historians has produced a calendar of 2012.	CHDOs to work with VCS to continue to deliver heritage based projects.
Event Delivery	CHDOs	Nov 2012		The CHDOs will identify and support the delivery of a range of community based cross generational heritage events. This will be achieved by working with a range of partners and community groups to source internal and external funding streams. The officers will also work to provide a range of guidelines and support materials to provide a framework for the future provision for events and activities beyond the life of the project.

Updated January 2012

5.0 SUMMARY OF OTHER WORK UNDERTAKEN

5.1 Below is a summary of recent work undertaken by the Community Heritage Development Officers since commencing their role:

- Commenced audit of Heritage walks in the Coalfield Area
- Reviewed Coalfield Area Action Plan to identify potential partners, resources needed and operational and strategic issues involved in achieving the required outcomes
- Created list of Heritage sites and community based organisations to visit in the Coalfield Area during early part of 2012
- Arranged meeting for January 2012 with the Council's Community ICT Team to consider the potential development of a community website. This will provide information and resources to support the development of heritage projects and also the activities of community heritage groups based in the Coalfield Area.

Recommendations:

- Note the content of the report
- Receive further update reports regarding Heritage in the Coalfield area in the future

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1 FEBRUARY 2012

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN COALFIELD – PROGRESS REVIEW

Progress Report on 2011/12 Workplan: Activities for Young People Priority

1 Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 The report provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) Work Plan (**Annex 1**).

2 Background

- 2.1 At the July 2011 Area Committee meeting it was agreed that £30,000 SIB would be allocated to provide additional activities for young people. This funding would be matched by £30,000 from Children's Services with a contribution made by Gentoo customer panel. Committee agreed that school holiday activities and junior youth provision (12 and under) would be priority for the Coalfield area and that the detail of the activity would be developed and agreed through the Youth Task and Result group meeting, Chaired by the Chair of Area Committee, and attended by all elected members.
- 2.2 It was also requested that a complete picture of youth activity across the Coalfield area be available for Area Committee in order that members were aware of what is available and where the gaps are. This would include sessions delivered by commissioned contractors, activity enabled by the SIB funded Responsive Youth Project, holiday activity and additional junior provision.

3 Progress

- 3.1 Through the SIB and Gentoo funded Responsive Youth Provision project, mini moto sessions, dance projects, XL mobile provision and music sessions have been delivered. At the July Area Committee meeting, it was also agreed that the Task and Result group should develop and agree a pilot programme for junior youth provision. The Task and Result group meeting on 12 January discussed and approved proposals which would see a ten week pilot being delivered at Easington Lane and Houghton. This will complement junior work already being delivered by Herrington Burn YMCA in Fencehouses and Herrington funded through other sources. A balance of around £1,400 remains in this budget.
- 3.2 The Activities for Young People budget has, to date, delivered holiday activity for Easter, Summer, October half term and Christmas 2011 agreed through the Task and Result group. Details have previously been circulated. A programme has been developed for the remaining school holidays in the current academic year. Costed proposals were submitted to the Youth Lead for the Coalfield area and agreed by Members at the Task and Result group meeting on 12 January 2012. The provision ensures that there are sessions in each ward for a) 8-12 year olds and b) 13-19 year olds, during each of the remaining school holiday periods in the current academic year (1 week in February half term, two weeks at Easter and 1 week Spring half term). The sessions will be marketed and promoted by the Youth Development Group and partners of the Coalfield Youth Task and Result Group by using schools, community venues, websites and Facebook. The total cost of holiday provision delivered and planned to date is £38,820, leaving a balance of £23,058 in this budget.
- 3.3 In an attempt to co-ordinate and promote all activities for young people across the Coalfield area, the Youth Lead for the Coalfield has begun an exercise to 'map out' what is available for young people on a ward by ward basis, to include commissioned youth provision and activities provided by partners. In order to assist this process, a 'provider' forum has been

set up to bring together providers of junior and senior youth clubs and activity. This approach will support the co-ordination of activity and reduce duplication. The providers have agreed that by working together, valuable resources can be pooled ensuring young people have access to, and choice of, a range of activity across a wider selection of days and times. To date the Youth Development Group, Sunderland North Community Business Centre (SNCBC), Groundwork, Herrington Burn YMCA, Washington MIND, The Underground, XL Outreach, and Gentoo have been engaged in meetings. Attendance by other organisations will be explored once the mapping exercise is further developed. Activities for young people will be discussed with the VCS Network members to gather additional information to inform future provision.

- 3.4 In summary, the Activities for Young People Task and Result group meeting has discussed and progressed a) reporting on commissioned youth activity b) holiday provision (SIB and Childrens Services funded) c) junior youth provision (SIB, Gentoo and Childrens Services funded), d) Responsive Youth Provision (SIB and Gentoo funded), and e) XL Outreach winter model. Other services offered in the area will also be discussed by the Task and Result group, beginning, at the next meeting, with Washington MIND who were awarded SIB funding at the November 2011 Area Committee meeting to expand service delivery in the Coalfield area. It is recommended that Washington MIND are invited to the next meeting of the Coalfield Area Committee to update Committee on the work they are delivering in the area.

Recommendations:

- This report, presented on behalf of the Activities for Young People Task & Result group be noted
- Committee agree that the Task and Result group continue to discuss and develop the wide range of activities for young people a) 8-12 and b)13-19
- Elected members attend Task and Result group meetings
- Washington MIND is invited to the March 2012 Area Committee meeting to update Members on the range of services delivered in the Coalfield area

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN COALFIELD – PROGRESS REVIEW

Progress Report on 2011/12 Workplan: Support for Older People Priority

1 Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 The report provides an update of progress against the Support for Older People priority and agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) Work Plan (**Annex 1**). The report is presented on behalf of the Task and Result group for this priority.

2 Background

- 2.1 It was identified by Area Committee that the Coalfield area has an ageing population, and due to a number of factors including the rural nature of some parts of the Coalfield, lack of services in some neighbourhoods, and issues with public transport, a Task and Result was established to ensure that there was adequate support for older people.
- 2.2 The Task and Result group developed a number of key objectives, namely:
- To improve support for Older People
 - To promote independence, self help and wellbeing
 - To engage with local community and voluntary sector organisations
 - To raise awareness of services available
 - To influence and inform core service delivery/budget allocation
 - To further develop partnership working
 - To contribute to other priorities identified by Coalfield Area Committee (e.g. allotments, local shopping centres)

3 Progress

- 3.1 The group agreed that the first step would be to produce a summary of what is available in the area, in order to identify gaps. The lead agent and VCS Network (through the Community Co-ordinator) carried out an audit and provided the information required to enable the Task and Result group to develop actions.
- 3.2 During the research stage it was identified that there was an increase in the number of older people requiring advice and support in relation to financial and benefit information. Issues such as fuel poverty and the economic downturn had affected many older people who previously had not accessed advice services. The Task and Result group agreed that additional support was required and at the November 2011 meeting of Coalfield Area Committee it was agreed that SIB funding of £23,166 would be approved to enable ShARP to deliver additional advice and support across the area. ShARP is a community anchor organisation set in the heart of Shiney Row and delivers First Tier Welfare Rights Service on behalf of Sunderland City Council – partners are Age UK, Sunderland West Project and Citizens Advice Bureau Sunderland. This enables local people to access information, advice and guidance in a centre that is local to them and supports them in increasing their benefits awareness and income. ShARP houses Shiney Row Credit Union and encourages clients to access the credit union to learn more about sensible saving and lending, promoting development of new habits in financial management to try to progress debt patterns from a reliance of doorstep lenders. The project delivers outreach advice services at ELCAP and the Hetton Centre and also provides house calls to clients who are unable to attend in-house or outreach services, especially the terminally ill and housebound.
- 3.3 The Coalfield Community Challenge project delivered through the Coalfield Community Co-ordinator and VCS Network has carried out two workshops that highlighted the activity on

the ground regarding support for older people. It became obvious that although many activities were well subscribed, the common thread was the lack of knowledge about the services outlining the need for more marketing and publicity.

- 3.4 Coalfield Community Challenge has supported 18 older generation groups to participate in community events such as heritage, love where you live and community gardens. There have been a number of older generation groups who are now encouraging intergenerational work such as the Bowls club in Herrington who have 20 new young people involved playing at local and competition level. Other partners who are delivering alongside our work plan supporting older people are Washington Mind, Gentoo, Age UK, Local Schools and EON (funding supporting the community gardens)
- 3.5 Transport still remains a barrier for some older people and the VCS Network are engaged in the Nexus consultation programme. Nexus has been asked by the Tyne and Wear Integrated Transport Authority, with the support of the area's local councils, to look at possible new models for the delivery of bus services. Nexus is investigating the relative merits of a Quality Contracts Scheme, based on local franchising of bus services, or new Voluntary Partnership Agreements with operators, to see how they might bring improvements for passengers. These would represent a significant change to the current 'deregulated' bus market.
- 3.6 Consultation with regard to the Bus Strategy Review is currently underway and Members will have had the opportunity to attend awareness raising sessions in January 2012. A Stakeholder Engagement event was also held in the Coalfield area on 26 January at the Hetton Centre and further consultation with Members will be through a survey. Information from all these events will help inform any draft proposals for March 2012.
- 3.7 James Third Community Co-ordinator for Nexus is a regular attendee at the Network and provides a good level of support and flow of information. ELCAP work with James to fill in gaps and have a contract to deliver transport on Tuesday evenings for a group with disabilities. They also provide a shopping bus.
- 3.8 Sunderland Home Improvement Agency, in partnership with AGEUK Sunderland and Sunderland Community Furniture Service, has recently been successful in securing funding from the Department of Health from the Warm Homes Healthy People Fund. The funding is one off and will enable a number of initiatives between the winter months of January and March 2012 to help vulnerable people stay warm and healthy. Sunderland Warm Homes, Warm Hearts, Warm City Project will deliver measures to vulnerable groups, including the elderly, frail and families with young children in a range of ways that are outlined below:
- Provision of draught excluders and re-sealing windows where needed
 - Clear and Salt pathways so that vulnerable people can access vital services such as the community shopping bus or hospital appointments
- Both of these services can be accessed by contacting the Home Improvement Agency on 566 1451 or hia@sunderland.gov.uk
- Provision of winter emergency packs (blankets, temporary heaters, flasks of hot water and a food hamper) for those who are in crisis situation without heating or hot water
 - Promotion of a good neighbour scheme to support vulnerable members of the community with small services such as shopping and befriending.
- These services can be accessed via AGEUK Sunderland on 0191 5141131
- 3.9 The Task and Result group met on 24 January 2012 to further discuss and progress actions against this priority. Notes of this meeting will be circulated to Area Committee and a report will be presented to the next meeting of the Area Committee by the Lead Agent.

Recommendations:

- This report, presented on behalf of the Support for Older People Task & Result group be noted
- Committee agree that the Task and Result group continue to discuss and develop the actions against this priority and provide a report to the March 2012 Area Committee meeting

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN COALFIELD – PROGRESS REVIEW

Progress Report on 2011/12 Workplan: Neglected Land Priority

1 Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 The report provides an update of progress against the Neglected Land priority and agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) Work Plan (**Annex 1**). The report is presented on behalf of the Task and Result group for this priority.

2 Background

- 2.1 It was identified by Area Committee, residents and partners that patches of unmanaged land (large and small) across the Coalfield area cause a problem and are visually unattractive. Land such as derelict garage and garden sites, industrial areas and unfinished developments need to be considered, along with patches of grassed and overgrown land.
- 2.2 A Task and Result group was formed with Dave Ellison, Area Response Manager for the Coalfield area acting as lead agent. Membership of the group was agreed as Dave Ellison, Councillors Rolph (Chair), Wakefield, Blackburn and Speding, John Chapman from Gentoo, John Patterson, Area Response Officer for Coalfield, Susan Brown, Coalfield Community Co-ordinator and Pauline Hopper, Area Officer.

3 Progress

- 3.1 At the first meeting of the Task and Result group a number of identified sites were discussed and it was agreed that this would form the basis of developing a portfolio of sites to be built up as the project develops. A further meeting was held where the group discussed the greenspace audit values and issues on particular sites. Clive Greenwood will attend future meetings to act as an adviser regarding greenspace and other relevant subject areas. It was agreed that a matrix would be developed to assess each site identified as neglected land against a set of relevant criteria.
- 3.2 An information matrix has been developed, dividing the land into two categories a) Council owned b) non Council owned. The matrix identifies Ward, Title No, Owner, Covenants (where known), Category of Land, Plans (if any) and suggestions for future action.
- 3.3 The Task and Result group reviewed this information and along with other sources of intelligence such as reported fly tipping and anti social behaviour incidents has used the results to identify a priority site in each ward. It was agreed to concentrate on sites in Council ownership for the first phase of improvements as tackling sites in private ownership is a more complex issue. Sites proposed at the meeting on 17 January 2012, all in Council ownership, were:
- Copt Hill Eppleton Primary School site
 - Hetton Forest Estate
 - Houghton Dubmire Primary School site
 - Shiney Row Collingwood Drive

Area Committee are requested to discuss and agree which of the four sites as above are to be further investigated by the Task and Result Group who will then prepare proposals for developing each site. Recommendations will be brought back to the Area Committee for consideration and approval.

3.4 The Task and Result group discussed the possibility of influencing the allocation of Section 106 contributions and the recently introduced Community Infrastructure Levy. The Lead Officer for Planning Policy attended the meeting on 17 January 2012 to update the Task and Result group on the Development of the Local Development Framework (LDF) and the Community Infrastructure Levy (report attached). Due to the fact that the Community Infrastructure Levy Policy will not be in place until after the LDF is finalised (post 2014), the group agreed at this stage to further explore the Section 106 allocations and whether any contribution can be made for improvement of identified sites. The Lead Officer for Planning Policy outlined the importance of Councillor involvement in the development of the Community Infrastructure Levy. The Officer will keep the group updated on progress.

4 Next Steps

- 4.1 The Lead agent will explore various improvement works for each of the sites, from the four above, agreed by Committee. The Lead Agent will work with the Task and Result group, and other partners and Council Directorates, to develop more detailed proposals to present at the next Area Committee meeting.
- 4.2 Representatives from Land and Property and Planning will be consulted regarding covenants and other issues regarding the agreed sites. The Coalfield Community Co-ordinator will be consulted with regard to community engagement and involvement around the improvements proposed.
- 4.3 A letter will be sent to all owners of identified neglected sites in private ownership. A request will be made to legal services for support in drafting an appropriate letter. The letter will ask owners of their intentions and future plans for the land. At this stage it is not possible to plan the next steps for land in private ownership. Colleagues from relevant specialist areas will be asked for support and advice once replies have been received.
- 4.4 At the November 2011 meeting of Coalfield Area Committee, it was identified that in order to implement improvement schemes a proportion of the SIB budget would be required. Area Committee are requested to approve a sum of £30,000 SIB for the Neglected Land priority. This will be subject to specific improvement plans being developed for each of the agreed priority sites and the relevant SIB paperwork and procedures completed. If the budget allows, small scale improvements may also be made on other sites. Future maintenance of sites will form part of the improvement plans.
- 4.5 The Task and Result group will meet in advance of the next Area Committee meeting in order to develop proposals for consideration by the Committee.

Recommendations:

- This report, presented on behalf of the Neglected Land Task and Result group be noted
- Committee discuss and agree which of the four sites above will be the focus of the first phase for improvements
- Committee agree to receive proposals for improvement for each of the agreed sites
- Committee agree to the allocation of £30,000 SIB funding for improvements of Council owned neglected land subject to detailed proposals being agreed by Committee

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DEVELOPING THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY IN SUNDERLAND

REPORT OF THE LEAD OFFICER FOR PLANNING POLICY

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report updates the Committee with progress of the emerging Local Development Framework (LDF) and outlines the process for taking forward a Community Infrastructure Levy within Sunderland.

2.0 SUNDERLAND'S EMERGING LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK.

2.1 The Local Development Scheme or LDF project plan (2009) identifies the following documents to be prepared :

- Core Strategy
- Allocations Development Plan Document
- Hetton Downs Area Action Plan.

The Core Strategy ~ progress to date

2.2 A Preferred Options Draft was consulted upon in 2008. Further consultations in late 2009 refined proposals for the overall distribution of development across the city. A revised Preferred Option Draft was approved in March 2010, but publication was deferred pending the national elections and the potential changes proposed to the planning system (summarised at Section 3).

2.3 With the range of sweeping changes introduced by this Government work has been undertaken to :

- Assess the evidence base underpinning the RSS for the North East
- Re-evaluate the city's growth requirements
- Update baseline evidence to support the LDF including :
 - The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (July 2010)
 - The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
 - Audit some 1750 green spaces across the city
 - Update the Infrastructure Delivery Plan
 - Commence a review of the City's nature conservation sites
- Review the emerging Core Strategy document itself.

2.4 The format and structure of the emerging Core Strategy will : -

- Provide a suite of strategic policies setting out how the city will develop including broad development management policies
- Contain five sub-area chapters : the City Centre; Sunderland North; Sunderland South; Washington; and the Coalfield. It will set out a vision, key issues, constraints and opportunities. Bespoke sub-area policies will respond to the distinctive issues of each. An extract of the Vision, issues and constraints for the Coalfield (as per 2010) is attached.

The Allocations Development Plan Document

2.5 The Allocations DPD will specifically allocate parcels of land for development and constraint. To support the consideration of future site specific issues, Officers have and continue to maintain the required evidence.

Hetton Downs Area Action Plan

2.6 The Issues and Options and Preferred Options Drafts were consulted upon in August 2006 and 2007 respectively. Progression was delayed following the School Place Planning for the Future / Primary Strategy for Change programme. Further investigative work is presently being undertaken to consider the proposed access road linking Houghton Road (at Broomhill) and the north end of Church Road in addition to the recent completion of an NRA for Maudlin Street approved by Cabinet on 3rd November 2011.

3.0 CHANGES AT THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL AND IMPLICATIONS FOR SUNDERLAND.

- 3.1 The Coalition Government has introduced a range of reforms which have and will continue to affect future LDF preparation. This includes :
- Recognition that the planning system should remain plan-led, with plans being brought forward as quickly as possible
 - The inference that a single local plan should be produced rather than multiple documents (which is what LDFs are based upon)
 - Communities can prepare their own 'neighbourhood plans' to deliver more development than is set out in local plan. Council involvement is limited to giving 'technical support' and funding the examination and referendum. These would then form part of the plan for that neighbourhood.
 - Revocation of Regional Spatial Strategies (expected this Spring) will enable authorities to set their own growth requirements.

4.0 A PROGRAMME FOR GOING FORWARD.

- 4.1 A new LDF project plan is presently being prepared. It is considered appropriate to retain delivery of the Core Strategy alongside the early commencement of the Allocations Development Plan Document.

Core Strategy ~ Future Programme

- 4.2 The Revised Preferred Options draft will be reviewed and published for consultation. Whilst, no longer a statutory stage, it would test and agree (where possible), proposals for locally derived land requirements, offering time savings prior to moving to the formal Publication stage.

- 4.3 A provisional timetable for the Core Strategy is as follows :

Key Milestone	Date
Revised Preferred Options Draft	Full Council - March 2012 (+ 6 week consultation)
Publication Draft	Full Council – October 2012 (+ 6 week consultation)
Submission Draft	March 2013
Examination in Public	June 2013
Receipt of Inspector's Report	October 2013
Adoption	Full Council – January 2014

Allocations Development Plan Document ~ Future Programme

- 4.4 Formal preparation of this DPD is yet to commence and will be considered through the work programme. The evidence base for this document forward is largely complete. Consideration is being given to the fast tracking of this document, to become more aligned to the Core Strategy.

Hetton Downs AAP ~ Future Programme

- 4.5 The principal issue relating to advancing this AAP relates to the alignment of the road. But, it would seem prudent to revisit / re-consult on the Preferred Options draft. Further consideration is now to be given as to how best progress the Area Action Plan.

5.0 THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

- 5.1 A new workstream will be the production of the Community Infrastructure Levy charging schedule (CIL). In short :
- CIL will be a roof tax on development. Once set, all developments liable to pay CIL must pay a contribution to the authority for the provision of infrastructure that is deemed essential to the enabling and meeting the growth requirements of the authority's Core Strategy.
 - CIL monies can be pooled to deliver infrastructure that does not necessarily directly relate to the development from which the monies are secured
 - There are no time limits in which CIL monies must be spent offering greater opportunity to pool sufficient monies to deliver infrastructure
 - It is likely the total costs of delivering all infrastructure requirements will far exceed CIL revenues. Hence, authorities may prioritise their own infrastructure requirements and CIL monies would be spent accordingly. Involvement of relevant Service areas and Members will be crucial.

- Critical to CIL will be the development of evidence on the economic viability of development sites being able to absorb the additional financial burdens whilst still retaining reasonable profits for the developer.
- The CIL will be subject of its own consultation and will be subjected to independent examination.
- Section 106 Agreements will remain in force but will be curtailed to only site specific matters.

5.2 The delivery of CIL within Sunderland is presently being scoped out. Given that the infrastructure requirements will be derived from the growth assumptions set out within the emerging Core Strategy, it is presently envisaged that its production would run in tandem with the Core Strategy (including the holding of a conjoined public Examination).

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Extract from the Core Strategy Revised Preferred Options (March 2010)

Vision

By 2026 the Coalfield will be regenerated and revitalised with a range of new housing and employment opportunities catering for its sustainable growth. The unique landscape character of the area and its distinct communities will have been maintained with new high-quality development being designed to reflect the local building styles.

New and enhanced transport connections will link the area to the wider City Region and open up access to local employment areas.

Houghton town centre will be a thriving and attractive centre providing access to a comprehensive range of services and facilities.

Planning objectives

- Improve housing environments, housing choice and employment opportunities to help regenerate the Coalfield
- Improve accessibility into and around the Coalfield, especially to employment areas
- Improve the vitality and viability of Houghton town centre
- Retain the distinctive identity of the villages within the area
- Safeguard the Magnesium Limestone landscape.

Key issues and constraints

- Poor access to employment areas within and around the Coalfield
- Poor housing choice and environment contributing to out migration
- Houghton town centre is in need of major regeneration and has a relatively poor retail offer leading to residents shopping elsewhere in the city and neighbouring authorities
- The Coalfield sub-area has more flood risk areas than elsewhere in the city
- No passenger rail or Metro services in the area.

Opportunities and growth

- Release of unviable employment land for other uses provides regeneration opportunities for the Coalfield
- The completion of the Central Route will improve access to employment sites and make them more attractive to potential users
- Continued support for the completion of Rainton Bridge South to provide prestige office accommodation
- The Gentoo renewal programme will provide more homes and increase housing choice in the area
- The Hetton Downs Area Action Plan will ensure the regeneration of the area through various means including housing renewal
- The development of Lambton Cokeworks for housing and a country park
- The potential re-opening of the Leamside Line for passenger use would improve accessibility for the area
- Culture and tourism potential due to historic industrial heritage and transformed natural environment.

G	Progressing on target						
A	Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action)						
R	Not progressing						
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Heritage	Lack of awareness/interest	Promote heritage within the Coalfield area.	T&R Group	This has already begun through the VCS Network and the Coalfield Community Challenge and will be further developed by the HCDWs including the introduction of a website 'portal' to promote the range of activities/attractions available.	Raising the profile of the area	Increase in heritage related enquiries and events	G
	Lots of uncaptured local knowledge and enthusiasm	Engage community groups and residents to work together to deliver heritage activities. The Coalfield Community Challenge project has already raised the awareness of heritage in the area.	Susan Brown and HCDWs	The VCS Network and partners have been involved in a number of heritage related activities. 18 local groups currently engaged. £5,000 of the heritage budget was allocated to the Coalfield Community Challenge project. The Heritage workers will develop this further. A heritage 'steering group' made up of local organisations meets regularly to co-ordinate activity.	Engagement of VCS and residents.	No of groups engaged Currently 18 groups involved	G
	Increase interest/participation of young people	Develop educational and participative heritage projects	Vicki Medhurst	The Heritage Community Development Workers will develop the education projects. A number of schools already participate in the Coalfield Community Challenge	Engagement of young people	No of schools or youth groups involved	A
	Public transport	Identify venues which are accessible by public transport. Local organisations, such as ELCAP, are supporting community activity against the priorities by providing community transport	HCDWs	Events and displays are being held in accessible venues using Community Transport to support this where necessary. The rep from Nexus will promote events and provide information on public transport.	Events and services delivered accessible by public transport or community transport	Increased community involvement	A
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Local Shopping Centres	Improve physical appearance of shopping centres	Target responsive local services to areas most in need	Dave Ellison	Area Response team are ensuring that street scene issues are tackled and queries and issues from residents are followed up.	Influence targeted service provision	Increase in satisfaction levels	G

	Develop an environmental and public realm project	Dave Ellison	At the November 2011 meeting, Area Committee agreed that a budget of £20,000 be allocated to carry out improvements to local shopping centres. The Lead Agent will work with the Task and Result group to develop an action plan.	Identify opportunities to maximise budgets, including mainstream	Increase in satisfaction levels. Physical improvements made	A
Support local traders	Carry out an audit to further investigate the current situation in local centres. This is now complete and the actions agreed by Area Committee at the November 2011 meeting will be taken forward.	Andrew Perkin	The audit is complete and a marketing campaign - 'Shop Local this Christmas' - was delivered to support local traders during the Christmas period. Over 1000 people engaged with the promotion and were encouraged to support their local shopping centres.	Consultation and engagement with local traders	No of local businesses supported. 12 local businesses were actively engaged in the Christmas campaign.	G
	Develop a business support programme to offer support to existing businesses and encourage new retail start ups	Janet Snaith	At the November 2011 meeting, Area Committee agreed that a budget of £35,000 be allocated to engage a specialist organisation to provide dedicated support to (approx 24) retailers. The Lead Agent will develop this with the Task and Result group. The next meeting will be held in February 2012.	Engage and consult with local traders	No of local businesses supported.	A
Lack of new shoppers	Carry out a survey with local shoppers/non shoppers	Andrew Perkin	The Area Network held a workshop on 10 November and discussed issues which have been fed into the development of the marketing activities. The Shop Local at Christmas campaign asked the views of around 1000 shoppers results of which will be discussed at the next Task and Result group meeting. Community events delivered between January and June 2012 will further develop this.	Consultation with residents and visitors	Increase in shoppers	A
	Research best practice	Andrew Perkin	Research complete. Results were provided as part of the final audit report and a number of project proposals were agreed at the November meeting of Area Committee.	Identify new ways of working	New projects implemented. COMPLETE	G

		Deliver marketing campaign	Julie Heathcote	The results of the 'Shop Local this Christmas' event will be used to develop and deliver a marketing programme during January - June 2012. The timetable will be developed by the Lead Agent with input and support from the Task and Result group.	Support the delivery of the local marketing project and ensure that any corporate or citywide retail support includes the three local shopping centres	Increase in shoppers	G
	Public transport	Promote and use community and public transport		A rep from Nexus is acting as an 'adviser' to the T&R group and has agreed to support this priority where possible. The Christmas marketing campaign was promoted by Nexus and supported by ELCAP's community transport	Identify issues and influence service provision	Increase in shoppers	A
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Activities for Young People	Negative perceptions of young people in some areas	Celebrate positive achievements. The Area Network and RLS have promoted the input of young people during the Love Where You Live Campaign.	Linda King/Julie Heathcote	Some positive stories have emerged from the XL youth village activities and the additional provision through the Responsive Youth Provision (RYP) pilot. An article in the November edition of Community News promoted activities available and the March 2012 edition of Community News will further promote youth provision. Partners including Washington MIND, the Police and Gentoo are also promoting the positive achievements of young people.	Promote success	Positive news stories Article in Community News praises young people	G

Hotspots of youth disorder	Provide targeted activity in areas most at risk Use local intelligence to target youth provision	Linda King	The Responsive Youth Provision (RYP) pilot project was set up with £10,000 SIB. The project has been successfully delivered at Easington Lane and Houghton Racecourse Estate and the police have reported an improvement in behaviour in the targeted areas (reported youth related ASB has reduced by 19.3% in the year to November 2011). The budget has now been increased from Area Committee and Gentoo funding. LMAPS and the Police will continue to be consulted on which areas to target. The winter programme of XL Youth Villages will provide targeted activity at locations with most need, currently Burnside. Groundwork have secured external funding to deliver youth sessions at Easington Lane, and the LMAPS group approved funding to keep the Flatts Youth Centre open until its future is known.	Influence service delivery and budgets	Reduction in youth disorder Reported youth related ASB has reduced by 19.3% in the year to November 2011	G
Relevant and adequate youth activities	Work with Youth Development Group to evaluate provision	Linda King/ Wendy Cook	Each meeting of the Task and Result group identify issues and highlight gaps in provision in order to develop solutions. A planned programme of contracted youth sessions is discussed at each meeting, and adapted to suit the demand. Linda King, Youth Lead for the Coalfield area, will lead	Identify and review activities and services	Increase in use of contracted youth provision	G
Lack of out of school activity for 8-12 year olds	Map provision of existing services. Area Network supporting this piece of work by providing local intelligence	Children's Services locality team	This will now be explored along with 13-19 provision at future Task and Result group meetings. A provider forum will improve co-ordination of provision.	Identification of gaps in service	Audit of local provision	G
Development of services for 8-12s required	Work with Youth Development Group to evaluate provision and target resources	Linda King Sandra Mitchell/ Rachel Putz	A pilot programme of activities for this age group will be delivered from January 2012. Future development of these activities will be considered by the Head of Early Intervention and Locality Services and the Locality Manager	Target mainstream and area resources	Structured activity for 8-12 year olds	A

	Holiday provision	Evaluate current provision to identify what should continue	Linda King	Based on the evaluation of previous holiday provision the Task and Result group considered, and agreed, a programme of holiday activity across all wards for a) 8-12 age group and b) 13-19 age group. The programme will be delivered at February half term (1 week), Easter (2 weeks) and Spring half term (1 week).	Influencing mainstream budgets	No of holiday activities provided The total number of holiday sessions delivered in each ward has now increased.	G
	Play parks and play areas	Promote and utilise existing sites	Victoria French	The lead agent provided an update to the November Area Committee and it was agreed that SIB would be utilised to contribute to the improvements of Kirklee Play site. An application is presented to this (February 2012) meeting.	Influence the next stage of the Play and Urban Games Strategy (PUGS) including maximising S106 funding	Number of new play areas	G
	Public transport	Promote and use community and public transport	Task and Result Group	Accessibility issues are taken into account when services are being developed and delivered. Community transport has been utilised for outings and trips and opportunities to take part in youth activities have been promoted by Nexus.	Ensure provision is accessible and transport is available	Increase in young people accessing services	A
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Allotments and community gardens	Derelict plots	Pilot programme on two allotment sites	Gerry Roll	Burnside and Britannia Terrace have been selected as the two pilot sites. A programme of work has begun on Burnside and five derelict plots have been cleared and are now being brought back into use. A small team of park staff will clear out unkempt gardens between November 2011 and March 2012. Fencing and a gate have also been installed at Burnside to further improve the site.	Escalate issues to the Head of Service for Street Scene via the Task and Result Group	Reduction in vacant/ unkempt plots Reduced on Burnside site	A

Inappropriate use of plots	Identification of plots being used illegally or incorrectly. Information should be forwarded to the T&R Group or to the Allotment Officer	Gerry Roll	The recent audit has identified a number of sites where plots are not being cultivated and used for other purposes. Following a police operation two sites were identified as being used illegally and tenancies have been terminated. Tenancies have been terminated on plots where cultivation by tenants has not taken place. There is an ongoing programme to address all inappropriate activity and a report with further details will be presented to the next Area Committee meeting	Escalate issues to the Head of Service for Street Scene, or to the Police, via the Task and Result Group	Reduction in plots not being used for cultivation Reduced on Burnside site	A	
Community gardens	Develop community allotment plots within existing sites. The VCS Network will support the development of community gardens	Ethel Wilson/ Susan Brown	To be developed now audit is complete. It was agreed by Committee at the November meeting that £5,000 from the previously agreed allotments budget be utilised to further progress this element of the priority. The Community Co-ordinator is working with the Allotments Officer and local organisations to develop community gardens across the whole of the Coalfield	Support development of community use	Community spaces created	A	
Budgets and funding	Identify ring fenced and mainstream budgets	Gerry Roll	A proposal has been put forward to the Executive Director of City Services	Influencing mainstream budgets	Increase in allotment budget	A	
	External funding and partnership working	Pauline Hopper/ Susan Brown	Gentoo and Groundwork are part of the Task and Result group and have agreed to form an 'action group' with VCS Network and Area Officer to look at how Area Committee actions can be supported	Attracting funding to area	External funding secured	A	
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Child Poverty	Development of Child and Family Poverty Strategy	Neighbourhood model of service delivery	Raj Singh	Phase 2 of the Strategy has now been developed	Consultation and involvement during development	Strategy produced	G
	Child Poverty needs assessment	Neighbourhood model of service delivery	Raj Singh	Results of pilot will be reported to Area Committee once complete	Initiatives delivered to meet local need	Development of local services	G
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG

Dangerous and speeding traffic	Co-ordinated or strategic approach required	Identification of road safety issues and development of an overall plan	Les Clark	The Lead Agent attended the September meeting of Coalfield Area Committee to provide an update regarding the strategic approach to traffic related issues. Information on accidents and other intelligence will form part of the information gathering exercise to inform next steps. Area Committee will receive a further update in the new financial year 2012/13	Ensure services meet local requirements	Area action plan or strategy	A
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Support for Older People (A report is presented to this (Feb 2012) meeting)	Content and quality of current services	Audit of local services provided for older people. Coalfield Community Co-ordinator is assisting with this via the VCS network	Gail Black/Alan Clark (HHAS)	An audit of locally provided services (including statutory and voluntary sector) has been produced. This will be added to and reviewed on a regular basis by the Task and Result group	Highlight areas of concern to HHAS	Improved service provision	G
	Accessibility to services	Audit of where local services are delivered/accessible. A workshop attended by VCS Network organisations has supported this work	Gail Black/Alan Clark (HHAS)	An audit of locally provided services (including statutory and voluntary sector) has been produced. This will be added to and reviewed on a regular basis by the Task and Result group		Audit produced COMPLETE	G
	Mobility and 'getting around' - including public transport	Highlight areas of concern and promote accessible services	Gail Black/Alan Clark (HHAS)	This element of the audit needs further work. This will be carried out in conjunction with service providers and the VCS Network		Audit produced	A
	Money and debt advice – mobile and outreach services	Promote on line or telephone support. Further develop outreach services -	Task and Result Group	Recent research has shown that there is an increased demand for advice. The November 2011 Area Committee approved an application for £23,166 SIB to provide enhanced support across the Coalfield area. Regular performance updates will be provided	Partnership working e.g. DWP	More outreach and accessible advice.	G
	Promote support available – market and advertise	Local groups to promote support to their members. VCS Network are assisting in the promotion of local services	Task and Result Group	Further information after T&R meeting	Promote services to local people	More publicity about what is available	A
	Volunteers for services available e.g. allotments	Encourage and develop local communities to become volunteers	Area Network/ Volunteer Centre	Further information after T&R meeting	Identify volunteering opportunities and training available	Number of volunteers engaged	A
	Self administering of medication		Task and Result Group	Further information after T&R meeting	Escalate issue to relevant Board of Committee		

	Social interaction (especially those in residential care)	Promote and support services such as befriending and visiting schemes. Members of the VCS Network are delivering social activities	Task and Result Group	Further information after T&R meeting	Identify needs and gaps in provision	More people attending activities available	A
	Public transport	Promote and use community and public transport	Task and Result Group	A number of projects aimed at supporting older people have been supported by using ELCAP community transport. Luncheon clubs, social outings and shopping trips are some examples of how services are being delivered by using the community transport scheme. Projects accessible by public transport will promote timetables etc.. wherever possible.	Support to retain community transport in the area. Escalate transport issues to the relevant committees and to Nexus	Increased number of older people being able to access services	A
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Empty properties	Planned approach	Development of an area based Empty Properties Action Plan. Local intelligence has informed the development of the plan	Liz McEvoy	A draft has been prepared and was presented to Area Committee by lead agent. A report is presented to the November meeting. Final version of the Empty Property Action Plan was approved by Cabinet in November 2011.	Input into development of plan	Area Plan with targets agreed COMPLETE	G
	Enforcement	Identify nuisance properties. Area specific officers including Area Officer, Area Response Manager, Environmental Enforcement Officer, Community Co-ordinator, Empty Properties Officer, ASB Officer and Environmental Health Officer will meet in late November to share information and strengthen collaborative working across all Council Districts	Liz McEvoy	Nuisance properties identified using a matrix. Issues area addressed on an ongoing basis by the Empty Properties Assistant.	Part of matrix includes referrals from ward members	Number of Empty Property Notices issued (2011/12) is 2 and 4 emergency boarding ups have been carried out. Other Housing Enforcement Notices issued (2011/12) is 7.	G
	Private landlords	Agree a date and hold a landlords' forum to discuss the Empty property Action Plan.	Liz McEvoy	The Landlord Forum was held on 1 December 2011 where the empty property action plan and projects were promoted.	Encourage local landlords to participate	Number of accredited landlords - 40 landlords, with 188 properties in the Coalfields area (as at 4.1.12)	G
	Learn from best practice (e.g. square root group)		Area Committee		Encourage partnership working and community ownership		A

	Identify 1 or 2 hotspots for improvement	Local intelligence to be gathered	Liz McEvoy	Statistics have shown which wards are above the City average for empty properties and these will be targeted. Additionally, areas that are displaying a number and range of problems with regards to the private rented sector will be targeted as "hot spots" such as "The Racecourse" are. These are agreed by SMT. There were seven Gentoo properties which were empty, and six of the properties have since been brought back to use. One privately owned problematic property has been selected for the HCA/Gentoo project, and will be refurbished and brought back to use in 2012	Develop improvements to meet local need	Properties brought back into use - 79 (as at 4.1.12)	G
	HCA funding - explore further and consider match		Liz McEvoy	An application for funding Submitted to the HCA has been successful. There are 4 properties identified in the Coalfield area as part of this project which will be completed by June 2012. An application for SIB is submitted to this meeting, so more problematic properties can be identified. Gentoo is bidding to the HCA for further empty property funds from 2012 - 15 subject to match funding being found. £577k for the City has been made available from New Homes Bonus funding to bring empty properties back into use through 2 projects. One is to offer loans to owners to refurbish properties and one for a Registered Provider to acquire and refurbish problematic empty properties	To help identify empty properties which are refurbished through the project.	Funding secured/ funding allocated £80,000 funding secured from HCA	A
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Neglected land	Identify neglected land	Identify sites which could be categorised as 'neglected'.	Dave Ellison	A portfolio of identified neglected sites is being further developed to include information on land ownership, previous and present use and future plans. This was discussed by the Task and Result group in January 2012 and four priority sites for improvement were identified.	Development of land use to meet resident need	Audit produced COMPLETE	G

Industrial sites/fly tipping	Report incidents	Dave Ellison	During the audit of sites some areas of regular fly tipping have been identified and measures are being put in place e.g. barriers and boulders to block access and the installation of flash cams where possible	Influence enforcement powers	Reduction in fly tipping	G
Ownership (SLM large and small plots)	Provide local intelligence to lead agent and Task and Result group	Craig Logue/Ian Crosby	The lead agent has been liaising with the SLM project staff and Land Registry (via Legal) to identify ownership on specific pieces of land. Comprehensive information was presented to the T&R group. A further report is presented to this meeting (February 2019)	Development of land use	SLM system updated	G
Investigate adverse possession of appropriate sites	Provide local intelligence to lead agent and Task and Result group	Property Services	This issue will be addressed once Area Committee has agreed the priority sites.	Advise and influence policy regarding adverse possession	Identified sites	A
Involve Property Services in addressing issues		Colin Clark	The Head of Land and Property has been consulted and appropriate representation from the service will be part of the project development.	Development of land use		G
Work with landowners - eg Lambton Estates		Lead Agent	Once ownership of land has been established for all identified sites, the Head of Land and Property will be consulted where appropriate and will be invited to attend the Task and Result group to advise on how to liaise with land owners. All private landowners identified during the	Escalate issues regarding enforcement to land and property	Sites cleared and brought up to an acceptable standard	A
Link with other priorities - greenspace, unadopted roads, empty properties etc..	Provide local intelligence to lead agent and Task and Result group	Pauline Hopper/ Dave Ellison	Officers from Land and Property, planning policy, planning implementation etc.. will act as advisers to the T&R group to ensure priorities are linked. Consultation will take place with partners and all directorates before any actions to improve land are	Consider links to other strategies and identify joint working		A
Allocation of funding relating to Section 106 Agreements	Identify local community need	Area Committee	This issue has been raised with the Head of Planning and it is being further explored along with the Community Infrastructure Levy. The Lead Officer for Planning Policy has given advice and support to the T&R group (further information provided to this	Influence allocation	Allocation of S106 influenced by Area Committee	A
Unfinished developments		Building Control	The lead agent is liaising with the relevant officers who will be invited to attend the Task and Result group if required	Escalate relevant planning or policy issues	Reduction in unfinished developments	A

Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Heritage	A co-ordinated approach required	Local Heritage Community Development Worker	Vicki Medhurst	A Heritage Community Development worker (HCDW) took up the temporary (1 year) post on 31 October 2011 and has the responsibility of delivering the Coalfield and North area Heritage Action Plans. The worker's time will be split 50/50 between the	Development of heritage projects	Community Development worker in post COMPLETE	G
	Budget required to deliver small scale projects/ implement relevant recommendations	Allocate a proportion of SIB funding to address the heritage priority	Area Committee	A sum of £40,000 was 'ring fenced' for the Heritage priority. Individual projects are now being taken forward. Including the development of a village atlas and heritage trails.	Influence budgets (Council/partners/ external)	Projects being delivered COMPLETE	G
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Local Shopping Centres	No comprehensive area information available	Development of baseline information for three selected centres. Members of the Area Network have been consulted.	Andrew Perkin	A report has now been produced and discussed by the Shopping Centres T&R group.	Engagement of stakeholders. Improvements suggested	Report produced COMPLETE	G
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Activities for Young People	Allocation of Children's Services £30,000 budget for positive activity	Area Committee (via Youth Task and Result Group) to identify areas of need	Linda King	Area Committee, LMAPS, Police and YDG to identify areas most in need of additional provision	Influence mainstream budgets	Funding allocated COMPLETE	G
	No identified lead on provision for 8-12s issue	Work with Children's Services to identify lead agent	Sandra Mitchell/ Rachel Putz	Sandra Mitchell updated Committee at the September meeting and a meeting was held with the Coalfield Locality Manager, Rachel Putz, early in November. Further meetings will develop the knowledge around provision for this target group. Rachel will be the named contact	Review current arrangements	Identified lead COMPLETE	G
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Allotments and gardens	Inaccurate or incomplete baseline information	Audit of all sites required	Gerry Roll	An in depth audit of all sites to include occupied, vacant and derelict plots has been carried out and a plan of each site is now available to the Task and Result group	Review and update of current information	Plan of each allotment site COMPLETE	G
	Waiting lists	Correspond with those on waiting list to confirm still interested	Ethel Wilson	All on waiting list have been contacted. Waiting lists have been revised	Review and revise current waiting lists	Reduction in waiting lists COMPLETE	G

	Budgets and funding	Allocation of area budgets to support work	Pauline Hopper	A budget of £35,665 SIB has been 'ring fenced' for this priority.	Targeting of resources	SIB allocated COMPLETE	G
Priority	Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committee's Influencing Role	Outcome Measure	RAG
Unadopted Roads	Policy regarding unadopted roads	Information and issues provided to Lead Agent	Stephen Pickering	A significant amount of work has been carried out to determine a baseline position in regard to private streets. An extensive desktop study together with on site photography exercise to identifying all the unadopted streets in the Coalfield Area and across the city has been undertaken. An officer from City Services attended the September meeting of Coalfield Area Committee to give a presentation regarding the findings of the report and the proposed increase of the budget for 2012/13.	Requested review of current arrangements	Report to Area Committee COMPLETE	
	Poor road surfaces	Carry out minor repairs as part of area or mainstream budgets	Area Committee	A number of minor improvements have been undertaken using area SIP allocations. However, this one off budget is now fully spent	Ensure planned road and building works consider ways to improve roads	No of improved road surfaces COMPLETE (Budget now fully spent)	

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE
1 FEBRUARY 2012
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:
 Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest - Financial update and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

Author(s):
 Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:
 This report requests Area Committee to consider proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest to support initiatives that will deliver activity against priorities for 2011/12.

Description of Decision:
 The Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2011/12 budget:

Annex 3:

- Approve 4 SIB proposals from the 2011/12 budget as outlined in 2.1. of Item 3e
 - Kirklee Field Play Area
 - Coalfield Community Challenge – Sunderland 2012 and Jubilee
 - Sunderland in 2012 Programme (Olympics)
 - Empty Homes 2012

Annex 4:

- Approve 10 Community Chest requests from the 2011/12 budget as outlined in 2.2 of Item 3e

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

SIB is a budget delegated to Area Committee in order to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Coalfield Work Plan. Its main purpose is to benefit the local community and to attract other funding into the area.

The Area Committee has a total SIB budget of £238,257 for 2011/12, which includes £1,564 returned to budget from a previously funded project.

The Community Chest forms part of SIB, of which £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2011/2012 across all wards. £10,000 is available for each ward (Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiny Row) in addition, £2,880 was carried over from previous years, making this years total balance £42,880.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.

Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No
 Is it included in the Forward Plan?
 No

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

1 FEBRUARY 2012

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest – Financial Update and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

1. Why has it come to Committee

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Work Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. This report provides an update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB and Community Chest.

2. Funding streams 2011/2012 as at 1st February 2012

2.1 SIB – Financial Statement (projects approved to date)

	Committee Date	Main SIB Fund Approvals	Opportunities Approvals	Total 100%
	-	-	-	£238,257
Project Name	-	-	-	-
Easington Lane Lighting	01.06.2011	£3,500		£234,757
Elemore Vale Steelworks	01.06.2011	£6,000		£228,757
Sunderland Festival	01.06.2011		£3,000	£225,757
Grangewood Play Site Footpath Lighting	01.06.2011	£13,775		£211,982
Houghton Feast	13.07.2011	£5,000		£206,982
Allotment Improvements	13.07.2011	£30,000		£176,982
Activities for young people	13.07.2011	£30,000		£146,982
Ear 4 Project	13.07.2011	£7,700		£139,282
Houghton Crest	21.09.2011		£3,500	£135,782
St Matthews Lighting	21.09.2011		£4,418	£131,364
Russell Foster Football Centre	21.09.2011		£4,900	£126,464
Wellness Programme in Extra Care	23.11.2011		£9,000	£117,464
Welfare and Benefits Advice	23.11.2011		£23,166	£94,298
Youth Work Training	23.11.2011		£5,600	£88,698
Young People's Project	23.11.2011		£9,875	£78,823

Total allocated		£95,975	£63,459	
Balance	-	-	-	£79,550
NB: - In quarter 1 the following has been recouped: £726.62 from The South View Phase Project.				

Following the November 2011 meeting there was a remaining balance of £79,550. Funding requests presented to this meeting, detailed in **Annex 3** are as follows:

Project	Amount	Recommendation
Kirklee Field Play Area	£16,468	Approve
Coalfield Community Challenge	£10,000	Approve
Sunderland in 2012	£10,000	Approve
Empty Homes 2012	£13,000	Approve

Projects presented total £49,468. Should all of the proposals be approved the remaining balance for the 2011/2012 allocation would be £30,082. Should the proposal to approve a budget for the improvement of neglected land be agreed there will be a balance of £82.

A number of priorities have previously been allocated a budget from which projects have been, and are being, developed. **Annex 2** shows budgets agreed, projects approved and balance remaining for each of these individual budgets.

2.2 Community Chest

The table below details balances remaining following the last meeting in November 2011 and project proposals received as detailed in **Annex 4**.

Ward	Available following November 2011 meeting	Project Proposals to this meeting	Balance
Copt Hill	£7,521	£3,740	£3,781
Hetton	£4,910	£1,500	£3,410
Houghton	£7,257	£750	£6,507
Shiney Row	£4,022	£2,838	£1,184
Total	£23,710	£8,828	£14,882

Recommendations:

Committee is requested to:

- Note the financial information set out in sections 2.1 and 2.2 and Annex 2
- Approve the recommendations set out in in section 2.1 and Annex 3 (SIB applications)
- Approve the allocation of £30,000 for the improvement of neglected land
- Approve the 10 proposals for support from 2011/2012 Community Chest set out in Annex 4

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Annex 2 SIB budget and balance for each priority

Annex 3 Summary of SIB/SIP project applications

Annex 4 Community Chest proposals

SIB Budgets

Item 3 Annex 2

Budget approved 5 Jan 2011: **£40,000**

Priority	Project	Date	Expenditure	Balance
Heritage Priority	Coalfield Community Challenge	30.03.2011	£5,000	£35,000
	Delivering Heritage Action Plan	21.09.2011	£35,000	£0
Remaining balance			£40,000	£0

Budget approved 5 Jan 2011: **£80,000**

Priority	Project	Date	Expenditure	Balance
Shopping Centres	Marketing Project for Christmas	21.09.2011	£15,000	£65,000
Remaining balance			£15,000	£65,000

Budget approved 5 Jan 2011: £5,665
 Budget approved 13 July 2011: £30,000
Total £35,665

Priority	Project	Date	Expenditure	Balance
Allotment Improvements	Name of project			£35,665
	Environmental Improvements to Burnside	21.09.2011	£3,382	£32,283
	Coalfield Community Challenge	23.11.11	£5,000	
Remaining balance			£8,382	£27,283

Budget approved 13 July 2011: **£30,000**

Priority	Project	Date	Expenditure	Balance
Activities for Young People	Activities for Young People	21.09.2011	£30,000	£0
Remaining balance			£30,000	£0

Summary of SIB Funding Applications

Project 1 - Kirklee Field Play Area

Total cost of Project	Total SIB	Total match funding
£100,000	£16,468	£83,532
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
9 months	April 2012	January 2013

The Project

The project will provide a purpose built play space within the Kirklee area. Subject to resident consultation, this will comprise fixed play equipment on a safety surface or the development of a natural play environment, or other space as determined by the children and young people in the community. On-going maintenance of the facility will be incorporated into the play maintenance plan.

Need for the Project

The need for the project was identified as part of the Play and Urban Games Strategy and subsequent consultation. Area Committee identified Kirklee Field as the next site for development in the Coalfield area.

Outputs of the Project

A1	Number of new or improved community facilities	1
A2	Number of people using new or improved facilities	300

Key Milestones for the Project

Consultation	2 April 2012
Planning	1 June 2012
Work commences on site	8 October 2012
Work completed and site open	1 January 2013

Recommendation: Approve

The project will meet the strategic objectives in the Work Plan of 'Activities for Young People' and 'Play Provision' and was previously identified by Area Committee as the next priority site for improving play equipment.

Project 2 - Coalfield Community Challenge – Sunderland 2012 and Jubilee Celebrations

Total cost of Project	Total SIB	Total match funding
£10,000	£10,000	£0
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
8 months	February 2012	October 2012

The Project

The project will deliver community and partnership events around two themes 1) Sunderland 2012 (Olympic programme) and 2) Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Local schools, VCS organisations, groups and residents will be supported to deliver and take part in a series of events across the whole of the Coalfield area. The first part of the project will be delivered in line with the main Sunderland 2012 programme through the role of the Area Community Coordinator, Voluntary and Community Sector Networks and the wider Sport Leisure and Community Development Team. A Tool Kit will be established which will enable the residents and communities to take part and become involved. The tool kit will allow a clear and transparent process for the Olympic activity. The second part of the project will be developed and managed by the Coalfield Community Co-ordinator and the VCS Network using a participative approach to

agreeing events to be supported by this project. A simple and clear form has been developed and will address the activity around the £5k spend for participation and activity around the Queens Jubilee. A work shop on the 19th Jan at the Coalfield VCS Network will start the process.

The potential exists to improve health, tackle exclusion and isolation, engage those who have disengaged from certain areas of society, and empower and inspire individuals and communities to come together and therefore improve community cohesion.

We have evidence that the grass route approach through the Coalfield Community Challenge initiative is what works well here in the Coalfield Area, 32 voluntary and community groups, 12 community events and 90 new volunteers in 2011 in projects such as Local Heritage, improvements to Allotments and Community Gardens as well as regional activity at a local level such as the love where you live campaign. It is proposed to develop and deliver a comprehensive programme of community events, activities and opportunities in the build up to, during and beyond the London 2012 Games.

Capacity building is proven as this will be the third round of participation the first being the Coalfield in Bloom where 19 schools, 55 community groups and over 400 volunteers and a number of 'Area Champions', who will be keen to representative of the population of the area to help promote the programme and fully engage the local community. These could be, for example, Elected Members, talented athletes, community representatives, volunteers and coaches.

This project is about creating a legacy for participating in sport and physical activity. One of the key ways in which this will be achieved is that we intend that a Volunteering Bank and Community Events Toolbox will be continued after the grant period to support further volunteering and social action across the city.

Volunteers will also be signposted through the Volunteering Bank to access further information, training and development opportunities enabling them to recruit and develop volunteers in sport and physical activity, and deliver projects and events in the future. Volunteers will be invited to link into existing VCS organisations, local VCS infrastructure organisations and Area VCS Networks.

Need for the Project

Work ongoing from the Area Work Plan particularly around the "Shop Local" Christmas Campaign allowed us to consult and engage over 1000 local people and we were able to collate information and expressions of interest from local people and groups willing to take part and be involved in the 2012 which also gives us the opportunity to celebrate and leave behind a lasting legacy. Olympics are not just about sport, they are an opportunity to enjoy and participate in a major cultural celebration. In addition, they also provide an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the Games through other 'windows', including libraries, heritage, dance, music, theatre, the visual arts, film and digital innovation and leave a lasting legacy for the arts in the UK. With regards to participation in Sport and physical activity the current figures (Dec 2011 indicate 21.29% of adults 16+ engage in 30 minutes of physical activity 3 times per week. It is proposed that the Sunderland in 2012 programme and its legacy will make a positive contribution in increasing participation rates.

Sport will never be provided with a better opportunity to engage residents in physical activity - a once in a lifetime opportunity. Attaining a lasting legacy beyond the London 2012 Games will not be easy, but there is no reason why this cannot be achieved. In order to develop a meaningful programme of activities it will be possible to develop and deliver in partnership with

key stakeholders, a range of programmes, initiatives and support services that will inspire residents.

A workshop in December 2011 attended by Area Committee members, partners and officers identified the need to add further value to the successful 'Coalfield Community Challenge' project by expanding and increasing opportunities for local people to be involved. Members present requested that an application for £10,000 was submitted for consideration by Committee.

Outputs of the Project

A3	VCS organisations and local groups supported	50
A6	Community or educational events held	50

Key Milestones for the Project

Launch of the Sunderland in 2012 programme	27 January 2012
Calender of activites - various events and dates	February 2012
Celebration Event - 16 June 2012	16 June 2012
Final event - we took part in Sunderland in 2012	27 September 2012

Recommendation: Approve. The project will continue the successful 'Coalfield Community Challenge' with a focus on Olympics and the Diamond Jubilee. When setting the priorities and Work Plan for 2011/12 Coalfield Area Committee agreed that community involvement and engagement should be at the heart of project activity and delivery.

Project 3 - Sunderland in 2012 Programme (Olympics)

Total cost of Project	Total SIB	Total match funding
£69,000	£50,000 in total £10,000 from Coalfield	£19,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
9 months	January 2012	October 2012

The Project

It is considered that the 2012 Games could have a clear and lasting impact on every aspect of Sunderland life and the ability to positively affect the physical and social health of communities. The 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games will be the largest event ever held within the United Kingdom (UK) and will not return to the UK in our life time. The potential exists to improve health, tackle exclusion and isolation, engage those who have disengaged from certain areas of society, and empower and inspire individuals and communities to come together and therefore improve community cohesion. It is proposed to develop and deliver a comprehensive city programme of community events, activities and opportunities in the build up to, during and beyond the London 2012 Games.

It is proposed the Sunderland in 2012 programme will provide a mixture of opportunities for residents to engage with the programme. Firstly the initiative will introduce and embed a level of friendly 'competitiveness' into the programme. Areas will be 'affiliated' to a coloured Olympic Ring and residents participating in Sunderland in 2012 will gain 'credits for their area of the city. The credits can be gained from participating in many ways and it is suggested that through an increased community spirit, localities will become stronger and more connected when working together to achieve area 'credits'.

Secondly, the programme will have a number of city pledges where the city, as a community, will be encouraged to work towards these and reach a number of targets. including for example, challenging the city to:

- Recruit 2012 new volunteers as part of the programme
- have 50,000 people taking part
- Be part of the world record attempt.
- have all schools engaged in the programme

Within the programme the range of initiatives and projects developed and delivered will be specific to the locality needs and will be aimed at moving residents from a mind set of 'contemplating' into 'action'. As part of the programme, areas will be encouraged to develop a number of 'Area Champions', who will be representative of the population of the area to help promote the programme and fully engage the local community. These could be, for example, Elected Members, talented athletes, community representatives, volunteers and coaches

Take Part in 'Sunderland in 2012' - It is proposed to develop a calendar of activities that fall under the Sunderland in 2012 programme, whilst maximising events and activities that are already planned between January and September 2012. Developing the calendar of activities and opportunities will ensure that there are a wide range of 'take part in' activities that residents can do, watch, or volunteer at and will provide the residents of Sunderland with a comprehensive programme. It is proposed that a number of city wide events will be developed which will enable Coalfield residents to take part in.

Working with the VCS Network, opportunities will be made available to support community groups and organisations to deliver a number of community based events and activities as part of the Sunderland in 2012 programme. Support will be provided for groups through the VCS network and further supported by the Council, and the additional SWITCH Support Officers working on the Sunderland 2012 Programme. A Community Toolkit is to be distributed on 27 January which will provide guidance to local community groups in order to access localised funds.

To maximise impact and deliver financially efficient events a number of city wide events are planned that will engage residents from Washington area. For example the Sunderland Celebration event on the 16th June will maximise the unique opportunity of Sunderland being a Torch Relay 'Community on Route' of which Washington residents will be fully engaged within that celebration. The celebration will take place at Herrington Country Park as the space allows for significant numbers to attend. The celebration event would incorporate numerous activities including:

- Live music and entertainment
- Big Screen Films
- Family picnic
- Family activities
- A World Record attempt

A further example of a city wide event which will engage Coalfield residents is the 24 hour Swimathon which will take place 23 & 24 March and look to engage with 576 residents from the Coalfield Area.

Sunderland in 2012 Legacy - The overall ethos of the programme is to lay the foundations for lasting participation in sport and physical activity, arts and cultural activity and volunteering at a local level. Opportunities exist through this proposal to work with communities and Elected Members to inform the calendar of activities to ensure the opportunities and activities are not only relevant to the local community but also inspire residents within the community to take part in a programme that will contribute to area committee priorities being realised.

At the Coalfield Task and Finish Group it was suggested that the Area Committee may wish to support local and community events by further allocating SIB funds to support the programme.

Need for Project

The 2012 Games present an opportunity for all sport and activity providers, arts and cultural providers, as well as community groups to capture the imagination of residents and engage people within a Sunderland celebration programme. The Olympics and Paralympics are not just about sport, they are an opportunity to enjoy and participate in a major cultural celebration. In addition, they also provide an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the Games through other 'windows', including libraries, heritage, dance, music, theatre, the visual arts, film and digital innovation and leave a lasting legacy for the arts in the UK. With regards to participation in Sport and physical activity the current figures (Dec 2011 indicate 21.29% of adults 16+ engage in 30 minutes of physical activity 3 times per week. It is proposed that the Sunderland in 2012 programme and its legacy will make a positive contribution in increasing participation rates.

Sport will never be provided with a better opportunity to engage residents in physical activity - a once in a lifetime opportunity. Attaining a lasting legacy beyond the London 2012 Games will not be easy, but there is no reason why this cannot be achieved. In order to develop a meaningful programme of activities it will be possible to develop and deliver in partnership with key stakeholders, a range of programmes, initiatives and support services that will inspire residents.

Partnership working is at the heart of what we are trying to deliver. Without establishing meaningful and cohesive partnerships then it is unlikely that a programme of this nature can be delivered. The Council's Sport, Leisure and Community Development Team and the Culture and Tourism Team both within City Services will be leading project management arrangements.

Work has already commenced to engage key partners in the city to be a part of this programme. Further engagement with communities will commence in the new year to ensure the programme develops in a way that is relevant to the Coalfield Area

A Task and Finish Group involving officers and Members has taken place to ensure that the project proposals are specific to the relevant area of the city. The Community and Voluntary Support Network will disseminate half of the allocated funding to those community groups who are proposing to deliver an activity or event that contributes to the aims and objectives of the programme and therefore will be promoted under the broader umbrella of the Sunderland in 2012 programme.

City Services will be ensuring that the 2012 in Sunderland programme has a lasting legacy, which includes working with local sports clubs, groups and organisations to continue to promote culture, sport and physical activity within localities. The 2012 programme has been included in the Directorate's 2012-2013 Service Plan under the following outcomes

- Strengthening communities and building resilience
- Champion and celebrate local identity by engaging with individuals and communities
- Lead and deliver a legacy programme beyond the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games which will engage and inspire all residents to increase their participation levels in sport and physical activity and community engagement.

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Volunteers will also be signposted through the Volunteering Bank to access further information, training and development opportunities enabling them to recruit and develop volunteers in sport and physical activity, and deliver projects and events in the future. Volunteers will be invited to link into existing VCS organisations, local VCS infrastructure organisations and Area VCS Networks.

Outputs of the Project

H2	Number of people engaged in healthy lifestyle projects	4000
P3	Number of people volunteering	450

Key Milestones for the Project

Launch of the Sunderland in 2012 programme	27 January 2012
Calender of activites - various events and dates	27 January 2012
Celebration Event - 16 June 2012	16 June 2012
Final event - we took part in Sunderland in 2012	27 September 2012

Recommendation: Approve. The project will offer the opportunity for the whole community to become involved. Activities for Young People, Support for Older People and Community Involvement will be supported by this project.

Project 4 – Empty Homes 2012

Total cost of Project	Total SIB	Total match funding
£93,000	£13,000	£80,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
5 months	1 Feb 2012	30 June 2012

The Project

The project, managed by Gentoo Sunderland, will bring back into full time use four private rental properties that have been empty for several years. Due to the nature of these homes they have remained empty and become a focus for anti social behaviour and/or crime. Four properties have been identified in the Coalfield area and will be fully refurbished to bring them up to decent homes lettable standard.

The Lawns DH5 ONF

Moore Crescent South DH5 8LG

Railway Terrace North DH4 7BB

Brittania Terrace DH4 6LJ

A variety of works will be undertaken but in general this will include kitchens, bathrooms, heating systems, general decoration, windows and external doors.

Once complete, the properties will be managed by Gentoo for a minimum of five years. Tenants will be selected from the Local Authority Housing Register and will be vetted for suitability. Tenancies and condition of the property will be monitored and reviewed by Gentoo to ensure they remain in a decent standard. The rental income from the properties will fund the future upkeep and maintenance costs for five years following this the properties will be returned to the owner.

Need for the Project

Empty properties is a priority for the Coalfield area. The properties have been identified by the Local Authority from their own long term empty rental properties list as being problematic empty properties. The improvement of these properties will contribute to the empty properties strategy and targets for the Coalfield area. Adjacent property occupiers will be relieved of the problem of ASB and crime against these properties. Any incidents arising against these properties will be monitored and compared with historical data.

The project is match funded through the Government's Regeneration Agency, the Homes and Community's Agency and the project is part of its strategy to return long term empty properties back into use.

Outputs of the Project

S1	Number of homes with improved security	4
S4	Number of programmes to improve ASB	4

Key Milestones for the Project

Scope for the scheme of work finalised	Beg Feb 2012
Work on all properties commenced	End Feb 2012
Work on all properties completed	End June 2012
Property returned to use	End of July 2012

Recommendation: Approve

The project will meet the strategic objective in the Work Plan of 'Empty and Problematic Properties' and offers a good level of match funding. As a result of improvement to problem properties it is envisaged that anti social behaviour and environmental problems will be reduced.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2011/2012 COALFIELD AREA - PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

Ward	Project	Amount	Allocation 2011/2012	Project Proposals	Previous Approvals	Balance Remaining
Copt Hill	Eppleton Cricket Club - to install a permanent water supply from boundary to cricket square.	£2,000				
	Hetton Premier Homing Society - to purchase a steel hut for the Hetton Premier; New Herrington; Houghton; The Croft and Easington Lane clubs.	£1,000				
	Gillas Lane Primary School - to contribute to transport costs for children to visit sites to learn about recycling. Recycling bins/bags, two benches for the playground made out of recycled plastics	£740				
	Totals	£3,740	£12,539	£3,740	£5,018	£3,781
Hetton	Hetton Premier Homing Society - to purchase a steel hut for the Hetton Premier; New Herrington; Houghton; The Croft and Easington Lane clubs.	£1,250				
	Easington Lane W.M.C. Football Club - to contribute towards the football club's pitch and referee's fees.	£250				
	Totals	£1,500	£11,595	£1,500	£6,685	£3,410
Houghton	Hetton Premier Homing Society - to purchase a steel hut for the Hetton Premier; New Herrington; Houghton; The Croft and Easington Lane clubs.	£750				
	Totals	£750	£13,050	£750	£5,793	£6,507
Shiney Row	Hetton Premier Homing Society - to purchase a steel hut for the Hetton Premier; New Herrington; Houghton; The Croft and Easington Lane clubs.	£750				
	Sunderland City Council Conservation Team - to contribute to the development of a Village Atlas for Old Penhsaw.	£1,000				
	Trinity Chapel - to contribute to upgrading the heating system.	£500				
	Friends of Gillwood Court - to pay for 'Music for Health' wellbeing workshop sessions for the residents of Gillwood Court.	£588				
	Total	£2,838	£12,295	£2,838	£8,273	£1,184
TOTALS		£8,828	£49,479	£8,828	£25,769	£14,882