

North Area Committee: Work Plan 2014 -15

PLACE

Item 2 Annex 1

	Area Priority	ACTIONS	Lead Agent	Progress Report
1	Environment and Greenspace	<p>1. Area Tours to help determine programme for year ahead potentially to include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotment sites • Shopping areas • Hylton Castle • Improved use of green/open space (linked to People/Health Priorities and Greenspace Funding) • Cemeteries • Neglected Properties (eg Victoriana Building) • Nuisance Parking • Implementing Dog Control Order • St. Peters Sculpture Trail interpretation project linked to heritage, arts, cultural and environmental improvements 	Various	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tours held 11th & 14th July 2014 <p>13.8.14 Special Place Board meeting to discuss proposed actions. Members agreed priorities as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land to the rear of Johnston Villas. SIB funding was approved to carry out an extensive clean up and redevelopment of the site. The site has been cleared of debris, fly tipping, buildings and fencing. The area has been levelled and seeded and obstructive vegetation removed. Board members have requested further costs to install a knee rail fence to be discussed at a future board meeting. • April Board received costs to install fence at Johnstone Villas site with recommendation to June Area Committee for allocation of SIB funding <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheeled Sports Park . SIB funding was approved to carry out environmental improvements to the site supported by the Probation Service. Members have agreed to consider further proposals to develop the provision in partnership with the commissioned youth providers, youth projects and cultural spring in order to engage with young people in the area to determine their views on the proposals. Members agreed that future progress to be determined through the People Board as part of its Activities for Young People Priority. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwick Social Club. The North Place Board have made a formal request to Planning Enforcement to include the club in its future programme for enforcement action. •Southwick ward members have met with Property Services representatives and options provided for future of Southwick Social Club. Further updates to be provided to ward members

• Marine Walk, Roker. The board have agreed that supporting the further development of Marine Walk is a key priority for action this year. A number of proposals are being developed which include the redevelopment of the former paddling pool, activities at Roker Beach, a Bike Project, encouraging wider use of the Pods, Pier View Parking, and a Be Active in Our Greenspace project. A report was submitted to December Area Committee outlining progress to date and funding approval.

•December Area Committee approved both Green Space and SIB funding to deliver the redevelopment of Roker Paddling Pool and Beach Games on Roker Beach, Green Space Funding for Be Active in Our Greenspace Project, and SIB funding for the Pier View Project. and the Bike Hire Scheme Project

• April and May Boards discussed and agreed the Former Roker Paddling Pool design plans including basketball hoops and outdoor gym kit.

• May Board considered the proposals to deliver the North Bike Hire Scheme and made recommendation to June Area Committee

• Proposals for Play Provision at land adj. Pickersgill House. Members from Redhill ward have been working with Planners re influencing the future use of S106 funding for the potential relocation of the Play Provision at Downhill Complex.

• Suggestions for improved usage Monkwearmouth Station Museum. Members had a tour of the museum and fed in views to the Portfolio Holder and officers in the Councils Heritage, Museum and Arts Service. (A Vision for museums in the city is to be produced. It is proposed to come to a future People Board and members will have the opportunity to influence its development.)

• Billy Hardy Centre signage. Members are considering funding improved signage both at the Centre and the parks located in the North of the city. The request for SIB funding was submitted to Area Committee in December 2014.

• December Area Committee approved SIB funding to install new signage at the Billy Hardy Centre

• Project completed and signage installed

• A Further phase of tree thinning at Baltimore. The board agreed that the ward members to discuss with ARM and confirm any proposal for future action.

• Hylton Dene Tree thinning, rose garden and stream clearance. Groundworks NE are developing proposals for this project.

• Almond Drive Motorcycle barriers, Paul Lewins progressing this project.

• Fulwell Allotments (further information required prior to considering any funding) Allotment holders provided with detailed feedback, advice and guidance from the Place Board and to date no further proposals have been submitted.

	<p>2. Monitor Progress of SIB funded Environmental Improvements Project</p>	<p>SCC</p>	<p>In January 2014 Area Committee approved £50k SIB to support the delivery of a programme of Environmental Projects through 2014/15. Updates on Progress are provided to the Place Board and actions include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A1231 Tree Management & Thinning - Complete - further works requested by Ward Cllrs which is currently out to tender to identify whether can be delivered within original budget. •Town End Farm/Baltimore Plantation - Complete •Castletown Plantation - Complete •Rear of Seafields - Complete •Ashpath/Rear of Bishop Harland - Complete •Redhouse Allotment - Complete •Rear of Southwick Library - Complete •Kier Hardy Way - Complete •Sculpture Trail and Bonnersfield Tree Thinning - Complete •North Haven/Sandpoint Bankside - near completion •Bloomfield Plantation - Complete
	<p>3. Influence Seafront development • Board to receive updates and identify opportunities to influence future developments</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A special board meeting was held in September to discuss proposals for an application for funding through the Coastal Community Fund Phase 3. The fund has an Economic Development focus and if the application is successful will support the development of the Seafront as an out of season resort. Increasing or expanding upon events all year round. The application was announced as successful in February 2015. • Board members to receive regular updates on CCF

2 Ward Member Community Engagement (links to People)	1. Link ward members to events and activities delivered	SCC/Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area VCS Networks are developing a partnership approach to deliver five ward based events which will include member engagement and showcasing services and activities available for families in the wards. These events will be delivered over five days in the School Easter Holidays and will provide a range of activities and also include healthy eating and food to help combat holiday hunger. In addition an events calendar is to be updated and circulated to members on a monthly basis. Five ward based events delivered over Easter School Holiday period with wide attendance by North residents and positive feedback received.
	2. Monitor cultural spring project engagement through the North VCS Network	SCC/VCS	Members provided with regular updates on cultural spring delivery and engagement with community in the North. With current delivery including grafitti arts project at Hylton Club, Ukulele Project, Birmingham Royal Ballet at Southwick Primary, grafitti art at Seaburn Shelter and St. Peter's Ward subway, Bring the Happy Project utilising the Pods and future plans to include a grafitti arts project at the Wheeled Sports Park and linkages to the Hylton Castle Project
	3.Support continued delivery of Southwick Illuminations programme	VCS and Business Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area Committee Approved £35,837 SIB funding for Southwick Community Christmas. The funding was originally for a 2 year period and the expectation that it would be a community led/funded event thereafter. As the 2 events were delivered under budget Area Committee agreed that balance could be used to help fund the 3rd year. Agreed further funds required for delivery of 4th year and future year programme. 2014 Switch On held Friday 28th November. Proposals for Illuminations 2015 discussed at May Board with recommendations to June Area Committee
	4. Encourage and influence the use of the Roker Pods.	CEED	Members are provided with regular updates on programme delivery within Pods. (As outlined in 1.1 above the pods will be considered as part of the wider package of projects being developed at Marine Walk).

3 Heritage	1. Board involvement with Hylton Castle Project	SCC	Portfolio Holder and Officers continue to provide updates to members on Hylton Castle Project
	2. Support Activity at Hylton Castle and Dene	SCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castle at War Event delivered on 26th & 27th September 2014 successful engagement with local schools on the 26th and open to all on 27th with excellent attendance of over 2000 visitors. • Community Consultation Event held 16th May to showcase the design proposals for the Castle with over 1000 attending and activities delivered by number of partner agencies including Castlevie Enterprise Academy, IAM Sports, Time Bandits, North East Land Sea and Air Museum, Sunderland Museum Services, Sunderland Libraries, Durham Wildlife Trust, Empire Theatre Creative Learning Team, XL Youth, SNCBC, Redman Design, Beaumont Brown, Friends of Hylton Castle and Dene
	3. Battle Re-enactment Event	SNCNC	<p>Members discussed opportunity to deliver Battle Re-enactment Event in June 2015 at Hylton Castle with two organisations expressing an interest to deliver the event.</p> <p>25.09.14 Board decision to invite both organisations to submit full SIB application for October Area Committee to consider and decide on preferred option. October Area Committee agreed an application to deliver the Battle Re-enactment Event by SNCBC. SNCBC are currently in negotiations with the Sealed Knot Reenactment Group to identify availability to deliver the project due to St Peters Project delivering an event on the weekend of the 27th of June.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to an event to be delivered on the weekend of 27th of June at St. Peters Church the Battle Re-enactment will be delivered in 2016 in order to fit with the Sealed Knot diary. • Consultation currently ongoing between SNCBC and Sealed Knot to identify suitable date for delivery of event in 2016

4. Clock Installation linked to Commemoration of WW1	SCC	<p>12.08.14 Planning Permission Granted. Base installation to commence early September 2014</p> <p>22.09.14 Base Installed awaiting confirmation of delivery and installation of clock</p> <p>Installation achieved 28th October with official launch held 11.00am on 11th November with substantial media coverage by local television, radio and newspapers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Second phase of Wheatsheaf Clock project commenced with further works to be discussed and proposals to be presented to future Board. •Clock Committee discussed proposals and recommended to May Board installation of paving around clock and shrub planting Board agreed recommendation to June Area Committee
5. Influence development of Fulwell Mill	SCC/VCS Partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is progressing in transferring lease to a local VCS organisation. Ward Councillors and Area Chair updated via the VCS Organisation • Transfer is complete and City Council funded works have commenced to remove the top and sails of the Mill
6. Influence use of the river/sea		Sunderland's Music, Arts and Culture (Mac) Trust and Sunderland City Council joined forces and submitted a successful bid to host the historic Tall Ships Race in 2018.

<p>4 Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee</p>	<p>1. Work with individuals and communities to take more responsibility for and be passionate about keeping local communities clean, green and well looked after. Develop approach(s) to deal with neglected:- Land, Housing, Shopping Parades Industrial Estates, through interventions appropriate at Area Level</p>	<p>SSC/Partners/Residents</p>	<p>This is embedding a way of working and building on the members influencing role in relation to RLS Streetscene. The approach involves officers and members linking with communities and doing things differently. Broadening out from one off 'love where you live' campaigns and developing programmes of activity that will make a big difference to ensuring areas are well looked after.</p> <p>Members, officers and communities will determine sites where action is required and work together to develop and deliver approaches to respond to issues and maximise opportunities. The approach links to the delivery of Action 1.1 Environment and Greenspace (see section above which identifies locations and updates on approaches).</p> <p>At its board meeting in September members received information from the Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal Team in relation to the Sunderland Accredited Landlord Scheme, including the benefits for both landlords and tenants and the current position regarding accreditation in the city. Members were encouraged to promote the scheme to landlords, tenants and traders.</p>
	<p>2. Re-consider how members can influence the allocation of S106 funding at an area level</p>		<p>At its board meeting in September members received a presentation which outlined the planning process, and the role of elected members in planning. Additionally members were provided with an update in relation to future developments in the North.</p> <p>In October all elected members were invited to take part in Member Training on the Planning System delivered by Planning Advisory Service. Members were encouraged to identify further training opportunities arrangements which are currently being considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •In January 2015 members were provided with the opportunity to attend S106 and viability training.

<p>3. To influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme</p>	<p>Members will continue to influence the Highways Maintenance Programme and priorities for action in the North of the City.</p> <p>At its board meeting in November members were updated on progress on the 2014/15 programme.</p> <p>Highways Officers are currently compiling a list of potential priority streets for 2015/16 and members were urged to feed in any streets they wished to be considered for next year, via the Highways Asset Manager.</p> <p>A list will be compiled and those streets will be inspected and priorities considered at the February 2015 board meeting. The Place Board will recommend the prioritised list the March 2015 Area Committee for approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•February Board meeting members agreed recommendations of the Engineers to March Area Committee for capital maintenance programmes in the North for 2015 - 2016 .• March Area Committee agreed the recommendations of the Board
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