

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 3rd December, 2014 at 6:00pm

**VENUE – Houghton Housing Office, The Skyline Centre, 88
Newbottle Street, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4AJ**

Please note access is by the rear of the building

Membership

Cllrs Allen, Anderson (Alternate Vice Chair of the Area Committee and Chair of the Place Board), Blackburn, Cummings, Ellis, Lawson (Vice Chair of the Area Committee and Chair of the People Board), Scott (Chair), D. Smith, Speding, Taylor, Turton and Wakefield.

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ELAINE WAUGH

Head of Law and Governance

25th November, 2014

At a Meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held at BETHANY CHRISTIAN CENTRE, HETTON ROAD, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, DH5 8PF, on WEDNESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER, 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Scott in the Chair

Councillors Allen, Anderson, Blackburn, Cummings, Ellis, Lawson, D. Smith, Speding, Taylor, W. Turton and Wakefield

Also in Attendance:-

Kath Bailey	Locum Consultant in Public Health	Sunderland City Council
Ron Barrass	Member of the Public	
Charlotte Burnham	Area Lead Executive for the Coalfield Area Committee and Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements	Sunderland City Council
Melanie Caldwell	Head of Operations Houghton/Hetton	Gentoo Ltd.
Wendy Cook	Youth and Community Co-Ordinator	Sunderland North Community Business Centre
Pauline Hopper	Area Community Officer, Coalfield	Sunderland City Council
Amelia Laverick	Member of the Public	
Kay Rowham	Member of the Public	
Christine Tilley	Governance Services Team Leader	Sunderland City Council
Gill Wake	Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Jeff Wilkinson	Station Manager	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited all those present to introduce themselves. The Chairman reminded everyone of the protocol for addressing the Committee in that they should indicate to him that they wanted to speak and then wait to be invited to do so by him.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Susan Brown (Area VCS Representative), Debby Hall (Area Response Manager) and Rachel Putz (Coalfields Operational Manager, Early intervention and Locality Services).

Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 18th June, 2014 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Change in the Order of Business

The Chairman advised that item 3 on the agenda, The People Board Progress report would be considered at this juncture to allow the Chairman sufficient time to deliver her report and be present for any discussion before having to leave for another engagement later that evening.

People Board Progress Report

The Chair of the People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update of progress against the current year's (2014/15) People Board Work Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Lawson referred the Committee to paragraph 4.1 detailing the key areas of influence/achievements of the People Board to date. She highlighted that a meeting was to be arranged for all Members in order for their views to be shared on the services currently being provided and taken into account in the Review of Youth Contracts and future provision. In the meantime she encouraged all Members to complete the questionnaire which had been sent to them. Councillor Lawson added that the Youth Excel meetings were a good way of seeing how the services were being delivered in the Coalfield.

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Councillor Lawson highlighted the grants awarded to three groups of young people from the CAN DO fund as part of the Healthy Life Choices area priority and that another round of applications was going to be considered at the next meeting of the People Board in November.

Councillor Lawson referred to the 'Early Action' Initiative where a number of partners were working with ShARP, the lead agent, to support residents in the Coalfield area whose emotional and mental wellbeing is affected by financial hardship. She advised that a funding application to Comic Relief was going to be submitted in support of a pilot 'advice in GP surgeries' project offering financial and debt advice within health settings.

Councillor Lawson also pointed out the pilot project to design and implement a Dementia Friendly Shopping Centre in Houghton.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Speding regarding the pilot project around dementia friendly shopping centres, Councillor Lawson advised that for the moment this was only taking place in Houghton shopping centre as a six month pilot and was being led by multi agencies. However at the end of the period the project would be reviewed and consideration given as to how to roll it out to other shopping centres in the Coalfield area until eventually the initiative and issues addressed within it were mainstreamed across all areas and services so that they became dementia and age friendly.

Under the area priority to support events and celebrations in local communities, Councillor Lawson advised that the life size model of a soldier which was the centrepiece of the opening ceremony for Houghton Feast, had now been placed in Houghton Library and she recommended people to go and see it. Councillor Lawson thanked Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield for leading on the project.

Full consideration having been given to the report it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update with regards to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 including proposals for future delivery be approved and adopted.

Place Board Progress Report

The Chair of the Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update of progress against the current year's (2014/15) Place Board Work Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Anderson thanked the Members of the Place Board and the Officers for their support and the work being carried out. She proceeded to brief the Committee on the key areas of influence/achievements of the Place Board to date and highlighted that cameras would begin to be deployed by the end of October

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2014 to deter antisocial behaviour/address concerns about litter and waste caused by HGV drivers at Houghton Cut Layby.

Councillor Anderson drew attention to the introduction of Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMOs) advising that two of the three properties to be included in the City pilot were in Hetton and that the Board would receive regular progress updates.

Councillor Anderson advised that a protocol was being developed to deal with the issue of the increasing number of horses tethered on Council land. The Council was part of a working group of regional councils who were working with the British Horse Society and DEFRA with regards to forming national best practice procedures and that Members would be kept informed as to the progress being made.

With regards to the Local Shopping Centres project, Councillor Anderson stated that the Place Board was pleased to support the initiatives to make the shopping centres in the Coalfield more attractive and encourage people to 'Shop Local'. The Board was recommending the Committee to approve Option 3 which included environmental improvements in smaller shopping centres, full details of which were included in the Area Budgets report later on the agenda.

Councillor Anderson commented that the 'Love Where You Live and Community Involvement' campaign had been a great success.

With regards to the priority 'Events, Celebrations and Heritage', Councillor Anderson advised that a proposal for SIB funding had been submitted to build on the success of the heritage projects delivered via the VCS Network and was to be considered under item 5, the Area Budgets report.

Full consideration having been given to the report it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update with regards to the Coalfield Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 including recommendations for future delivery be approved and adopted.

Partner Agency Reports – Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network Progress Update

Ms. Susan Brown, Ms. Sam Gallilee and Ms. Ann Owen, Area Network Representatives submitted a report (copy circulated), providing an update with regard to the Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield commented that the VCS Network continued to grow and that people were very interested and supportive of its work. Ms. Hopper briefed the Committee on the report and highlighted the

requirement in the Terms of Reference regarding the process for the selection/stepping down of VCS representatives.

Ms. Hopper drew attention to the proposal to develop the World War 1 Commemoration project for which an application for SIB funding had been submitted to the Area Committee and was included in the Area Budgets report.

Ms. Hopper invited all Members to attend the Coalfield Community Road Show Event which would be taking place on 25th October 2014 at the Hetton Centre and was intended to promote the work of local VCS organisations and partners, give Members the opportunity to meet residents and give local residents the opportunity to find out what services and activities are available in their area.

Ms. Hopper referred Members to the support community groups were providing to people by way of food banks and the concern being raised with regards to reliance on them. She advised that partners had agreed to co-ordinate the support they were offering better and share information with each other.

Councillor Anderson commented that she was pleased to see the resurgence of community support and activity albeit due to the impact of welfare reform.

In response to Councillors Ellis and Turton's enquiries concerning the proposal to have a World War 2 Memorial in the grounds of St. Michael's church, Ms. Hopper advised that this had been passed to the relevant Officers to look at and discussion would be re-focussed on this once the restoration of the World War 1 Memorial which was currently being done, was finished.

Full consideration having been given to the report it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police

The Chairman having pointed out that Neighbourhood Inspector Lisa Musgrove must have been detained on business, deferred the update report from Northumbria Police.

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service submitted a report (copy circulated) providing commentary on incidents in the Coalfield Area from 1st July to 24th September, 2014.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr. Jeff Wilkinson, Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service briefed the Committee on the report pointing out that no deaths from fires had been recorded during the reporting period, the number of accidental fires in

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dwellings, the number of deliberate primary fires, the number of deliberate primary road vehicle fires and the number of deliberate secondary fires were all reduced in the Coalfield area in comparison to the same period last year. Mr. Wilkinson added that there had been only one malicious false alarm call attended during the reporting period which was at Brinkburn Crescent.

Mr. Wilkinson advised that there had recently been problems in the Easington Lane area with youths starting fires on the street and throwing stones at the fire fighters and fire appliances when they attended the scene. One officer had been injured. The Fire Service had been working with the Police in relation to these incidents who had provided a police escort on one occasion and extra police presence on another and the message had been given out that the perpetrators would be prosecuted if apprehended. Mr. Wilkinson added that talks had been held with Council Responsive Local Services Officers with a view to cutting down the bushes from where the youths were hiding and throwing objects.

Councillor Blackburn advised that he had been at a Community meeting recently where the above incidents had been raised. He apologised to the Fire Service on behalf of those residents of Easington Lane who appreciated the work the Service did.

Councillor Speding queried the attendance of a fire appliance from Newcastle Central Fire Station to an incident at Grangewood Court, Shiney Row.

Mr. Wilkinson advised that the appliance had attended an incident in Washington as it had been designated as the nearest appliance at the time.

In response to Councillor Ellis, Mr Wilkinson advised that around the time of Houghton Feast, which might have been coincidental, there had been one or two incidents of waste bins being set on fire. However this was not usually a big problem in the Coalfield area.

Ms. Kay Rowham, Member of the public referred to a considerable delay in attending the 'Lyons' fire which she suggested might be due to there being a number of streets in the area having a similar name.

Mr. Wilkinson responded by saying that this fire had not come through on any report. He advised that operators taking the call tried to get as much information as possible from whoever was reporting a fire such as the address and exact location and that he would investigate and report back on the incident in question.

Councillor Lawson congratulated the Fire Service on the work it was doing. She advised that she had reported the fire at the allotments, believed to be at 'Penshaw Lane' rather than 'Penshaw Row' and that both she and the Allotments Society had been very pleased with the way the incident had been dealt with by the Fire Brigade.

In response to the Chairman, Mr. Wilkinson advised that there had been a couple of incidents at Hunter Street, Starks yard but there had not been any real issue in that area for a long time. He added that the situation would be monitored.

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Mr. Wilkinson reported that there had been a fire the previous night at Penshaw House Community Home. The building was vacant and boarded up and the roof had collapsed on two fire fighters. Both Fire fighters had gone to hospital with slight burns and then were sent home off duty. A full report on the injuries they had sustained was awaited, together with dates for their return to work. Mr. Wilkinson advised that the building which was in Council ownership had been well secured and added that he was not sure of the future plans for it.

Councillor Speding advised that the building had been up for sale.

The Chairman having thanked Mr. Wilkinson for his report, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be received and noted.

Area Budgets Report

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) providing a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest funding and presenting proposals for further funding requests to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield presented the report drawing the Committee's attention to the financial position as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report advising that a balance of £160,565 remained.

Ms Hopper highlighted the four applications for SIB funding, which were all recommendations from the Area Place and People Boards, detailed at paragraph 2.2, totalling £95,000 and pointed out that should all of the proposals be approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be £65,565. Ms. Hopper briefed the Committee on each of the applications. It was pointed out that the Locality Officer for Public Health had been omitted from the list of Members of the Working Group for the Health and Greenspaces project and needed to be added.

Ms. Hopper referred the Committee to the Community Chest approvals and current balances for 2014/2015 detailed at paragraph 3 and as set out at Annex 2 of the report.

Consideration having been given to the report it was:-

6. RESOLVED that:-

- a) the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be noted;
- b) the four requests for SIB funding as follows and detailed in paragraph 2.2 and Annex 1 of the report, be approved:-

Health and Greenspaces Project

£20,000

Shopping Centre Support Project	£55,000
Local Events, Celebrations and Heritage Project	£10,000
Love Where You Live (LWYL) Project	£10,000

;and

- c) the 21 Community Chest approvals supported from the 2014/15 budget as set out in Annex 2 be noted.

Current Planning Applications (Coalfields Area)

A schedule (copy circulated) of current planning applications lodged during the period 1st August and 25th September 2014 was submitted for Members information only.

(For copy schedule – see original minutes).

7. RESOLVED that the schedule be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) J. SCOTT,
Chairman.

3 December 2014

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

Place Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year's (2014/15) Place Board Work Plan, and provide an update on performance .

2. Background

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan priorities associated with Place were referred to the Coalfield Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board continue to initiate action on those priorities. Progress to date is outlined below, in the Work Plan at **Annex 1** and the SIB performance report at **Annex 2**.

3. Area Governance Arrangements

3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.

3.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities.

3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the Place Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	Place Board Membership
Chair/Hetton	Cllr Florence Anderson
Copt Hill	Cllr Anthony Allen
Houghton	Cllr Billy Turton Cllr Sheila Ellis
Shiney Row	Cllr Mel Speding

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to 30 November 2014

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Coalfield Place Board to date.

Action Taken	Outcome
Influence: Responsive Local Services Streetscene	
Influence operational deployment of RLS Streetscene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Area Response Manager ensures that regular communication with all elected members influences street scene service delivery to meet local need. Debbie Hall the ARM for the Coalfield area gave a service update at the November 2014 Board meeting including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Winter pruning has begun and will continue until March

	<p>2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Winter planting is currently taking place ○ Preparation of beds for spring planting is underway ○ Winter duties commenced on 14 November with a fleet of new vehicles ○ Britain in Bloom and Green Flag awards for the Coalfield area
Influence: Environmental issues/ASB	
Support preventative measures to reduce negative impact on the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The protocol for installing the recently piloted 'rock cams' is complete and cameras are now available for deployment to priority areas ● Boulders have been acquired from Eppleton Quarry to provide protection in locations where vehicles would otherwise be parked on the grass verges in the Coalfield Area. Members were asked to forward suggestions for their use to Debbie Hall or Pauline Hopper. ● The Board supported a proposal to develop a 'Did you Know?' card/leaflet to highlight some of the facts/consequences around fly tipping/dog fouling etc.. For example 'employing' unlicensed waste disposal companies to remove rubbish, subsequently found disposed of illegally, carries a fine to the consumer who has a duty of care to dispose of rubbish responsibly.
Influence: Regulatory Services	
Review of Licenced Premises (Licencing Act 2003)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Place Board invited Richard Reading to the October 2014 meeting to discuss protocol and procedure for requesting a licence review under the 2003 Act. (Annex 3) ● The Coalfield area does not generate a large number of problems. However, of most note is noise for residential neighbours of licenced premises and stolen and counterfeit goods being sold. ● The use of child volunteers to attempt to buy alcohol from off licences has not shown evidence of a great problem in the area. However, adults purchasing alcohol for young people (proxy sales) remains an issue. There is little publicity about the fact that this carries a fine of £5,000. ● The Board agreed to support the proposal to circulate a notice to be displayed in local off licences advising of the fines that can be given out to persons purchasing alcohol for anyone under the age of 18.
Influence: Highways Capital Maintenance Programme	
Influence and prioritise the areas of capital maintenance works for 2015/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Board received an update on progress made on the highway maintenance work carried out on those streets selected by the Area Committee as part of the Highway Maintenance Programme for 2014/15. ● Tim Smith invited Members to forward the names of any roads and footways for inclusion on the list which would be assessed and prioritised according to traffic needs and location and submitted for consideration by the Board at its meeting in February; a recommendation to be made at the March meeting of the Area Committee as to which roads and footways to include in the Capital Programme for 2015/16.
Area Priority: Local Shopping Centres	
Improving the environmental aspect of smaller shopping areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The proposed improvement to a footpath at Front Street, Fencehouses, was supported by the Place Board, subject to relevant consultation and future maintenance processes being followed.
Identifying areas for development to improve footfall and spending in local	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A treasure hunt style 'poppy trail' has recently been completed in Newbottle Street. ● A 'Shop Local at Christmas' campaign is under development

shopping centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billboard space has been hired at Shiney Row and Houghton le Spring to promote local shopping centres during December • Lamp post banners have now been installed in Hetton • A discount voucher scheme was published in the October edition of Community News • A Christmas market will take place at Shiney Row from 2.30 until 6 p.m. on Thursday 4 December, with the Christmas lights being switched on at 4.30 p.m. • Houghton Traders Association held a meeting with Council Officers and Nexus to discuss the provision of a bus stop at the top end of Newbottle Street (outside the library). This is now being progressed by highways and Nexus. The issue of the bus stop on Blind Lane/Burnside and the need for a bus shelter at this location was discussed and the potential for Section 106 contribution for this has been explored. A request for support is included in Item 4, Finance Report.
Continue the retail support project led by the Business Investment Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following Area Committee approval of SIB funding at the October 2014 meeting, Berni Whitaker is progressing phase 2 of the business support project to offer 1-2-1 and mentoring business advice to local traders
Area Priority: Love Where You Live and Community Involvement	
Support local communities to improve and take pride in their neighbourhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The allocation of £10,000 SIB funding at the October 2014 Area Committee will enable the Love Where You Live campaign to be expanded and delivered in a planned way. • The Customer Relationship Officer is working with more partners, schools and community groups to deliver educational messages and encourage the development of community projects. • Easington Lane School was awarded 'Best School Project' at the recent Sunderland in Bloom awards, for their partnership project to commemorate WW1. Two other local organisations, ELCAP and Grays Chapel, were also given awards in the community category.
Area Priority: Maximising Greenspace (Health and Greenspaces)	
The place board will focus on the physical environment aspect of the Health and Greenspaces project and support improvement of outdoor space for health benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board discussed and supported the renewal of the Fishing Club's licence at Hetton Lyons Country Park, to include fishing at night, subject to clarification with the Club that the Council was not responsible for any health and safety issues in relation to this. • The Area Response Manager has acquired some outdoor goal posts and subject to consultation with local residents, the Board agreed to support installation of the equipment at Kier Hardy Playing Fields. A further set of goalposts is soon to become available. Members are asked to make suggestions for suitable locations. • A request has been made for the marking out of a third football pitch at Success Playing Fields for use by Russell Foster league teams. The Board highlighted previous parking issues at this site and agreed the pitch could be marked out if parking was marshalled and monitored in order to reduce issues or nuisance to local residents.
Area Priority: Environmental Improvement and Education	
Local involvement in improving and appreciating the natural environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the November 2014 meeting, the Board agreed to continue to support the identification of sites that suffer from neglect and/or dereliction and working in partnership with local groups, residents and council services to enhance land development for public or private use. • The Board agreed to support the education of residents to understand the consequences of environmental neglect by having a fact sheet produced to include information on the licensing provisions and issues regarding flytipping etc which would be made available in local shops and Health Centres; any

	<p>further suggestions with regards to the content to be included in the fact sheet to be forwarded to Pauline Hopper</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This priority will also focus on working in partnership with groups and schools to develop appreciation of natural growth and wildlife
Area Priority: Events, Celebrations and Heritage	
<p>Support long standing historical events taking place in local communities and develop new ones to celebrate the area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remembrance parades in three neighbourhoods were supported with the provision of road closure • In order to build upon the success of WW1 themed projects delivered via the VCS Network, an opportunity to deliver heritage related projects within the community has been advertised through the Network mailing list. Projects must support Area Committee's priorities and be of benefit to the local community.

4. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Coalfield Place Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 including proposals for future delivery
- Provide suggestions for suitable locations for goalposts
- Provide suggestions for content for an environmental 'fact sheet'

Annex 1 Work Plan
Annex 2 SIB Performance Report
Annex 3 Review of Licenced Premises

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PLACE BOARD WORK PLAN

	Area Priority and suggested date for discussion by Place Board	Outcomes/Actions	Suggested Lead Agent (tbc with relevant service)	Comments/info/progress
1	<p>Support for local shopping centres</p> <p>July 2014</p>	<p>Building on the success of previous projects and sharing best practice across the local area.</p>	<p>Berni/Pauline Hopper/Debbie Hall/Julie Heathcote</p>	<p>Using the results from an evaluation of the SIB funded Business Support programme, drawing on best practice, the Place Board made a recommendation to Area Committee at the October 2014 meeting. Committee approved a sum of £55,000 SIB to deliver a package of support including a) business mentoring support b) marketing campaign c) environmental improvements</p> <p>Berni Whitaker is now progressing the development of Phase 2 of the Business Support project to offer 1-2-1 and mentoring advice to local traders.</p>
		<p>Identifying areas for development to improve footfall and spending in local shopping centres</p>	<p>Julie Heathcote</p>	<p>The Shop Local marketing campaign has been further developed to encourage residents to support their local businesses for the Christmas period. Billboards in Shiney Row and Houghton le Spring have been hired during December, and lamp post banners have been installed at Hetton. A poppy hunt is currently underway in Houghton and there will be a Christmas market at Shiney Row for the switch on of the Christmas tree lights on 4 December.</p> <p>Meetings with Houghton Traders Association, the City Council and Nexus have resulted in the option of an additional bus stop at the top of Newbottle Street (near library) being explored. Consultation will take place and the work will be progressed by Nexus.</p> <p>Proposed improvements to a footpath at Front Street, Fencehouses, was supported by the Place Board, subject to relevant consultation and future maintenance processes being followed.</p>

		<p>Supporting the dementia friendly shopping centres project</p>	<p>Pauline Hopper</p>	<p>This pilot project is part of the work of the Citywide Multi Agency Dementia Group. Houghton le Spring is working to become the North East's first Dementia Friendly Shopping Centre and the official launch of the project in September 2014 attracted media attention from a number of publications and BBC television. The Alzheimers Society delivered an awareness raising session to almost 30 local traders and organisations to help them understand more about dementia and how they can make their shops more welcoming for those who may need additional support. Businesses who have signed up to the Terms and Conditions can now display a sticker in their window to let people know they have an understanding of dementia. Next steps include the roll out of the awarness raising 'dementia friends' sessions and signing up more businesses to the project. A progress report will be required by the Alzheimers Society after 6 months.</p>
		<p>Supporting local traders to develop initiatives to increase trade</p>	<p>Berni Whitaker/Julie Heathcote</p>	<p>Houghton Traders Association is now well established. Shiney Row has developed a Trader Forum which meets each month. Hetton is in the process of agreeing the model for their centre. Traders in all areas are being supported to increase trade, and a 'shopping voucher' scheme currently available is promoted in the October 2014 Community News.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Community involvement and Love Where You Live (LWYL)</p> <p>September 2014</p>	<p>Enhancing community cohesion and collective pride.</p>	<p>Pauline Hopper/VCS reps/Debbie Hall</p>	<p>Through the VCS Network, a number of projects and initiatives are being developed to bring different sectors of the community together. The Customer Relationship Officer (CRO) for the area will support the delivery of LWYL activities.</p> <p>The CRO is working with more schools, partners and community groups to deliver improvements and recently Easington Lane School was awarded 'Best School Project' at the Sunderland in Bloom awards for their partnership project to commemororate WW1. ELCAP and Grays Chapen also received awards.</p>

	Identifying sites for improvement and supporting a programme of activities to enhance the site	Elected Members	A number of sites for development were identified and in partnership with local schools and community groups have been improved. The Place Board made a recommendation to October 2014 meeting of Area Committee, who approved £10,000 SIB funding to further develop the project.
	Encouraging residents to participate in maintaining the local natural environment and develop skills associated with planting and growing fruit, veg, herbs and flowers	Pauline Hopper (SIB projects)/Debbie Hall	7 small SIB funded environmental projects are currently underway and each will focus on engaging local people to take part in activities to address this action.
3 Make better use of greenspace September 2014	Utilising devolved Public Health funding to create and promote outdoor facilities (In collaboration with the People Board)	Project working group	Following approval of the Health and Greenspaces project and approval of £20,000 SIB to match the £20,000 public health allocation, a project steering group comprising all relevant officers and partners, chaired by Area committee Chair, met to develop the action plan. All partners were allocated actions which they would lead on and will report back at regular intervals.
	Identifying green space areas for development	Elected Members/project steering group	The Health and Greenspace project steering group will collect and collate information regarding spaces which can be incorporated into the project. At the November board meeting Members were asked to identify open space areas where goalposts could be installed to encourage informal play
	Supporting groups to improve areas and be creative in their use	Pauline Hopper/Carrie Stokoe	Through the VCS Network, a number of projects and initiatives are being developed. The Area Community Officer and Customer Relationship Officer (CRO) for the area will support local groups during delivery of LWYL and greenspace activities
	Promoting health messages	Julie Heathcote/Laura Cassidy/Laura Bartlett	Public Health and Wellness colleagues will assist with the promotion of the health benefits of outdoor and environmental activity. Information will also be disseminated via the VCS Network and schools. A communications plan for the Health and Greenspaces project is being developed.
	Provide signage regarding local facilities and features	SCC	As part of the Coalfield Health and Greenspace project existing signage will be improved and new signage developed.

4	Environmental improvement and education	Identifying sites that suffer from neglect and/or dereliction and working in partnership with local groups, residents and council services to enhance land development for public or private use	Pauline Hopper/Debbie Hall/VCS reps	A further programme of activity will be developed in conjunction with the Love Where You Live project. The November Place Board discussed areas of concern and will forward ideas and suggestions to officers for consideration.
	November 2014	Supporting the education of residents to understand the consequences of environmental neglect	Debbie Hall/Carrie Stokoe	Through community and school events a consistent message is being delivered regarding the impact of human behaviour on the environment. The work of the CRO also involves working with businesses and local residents regarding their responsibilities with regard to waste disposal and environmental maintenance. At the November meeting the Place Board agreed to support the education of residents by having a fact sheet produced including information on fly tipping, dog fouling etc.. Any suggestions for inclusion in the fact sheet should be forwarded to Pauline Hopper.
		Supporting programmes that educate all residents to appreciate natural growth and wildlife in the local area	Pauline Hopper (SIB projects)	7 small SIB funded environmental projects are currently underway and each will focus on engaging local people to take part in activities to address this action. Updates on the projects are included in Annex 3 of the December Area Committee report.
5	Monitor and maintain improved land	Ensuring local improvements already made continue to succeed	Debbie Hall/Pauline Hopper	To ensure that improvements made as part of 2012/13 and 2013/14 priorities are maintained, the Area Community Officer and Area Response Manager will continue to monitor and take action where necessary.
	January 2014	Supporting the collaboration of the VCS, councillors, residents and council services to contribute to the maintenance of the local environment		A number of joint projects to maintain improvements have been supported by the CRO. This will be further developed with relevant Council services over the coming months.

6	<p>Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee</p> <p>TBC</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(es) to deal with neglected:- Land, Housing, Shopping Parades Industrial Estates, through interventions appropriate at Area Level</p>	<p>Gill Wake</p>	<p>This will develop over time and will deliver the Board's influencing role in statutory and core service provision. This will be in addition to, and linked with, the local priorities outlined above in 1-5</p> <p>Liz McEvoy and Julie Wilkie attended the September Place Board meeting to update the Board on Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMOs). A pilot of the orders will be delivered on 2 properties in the Hetton area.</p> <p>One of the issues being addressed through the developing Intelligence Hub is community clean-ups which will inform focused activity to ensure it is fit for purpose and addressing broader issues across the area - such as ASB etc.</p> <p>An officer from Trading Standards attended the November Place Board to present information on the Licence Review process. Issues of most concern in the area are noise for residential neighbours of licenced premises, stolen and counterfeit goods being sold and adults purchasing alcohol from off licences on behalf of under 18s (proxy sales). The Board agreed to support a proposal to circulate a notice to be displayed in local off licences advising of fines that can be given to those purchasing alcohol for under 18s.</p>
		<p>2. Re-consider how members can influence the allocation of S106 funding at an area level</p>	<p>Danielle Pearson</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 for which are currently being considered</p>
		<p>3. To influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme</p>	<p>Les Clark</p>	<p>The November 2014 Place Board received an update of the current (2014/15) programme and also asked for proposals for 2015/16. All locations put forward will be assessed and prioritised according to location, condition and traffic needs and brought back to the Board in February 2015. Recommendations from the Board will be presented to the March 2015 Area Committee.</p>

Place Project Performance 2014/15

Below is a summary of all Place based SIB funded projects delivering during the first six months of 2014/15. The information shows how they have performed against any targets and what progress they have made to the end of September 2014.

Retail Support Business Project Business Investment Team	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of businesses supported one to one	12	15		£22,301	£17,660	
Number of business supported via workshops / grants	15	12				
Number of businesses received a grant	4	22				

This project was originally awarded a total of £50,000 to assist independent retail businesses throughout Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row to improve business competitiveness, effectiveness and sustainability. A further £40,000 was awarded at June 2013 Area Committee to allow continuation of this project, to reach an additional 31 businesses with expert advice and to issue grants.

Houghton - There have been 8 businesses engaged in total for this project of which 6 have received one to one support, 2 have had grants. Houghton Traders Association has now been running just over a year and continues to be very active, because of the maturity of the association the roles and responsibilities are going to be looked at and there has been a recognition that there may be some need for development/training, there are a potential two other businesses interested in joining the TA. The TA is looking at producing a brochure in the run up to Christmas. The TA has raised issues around signage and road markings, street festive decorations and markets/events to improve footfall. In Hetton 14 businesses have been engaged, of these 6 received one to one support and 8 received grants. There is still an interest in a Traders Association but businesses are more reluctant to take on formal committee roles. It has been suggested that a less formal association might be the way forward. After a slow start Shiney Row has had a significant number of businesses engaged - 34 in total across this phase of the project. 16 of these attended a workshop, 10 are receiving one to one support. The Traders are meeting regularly and there is a good chance that there may be a Traders Forum formed.

As the project enters its final stages work has been focused on ensuring those currently receiving one to support on the programme have an effective exit from the project, tying up the last grants and ensuring that the successful Traders Association in Houghton and the emerging TA in Shiney Row have the necessary skills to continue in an effective way.

The Christmas Market at Shiney Row currently being developed will be supported by this project.

Shopping Centres Marketing Programme SCC Communications Team	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target 2014/15	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
	N/A			£7,239		

The project was awarded £15,000 to provide marketing campaigns for the three local shopping centres of Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row. The start balance for 2014/15 was £7,239.

The grant is used as and when issues are identified, no progress was expected in Q1 & Q2. Shop Local at Christmas campaigns are currently under development, and the Dementia Friendly Shopping Centre pilot in Houghton le Spring is also being promoted via this project.

Houghton War Memorial SCC	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of new or improved community facilities and equipment	1	0		£10,000	£0	
<p>This project was funded £10,000 to refurbish the stone war memorial located in the grounds of St Michael and All Angels Church.</p> <p>Project was delayed due to issues with the Church Commissioners but the Faculty, giving permission to go ahead, was finally agreed in September. Work commenced 6 October with an expected completion date of 31 October just in time for the Remembrance Service on November 9.</p>						

Shop Scene Improvements SCC	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target 2014/15	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
	N/A			£5,776		
<p>The project was funded to £15,000 to provide physical improvements to railings, seats, barriers and planters in the three shopping centres of Houghton, Hetton and Shiney Row, and to provide promotion of local shops. The start balance for 2014/15 was £5,776.</p> <p>Transfer of lead agent in May from Dave Ellison to Debbie Hall. The grant is used as and when issues are identified, no progress was expected in Q1 & Q2. An environmental improvement project for Fencehouses is currently being developed.</p>						

Neglected Land	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target 2014/15	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
				£59,047		
<p>This project was awarded funding in 2012 and 2013 to improve plots of neglected land across the Coalfield area. An additional award of £30,000 was awarded at January 2014 Area Committee in order to continue the successful work. The start balance for 2014/15 was £59,047. The largest scheme at the Former Forest Estate, Easington Lane, has encountered delays due to ownership and legal issues which have now been resolved. The three phase improvement works will commence by the end of the year.</p> <p>Transfer of lead agent in May from Dave Ellison to Debbie Hall. The remainder of the grant is used as and when issues are identified, no progress was expected in Q1 & Q2</p>						

Allotments Improvement	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target 2014/15	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
				£11,880		
<p>This project was awarded £57,283 to improve allotments and sites in the Coalfield area. The start balance for 2014/15 was £11,880.</p> <p>The grant is used as and when issues are identified, no progress was expected in Q1 & Q2</p>						

Love Where You Live	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target 2014/15	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
				£5,583	£3,315	
<p>This project was awarded £10,000 in April 2013 to develop a Love Where you Live Campaign across the area involving local community groups and schools. £5,583 was carried forward into 2014/15.</p> <p>Over the past 6 months the grant has been used to support new signage and clean up at Houghton Centre for the Blind and to buy a supply of resources for educational and environmental projects including:</p> <p>Burnside Primary School LWYL Eppleton Academy LWYL – litterpick HLCP Park Plan Green Day Event - Burnside Primary LWYL Easington Lane School LWYL The Blind Centre St Aidans Team Sport Summer Camp Springboard - LWYL Education Day LWYL - ELCAP - Painting Play Park LWYL - THE FLATS, EASINGTON LANE Dubmire Club-Football Pitch project</p>						

Environmental Improvements**Call for Projects Small Grants**

£30,000 was allocated at the January Area Committee for a Call for Projects under the LWYL Priority for projects that could, deliver environmental improvements involving the local community as well as providing educational messages. £28,288 was allocated to 7 projects

ELCAP – A Clean Sweep Project completed 

The aim is to work with schools, community groups and residents throughout the Coalfield Area using a creative approach to raising awareness of the importance of taking care of the local environment.

The group worked with Willow Twiddlers to make sweeping brushes that could be used at LWYL events. By working with partners they were able to identify hot spots such as Houghton Centre for the blind and encourage groups to take part in a big clean-up of the site. The project has engaged 6 new volunteers.

HBYMCA – Improving our Community Completion Date March 2015 

The aim is to work on site and within the community to establish 5 raised beds, working with community volunteers and young people.

To date they have been involved with a number of young people from their school inclusion project. They have been working on the preparation of the raised beds and have also planted containers to distribute to nearby elderly residents. The project has enabled the young people to gain an ASDAN award in Environmental Improvements.

Groundworks – Poo Watch Completion Date November 2014 

The aim is to work with local schools & youth groups on an anti-dog fouling campaign. This will include creating information materials, spray painting dog poo in particular areas to highlight the problem and its effects on the environment.

Several patrols have been conducted around the park and the project has been promoted at several community events throughout the summer. Schools have been approached to help deliver the special spraying events. To date the project has been focussed on promoting the project, patrolling the area and talking to dog walkers.

Groundworks- Spring into Action Completion Date November 2014 

The aim is to engage local residents in transforming a green space near Hetton Lyons Primary that is used as a drop off parking spot into an attractive community asset.

Following consultation with residents at Springwell Terrace, the initial physical improvements are now complete. Planters and boulders have been installed. These are by no means intended to provide a complete physical barrier to the whole site, but rather to make it more difficult to park there as well as improve the general look of the site and provide a tool for community engagement. The long term vision is to encourage the local community (local residents and parents from nearby school) to respect the site more and refrain from parking on the grassed area.

There were some initial issues with the placing of the planters and so some adjustments have been made. We are also working closely with several local residents at this stage to incorporate their feedback and ensure that the scheme fits with the community's aspirations for the site. Once we're confident that we've made all the necessary adjustments and taken everyone's views on board, we intend to work with the nearby school (Hetton Lyons) to provide family planting sessions to complete the site. These sessions will provide an opportunity to remind parents about the need to reduce parking on the grassed area.

Hetton Green Watch – Naturally in Your Neighbourhood Completion Date December 2014 

The aim is to work with local schools on projects that highlight the negative impact of litter on wildlife and the environment

The project commenced in May with a litter exhibition raising awareness of the effects of litter on the environment delivered in 5 primary schools. These were delivered in partnership with Carrie Stokoe, Coalfield Customer Relationship Officer. A questionnaire was also completed by the children, the findings of which will assist the teachers in planning future lessons. Field trips are due to take place in the Autumn term

SNCNC – Flatts Allotments Completion date March 2015 

The aim is to develop a community allotment and garden on waste ground adjacent to the Flatts youth project. Start of this project has been delayed and was due to start in October half Term

SNCBC - Looking Good in the Coalfields 

The aim is to offer a volunteering and work placement scheme to local residents carrying out physical improvements to the local environment. Start of this project has been delayed and was due to start in October.

Philadelphia Cricket Club		Small SIB Grant
<p>£5,000 was awarded at the January Area Committee for Philadelphia Community and Cricket Club as contribution towards a £50,000 project to improve community facilities. The improvements to the club include updated lighting and heating, disabled toilet and an improved kitchen. This will allow the club to increase the community activities delivered on site, including a lunch club and social activities for older people.</p> <p>The initial bid to BIFFA was unsuccessful but they have recently been awarded £20,000 from SITA. This with the match funding from SIB will allow the club to go ahead with the improvements to their facilities.</p>		

Local Celebrations 2014- and Sunderland City Council	ELCAP	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
						£6,941	
<p>This project was awarded £15,000 in January 2014. £5,000 allocated to the VCS Network for a World War 1 Project with ELCAP leading this and the remaining £10,000 led by the Area Community Officer to develop a programme of activity in partnership with the VCS Network.</p> <p>ELCAP WW1 projects completed. 16 projects supported throughout the Coalfield Area. These included Easington Lane School Planting Project and ELCAP's WW1 Project Launch which focused on women and their roles during the war.</p> <p>The grant also supported the cost of Traffic Mangement for the 4 Durham Miners Banner Parades and will support the up coming remembrance parades. Also The costs of the Community Road Show at the Hetton Centre were met from this budget.</p>							

Baulkham Hills		Small SIB Grant
<p>Grant was awarded at the April Committee to provide a 24m long 1.5m wide new build connection between the adopted footpath arriving from Baulkham Hills and the bitmac public right of way which leads to Barnwell Primary School and Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Primary School.</p> <p>The footpath was completed at the end of July and now provides an improved route to the two schools and is a benefit to local residents and the wider community.</p>		

Review of Premises Licence

A premises licence or club premises certificate is required to undertake the following activities;

- Sale or supply of alcohol
- Regulated entertainment
- Sale of hot food and refreshments between 23:00 and 05:00

A review of a licence or certificate can be requested if an aggrieved party believes that there has been a breach of one or more of the objectives of the Licensing Act 2003.

- The prevention of crime and disorder
- Public Safety
- The prevention of public nuisance; and
- The protection of children from harm

Before taking a review it is recommended that the person affected by the breach of the licensing objectives approach the premises and make their concerns known. This may resolve the problem without need for a review.

The concerned party may do this by direct contact with the premises or may wish to approach the Council's licensing section with their concerns. If the concern relates to crime and disorder or public safety they can approach the relevant responsible authority, e.g. the police or the environmental health team.

If the matter is not resolved a review may be necessary. To prompt a review the official form, available on the gov.uk and Council websites must be completed. This must then be sent to the Council's Licensing Section and all the responsible authorities;

- Police
- Fire Service
- Trading Standards
- Environmental Health
- Public Health
- Building control; and
- Safeguarding Children Board

A copy should also be sent to the premises licence holder.

The Licensing Section must Act on a request for a review unless they consider it to be irrelevant, repetitious, frivolous or vexatious.

The Licensing Section will advertise the fact a request for a review has been received and allow a period of 28 days for other interested parties to make representations. A Licensing Sub-Committee will then be convened.

At the Committee all parties will have the opportunity to state their case. Members will then receive legal advice and make their decision. This could result in one of a number of outcomes;

- No action required
- Conditions placed on the licence to encourage better operation of the premises
- Removal of the Designated Premises Supervisor

Excluding a licensable activity from the licence
Suspension of the premises licence; or
Revocation of the licence

An application for review is unlikely to succeed unless there is strong evidence of a breach of one of the licensing objectives. Evidence could consist of a diary of incidents breaking the licensing objectives, witness testimony, video or photographic evidence.

Where a party is not satisfied with the decision of the Sub-Committee they may appeal their decision to the Magistrate's Court. The person appealing may be liable for the costs of all parties if they are not successful.

Advice on reviews is available on the Council and gov.uk websites.

3 December 2014

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

People Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year's (2014/15) People Board Work Plan.

2. Background

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan priorities associated with People were referred to the Coalfield People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board continue to initiate action on those priorities. Progress to date is outlined below, in the Work Plan at **Annex 1**, and in the SIB performance report at **Annex 2**.

3. Area Governance Arrangements

3.1 Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.

3.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities.

3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the People Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	People Board Membership
Chair/Shiney Row	Cllr Anne Lawson
Copt Hill	Cllr Derrick Smith Cllr Colin Wakefield
Hetton	Cllr James Blackburn Cllr John Cummings
Houghton	Cllr Gemma Taylor

Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to date

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Coalfield People Board up to 30 November 2014.

Action Taken	Outcome
Influence : Safer Communities	
Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS) Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board received a presentation at the November meeting, giving an overview of the role of LMAPS and what type of issues the group can consider. Ways to improve communication with elected members and the referral of issues to LMAPS was discussed. It was agreed that in their role as community leaders, members need to be aware of actions taken by LMAPS.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following all People Boards, a report will be presented detailing comments, issues raised and any recommendations for future working.
Area Priority: Healthy life choices	
Facilitate access to greenspace to support physical and mental wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The people board will focus on the health aspect of the Health and Greenspaces project and develop initiatives to engage local people in using outdoor space to improve their health Following approval of the Health and Greenspaces project design at the October Area Committee, a time limited working group, chaired by Area Committee Chair, was set up to develop an action plan which would be delivered by a number of partners. A meeting of the working group in November agreed further detail against the action plan (Annex 3) and will update Place and People Boards and at regular intervals. Although some of the elements of the plan will take a number of months or years to complete, it is proposed that the project will be launched in March 2015.
Area Priority: Support opportunities for young people at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board received a report and update on key stats, and information regarding what is currently available to support young people (16-19) into education, training or employment (See Annex 4) Hetton ward shows the greatest number of NEET young people in the Coalfield area, and is third highest in the City. Issues and barriers for young people in the area, and specifically Hetton, were discussed. The board agreed to focus on employer engagement, look at what the schools in the Coalfield area are doing already to prepare young people, and explore a whole family approach. The new Education and Skills Strategy will be considered to inform the opportunities for developing local projects and initiatives Options for influence/local delivery will be presented to the February board meeting for consideration
Area Priority: Healthy Life Choices	
Support local improvements that promote healthy weight for children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIB and CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) joint funded projects are continuing to deliver healthy lifestyle projects The balance of funding remaining was allocated to the 'CAN DO' fund available for young people to apply for directly. The November 2014 people board welcomed four groups of young people who gave presentations based on the applications they had submitted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air Cadets 36 Squadron were awarded of £418 to support football and swimming sessions in order to gain certificates and as a progression to qualifications such as Duke of Edinburgh Award. Hetton Independent Methodist Youth Club were awarded £400 towards a Christmas trip which they will research, plan and book as a group. They will learn new skills by taking ownership of the project themselves. Hetton School Duke of Edinburgh group were awarded £500 towards the cost of camping equipment to be used by a number of groups who need to experience an outdoor camping expedition as part of their Award. Hall Lane Boys were awarded £300 towards the cost of quad biking, transport and refreshments. This will give them a new experience and teach them about safety

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to:

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 including proposals for future delivery

Annex 1 Work Plan
Annex 2 SIB performance report
Annex 3 Health and Greenspaces Actions
Annex 4 Local Priority: NEETs

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	Area Priority	Outcomes/Actions	Suggested Lead Agent (tbc with relevant service)	Comments/Info/Progress
1	<p>Improve emotional and mental health & wellbeing in families and communities by helping reduce the impact of welfare reform</p> <p>September 2014</p>	<p>Ensuring that advice and support is available at a local level (incl SIB support for ShARP)</p>	<p>Alison Aisbitt</p>	<p>Local services are being tailored to meet the needs in the area. ShARP is the contracted provider for 1st tier advice and is working in partnership with Gentoo and other local organisations to provide a co-ordinated service to local people. A project to continue and further develop a volunteer advice project at ShARP has been funded via SIB and commenced in November 2014. Volunteers are being trained to specifically work with people who need extra support which is not provided elsewhere, for example in helping older people and vulnerable adults in filling in forms on line. The volunteers will also be able to spend time with these clients and advise on the other support services that are available, for example access to training courses on money management, savings and loans, joining a credit union, free energy advice etc</p>
		<p>Supporting the VCS in responding to local need</p>	<p>Pauline Hopper</p>	<p>The Area Community Officer provides the support to the Network to develop and deliver projects to contribute to area priorities. At the September 2014 meeting of the Network, a number of partners raised concerns about the reliance on food parcels due to various issues including benefit sanctions and delays in payments. Local organisations will share intelligence and concerns to address such issues and the VCS Network has raised this subject in their report to October 2014 Committee.</p>

		Delivering against shared priorities with the CCG, PH and other partners to reduce negative health impact	ShARP/CCG	The People Board and partners from Sunderland City council, CCG and Gentoo are supporting ShARP in the development of a project to pilot 'Advice in GP Surgeries'. Further joint priorities will be explored after the January Board meeting.
2	Support opportunities to access services, training and learning for young people at risk of becoming NEET	Working with partners promoting local job fairs, employment promotions and business connectors	VCS Network	City Council Services and external partners have used the VCS Network in the area to promote local events and activities to support people into work. Further information regarding business connectors and other
		Supporting access to training, learning and volunteering, linking with Connexions, FACL and Children's Centres	Andrew Carton	The November Board meeting received a report and update on key statistics, and information regarding what is currently available to support young people (16-19) into education, training or employment. The Board agreed to further explore employer engagement, relationship with schools and family support. Options for influence/local delivery will be presented to the February Board meeting for consideration.
		Supporting the development of social media to enhance training and learning opportunities with training to enhance the digital skills required	Andrew Carton	To be explored further during preparations for the February meeting. A meeting to discuss specific issues for the area in Easington Lane in November. One of the suggestions/actions was for partners to promote what is available for young people via facebook and other social media.
		Contributing to the development of the community library service	Allison Clark/Jolene Dunbar	Regular meetings and communication with community library staff takes place. The lead community librarian for the Coalfield area attends the VCS Network and uses the will develop this further over the coming months
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<p>2</p> <p>Healthy life choices for children, young people and adults with a focus on physical wellness and sexual health</p> <p>January 2015</p>	<p>Working in partnership with CCG and Public Health to deliver outcomes against shared priorities in the Coalfield</p>	<p>Public Health/CCG</p>	<p>Public Health and Sunderland CCG have also developed priorities and action plans for the coming year. Both partners will work with the People Board on shared priorities. With joint funding (SIB and CCG local innovation fund) a number of small projects to encourage healthy lifestyles are being delivered by local VCS organisations. The Board received an update on projects in October. The Health and Greenspaces project (joint SIB and Public Health funding) will deliver shared outcomes.</p>
	<p>Supporting local improvements that promote healthy weight for children and young people</p>	<p>Laura Cassidy/VCS Network</p>	<p>Public Health and Wellness colleagues are attending the VCS Networks and engaging with local people to encourage and enable them to engage in healthy activities. VCS representation on the Health and Greenspaces project group will ensure local issues are considered.</p>
	<p>Improving local rates for accessing chlamydia screening, contraception clinics, sexual health clinics and reducing teenage conceptions</p>	<p>Public Health/CCG</p>	<p>Members have been informed and consulted during the sexual health review and local services need to be promoted and made more accessible to encourage young people to take up what is available. This will be discussed by the People Board at the January 2015 meeting.</p>
	<p>Ensuring the VCS are supported to deliver outcomes in partnership with council services</p>	<p>Pauline Hopper/VCS Network</p>	<p>The VCS Network is the recognised channel of communication between the Council, its services, and the Voluntary and Community Sector. The Area Community Officer provides the support to the Network to develop and deliver projects to contribute to area priorities. A number of VCS partners are delivering health related projects within the community. A report on these projects was presented to the October Area Committee, and a further update was presented to the November meeting of the People Board.</p>

4	<p>Local Events, celebrations and heritage</p> <p>February 2015</p>	Supporting long standing historical events and celebrations taking place in local communities		An area-wide programme of activity has been developed to mark specific events of note including WW1 100 years remembrance, banner parades, Houghton Feast and local Christmas events. Working in partnership with Heritage colleagues and VCS partners local groups are becoming more involved and taking ownership for local events. An additional £10,000 of SIB funding was allocated for Heritage events and activities at the October Area Committee. £5,000 of this budget has been made available to VCS Network members via a call for projects (grants up to £500)
5	<p>Support increased social participation for vulnerable and older people, including those with dementia, learning difficulties and physical disability</p> <p>January 2015</p>	Dementia friendly shopping centres project	Pauline Hopper/Multi Agency Dementia Group	Houghton le Spring has been successfully registered with the Alzheimers Society to work towards becoming a 'Dementia Friendly Community'. In partnership with Age UK, Alzheimers Society, CCG and other key organisations, Sunderland City Council are working with Traders to implement the programme. A launch of the initiative took place in September 2014.
		Supporting dementia awareness training		SIB funded training has now been completed. The Health Trainers programme now delivers a dementia module as part of the certificate. Further opportunities for local training are being explored as part of the Multi Agency Dementia Group.

		<p>Working with VCS partners to promote social and befriending opportunities for those with learning and/or physical disabilities</p>	<p>VCS Network</p>	<p>The One Directory (Sunderland City Council) and the Wellness Guide (Washington Mind) are key tools in identifying social opportunities available locally. VCS partners share information at the Network meetings and signpost people to local provision. Hetton New Dawn are working as part of the Essence service to support befriending and social activities. The Essence Service is a joint initiative between Age UK Sunderland, Sunderland Carer's Centre and Sunderland CCG to provide ongoing support to people with Dementia and their Carers to enable them to have a full and active life in the community.</p>
		<p>Build upon successful local projects that have benefitted local residents</p>	<p>Pauline Hopper/Area Committee</p>	<p>An evaluation of projects delivered using SIB small grants funding will take place to establish areas for future development. The January People Board will discuss further</p>

<p>6 Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee</p> <p>TBC and developed over time to deliver the Board's influencing role in statutory and core provision. This is in addition to the local priorities outlined above in 1-5 above</p>	<p>1. Develop New Relationship with Schools</p>	<p>Austin McNamara</p>	<p>At its meeting of 5th November Cabinet approved the Policy Statement on the role of the Council in relation to schools and the wider education system. The Statement determines the role of the Council in improving educational outcomes and defines the key elements of the local authority's role.</p> <p>Additionally, next steps were agreed in order to develop the necessary relationships, systems and processes to reflect the changing education landscape, the educational priorities within the city's key strategies, the Council's Community Leadership role and its statutory duties.</p> <p>One of those key actions is to develop arrangements whereby Elected Members are enabled to play a role in strengthening the local accountability of schools and in sharing local intelligence.</p> <p>Currently arrangements are underway to discuss this approach with members early in the new year.</p>
	<p>2. Improve access to green/open/blue space, to support further participation in physical activities. (Greenspace Grant of £20k per area).</p>	<p>Laura Bartlett/Laura Cassidy</p>	<p>£20k has been allocated from the Public Health budget and has now been matched with £20,000 SIB funding. A project delivery group has been set up and met in November to finalise the action plan.</p>
	<p>3. Review of Museum Services</p>	<p>Trina Murphy</p>	<p>Museum Services Review will shape Museums and Heritage in a way that Sunderland residents want and the service is looking to adopt a community engagement model. Developing a vision that will determine the delivery plan of priorities for the next 3-5 years is underway. There is a proposal for attending the People Boards in February to provide members with an overview of what the situation is now, the vision and the outline delivery plan. Members will have the opportunity to contribute to how the service will be tailored to meet the needs of the community.</p>

		Review of Youth Contracts	Jane Eland	The September People Board meeting was presented with an update on the performance of the current commissioned youth contracts. Members requested further information in order that all Coalfield Members can input into this review. Further information will be presented to the January 2014 People Board for discussion about future arrangements.
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People Project Performance 2014/15

Below is a summary of all People based SIB funded projects delivering between April - September 2014. The information shows how they have performed against targets and what they have achieved to the end of September 2014.

Delivering the Heritage Action Plan	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target 2014/15	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
				£6,442	£6,000	

This project was awarded £35,000 in October 2011 for the delivery of community heritage projects. Most projects were completed by July 2013 with the final project the Penshaw Village Atlas due for completion September 2013.

Unfortunately the project experienced a number of set-backs but was eventually completed by July 2014. We are still awaiting a link to the completed Atlas. £442 was returned to Area Committee in September

Support for Older Peoples Projects

Call For Project – Small Grants

A call for projects to support older people, vulnerable adults and their carers went out in April 2013. This resulted in 5 successful projects. Of these initial projects 1 was withdrawn (Houghton Racecourse CAP) as they were unable to fulfil the criteria. All others are now successfully completed.

In January 2014 a second Call for projects awarded the following organisations: (Total £12,270)

Space For Care.

Houghton PCC was awarded £2,170 to extend the existing Space 4 CARE support group for vulnerable adults with poor mental health from 12 to 24 places.

Space4Care since March 2014 has engaged with between 12-15 people at its weekly session on a Saturday afternoon between 2-4pm. This has resulted in these people across the area accessing Space4Care and its extended provision. New referrals have been received from G.P's, Mind & Sunderland Mental Health Team. The clients have reported a marked increase in their wellbeing and delight at the increase of social inclusion and sense of belonging. Many clients now have the confidence to meet each other as a group during the week which has greatly reduced their sense of loneliness and isolation. One client stated publicly to the Mayor and the Bishop of Jarrow, that finding Care & Space4 had transformed and even saved her life.

HOPE Social.

Houghton Older People's Enterprise was awarded £1,500 to improve and deliver social activities which are caring, creative and fun for elderly people in the Coalfield through outings speakers and transports costs.

To date the funds have been used to provide over 20 different sessions including talks, demonstrations and musical performances. Over 60 people regularly attend each week providing a highlight to many. Below is a few quotes from regular users:

"Everyone is friendly, the atmosphere is magic. Lots of good entertainment and days out."

"I love my H.O.P.E Club. My husband died three years ago and I was asked if I wanted to join. It's the best thing that happened. It gives you a good social life and you make lots of friends too."

"H.O.P.E is an inspiration to all who attend our weekly meetings. The company is excellent and we are deeply indebted for such a venue."

Social Activity Health Mentor.

B Active and B Fit were awarded £3,000 to work with Two Castles and Cherry Tree Gardens to create a holistic activity package for vulnerable and older people.

38 people over the age of 65 to the eldest ages 93 took part in activities from therapeutic exercise to reminiscing &

laughter therapy. These sessions took part in a number of sheltered accommodation venues not only in groups but also individually with one to one support in their own homes.

Participants have built up their confidence as well as improving their physical wellbeing. Project is now complete.

Luncheon Club

SHARP was awarded £2,600 to convert the current crèche area into a ‘multi-use’ space that will allow the organisation to host regular luncheon clubs and other activities for older people, vulnerable adults and carers.

iPad Engage

AGE UK was awarded £3,000 to deliver iPad engage training events providing practical help to older people in using iPads for activities.

The project was held between 23rd April 2014 and 11th July 2014 at Age UK Sunderland’s Metcalfe Centre. Over the three courses, a total of **24** service users attended the project. Of the service users, **92%** were able to attend half or more of the sessions, with **17%** attending all six sessions. Anecdotal evidence and observations from the artist showed that the course was able to meet the area priorities of increasing social interaction of older people and improving their wellbeing.

Examples of this included:

- ‘It’s drummed up some enthusiasm’
- ‘Come and see what we have created – you won’t even believe it!’
- ‘It sharpens your brain doesn’t it?’
- ‘I will be telling my daughter’
- ‘It’s nice to have something to do here – normally all we do is play bingo’
- ‘How can I do this on my own iPad or on a computer?’
- ‘We have really enjoyed it’
- ‘It has been fun and something different from the norm’
- ‘We need more sessions – I am sad to leave’
- One of my friends wants to come to this – can they come along? She would love it’
- ‘I was dubious about coming today, but I have loved it’
- ‘Aren’t they marvellous? It’s amazing what has been developed over the years’
- ‘It would really help and benefit us if we could have an iPad all the time’

St Aidan’s Angling Training	Small SIB Project
<p>This project was awarded £5,000 to deliver angling sessions in the school holidays along with recruited volunteers. The project will be a structured course to teach the art of angling and conservation of the fishing lake. Participants in the project will receive an Angling and Conservation Certificate on satisfactory completion of the course. The project will deliver a year-long programme of 10-session courses during school holiday breaks and will be managed by qualified coaches from the Angling Development Board (ADB).</p> <p>The Final element of this project was delivered during the Summer School Holidays. Over 130 young people took part in activities set up to meet ADB objectives for junior anglers. 18 elected to undergo the test set up by the ADB and all were awarded activities.</p> <p>Due to the success of the summer activities the ADB is considering Herrington Country Park as a possible regional training programme.</p> <p>This project is now complete.</p>	

Dementia Training SCC	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Deliver one session per month to individuals and organisations within the Coalfield.	3	3		£5,750	£4,000	
£5,750 of SIB funding was awarded to enable delivery of training within the local community to improve awareness						

and understanding of dementia. The Public Health and the Clinical Commissioning Group's Dementia Champion developed a dementia awareness module as part of the Health Champions programme. The workshop is a half-day session delivered via community venues aimed at non-health frontline workers, community and voluntary workers, and carers in the community. The aims of the workshops are to improve awareness of dementia in our community in order to improve levels of early diagnosis and improve people's knowledge around current local services to support people with dementia.

From May 2014 to August 2014 three programmes have been delivered to 38 individuals. Overall the results have been very positive, demonstrating an increase in learner knowledge, competence and confidence following completion of the course.

Examples of feedback from the learners:

"Very good and useful, will definitely take information on board."

"I will be much more aware of the symptoms and this will help me in my job."

"I'll take the examples into consideration and make changes."

"I'll use the training to assess my workplace environment and make adjustments."

"Everything today was very informative and knowledgeable in all aspects of understanding dementia."

"This training will help me to signpost and support clients, assisting them to understand the feelings and perceptions of people living with dementia."


"I'll consider this training when commissioning services and developing integrated teams."

This project is now completed and final payment will be made in October.

Healthy Weight Call for Projects


Call For Project – Small Grants

This Call for Projects is made up of £15,000 SIB matched with £15,000 CCG funds. Projects that were awarded funding through this Call for projects are as follows:

 **Family Health YMCA** was awarded £4,982 to deliver workshops with families

The project started in February with 5 sessions completed. Total of 14 families engaged all have reported that the sessions have had a positive impact on their home lives by eating healthier and cooking together as a family and making meals from scratch instead of microwave and processed foods.

The Family Health Project continued through the summer holidays & focused on children & parents working together to try new meal options. The project focussed on the families cooking familiar meals but using healthier ingredients. The course has particularly attracted young people who take on a carer role. The project also encourages young people & their parents to engage in physical activity utilising the facilities both within the centre and off site.

 **Food and Ceramics ELCAP** was awarded £5,000 to deliver family work, healthy eating, ceramics and ICT skills

Project ran from February to July and engaged 47 young people and their families making salad bowls & plates as well as developing healthy eating recipes. The project took a whole family approach working with all ages which included the toddler group; this helped to increase numbers and attendance. The whole project worked well through the flexibility of the delivery with a particularly successful event being Fruity Fridays which brought all the groups together to see the project and how it differed according to age and ability.

There have been some positive comments received from participants such as two parents commenting on how 'having fun and not told to lose weight' had changed their eating habits and started to cook from scratch more. Also they had all started doing a 'little more exercise' resulting in dad losing 3 stone, Mam 2 stone 6lbs, daughter (16) ½ stone and son (15) 2 stone. A typical breakfast had been a Gregg's pasty or sausage roll on the way to school, lunch was another take away and tea lasted all night with non-stop eating. They say they would all be in trouble if they had not changed their ways. They now have learned to cook, shop better and use the support of the project and their peers.

This project is now complete.

Sports /healthy eating St Aidans was awarded £5,000 to deliver sports sessions and healthy eating classes

The project commenced in the Easter holidays with 62 young people attending over a 4 day period. The half term sessions in May were hit with bad weather which reduced the attendance to 15 per day enjoying a mix of exercise classes, healthy eating sessions and fishing.

By the first week of the summer holidays over 70 young people regularly attended the fitness sessions with 8 continuing to enjoy the outdoor experience of fishing. By the end of the summer holidays over 155 young people attended regularly some of the comments received included:

- It was great to be outside all day. It helped to boost my confidence
- Improved my confidence, fitness levels and teambuilding & socializing skills.
- Was great to be tutored by an ex professional footballer
- It was very well organised and felt confident in leaving my child

There will be one more week of activities organised for October half term.

Tackle It-SAFC was awarded £5,000 to deliver coaching through classrooms and workshops.

During the summer term Tackle It Health was delivered to over 90 primary school children in the Coalfields area. Hetton Lyons Primary and Easington Lane Primary engaged in six-week courses delivered to four Year 5 and 6 classes

Outcomes to date:

- Three schools engaged in Tackle It Health
- Six classes completed the Tackle It Health six-week course
- 128 young people engaged in Tackle It Health course
- Total males – 72
- Total females – 56
- 124 participants improved access to and participation in football and sport
- 124 participants improved access to and participation in learning
- 124 participants improved awareness and increased knowledge of healthy choices
- 98 participants improved awareness and increased knowledge of safe choices
- 98 participants improved life chances
- 128 participants improved wellbeing

The project re started after the summer holidays and further progress reports will be available in December.

Awareness Washington Mind was awarded £3,050 to deliver workshops with five themes including eating disorders

The project commenced on 26.3.14 the workers worked with young people at the Hetton centre in an active participation session to look at good mood food, body image, emotional eating and eating distress, with taster pamper sessions provided. This helped establish young people's viewpoints about how parents, carers and professionals could best help them with eating distress.

The first scheduled Eating distress course commenced 10/04/14 but did not complete because of low numbers (five started reducing to two who went on to receive individual support). Feedback from this course led the facilitators to redesign the next course to address some of the issues faced; the second course was more successful and commenced 3.6.14 seven young people have completed and have helped develop a Factsheet for parents and professionals, so that they can know how best to support a young person. On the back of this a series of 'good mood events' (using more positive language was part of the learning from this) are taking place in July and August in the Coalfields area and an Emotional Eating Course is now in development.

This project is now completed

High Five SNCBC was awarded £3,640 to deliver healthy eating and fitness sessions.

Project will begin after October half term

Trails, Snails and Scales was awarded £3,000 to deliver a trim trail at Elba Park and family outdoor fun

The project was initially delayed due to the contractors installing the Trim Trail. This was finally completed and signed off in July and we have had very positive feedback from park users. We were able to buy 4 pieces of wooden climbing/balancing apparatus and 4 sets of thermoplastic markings.

Healthy activity sessions have now been advertised and sessions will focus on showing families different ways they can be more active in green spaces by creating games, looking for wildlife and using the new trim trail.

These sessions are to run from October 27 to November 24 and will include:

- Healthy eating and growing – includes making ‘cress heads’ and discussions and practical workshops on healthy eating
- Family Trim Trail session - Families need to invent three different ways of using the new apparatus to promote natural play and making your own fun.
- Cook off - Bring in the cress heads and three other items to go with it that will make up a healthy meal then make something to eat with the ingredients
- Trails snails and scales Woodland Olympics - each family is a team and there is a series of three activities that they have to do to race against the clock - obstacle course etc.

Sexual and Mental Call for Projects

Call For Project – Small Grants

This Call for Projects is made up of £15,000 SIB matched with £15,000 CCG funds. Projects that were awarded funding through this Call for projects are as follows:

Peer Educator YMCA was awarded £4,918 to train young people to become peer educators for other young people

8 young people attended a residential during the Easter holidays where they took part in a range of activities & workshops aimed at increasing their understanding of sexual and mental health issues. The residential enabled the group to work together, share knowledge & skills, start to evaluate the resources available & look at how new resources can be developed to inform the project delivery to other young people.

The peer educators’ programme continued throughout the summer holidays meeting both on and off site. They have been developing a package of engaging activities and games to utilise with other young people. The resources have been used in a pilot programme with a small group of 20 young people based at Herrington Burn YMCA.

The plan for the next stage of the project is for the peer educators to work with a group of dis-engaged young people who have been excluded from school delivering sessions based on promoting sexual & mental health & wellbeing. The peer educators are undertaking further training with Washington Mind to increase their understanding of mental health issues relating to young people including:

- Mental health first Aid
- Suicide prevention
- Self-esteem & confidence workshops

Looking After Yourself SNCBC was awarded £3,640 to deliver workshops to eat well exercise and approach sexual health

Project will begin after October half term

Healthy Young Minds Washington Mind was awarded £4,950 to raise awareness and hold workshops

The project commenced on 25th March 2014 with a Self-esteem group starting at the Hetton centre this ran for 6 weeks with 11 young people starting and 7 completing the course, evaluations from this were used to deliver creative self-esteem courses through music and crafts (identified by young people as being good ways to improve self-esteem). A creative group delivered by Visualise commence 1st April 2014 The Wellbeing through Music group facilitated by the Rockskool commenced on the 25th April with 6 young people benefiting.

Following a Suicide awareness session at Shiney Row college a short film about suicide prevention is being produced during the Summer. We have also scheduled A Life Worth Living course for the staff at Shiney Row College due to be delivered at a time that is suitable for the teaching staff. We have worked with young people from the Coalfields area (42) in a project delivered at Farrington School to understand the characteristics healthy/unhealthy relationships. Work is continuing with 7 of these young people.

An outcome of the work so far is recognising the need for self-harm support in the area we are therefore piloting Understanding Self-harm training in Hetton and Houghton Kepier schools. This project is now completed

Can Do Fund	Call For Project – Small Grants
<p>It was agreed that the balance remaining from the approved allocation from the Call for Projects above could be utilised to develop an 'opportunity fund' to encourage young people to design, develop and deliver small projects themselves. Young people would be expected to present their idea to the People Board who would agree whether the project receives funding.</p> <p>The criteria is that projects contribute to one or more of the following –</p> <p>Increasing Participation: Taking part in activities which can influence decision-making and bring about change</p> <p>Being healthy: Enjoying good physical and mental health and living a healthy lifestyle</p> <p>Improving skills: Taking part in activities and learning to increase opportunities and achieve goals</p> <p>Progress First group of young people presented their ideas to the People Board on July 7 with a total of £1,265 awarded to 3 projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Art Awardees • Because We Can • XL Friday Group <p>Projects included support for trips & activities to build up self-esteem & team bonding and travel costs for a speaker from London to come and deliver a session on human trafficking held in the Council Chambers</p> <p>The second round of applicants will be attending the People Board on November 10.</p>	

Celebrating Success - Herrington Burn YMCA (HBYMCA)	Call For Project – Small Grants
<p>This project was awarded £1,964 to work with a group of 4-6 young people engaging them in the planning, recording and editing of a promotional piece of video or photography that will depict and publicise the improvements made within the Coalfields by the 'Love Where You Live' campaign.</p> <p>The project has engaged a small group of 6 dis-engaged young people all of which are excluded from school and are educated as part of HBYMCA's school inclusion programme. The group have been working with Media Savvy to produce a DVD which reflects the improvements made within the Coalfields area as a result of funding allocated by the Area Committee.</p> <p>The young people were part of the planning/storyboard for the DVD and identified some key areas they would like to highlight. The young people met with & interviewed Cllr Lawson & Cllr Scott as part of the process alongside Pauline Hopper and Pat Robson. The young people took on the roles of camera, sound & interviewer with support from Media Savvy staff and youth workers.</p> <p>Completion expected by the end of October.</p>	

Houghton Centre for the Blind	Small SIB Grant

£4,000 was awarded to the group at April's Area Committee. The organisation supports local people who are blind and partially sighted. Their aim is to provide support to these people and their families by offering social activities both at the centre and out at various event and venues.

The Centre has had considerable financial outlay over the past few years and reserves have been exhausted in order to carry out work such as adapting the toilet facilities to be DDA compliant, and repairs to the roof and exterior. The Centre is owned by the charity and is built on land owned by Sunderland City Council. The centre is run by volunteers who have little or no experience of applying for grants and a contribution of £4,000 towards running costs has allowed the centre to remain open and give the group time to develop a fund raising strategy.

Since the grant was awarded the group has become more involved with other groups and organisations in the area including the VCS Network, ELCAP and the Coalfield Customer Relationship Officer.

Community Transport Easington Lane Community Transport Scheme	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of People Receiving job training	4	4		£15,000	£15,000	
Number of people employed in voluntary work	5	6				
Number of people going into employment	1	1				
Number of people using new & improved facilities	30	47				

The project was awarded £60,000 over 3 years at the April Area Committee to continue and develop the Shopper Bus Project. One new post of Transport Co-ordinator/Driver will be created (24 hours pw). The main aim of the role will be to work closely with the Project Manager to ensure the three year project meets the needs of the Coalfield community and long term funding is sought for the sustainability of the scheme post 2017.

Transport & Environment Manger was appointed in May. A steering group has been set up to support the project and seek additional funding. Possible source identified is the Big Local; an application has been made to further develop the service as identified by residents.

The Community Transport project is on target around delivery and continues to respond to service users. A need has been identified to provide passenger assistance to help with clients with Dementia and the project has recruited & trained volunteers to support these passengers.

To date 267 passengers have used the service, feedback from these shows that many see this service as a lifeline and it is the only time they get out and meet people. As a result of using this service some passengers have become involved with other activities provided by ELCAP.

Volunteer Co-ordinator ShARP	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator

ShARP was awarded £30,000 over 3 years at the April Area Committee to continue and develop the project previously funded through SIB.

The Volunteer Co-ordinator's role is to:

- To co-ordinate services to ensure that we can help the maximum number of people including older people, vulnerable adults and carers
- To develop training/self-help materials for clients to support them in dealing with their problems themselves
- To develop a training plan and train volunteers as advice workers to add capacity to sharps advice service

The project is not due to start until October so no outputs or spend for this period.

Coalfield Area Committee Health and Greenspace Project

Action		Who will lead	Who should also be involved
1.	Improve and develop cycleways/shared use paths to create the Coalfield Cycle Network	Tim Ducker	
2.	Create a link between the 'large parks' in the area (Herrington/Hetton Lyons/Rainton Meadows/Elba) with signed routes	Tim Ducker	Christine Bulmer
3.	Develop two new circular routes suitable for running, cycling and walking	Christine Bulmer	Running/cycling clubs
4.	Train volunteers/instructors to deliver activity e.g. Nordic walking, family fit camps	Christine Bulmer/Laura Bartlett	VCS Network members
5.	Engage with other volunteer programmes including health champions	Laura Cassidy	Laura Bartlett
6.	Further develop the Love Where You Live project to improve local green spaces	Debbie Hall/Carrie Stokoe	VCS Network members and local groups
7.	Develop more conservation activity with local groups and volunteers	Andrea Baxter/Nichola Hessewood	Carrie Stokoe/VCS Network
8.	Install outdoor exercise equipment (trim trails) in Herrington Country Park and Hetton Lyons Country Park	Laura Bartlett	Debbie Hall Consult with Andrea Baxter
9.	Install new and informative signage for Herrington Country Park, Hetton Park and Hetton Lyons Country Park	Julie Heathcote	Christine Bulmer/Debbie Hall Consult with all relevant services
10.	Install way markers and direction signage on existing public footpaths and in parks	Julie Heathcote	Christine Bulmer/Tim Ducker Consult with all relevant services
11.	Support the development of walking/cycling maps and routes	Cycle maps Tim Ducker New routes Tim Ducker and Highways colleagues Walking maps Christine Bulmer	Consult with all
12.	Promote existing and develop new heritage walks	Christine Bulmer/VCS Network	Julie Heathcote/VCS Network to promote
13.	Install goalposts on appropriate areas for 'informal play'	Debbie Hall	Consult with
14.	Develop and deliver a Communication Plan	Julie Heathcote	
15.	Plan and organise a promotional 'launch' to take place in March 2015	Julie Heathcote	Consult with all

Local Priority:

Support opportunities to access services, training and learning for young people at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)

Strategic Fit

Education and Skills Strategy – ‘ready for school, ready for work, ready for life’

Education Leadership Board

Partnership Engagement Group

What is the scale of the issue in the Coalfield area and how does it compare to other areas/City/Region?

Area	Number	% of total cohort
Tyne & Wear		8.3%
Sunderland		8.2%
Copt Hill	42	9.7%
Hetton	41	11.6%
Houghton	30	7.9%
Shiney Row	26	5.6%

The Sunderland ward with the lowest % of NEET young people is Fulwell, with 2.2%, the highest is Hendon with 15%. Only Southwick and Hendon have a higher % NEET than Hetton.

What is currently available to support young people (16-19) who are, or are at risk of becoming, NEET?

Careers advice in schools

Education/business programmes

National Careers Service

Connexions Service (locally in Newbottle Street, Houghton le Spring)

Directory of local opportunities and training provision in Sunderland

Work based learning directory provides information on non-employed pre-apprenticeship training in Tyne & Wear

Work discovery week and activity throughout the year

LA7 NEET project

Youth Contract

What are the main issues for young people living in our neighbourhoods?

Limited access to training providers

Access to real jobs and on the job training (work experience)

Lack of financial support

Lack of family support

Health issues (mental health in particular)

Basic employability skills

Basic money management and life skills

Where are the gaps? and what ideas or suggestions can we explore further?

Relationship with schools

Employer engagement

Whole family approach e.g. Strengthening Families/Family Wise

Mentoring support, both for young people entering work and employers

Preparing young people for working life

Next Steps - To be agreed by the People Board

3 December 2014

REPORT OF COALFIELD AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

2. Background

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.
- 2.2 Coalfield Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

3. Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN) Progress Report

The Coalfield VCSN has met once since the last Area Committee in October 2014.

3.1 October 2014

Big Local

An overview of Big Local was given, explaining that this is a ten year, lottery funded, programme for Easington Lane and Moorsley. The programme must be resident led and identify a 'trusted organisation' to act as the lead for financial and administrative purposes. ELCAP acted as the lead organisation to get the programme to the point where it has developed a delivery plan and is ready to start. Gentoo has come forward to become the trusted organisation and further discussion with Big is taking place to agree how the plan will be taken forward.

Health and Greenspaces Project

An update on the Health and Greenspaces project was given. The group were asked to nominate one of the VCS representatives to join the group. It was agreed Susan Brown would represent the Network.

Celebrating Heritage

The group were given an update regarding the SIB funding allocated for heritage. An application form will be circulated across the Network offering small grants of up to £500 for history and heritage related projects. Various projects were suggested and individual groups will develop ideas further before completing the application.

Information Sharing

The Coalfield Community Road Show Event held on the 25th October 2014 was discussed. It was a good event for networking and joint working between local organisations but noted that the turnout of members of the public was not as high as expected. The venue, day held, and promotion methods were all identified as areas for consideration for any future events to ensure more residents are aware of what is available.

The group discussed Durham Community Foundation (DCF) grants and the difficulties some groups are experiencing accessing the EON funding. After some discussion it was agreed that a representative from DCF was invited to the December meeting.

Claire Tulley from Nexus gave a brief overview on the Quality Contract Scheme, which is a legal power over bus services by a council. In this case, the North East Combined Authority will set ticket prices, routes and timetables across Tyne and Wear and on some routes in and out of County Durham and Northumberland. NECA will also decide what types of buses are used. Nexus, the public body which devised this scheme and currently manages the Tyne and Wear Metro, will collect fares and pay bus companies to provide bus services through contracts. This is a big change to the present market, where buses companies decide on prices and routes.

Melanie Caldwell updated on the changes to Gentoo housing and neighbourhood management. Gentoo are recruiting 10 new housing managers who will be the single point of contact for all issues for Gentoo tenants within a particular neighbourhood. Each housing manager will speak with all tenants on their patch and work through a survey to identify what support they may require.

VCAS have arranged a 'funding fair' on 4 December. Ten funders are attending the event, at St Marys and St Peters in Springwell, to give information and advice to groups who are seeking funding. Further information available from Trish Cornish.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested

- To note the contents of the report

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3 December 2014

REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for Sunderland Coalfield Committee area from 25.9.2014 to 20.11.2014.

2 Background

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

3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

3.1 LI2 Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

3.2 LI3/4 Injuries from Accidental Dwelling fires (including precautionary checks)

There were no injuries in the Coalfields Area during the reporting period compared to 2 the previous reporting period (1/7/14 to 24/9/14)

3.3 LI8 Accidental Fires in Dwellings

There were no LI 8 incidents compared to two the previous reporting period.

3.4 LI14 All Deliberate Property Fires

There were five deliberate property fires in the Coalfields Area compared to three the previous reporting period.

- 3 incidents at Penshaw house, an unused former residential home awaiting sale/demolition. Two FF were injured during one incident when part of the ceiling fell on top of them whilst they were attacking the fire. Cause of the fire was deemed malicious.
- 2 incidents in Durham street; one a timber shed on allotments and another timber building containing horse riding equipment and feed.

3.5 LI15 Number of vehicle fires started deliberately

There were two vehicle fires this period compared which is the same as previous reporting period.

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

There have been 38 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 34 over the previous reporting period. This is a 6% rise in incidents however this covers the bonfire period which is traditionally one of our busiest times and would look to see incidents fall back over the coming months. Partnership working with 'Responsive Local Services' (RLS) and Gentoo will continue to try and reduce these numbers.

Ten incidents occurred in Elemore lane area where over a period of several days FF came under verbal and physical attacks from youths throwing stones etc.; a fire appliance was damaged and a FF sustained minor injury during this period. In response police escorted crews into the area for a short period and increased patrols; a joint press statement was put out warning of prosecution if caught. Following this two visits were arranged by fire crews to talk to youths attending the community centre to educate youths on the effects of their actions and try and 'build bridges' with them. There have been no incidents in the past month in this area.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1.1 Note the content of this report and a more detailed one to follow once all data has been verified (Please note: attached data report attached at **Annex 1** covers the period from 1 September 2014 to 19 November 2014)
- 4.1.2 Note the content of a press release **Keeping vulnerable people in Sunderland safe** attached at **Annex 2**

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Coalfields Area Committee Report

01/09/2014 - 19/11/2014

Data and Information Team

20th November 2014

Data and Information Audit	
Data compiled by:	AR
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Data valid at:	20 th November 2014
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Please note that as the attached dataset may contain personal data this data should not be used for anything other than its intended purpose / audience, and should not be re-circulated without permission of TWFRS.

Coalfields Area Committee

The following report provides commentary on Sunderland West area incidents from 1st September 2014 to 19th November 2014

Some incident data may not be validated and therefore subject to change.

LI 2 Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period in 2014 or 2013.

LI 3 Number of injuries from accidental fires in dwelling (excluding precautionary checks and first aid given at the scene)

There were two LI 3 injuries in the Coalfields Area during the reporting period.

The injuries were both classified as 'victim went to hospital, injuries appear to be slight'.

There were no injuries in this area over the same period last year.

LI 8 Number of accidental fires in dwellings

There were two LI 8 incidents during the reporting period.

There were four LI 8 incidents in this area over the same period last year.

Incident Ref	Date	Time	Ward	Property Level 4
42015748	07/09/2014	18:11	Hetton Ward	House - single occupancy
42016278	14/09/2014	12:40	Shiney Row Ward	House - single occupancy

LI 14 Number of deliberate primary fires (excluding road vehicles)

There were six deliberate property fires during the reporting period in the Coalfields Area.

There were six incidents in this area during the same period last year.

Incident ref	Date	Time	Ward	Property Level 4
42015723	07/09/2014	07:51	Hetton Ward	Other private non-residential building
42018474	14/10/2014	23:31	Shiney Row Ward	Residential Home
42018486	15/10/2014	08:40	Shiney Row Ward	Residential Home
42018524	15/10/2014	21:44	Shiney Row Ward	Residential Home
42018790	19/10/2014	19:20	Houghton Ward	Other private non-residential building
42019484	29/10/2014	19:34	Houghton Ward	Other private non-residential building

LI 15 Number of deliberate primary road vehicle fires

There were three deliberate vehicle fires in this area during the reporting period.

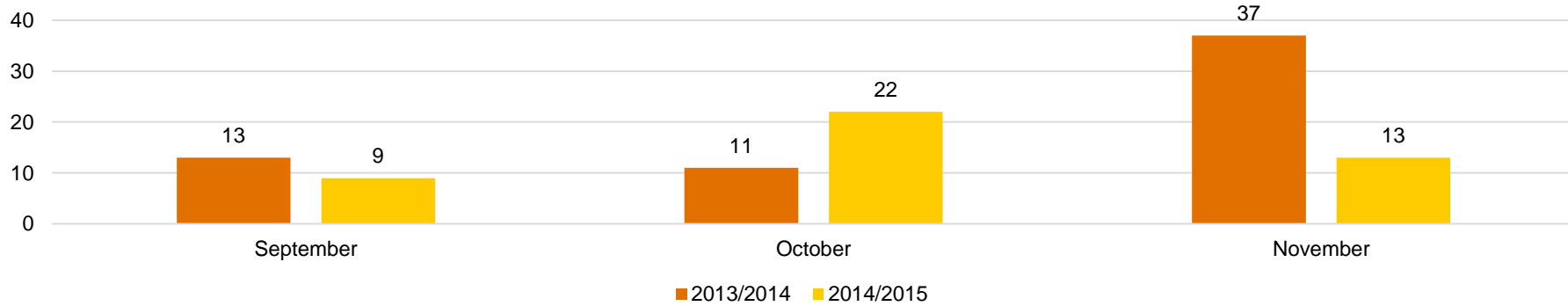
There were two incidents in this area during the same period last year.

Incident Ref	Date Only	Time Only	Street	Ward	Property Level 3
42015440	03/09/2014	03:37	MARLOWE PLACE	Copt Hill Ward	Van
42019137	25/10/2014	03:08	LAMBTON LANE	Houghton Ward	Car
42020421	07/11/2014	03:17	SIDINGS PLACE	Houghton Ward	Car

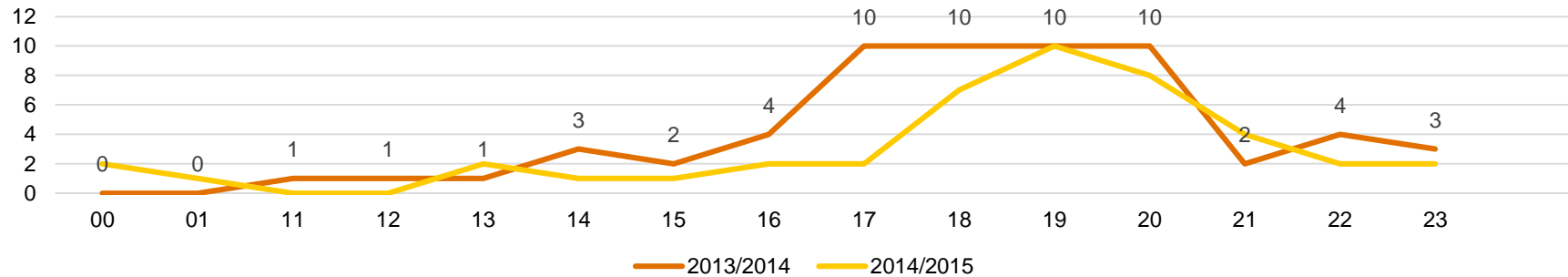
LI 16 Number of deliberate secondary fires

There have been 44 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 61 over the same period last year.

Deliberate Secondary Fires (LI16) Month / Year (1/9/14 - 19/11/14)



Deliberate Secondary Fires (LI16) Time of Day 01/09/14 - 19/11/14

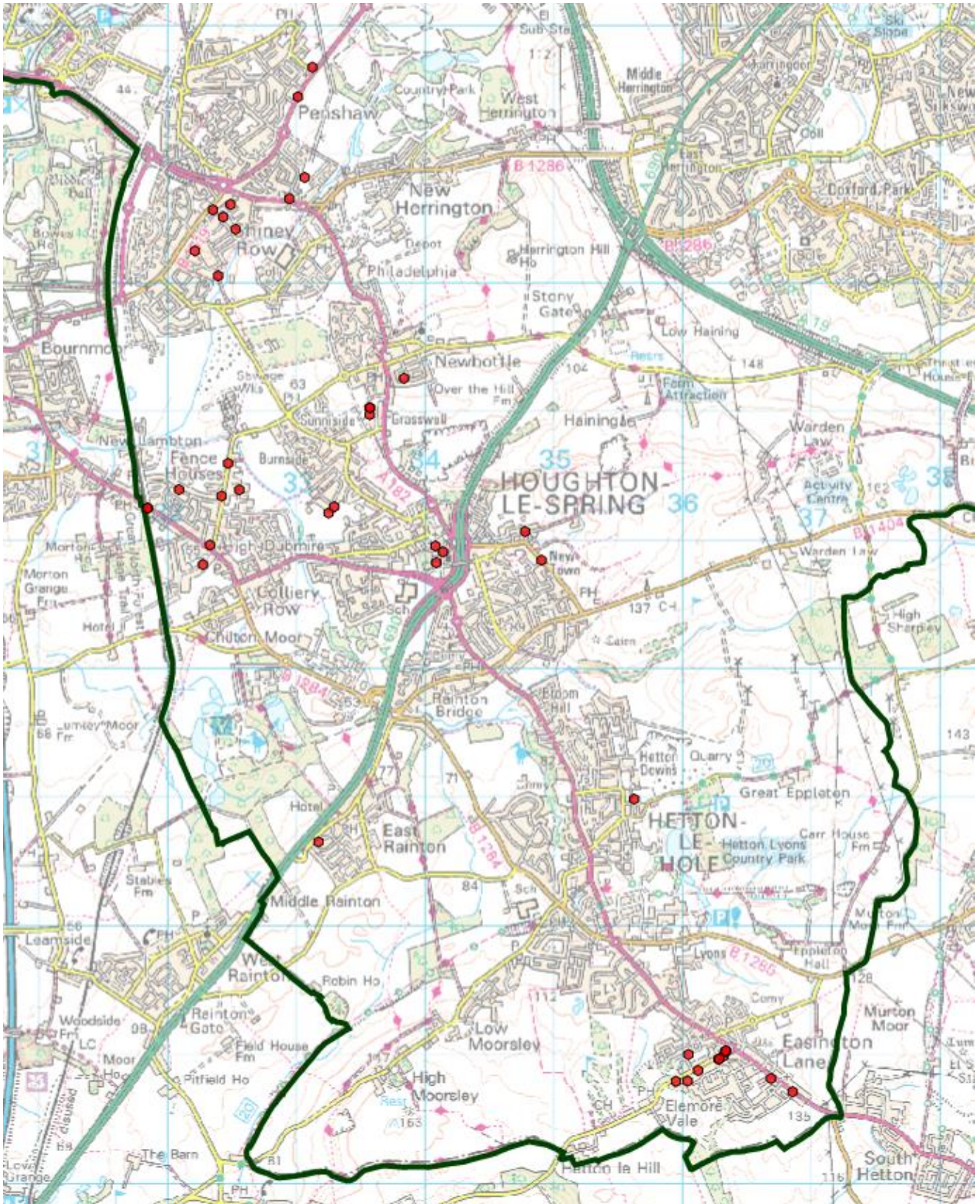


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Ward	2013/2014 Incidents	2014/2015 Incidents	% Change
Copt Hill Ward	17	2	-88%
Hetton Ward	20	13	-35%
Houghton Ward	11	19	73%
Shiney Row Ward	13	10	-23%
Grand Total	61	44	-28%

Property Type	2013/2014 Incidents	2014/2015 Incidents	% change
Fence	2	0	-200%
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	34	26	-23%
Other outdoor items including roadside furniture	1	2	100%
Refuse/rubbish tip	13	8	-38%
Retail	0	1	100%
Roadside vegetation	0	1	100%
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	1	3	200%
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	3	1	-66%
Wheelie Bin	7	2	-71%
Grand Total	61	44	-27%

LI 16 Number of deliberate secondary fires



LI 16 Number of deliberate secondary fires

Incident ref	Date	Time	Ward	Property level 4
42015813	08/09/2014	20:17	Houghton Ward	Other outdoor items including roadside furniture
42015885	09/09/2014	18:53	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42016254	14/09/2014	00:42	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42016281	14/09/2014	14:54	Shiney Row Ward	Roadside vegetation
42016353	15/09/2014	17:45	Shiney Row Ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
42016492	17/09/2014	17:31	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42016775	21/09/2014	20:18	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42017076	26/09/2014	19:42	Shiney Row Ward	Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)
42017343	29/09/2014	18:02	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42017573	01/10/2014	23:01	Houghton Ward	Wheelie Bin
42017823	05/10/2014	16:38	Shiney Row Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42017841	05/10/2014	18:47	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42017860	05/10/2014	20:20	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42017989	07/10/2014	20:06	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42017991	07/10/2014	20:38	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42018081	08/10/2014	19:19	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42018090	08/10/2014	20:13	Houghton Ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
42018093	08/10/2014	21:21	Houghton Ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
42018137	09/10/2014	18:08	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42018141	09/10/2014	19:54	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42018153	09/10/2014	23:09	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42018406	13/10/2014	21:28	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42018496	15/10/2014	13:18	Copt Hill Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42018900	21/10/2014	16:28	Shiney Row Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42018994	22/10/2014	19:27	Hetton Ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
42019055	23/10/2014	22:21	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42019120	24/10/2014	21:43	Hetton Ward	Wheelie Bin
42019370	27/10/2014	21:12	Shiney Row Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42019382	28/10/2014	01:20	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42019485	29/10/2014	19:49	Shiney Row Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42019523	30/10/2014	13:35	Shiney Row Ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
42019837	03/11/2014	19:14	Shiney Row Ward	Refuse/rubbish tip

Incident ref	Date	Time	Ward	Property level 4
42020208	05/11/2014	20:58	Shiney Row Ward	Retail
42020253	05/11/2014	22:17	Hetton Ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
42020359	06/11/2014	18:13	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42020362	06/11/2014	18:33	Copt Hill Ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
42020368	06/11/2014	18:57	Houghton Ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
42020377	06/11/2014	19:56	Houghton Ward	Other outdoor items including roadside furniture
42020464	07/11/2014	19:48	Houghton Ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
42020508	08/11/2014	15:24	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42020585	09/11/2014	19:00	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42020806	13/11/2014	19:55	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42020863	14/11/2014	20:11	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42021093	19/11/2014	00:53	Houghton Ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)

LI 21 Malicious false alarm calls attended

There have been two malicious false alarm calls during the reporting period.

There were no malicious false alarm calls over during the same period last year.

Incident ref	Date	Time	Ward
42019533	30/10/2014	14:35	Houghton Ward
42021045	17/11/2014	23:51	Houghton Ward



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PRESS RELEASE

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

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Creating the safest community

20 November 2014

PR 1230

For Immediate Release

Keeping vulnerable people in Sunderland safe

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service have joined forces with Sunderland Care and Support's Telecare service and Age UK to help make vulnerable people safer in Sunderland.

Telecare provides a communication service and equipment loan to vulnerable residents to help ensure their safety and well-being and ensure a swift response is achieved should an emergency arise. The package comprises of:-

- A personal pendant device to enable customers to raise an alarm at the press of a button. This is linked to the Customer Service Centre in Sunderland.
- A 24 hour monitored smoke alarm that is linked to the Customer Service Centre for immediate support.
- A bogus caller alarm that is installed at the front door which can be easily activated should the person feel uncomfortable or threatened by a cold caller.
- A 24 hour monitored Carbon Monoxide Detector that is also linked the Customer Service Centre.

Through the Sunderland Homesafe initiative, anyone who is referred to this scheme will receive the first six weeks of the package free of charge. Once this trial period is over the normal monthly charges will apply. This includes the maintenance of the equipment and the 24 hour monitoring of the system by Sunderland Care and Support. The cost is £12.75 (+VAT) per month.

The free trial of Homesafe is available to all people in the Sunderland area who meet the following criteria and are not currently using the Telecare provision:

- The person lives alone and is elderly and is living with dementia

AND has one or more of the following risk factors:

- Is a smoker
- Is a substance misuser.

- There are signs that the person has had burns or scorch marks either/or on their person or within their living environment
- Would struggle to leave the property in the event of a fire.
- Feels lonely, isolated and scared.

Referrals to the Homesafe scheme can be made from adult social care workers, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, the NHS and the voluntary sector. All referrals received will be screened to assess whether they are eligible for the free trail.

To receive the free trail for a 6 week period or for further queries people should call 0191 561 4435 or email telecare@sunderlandcareandsupport.gov.uk

District Manager for Sunderland, Ian Cuskin, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, said: "Vulnerable people are more at risk from fire with most of our fire fatalities over recent years involving the elderly. This initiative provides extra protection for the more vulnerable members of our community, and gives assurance to those people and their families that for as little as 51p a day someone is constantly monitoring their environment should an emergency occur and ensure a speedy response from the partnership."

Senior Operations Manager for Sunderland Care and Support, which runs Telecare in Sunderland, Gill Lawson, said: "The Telecare service provides peace of mind for customers and their families 24 hours a day, knowing that immediate help and support is available the moment an alarm is raised. By working in partnership with Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service and Age UK Sunderland we are able to ensure that those most at risk of fire can live safely and independently in their own homes

Director Age UK Sunderland, Alan Patchett, said: "We fully support this initiative as it is a very cost effective way for older people to remain safe and have excellent protection in the event of a fire in their home. I would urge all older people to take up this brilliant offer"

For more information on how to stay safe from fire visit www.twfire.gov.uk or www.facebook.com/twfrs or www.twitter.com/tyne_wear_frs

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COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE 3 December 2014 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest - Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources	
Author(s): Chief Executive	
Purpose of Report: Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an updated position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.	
Description of Decision: <p style="text-align: center;">The Area Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2014/15 budget: Committee are requested to:-</p> <p>(a) Note the financial statement set out in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1 (b) Approve one request for SIB funding set out in 2.2 for £5,500 (c) Note the 9 approvals of Community Chest set out in Annex 1</p>	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes	
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £268,412 for 2014/2015 from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Plan and to attract other funding into the area.	
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?	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

3 December 2014

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIB for 2014/2015:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total SIB for 2014/2015 is £268,412				
				£268,412
Project Name				
Advice Volunteer Co-ordinator - ShARP	09.04.14		£30,000	£238,412
Community Transport - ELCAP	09.04.14		£60,000	£178,412
Social Club – Houghton Centre for the Blind	09.04.14		£4,000	£174,412
Baulkham Hills Footpath - SCC	09.04.14		£4,289	£170,123
Houghton Feast 2014 community involvement and Friday evening opening programme	18.06.14		£10,000	£160,123
Returned Funding - Delivering the Heritage Action Plan			(£442)	£160,565
Health and Greenspaces	15.10.14		£20,000	£140,565
Shopping Centre Support	15.10.14		£55,000	£85,565
Local Events, Celebrations and Heritage	15.10.14		£10,000	£75,565
Love Where You Live (LWYL)	15.10.14		£10,000	£65,565
Balance		-	£203,847	£65,565

2.2 There is one application for SIB funding presented to Committee for consideration as below and in Annex 1.

Provision of a bus shelter at Blind Lane stop number 28071 £5,500
(subject to completion of resident consultation, and confirmation from Nexus that there will be no future maintenance or financial liability to Sunderland City Council.)

The total budget requested for allocation for the above projects totals £5,500, if approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be £60,065.

3 Green Spaces Funding:

3.1 The table below shows the financial position of Green Spaces following the April 2014 Area Committee meeting.

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Green Spaces Fund (approved to AC to award)				£20,000
Project Name	-		-	-
Health and Greenspaces	15.10.14		£20,000	£0
New Balance			£20,000	£0

4. Community Chest

4.1 The table below details the Community Chest Ward balances as at November 2014, Item 5 Annex 2 shows the approvals between September – November 2014.

Ward	Starting Balance	Project Approvals since April 2014	Grant Returned	Balance
Copt Hill	£12,889.76	£3,469.00		£9,420.76
Shiney Row	£11,859.00	£6,534.00	£890.00	£6,215.00
Houghton	£13,917.50	£7,143.80		£6,773.70
Hetton	£13,088.00	£9,373.40		£3,714.60
Total	£51,754.26	£26,520.20	£890.00	£26,124.06

5. Recommendations:

Members are requested to:

- (a) 5.1 Note the financial statement set out in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1
- (b) Approve one request for £5,500 SIB funding set out in 2.2 and Annex 1
- (c) Note the 9 approvals of Community Chest set out in Annex 2

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Summary of SIB Funding Application**SIB Project 1 – Provision of bus shelter**

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£5,500		£5,500

The Project

The proposal is to remove the existing bus stop pole on Blind Lane (stop number 28071) and replace with a 2.5 bay cantilever shelter with end panels. The provision of the shelter would cost between £4200 & £4300. The cost of supplying power to the shelter is estimated at £1200.

A requirement of installation of new shelters is that residents within 100 meters of the proposed site are consulted. The Place Board supports the SIB proposal and recommends approval subject to consultation being carried out.

Recommendation: Approve subject to completion of resident consultation, and confirmation from Nexus that there will be no future maintenance or financial liability to Sunderland City Council

COMMUNITY CHEST 2014/2015 COALFIELD AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED September-October 2014

Copt Hill Ward	Project	Amount	Balance at October 2014	Project approvals	Grants returned	Balance Remaining
	Hetton & Eppleton Community Hall - Cost of a fish & chip supper for 80 local senior citizens	£140		£140		
	Total		£9560.76	£140		£9,420.76
Hetton Ward	Project	Amount	Balance at October 2014	Project approvals		Balance Remaining
	Hetton & Eppleton Community Hall - Cost of a fish & chip supper for 80 local senior citizens	£140		£140		
	36 Squadron ATC - Costs of Annual Presentation Event	£430		£430		
	Hetton Independent Methodist Church - Contribution to refurbishment costs and dry rot treatment	£1,000		£1,000		
	Total		£5,284.60	£1,570		£3,714.60
Houghton Ward	Project	Amount	Balance at October 2014	Project approvals		Balance Remaining
	FORP - Cost of various plants and improvements to land linked to Britain in Bloom	£859		£859		
	St. John's Methodist Youth Club – Contribution towards the cost of various Christmas activities	£250		£250		
	Total		£7,882.70	£1,109		£6,773.70
Shiney Row Ward	Project	Amount	Balance at October 2014	Project approvals		Balance Remaining
	All Saints Luncheon Club - Cost of Christmas lunch, gift and entertainment for members	£180				
	St Aidans Teamsport - Cost of equipment for football coaching sessions in school holidays and a family fitness session	£800				
	St Aidans Community Group - Contribution towards the	£1,000				

	costs of compiling & exhibiting a leather bound book to commemorating over 100 men from New Herrington who died during WW1					
	Total		£8,195	£1,980		£6,215
Overall Totals			£30,923.06	£4,799		£26,124.06

Current Planning Applications Between 01/10/2014 and 20/11/2014 (Coalfields)

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
14/02090/FUL	Tyrespot Depot Newbottle Street Houghton-le-Spring DH4 4AS	Extension to provide two no. additional tyre fitting bays.	05/11/2014	31/12/2014
14/02527/FUL	Land South Of The Paddock And East Of The Stables West Herrington Houghton Le Spring	Provision of an 18 bay car park with associated hard and soft landscaping.	06/11/2014	01/01/2015
14/01948/SUB	Land Off Herrington Road / Opposite The Stables West Herrington Houghton-le-Spring	Outline Application to provide 10 no. executive dwellings (Resubmission)	19/11/2014	18/02/2015
14/02281/FUL	37 Mardale Street Hetton-le- Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 0DH	Erection of detached double garage to the rear.	03/10/2014	28/11/2014
14/02328/FUL	4 Weardale Street Hetton-le- Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 0DZ	Erection of a two storey extension to side and rear, conservatory to rear and installation of velux windows to roof (Amended Description)	09/10/2014	04/12/2014
14/02192/CLE	15 Redwood Close Hetton-le- Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9LE	Application for certificate of lawful existing development for the erection of a conservatory.	14/10/2014	09/12/2014

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
14/01642/FUL	Land At Logan Street Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring	Erection of 2 no. semi detached 2 bedroom dwellings.	16/10/2014	11/12/2014
14/02394/FUL	8 Lyons Gardens Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 0HL	Erection of single-storey side extension / extension and conversion of detached garage to habitable room (AMENDED DESCRIPTION 03.11.2014)	20/10/2014	15/12/2014
14/02441/FUL	36 Wear Street Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 0AR	Erection of a two storey side extension.	27/10/2014	22/12/2014
14/01789/LP4	Unit 9 Mercantile Road Rainton Bridge Industrial Estate Houghton-le-Spring DH4 5PH	Sprinkler tank installation, compound enclosure and relocation of part of existing boundary fence.	29/10/2014	24/12/2014
14/02041/FUL	1 School Road East Rainton Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9QN	Change of use from amenity space to private garden enclosed with fencing.	10/11/2014	05/01/2015
14/01960/FUL	Highbury North View Terrace Houghton-le-Spring DH4 5NW	Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling.	06/10/2014	01/12/2014
14/02067/FUL	Land Adjacent Eden House Terrace Houghton-le-Spring Stanley	Erection of one residential dwelling.	15/10/2014	10/12/2014

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
14/02397/FUL	40 Claremont DriveShiney RowHoughton-le-SpringDH4 7LS	Erection of a single storey extension to side to provide shower room. Creation of new access ramp to front and extension to existing driveway	20/10/2014	15/12/2014
14/02410/PRI	14 Weymouth DriveHoughton-le-SpringDH4 7TQ	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 4.5m from the original dwelling, 3.5m in height and 2.35m to the eaves)	20/10/2014	01/12/2014
14/02386/FUL	17 The BelfryShiney RowHoughton-le-SpringDH4 4QJ	Erection of single storey extension and first floor extension to rear.	23/10/2014	18/12/2014