

At a meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held in SHINEY ROW SCHOOL, REAR SOUTH VIEW, SHINEY ROW, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, TYNE AND WEAR, DH4 4QP on THURSDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2010 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Richardson in the Chair

Councillors F. Anderson, Blackburn, Ellis, A. Hall, Heron, Rolph, J. Scott, D. Smith, Speding and Tate

Also Present:-

Ron Barrass	Member of the Public	
Estelle Brown	Sunderland North Community	Business Centre
Susan Brown	Area Community Co-ordinator	Sunderland Council
Mel Caldwell	Head of Operations	Gentoo
Les Clark	Head of Street Scene	Sunderland Council
Steve Dodds	District Bus Manager	Nexus
Victoria French	Sport Wellness and Partnership Manager	Sunderland Council
Pauline Hopper	Area Officer	Sunderland Council
Mike Foster	BSF Project Director	Children's Services
Cllr Juliana Heron		Hetton Town Council
Emma Hindmarsh	Democratic Services Officer	Sunderland Council
Graham Finlay	Police Inspector	Northumbria Police
Julie Lynne	Area Officer	Sunderland Council
Liz St Louis	Head of Customer Service	Sunderland Council
Helen Paterson	Strategic Director of Transformation and Area Lead Executive	Sunderland Council
Allison Patterson	Area Co-ordinator Manager	Sunderland Council
Tony Osguthorpe	Member of the Public	
Annette Parr	School Improvement Officer	Sunderland Council
Ian Warne	Station Manager	Fire Authority

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillor Wakefield.

Apologies were also received from Lee Wardle, Ann Owen and Juliette Johnson, Area VCS Representatives.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 14th July, 2010

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 14th July, 2010 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillors Tate, Ellis and Juliana Heron (Hetton Town Council) as being present and apologies to be submitted from Councillor J. Scott and Steve Dodds.

Declarations of Interest

Community Action in Coalfield – Progress Review

Councillor Tate declared a personal interest in the Community Chest proposals as Governor of Hetton School.

Councillor Speding declared an interest in the Community Chest proposal as a Governor of Barnwell Primary School.

Councillor Heron declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the Community Chest application as Chair of Houghton Racecourse.

Community Action: Identifying New Issues and Agreeing Actions

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided information on the progress made in relation to its 7 Work Plan priorities as agreed at the June meeting.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Pauline Hopper, Area Officer, presented the report and updated the Committee in relation to current activities to deliver the priorities.

Ms. Hopper advised that a new issue had been identified in relation to planning for open space sport and recreation. There was a need to revisit the green space survey from 2002 which illustrates the broad range of open spaces that may be of public value, for example, green corridors, parks, allotments etc.

The option was to host an initial workshop inviting representatives along to identify spaces in the Coalfield area which match the planning policy guidelines for open spaces. After the workshop each recognised open space would then be assessed against the recommended criteria to assess the value of area/land to the community.

The exercise would involve Councillors, friends, groups, VCS groups and officers working together with an overall report being presented to Committee.

Referring to paragraph 2.1 of the report, Councillor Rolph applauded the move to ensure the Committee was kept up to date with current events and developments in its neighbourhoods and that key decisions made by other Council Committees would

be monitored for their impact on the Committee's Work Plan. However, Councillor Rolph raised a concern that had been experienced by Scrutiny Committees whereby not all reports that go to Cabinet were included on the Forward Plan.

Councillor Rolph also stated that the onus needed to be on Directorates, not the Area Officer, to provide the necessary information to keep Members informed.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Rolph regarding where the workshops would be held and how mobile they would be, Susan Brown, Area Community Co-ordinator, advised that the groundwork had already begun and all voluntary groups would be visited to ensure their input.

2. RESOLVED that Members agree to implement a two stage approach to refresh the Green Space Topic paper, which forms part of the Local Development Framework:-

Stage One: host workshops to identify new open spaces not shown on the survey/ large detailed maps provided, with key stakeholders across the Coalfield area during September/October 2010.

Stage Two: complete a participatory appraisal for each open space to assess the open space against the recommended criteria to measure the value of area/land to the community by December 2010.

Community Action: Reviewing Progress and Agreeing Next Steps

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which:-

- i) briefed Members on issues previously identified through the 2009/10 Work Plan and provided an update on issues and actions arising;
- ii) sought approval for recommendations in relation to the allocation of SIB and Community Chest funding.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Hopper advised that the Heritage Task and Result Group had met to discuss the way forward to address the heritage agenda. An audit of current provision project feasibility will be produced with a financial implication of approximately £10,000 which the group agreed would be funded by SIB.

If the Committee agree the proposed approach, including allocation of £10,000, a further detailed funding application with costings will be developed to carry out further work around the heritage priority.

Councillor Speding commented that there were heritage issues that the Task and Result Group should have considered, for example the local Cadets Group based at the Cadet Centre at Penshaw which had a long history and a heritage that needed to be preserved.

Susan Brown advised that she would be linking in with such groups when helping to market and produce the information pack and she encouraged Members to contact her with any other local groups she could liaise with.

Ms. Hopper then invited Andrew Perkin, Senior Partnership and Policy Officer, to provide an update on the Local Shopping Centres Task and Result Group.

He informed the Group that it was agreed that the focus of the work would centre on Front Street, Hetton, Newbottle Street, Houghton and Shiney Row shopping centres.

It was proposed that a project be developed for an initial period of 18-24 months, costing approximately £130,000. There were five elements to the proposed project:-

1. Knowledge and understanding – we need to know a) what have we already got and b) what we want or need.
2. Support for existing traders.
3. Support for new traders.
4. Environmental and public realm improvements.
5. Marketing and promotion.

Ms. Hopper took Members through Annex 1a of the report – Community Action: Outstanding Issues Log from 2009/10 and invited questions or comments from Members on any specific priority.

Referring to the priority to "Raised attainment levels and skills of young people", Councillor Rolph queried why Shiney Row College had been chosen as an IT Academy as opposed to Bede.

Mr. Andrew Perkin was able to advise that the IT talent scouts had their base at Shiney Row College but moved around various locations, including Bede College.

Ms. Hopper presented the Work Plan for 2010/11 and advised that the bulb planting and landscaping scheme had been approved and contractors would commence on site in October.

Ms. Hopper advised that Gentoo had agreed to contribute to the community planting scheme and the Gentoo customer panel had also proposed financial support.

In response to a request from Councillor Rolph, Les Clark, Head of Street Scene, agreed to inform Members when planting was happening in their area.

Referring to play provision in the Coalfield area, Councillor Heron advised that a review needed to be carried out with regard to play locations in the Copt Hill ward.

At this juncture it was agreed to invite Ms. Victoria French, Wellness Manager, to present the Play and Urban Games Strategy Review.

Ms. French outlined the process to be undertaken to review the existing Strategy and identify the priorities for investment for the period 2010-2012 for inclusion within the addendum to the Strategy.

Councillor Rolph commented on the existing play provision on Rectory Park which was now missing key pieces of equipment.

Referring to the table in 4.2 and the percentage of children and young people with access to high quality play within 1km which had increased from 7% in 2004/06 to 83% in 2007-2010, Councillor Rolph questioned whether the 1km was as the crow flies or safest walking route.

Ms. French advised that the kilometre was measured using shortest accessible route. Councillor Rolph explained that many of the children that lived near to Keir Hardy play park had to cross a busy main road, which limited their access. As such the figures in the report should perhaps be taken with a pinch of salt.

Councillor Heron queried whether current play areas had provision for disabled children and was advised that all groups, including disabled groups, had been consulted on the new equipment. She was advised that specific equipment was not designed solely for disabled children but was made to be inclusive for all. Ms. French informed the committee that the Gentoo Focus Group had allocated money for a disabled swing.

Councillor Ellis queried the definition of 'high quality' as the equipment at Kier Hardie was relatively new yet it had been the subject of vandalism, paint was peeling off and the slide did not work. Newbottle had been vandalised and Rectory Park had only three items and nothing for older children. As such Councillor Ellis did not feel these play facilities could be classed as high quality and she felt saddened by this. Councillor Ellis also advised that she had tried to raise such concerns with officers within City Services and had not received a satisfactory response.

Councillor D. Smith referred to the Section 106 Agreement attached to Kirklee Field and enquired why £58,000 originally earmarked had been reduced.

Ms. French advised that as there had been a reduction in the number of houses to be built in the area the Section 106 money had been reduced accordingly.

Councillor Tate queried whether the location for Hetton Park was fixed as he suggested it could be better relocated nearer the main road (further away from the Hetton Centre). Ms French agreed to take the comments back.

Councillor Speding advised that there were clear European Safety standards for play equipment.

Ms. Hopper presented the financial statements and funding requests informing Members of the following recommendations as detailed in the report:-

- i) note the financial statement for Area Committee funding for 2010/11;

- ii) to approve the granting of SIB funding of £50,000 as a contribution to Coalfield in Bloom;
- iii) to approve the granting of SIP funding of £3,262 as a contribution to Bird Terrace Environmental Scheme, Shiney Row;
- iv) to approve the granting of SIP funding of £11,864 as a contribution to Hetton Lyons Country Park Car Park;
- v) to approve the granting of SIP funding of £10,000 as a contribution to traffic calming – Robin Lane/Hazard Lane, Hetton;
- vi) to approve the granting of SIP funding of £8,000 as a contribution to Dropped Kerbs – Houghton;
- vii) to approve the 25 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest.

Ms. Hopper reminded the Committee that all SIP money must be allocated and spent by March 2011. Some projects were under development, however, Copt Hill ward were yet to identify any.

The Chairman stated that if projects for the Copt Hill ward were not identified and if no applications came to the next meeting then the money would come back to the Committee to spend on an area basis.

The Copt Hill Ward Members agreed to convene a meeting between themselves.

3. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the report be received and noted and that approval be given to the Community Action Next Steps/Actions as detailed in Annex 1 of the report;
- ii) approval be given to the granting of SIB funding of £50,000 as a contribution to Coalfield in Bloom;
- iii) approval be given to the granting of SIP funding of £3,262 as a contribution to Bird Terrace Environmental Scheme – Shiney Row;
- iv) approval be given to the granting of SIP funding of £11,864 as a contribution to Hetton Lyons Country Park Car Park;
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- vii) approval be given to the 25 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest.

Influencing Practice, Policy and Strategy

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to request Members to consider the draft Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy and Action Plan, which is currently subject to consultation and to participate in the consultation process to ensure that the strategy will effectively address the volunteering needs of the Coalfield area.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Susan Brown, Area Community Co-ordinator (Coalfield) presented the report and informed the Committee that the draft Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy and Action Plan process was ongoing. She advised that the proposed actions reflect the changing landscape of volunteering at both the national and local level, and to build upon existing good practice in Sunderland. The Strategy and accompanying Action Plan would provide the basis for partners and organisations to work together to raise the profile of volunteering and increase the number and diversity of volunteers in the City.

Ms. Brown also informed the Committee that ‘Make a Difference Day’ would take place on 30th October in which tens of thousand of people across the country to take part.

Councillor Hall commended the Action Plan which was extremely thorough with excellent outputs and deliverables.

The Chairman closed the meeting having thanked Members, partners, officers and members of the public for their attendance.

(Signed) D. RICHARDSON,
Chairman.

3 NOVEMBER 2010

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**COMMUNITY ACTION IN COALFIELD AREA: IDENTIFYING NEW ISSUES AND AGREEING ACTIONS (2010/11 WORK PLAN)****1. Why has it come to Committee?**

- 1.1 To enable the future development of area based working, the Area Committee requires detailed information to be freely available from a number of different sources. An “intelligence hub” has been established that will act as a repository for information available. Officers will have access to relevant up-to-date information required to make effective decisions at an area level, and provide Area Committee with the detailed analysis required to identify key priorities and future waves of Responsive Local Services activity.
- 1.2 Information has been sourced from other Committee meetings, Community Leadership Programme, Responsive Local Services, the Customer Service Network, the Area Co-ordination Team, Members Query Management System, Questions to Area Committee, Safer Communities Team, the Consultation Team and the Area Network. Information with regard to crime related issues has been provided by Elected Members, the Community Policing Team, Local Area Multi Agency Problems Solving groups (LMAPS) and the Data Analyst Team from Northumbria Police.
- 1.3 Using this information, new issues have been identified and are presented below for Committee to consider, and agree future action.

2. New Issues**2.1 Motorcycle disorder**

There has been an issue with motorcycle disorder at a number of locations across the Coalfield area. Problems have been discussed at LMAPS and at the informal meeting with Councillors and the Neighbourhood Police Team. Some of the specific problem areas have been assessed and using a number of funding sources steelwork has been installed to prevent access to some open sites. It is felt that an overall strategy is needed, rather than dealing with issues on a reactive basis.

Recommendation

Agree to this issue being placed on the workplan for 2010/2011 and provide information regarding motor cycle disorder hotspots to LMAPS via the nominated Elected Member, the Police or the Area Officer

2.2 Speeding or dangerous traffic

A number of sites across the area have been identified as hotspots for speeding or dangerous traffic. Stretches of country roads or rural areas leading to villages or residential areas have caused some of the problems. Also, problems occur where vehicles use residential estates as ‘rat runs’ to avoid slow or busy roads. A number of Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) funding applications have been developed to address individual issues but an area wide plan would be beneficial to inform future service delivery.

Recommendation

Receive information from the Interim Assistant Head of Traffic Road Safety and agree this issue to be placed on the workplan for 2010/2011.

2.3 Youth disorder (anti social behaviour)

Youth disorder in the area has risen. The main areas of concern are Easington Lane and Penshaw. The problem has been discussed at LMAPS, Police meetings and meetings with the Youth Development Group and youth providers and there is a need to provide a partnership approach to this issue.

Recommendation

Committee is requested to agree to add this issue to the 2010/2011 workplan and form a new Task and Result Group to focus on youth disorder.

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COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE
3 NOVEMBER 2010
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and Community Chest, - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

Author(s):

Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and Community Chest to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

Description of Decision:

The Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2010/11 budget:

1. Annex 1a: Approve five SIB proposals from the 2010-11 budget to the following projects: £10,227 for Wensleydale Avenue traffic calming, £20,000 for a Safe Walking route to Rainton Meadows, £10,000 for a Pedestrian Safety Scheme at North Road/Hazard Lane, £13,200 to Impact Family Services for the Ear 4 U project and £5,000 to carry out an initial scoping exercise to support local shopping centres.
2. Annex 1a: Approve nine SIP proposals from the 2010-11 budget: Fencehouses Gateway £3,500, Tithe Barn, Rectory Park £4,000, Outdoor Play Newbottle School £2,000, Wensleydale Avenue traffic calming £9,723, Walking route to Rainton Meadows £14,000, North Rd/Hazard Ln pedestrian safety £19,231, Regent Street/Church Street give way £10,000, Sunderland Road/High Lane speed limit and gateway £25,000, Queensway traffic calming £3,100
3. Annex 1b: Approve 17 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest, all projects total £8, 843.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

SIB is a budget delegated to Areas Committee and can be used to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Coalfield LAP. Its main purpose is to benefit the local community and to attract other funding into the area.

The Area Committee has a budget of £241,514 for 2010-11, with a further £62,422 carried over from 2009-10. During 2010-11, £6,149 has been returned to budget providing a new balance of £310,355 for SIB 2010-11.

The Community Chest forms part of the SIB and that £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2010/2011, £10,000 for Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row.

SIP was approved at Cabinet in March 2008. Included within the plan was as a one-off allocation of £1.426m delegated to Area Committees. The amount allocated to the Coalfield Committee was £237,142 (which must be allocated by March 2011). SIP can only be used to deliver capital projects which are aligned to the key priorities identified in the Coalfield Local Area Plan (LAP). Its main purpose 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

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

3 NOVEMBER 2010

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**COMMUNITY ACTION IN COALFIELD – PROGRESS REVIEW****Workplan 2009/2010, Workplan 2010/11 and Task Group Updates.****1. Why has it come to Committee?**

The report provides an update of outstanding issues from the 2009/10 work plan and shows progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2010/11) work plan (**Annex 1**).

2 Progress report on 2010/11 priority: Bulb Planting and Landscaping

The Coalfield in Bloom project has two elements to it – machine planting and community planting. During week commencing 11 October the machine planting took place at 35 locations across the Coalfield area, as previously agreed by Area Committee. A schedule for the community planting has been developed. Over 40 local community and voluntary groups (including schools and residents' groups) will take part in the planting which will take place during October and early November and discussions are underway to develop the project to include Christmas and spring planting. The Coalfield Community Co-ordinator in partnership with the VCS Network and Gentoo will develop the project further. This will be a key project in the development of community engagement activity for the Coalfield area.

3 Progress report on 2010/11 priority: Local Shopping Centres

A Task and Result group was established to take this issue forward. Membership of the group is:

Councillor Dennis Richardson
 Councillor Kath Rolph
 Councillor Sheila Ellis
 Councillor Anne Hall
 Andrew Perkin – Lead Agent
 Brad Shields – Property Services, Sunderland City Council
 Les Clark – City Services, Sunderland City Council
 Pauline Hopper – Coalfield Area Officer

Terms of reference have been established and the group have proposed a way forward which was agreed at the September meeting of Area Committee. A series of proposed projects will be explored by the group in further detail. The first step agreed was to undertake an audit costing approximately £5,000, to include:

- What have we got? (audit of existing businesses by type, size etc)
- What do we want? (what is required by existing traders, existing and potential shoppers)
- Explore examples of best practice from other parts of the country
- Explore current and future opportunities from strategic/mainstream Council budgets
- Consider the Retail Needs Assessment and Economic Masterplan to examine the strategic fit of the Coalfield area

Recommendation

Committee are requested to agree to fund phase 1 of the proposed plan by approving £5,000 from the SIB allocation (subject to a fully appraised project application).

4 Progress report on 2010/11 Priority: Heritage

A Task and Result group was established to take this issue forward. Membership of the group is:

Councillor Dennis Richardson
Councillor Kath Rolph
Councillor Sheila Ellis
Councillor Bob Heron
Vicki Medhurst – Lead Agent
Juliana Heron – Area Committee partner
John Price – Hetton Town Council
John Ford – Gentoo Living
Keith Hamilton – Planning Implementation, Sunderland City Council
Ian Coburn – Parks Development Manager, Sunderland City Council
Bob Moody, Easington Lane Community Access Point (ELCAP)
Janet Robinson - Cultural Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council
Mike Low – Conservation Officer, Sunderland City Council
Susan Brown – Coalfield Community Co-ordinator
Pauline Hopper – Coalfield Area Officer

Terms of reference have been established and the group have proposed a way forward which was agreed by Area Committee at the September meeting. It was agreed that £10,000 SIB would be provided to carry out a heritage audit. The Lead Agent has drafted a brief outlining exactly what is required. The Task and Result group has nominated a small steering group to ensure effective delivery of the brief and to monitor performance. Once the audit is complete the Task & Result group will consider the findings to inform the next steps.

5 Progress report on 2010/11 Priority: Unadopted Roads

A significant amount of work has been carried out to determine a baseline position in regard to private streets. An extensive desktop study together with on site photography exercise to identifying all the unadopted streets in the Coalfield Area and across the city has been undertaken.

To date information has been gathered which identifies the following attributes:

- Street Name/Locality/Ward
- Commercial or Residential
- No of Property Frontages
- Extent of Council interest
- Street Lighting provision
- Gated
- Length and Area
- Photographic record

Further work is required to determine the costs associated with making up the streets to adoptable standards and it is intended to bring to the next Area Committee a detailed report.

Annex 1: Community Action: Review Progress

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3 NOVEMBER 2010

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES**PRIORITY: RESPONSIVE LOCAL SERVICES (RLS)**

RLS is a method of area working designed to:

- Increase levels of resident satisfaction through providing services that are responsive to community needs and effectively communicating improvements
- Tailor services in recognition of differing area/locality circumstances either through local problem solving or adapting service standards
- Recognise and enhance the community leadership role of elected members.

The current scope of RLS covers the service areas of Litter, Graffiti, Refuse, Grass Cutting and Dog Fouling. It also provides the opportunity for a wider range of issues to be considered within a context of local problem solving.

Service Requests

The tables below provide a view of the volume of service requests for the services in scope for August and September 2010.

Service Area – August 2010	North	East	West	Washington	Coalfield
Animal Fouling	14	14	13	5	8
Grass Cutting	1	0	6	2	4
Graffiti	3	5	6	12	9
Rubbish and Litter	93	81	94	98	68
Refuse and recycling	184	223	157	197	170

Service Area – Sept 2010	North	East	West	Washington	Coalfield
Animal Fouling	17	6	4	1	14
Grass Cutting	1	2	0	1	8
Graffiti	3	6	8	7	13
Rubbish and Litter	48	37	48	79	79
Refuse and recycling	116	189	129	102	98

What does the analysis tell us?

- The most significant numbers of requests relate to both 'refuse and recycling' and 'rubbish and litter' which is reflected across all areas. This pattern is consistent with previous months and although the numbers regarding refuse are higher than others, when represented as a percentage of total bins collected (less than 0.01%), the service standard is being consistently applied.
- The analysis regarding rubbish and litter relates to individual service requests. A further analysis has been undertaken to identify any specific areas to consider. In this respect two areas have been identified – Easington Lane High Street and Barnwell Play Area in Penshaw both of which are being addressed by the Street Scene service.
- The volume of requests has reduced in the highlighted areas from August to September. In respect of refuse this relates to the introduction of the blue bin scheme and the expected increase in customer queries during the transitional period. The high levels of garden refuse

have also impacted upon service requests although this is a seasonal issue with an expected decrease in requests.

- It is also clear that from the requests received a high percentage of the requests are staff reported, demonstrating that our frontline staff are reporting and addressing these key issues before they become a problem for residents.

Extending The RLS Service Scope

An analysis of all service requests and staff reported intelligence, not limited to the scope of RLS, has shown that service requests for enforcement (dumping of waste), noise and street lighting are also relatively high – refer to the tables below. In this respect it is recommended the scope of RLS be widened to include the three additional service areas.

Service Area – August 2010	North	East	West	Washington	Coalfield
Dumping of Waste	170	173	108	111	80
Noise	38	27	27	27	31
Street Lighting	18	34	10	20	28

Service Area – Sept 2010	North	East	West	Washington	Coalfield
Dumping of Waste	58	58	34	101	26
Noise	17	38	20	23	21
Street Lighting	27	25	13	19	32

The highlighted areas of the analysis are demonstrating a trend showing a reduction in service requests for the ‘dumping of waste’ from August – September. Although this is a positive trend the reasons for it occurring are not immediately apparent and further analysis is being undertaken in this respect.

Some specific examples of enforcement activity in the Coalfield area to address the dumping of waste are detailed below:

Fly-tip, Hazard Lane. Police involved and an arrest carried out. Relevant partners working to prepare a case Case for fly tipping currently being compiled.

Wear Street – Hetton. Waste in yard. Sec 92(a) Clearance Notice served 11th June but waste is still present. Fixed Penalty Notice has been issued for breach of notice and a prosecution file is currently pending.

James Terrace – Easington Lane – numerous fly-tips on land. – Land ownership established and responsibility for clearance currently being negotiated due to an ongoing Rights of Way query.

Intelligence Group

A partnership group has been established to share information and intelligence relative to each area committee’s geographical boundaries with a view to identify any service issues and interventions. The group consists of representatives from the Council, the Police and Gentoo who will meet prior to each area committee cycle. The first meeting of the group occurred in early October and some of the issues regarding the ‘dumping of waste’ are highlighted above.

Any significant issues identified by the group will be brought forward to area committees in a report that will explain the issue/s and also provide options for a service response. Members can then debate options and provide recommendations. The main issues relating to the Coalfield Area, as discussed at the October Intelligence Group were focused upon dumping of waste and littering. Data relating to customer requests for these services is currently being reviewed and a discussion

paper will be presented at the Area committee meeting on 3 November 2010 to agree a way forward.

City Services – Area Response Managers The new structure for Streetscene includes six Area Response Managers, one for each area of the City and one for the City Centre. It is anticipated that these will be appointed by December 2010.

These Area Response Managers will lead locality based teams delivering Responsive Local Services that are aligned to local conditions and priorities. The Area Response Managers will work with the Area Committees, Area Regeneration Officers, partners and residents to identify and tackle key issues.

Recognition For Action

There is now a dedicated section on the council's intranet to enable staff to post good news stories which can be publicised to demonstrate that the council and partners are addressing local issues. The RLS intranet URL is below.

<http://cityweb/directorates/chief-executive/corporate-communications/responsivelocalservices/default.shtm>

There is also a dedicated email address which is responsivelocalservices@sunderland.gov.uk, enabling staff to post stories for the media team to respond too and publicise as appropriate.

The Staff Reporting Line is also being used to report good news stories and the Communications Team are collating the stories to share with the media and include within the Community Newsletters.

Winter Maintenance

Following the severe weather experienced during the winter of 2009/2010 all area committees requested some additional information to be made available, for residents and members, regarding the approach to winter maintenance.

In response additional information has been prepared and is now available on the Sunderland.gov website via a dedicated 'Winter Maintenance' page which highlights the gritting routes and the location of salt/grit bins.

In addition an article on Winter Maintenance will be included within the November issue of Sunrise.

Also additional training has been delivered to employees working in the Contact Centre in relation to winter maintenance services enquiries and the Street Scene winter maintenance teams are now able to communicate more effectively via mobile phones to coordinate activity and report any service issues.

Recommendation

Members are requested to note the report and receive further updates regarding any issues arising from the intelligence group.

Community Action: Outstanding Issues Log from 2009/10

Priority	Issue/Action	Action taken and next steps	Funding request	Progress
Improve local shopping centres	Receive update/progress report regarding the Hetton Memorial Garden	Lead Agent addressed Area Committee at the July 2010 meeting to provide an update. Additional funding options are still being explored. The status of the project will be reviewed in Nov 2010	£30,000 March 2009	
Improve local shopping centres	Receive updates regarding the Hetton Area Action Plan	An update was given in March 2010. A report will be presented to Cabinet later in the year, after which a further update will be provided.	NO	
Improve local shopping centres	Provide update on the provision of public toilets in Houghton Town Centre	A further meeting was held in September 2010 regarding possible solutions to the lack of public toilet provision in Houghton. The head of Street Scene is now taking the issue forward in conjunction with Scrutiny Committee. The feasibility of developing a Community Toilet Scheme is being explored. Consultation with potential providers and members of the public will take place as part of this. Toilet provision for the Houghton Feast will be in place.	NO	
Bring empty properties back into use	Area Committee receive Empty Homes strategy and targets	The Housing and Renewal Team are finalising the strategy and are to provide information by September 2010	NO	
Adequate youth provision to be available for all wards	Explore the opportunities for cross border working with Durham County Council (e.g. Fencehouses crosses boundaries)	Cross border working on 14-19 provision already in place with Headways Sixth Form (Seaham and Hetton). Kath Butchert has met with Paul Hebron, Head of Positive Activities in Durham to discuss the possibilities of cross working in Fencehouses regarding the youth mobile resources. Discussions are ongoing and Durham may provide some in-kind support to the delivery of the joint working. Further updates once progress has been made.	NO	
Prepare young people for adult life through encouragement and building of confidence	Review anti bullying provision in schools and explore the need to extend anti-bullying programmes in primary schools in the Coalfield area.	Sunderland has set up an Anti-Bullying group which is part of the Regional Anti-Bullying Alliance. The Group look at provision, policies in schools and anti-bullying initiatives across the City. The recently appointed Anti-Bullying Co-ordinator will work with schools and their representatives. A further update will be given by the Head of Safeguarding in October/November 2010	YES – SIB application for £13,200 to November 2010 meeting	
Raise aspirations of children/young people and their families	Review FACL (Family, Adult and Community Learning) Programme	Meetings between FACL, the Area Co-ordination Team and Procurement have reviewed current arrangements. Agreement has been reached on a new procurement process that will enable more local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) providers to deliver adult learning. Meetings with VCS Networks in Sept/Oct to progress		
Address issues around lack of public transport in some areas	Nexus to ensure full consultation with the Committee and local residents on the Secured Services Network	Nexus will attend all future Area Committee meetings and provide information when required. A consultation exercise was carried out at the March 2010 meeting. Committee members requested a number of venues for public meetings to be held. These were carried out during April and May 2010. Nexus will feed back the results of the consultation exercise once analysed.	NO	

Community Action: Work Plan for 2010/11

Priority	Issue/Action	Date raised	Evidence and/or Data Source	Next steps/Options	Funding request	Lead Agent(s)	RAG
Bulb planting and landscaping	Machine planting scheme	June 2010	Area Committee Place Survey VCS Network Residents Gentoo	During week commencing 11 October the machine planting took place at 35 locations across the Coalfield area, as previously agreed by Area Committee. This element of the project is now complete	Yes - £50,000 SIB approved in July 2010.	Les Clark, Head of Street Scene	c o m p l e t e
	Community planting scheme	June 2010	Area Committee VCS Network Gentoo customer panel	A schedule for the community planting has been developed. Over 40 local community and voluntary groups (including schools and residents' groups) will take part in the planting which will take place during October and early November and discussions are underway to develop the project to include Christmas and spring planting.	As above	Les Clark, Head of Street Scene	
Heritage	Audit of current provision	June 2010	Area Committee VCS Network Local Area Plan	To enable an action plan to be developed an audit will be carried out. Once the audit is complete the Task & Result group will consider the findings to inform the next steps	Yes – £10,000 agreed at September 2010 meeting	Vicki Medhurst, City Services	
Local Shopping Centres	Decline of local shopping centres, Lack of adequate provision.	June 2010	Local Development Framework Retail needs assessment	A series of proposed projects will be explored by the Task and Result group in further detail. The first step agreed was to undertake an audit of what is available and what is required.	Yes – request to this meeting (Nov 2010) approve £5,000 to undertake the initial scoping work	Andrew Perkin, Business and Investment Team	
Child Poverty (CP)	High levels of children in families with low income	June 2010	Area Committee Draft Child Poverty strategy Child Poverty Area Profile Income data' Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2007	An update will be provided to the January 2011 meeting by the Lead Agent.	No	Raj Singh, Children's Services	

Unadopted Roads	Review the current policy and alternative options regarding unadopted roads	<i>September 2009</i>	Cabinet report LAP Area Committee	A significant amount of work has been carried out to determine a baseline position in regard to private streets. An extensive desktop study together with on site photography exercise to identifying all the unadopted streets in the Coalfield Area and across the city has been undertaken. A further update will be presented by the lead agent at the January 2011 meeting.	No	Stephen Pickering/ Graham Carr, City Services	
Play Provision	Review Play and Urban Games Strategy	<i>July 2010</i>	Play and Urban Games Strategy (PUGS) strategy Community Consultation LAP	At the September 2010 meeting of Area Committee an update on the PUGS Review was given by an Officer from City Services. Members agreed the recommendations in the report but raised a number of queries which required a response. A response will be forwarded to Councillors when available. It is recommended that the results of the review are considered by Committee before any further actions are taken against this priority.	Possibly to a future Area Committee	Julie Gray, Head of Community Services	
	Receive more information on play provision services in the Coalfield area	<i>July 2010</i>	Area Committee	No progress to date. Area Officer to contact relevant officers.	No	Children's Services (To be confirmed)	
Review of the Greenspace	Planning for open space, sport and recreation	<i>September 2010</i>	Local Development Framework	Initial workshops to identify open spaces will be delivered across the Coalfield area during October and November. Phase two of this exercise will be follow up workshops to assess what value to the community these areas are.	No	Clive Greenwood, Senior Planner	

3 NOVEMBER 2010

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

STRATEGIC INITIATIVE BUDGET (SIB), STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PLAN (SIP) AND COMMUNITY CHEST- FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

1. Why has it come to Committee?

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 up date position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, SIP and Community Chest, and proposes a number of projects for approval from each funding stream.

2. Financial Statement Coalfield Committee

SIB: Coalfield SIB Statement 3rd November 2010				
* £241,514 was allocated for 2010-11, £62,422 was carried over from 2009 -10: Balance £303,936				
	Committee Date	Main SIB Fund Approvals	Opportunities Approvals	Total 100%
Available Funding 2010/11 *	-	-	-	£303,936
Project Name	-	-	-	-
Coalfields 3G Camera Addition	14.07.10	£5,500	-	£298,436
Eppleton Cricket Club Practice Facilities	14.07.10	-	£13,162	£285,274
Philadelphia Cricket Club Practice Facilities	14.07.10	-	£9,000	£276,274
Houghton Feast Opening Ceremony	14.07.10	-	£10,000	£266,274
Coalfield in Bloom - bulb planting project	14.07.10	£50,000	-	£216,274
Heritage Feasibility Study	09.09.10	£10,000	-	£206,274
Sunderland Angling Festival	08.10.10 (Under Delegated Decision Process)	-	£1,000	£205,274
Grace House North East	08.10.10 (Under Delegated Decision Process)	-	£1,675	£203,599
Total allocated		£65,500	£34,837	

NB:- £6,149 was recouped from The Hive Project (included in remaining balance)

Balance	-	-	-	£209,748
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SIP: Coalfield Statement 3rd November 2010

	SIP Budget	Approvals	Balance
Available Funding 2010/11	£145,140	£0	£145,140
Copt Hill	£59,285	£0	£59,285
Houghton	£29,285	£8,000	£21,285
Hetton	£36,085	£21,854	£14,231
Shiney Row	£20,485	£10,762	£9,723
Balance	£145,140	£40,616	£104,524

3. Strategic Initiatives Budget

Following the September 2010 Committee meeting £212,423 remained to be allocated during 2010/11. Since September 2010, two emergency multi area SIB application bids were approved through delegated powers. These were £1,000 to support a City wide angling competition in December 2010 delivered by the Angling Trust, and £1,675 to contribute towards Grace House North East Childrens Hospice, leaving a balance of £209,748 available.

There are four projects detailed in **Annex 1a** recommended for approval as follows, plus one request from the Shopping Centres Task Group for £5,000 to carry out a scoping exercise:

Project	SIB requested	Recommendation
• Wensleydale Avenue traffic calming	£10,277	Approve
• Walking Route to Rainton Meadows	£20,000	Approve
• North Rd/Hazard Ln pedestrian safety	£10,000	Approve
• Ear 4 U (Impact Family Services)	£13,200	Approve
• Shopping Centres scoping exercise	£5,000	Approve

Projects recommended for approval from the 2010/11 budget total £58,477. Should Committee approve this proposal the remaining balance for the 2010/11 allocation would be £151,271 with two meetings remaining.

4. Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)

Following the September 2010 Committee meeting, £104,524 remained to be allocated during 2010/11. There are 9 projects detailed in **Annex 1a** which are recommended for approval:

Project	SIP requested	Recommendation
• Fencehouses Gateway (Houghton)	£3,500	Approve
• Tithe Barn, Rectory Park (Houghton/Copt Hill)	£4,000	Approve
• Outdoor Play Newbottle School (Houghton/Copt Hill)	£2,000	Approve
• Wensleydale Avenue traffic calming (Shiney Row)	£9,723	Approve
• Walking route to Rainton Meadows (Houghton)	£14,000	Approve
• North Rd/Hazard Ln pedestrian safety (Hetton /Copt Hill)	£19,231	Approve
• Regent Street/Church Street give way (Copt Hill)	£10,000	Approve
• Sunderland Road/High Lane speed limit and gateway (Copt Hill)	£25,000	Approve
• Queensway traffic calming (Copt Hill)	£3,100	Approve

The projects recommended for approval from the 2010/11 budget total £90,554. Should Committee approve this proposal the remaining balance for the 2010/11 allocation would be £13,970.

5. Community Chest

The table below details balances remaining to be allocated following the last meeting in September, project proposals received as detailed in **Annex 1b**, and balance remaining should those proposals be approved.

Ward	Balance at September 2010	Project proposals	Community Chest Balance
Copt Hill	£7,333	£1,445	£5,888
Hetton	£4,177	£3,650	£527
Houghton	£5,945	£1,335	£4,610
Shiney Row	£4,281	£2,413	£1,868
Total	£21,736	£8,843	£12,893

Recommendations

Committee are requested to:

- Note the financial statement set out in Section 2 of this report.
- Agree the SIB recommendations set out in Annex 1a.
- Agree the SIP recommendations set out in Annex 1b.
- Approve the 17 proposals for support 2010/11 Community Chest set out in Annex 1b.

Appendices

Annex 1a: Summary of SIP and SIB funding applications

Annex 1b: Summary of Community Chest Applications

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Coalfield Area Committee**SIB and SIP Funding Applications**

1	Wensleydale Ave Traffic Calming	Split SIP Shiney Row / SIB
2	Walking Route to Rainton Meadows	Split SIP Houghton / SIB
3	North Road/Hazard Lane safety	Split SIP Hetton and Copt Hill / SIB
4	Ear 4 U (Impact Family Services	SIB
5	Fencehouses Gateway Feature	SIP Houghton
6	Tithe Barn Rectory Park	SIP Houghton and SIP Copt Hill
7	Community Outdoor Learning Environment Newbottle School	SIP Houghton and SIP Copt Hill
8	Regent Street/Church Street give way and parking	SIP Copt Hill
9	Sunderland Road/High Lane speed limit and gateway	SIP Copt Hill
10	Queensway traffic calming	SIP Copt Hill

Application No1 – Wensleydale Ave Traffic Calming

Name of Project	Wensleydale Avenue traffic calming	
Total cost of Project	Total SIP requested	Total SIB requested
£25,000	£9,723	£10,277
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
5 months	October 2010	March 2011

The Project

This project is requesting £9,723 from Shiney Row SIP allocation and £10,277 from Coalfield SIB. There will be £5,000 provided by highways mainstream budget.

The project will deliver a traffic calming scheme to address the identified speeding problems along Wensleydale Avenue, Penshaw. The scheme will involve the installation of speed cushions positioned in accordance with the regulations to reduce the speed of drivers travelling along Wensleydale Ave. It will also serve to deter drivers from using this road as a 'rat run' between the A183 Chester Road and the A182 Washington Highway. It is expected that the reduction in speed and volume of vehicles using Wensleydale Avenue will improve the quality of lives and road safety for the local residents of this area.

Need for Project

It was requested by the Shiney Row Ward Councillors that the Council investigates the provision of traffic calming along Wensleydale Avenue to address the ongoing concerns of local residents regarding speeding and its use as a 'rat run'. Surveys were undertaken which revealed that there is a significant speed problem along Wensleydale Ave. There are also accidents which can be addressed through the provision of a speed reduction / traffic management scheme.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A4	Number of events/programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	1

Key Milestones for the Project

Consultation completed	30 Nov 2010
Works commence	21 Feb 2011
Works complete	18 March 2011

Recommendation: Approve

The project will contribute to the Local Area Plan objective of improving the streets/ environment in the area by reducing the speed of traffic and discouraging drivers from using the road as a 'rat run'. It will also provide a safer residential area for local people.

Application No 2 – Walking Route to Rainton Meadows

Name of Project	Walking Route to Rainton Meadows
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Total cost of Project	Total SIP requested	Total SIB requested
£34,000	£14,000	£20,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
4 months	February 2011	June 2011

The Project

The purpose of the project is to complete a footway / footpath connection from Fence Houses to Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve and surrounding public rights of way. This will improve safety and encourage physical activity, whilst improving an area that is currently poorly defined both as an amenity and as a facility.

The funding request is for £14,000 Houghton SIP and £20,000 SIB. The project will construct 115m of new 1.8m wide footway, linking the existing footway at Redburn Row to the public right of way which connects south to Rainton Meadows Nature Reserve. The work will also formalise a road side parking facility where there is currently a long standing informal 'bay'. As part of the works the public rights of way section will resurface the length of track from the proposed footway to Mallard Way.

Need for Project

Ward councillors have raised the matter as a local priority following constituent requests and their experience of local journey demand in the area.

In addition, Rainton Meadows and surrounding public rights of way are popular for a range of recreational and educational purposes, with events organised by Durham Wildlife Trust at their offices there. Further, the works will present a high quality non motorised access from Fence Houses to one of the regions best nature reserves comprising a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and hosting a broad range of migratory birds.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	Improved community facilities	1

Key Milestones for the Project

Completion of works	April 2011
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Recommendation: Approve

The project will contribute to the Local Area Plan Attractive and Inclusive objective of making the environment more attractive. It will also encourage more people to access outdoor recreational space – this will contribute to the Healthy outcome of providing more accessible sporting and exercise facilities.

Application No 3 – North Rd/Hazard Lane pedestrian safety

Name of Project	North Rd/Hazard Ln pedestrian safety
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Total cost of Project	Total SIP requested	Total SIB requested
£29,221	£19,221	£10,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
4 months	November 2010	March 2011

The Project

The funding request is for £14,221 Hetton SIP, £5,000 Copt Hill SIP and £10,000 SIB. The project will provide a pedestrian refuge island and footway link along North Road/Hazard Lane which is the most popular route for pupils who attend Hetton Secondary School. Local residents from Moorsley and Peat Carr will also benefit from a safer crossing point to access Hetton centre.

Need for Project

During peak hours the area can have approximately 800 pupils crossing the narrow section of road which has been identified as a potential accident hot spot by local residents and Councillors. The school access on Hazard Lane is well used and providing a pedestrian refuge with the additional footway link will provide a safer route for pupils accessing Hetton School.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A4	Number of events/programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	1

Key Milestones for the Project

Contractor to start on site	January 2011
Completion of works	March 2011

Recommendation: Approve

The project will provide a facility which will be of great benefit to the community and meet the Attractive and Inclusive and Safe thematic priorities of the Local Area Plan (LAP).

Application No 4 – Ear 4 U (Impact Family Services)

Name of Project	Ear 4 U
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Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£15,200	£2,000	£13,200
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
10 months	November 2010	August 2011

The Project

The project will develop a service offering one to one support for children and young people who have/are experiencing bullying issues, or other social issues (eg domestic violence, family breakdown or family substance use), which is then affecting their attendance at school; and provide advice and support for their parents. Referrals can come from children and young people, parents, schools and other agencies. The project will meet with the child or young person to discuss the issues, meet with the family members to give coping strategies and offer support and then arrange a meeting with the school to put together a support package to allow

the young person to return safely to school. The project would source suitable youth services for those children who are identified as isolated, they would be given support to access the services. The situation would be monitored to ensure the support plan is working. In addition to providing additionality in terms of youth provision it will also impact upon the NEET cohort, as young people will be supported back into education, helping them to reach their full potential.

Need for Project

Impact Family Services, Anti Bullying Service, has worked extensively in schools in the Coalfield area for the past four years delivering a range of groupwork programmes to pupils. This has included anti bullying awareness, self esteem, friendship stops/buddying schemes and anti racism. They have piloted peer mentoring programmes regarding the issues of DV and alcohol in both secondary schools. Schools have been supported in writing child friendly AB Policies and achieving AB Charter Mark. Additionally in 2007 ABS undertook a city wide survey to identify what the need was of each area with regards to bullying - in the Coalfield area it was identified that not only children and young people, but also schools and teaching staff required additional support around bullying and how to resolve bullying incidents.

The Childrens Trust conducted a recent survey (Tell Us 4) which highlighted children and young people across the city felt that bullying was one of their main concerns.

Over the school year September 09 - July 10 the Anti Bullying Service received 28 requests for individual support from children living in the Coalfield area. The project was only able to offer basic intervention to a small number of these and advice only to the others. In May a member of ABS attended the Integrated Referral Service Panel Meeting to discuss the range of referrals they receive. (The panel consists of representatives from health, education, mental health, behaviour team and disability teams and considers referrals on children requiring additional support). It was clear at this meeting that bullying was a recurring theme, but again no one service is available to offer a holistic approach to tackling the issues.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
L2	No. of people accessing improved advice and support	60

Key Milestones for the Project

Arrange meetings with schools to advise of the new project and explain referral process	October/November 2010
Events within schools and the community to launch the Ear 4 U Project and publicity via Sunderland Echo	November 2010
The project begins to accept referrals for 1 to 1 support and arrange monthly monitoring meetings with schools, families, children and other services	November 2010- July 2011
The project will offer support sessions to young people and professionals across the Coalfield area during National Anti Bullying Week	November 2010
A detailed findings report	March 2011

Recommendation: Approve with CONDITION that any young people resident in the Coalfield but attending schools outside of the area have equal access to the project.

The project will meet the Local Area Plan objective 'Prepare young people for adult life through encouragement and building of confidence' by providing a wide range of mentoring and support suitable for the needs of the individual. Bullying was identified as a key issue in the 2009/10 workplan and the project will complement mainstream provision provided by Childrens' Services and local schools.

Application No 5 - Fencehouses Gateway project

Name of Project	Fencehouses Gateway project
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Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIP requested
£3,500		£3,500
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 months	November 2010	December 2010

The Project

The project will provide traffic signs and road markings on the B1284 at the entry to Fence Houses. Completed works will become part of the adopted (publicly maintainable) highway infrastructure. The purpose is to improve road safety for the residents and businesses in Fence Houses, and visitors to the area.

The community bulb planting project will enhance this gateway feature by installing and maintaining a floral display.

Need for the Project

The need has been identified by local ward councillors. Issues have been raised by residents and at local ward surgeries. The work will improve roads safety for local people. The success will be measured by gaining feedback from residents via local Councillors and Ward Surgeries.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	Improved community facilities	1

Recommendation: Approve

This project has been developed by ward councillors and meets the objective of improving the streets and environment.

Application No 6 – SIP Tithe Barn, Rectory Park

Name of Project	Tithe Barn roof repairs, Rectory Park
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Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIP requested
£13,000	£9,000	£4,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
3 months	November 2010	February 2011

The Project

The project is requesting £2,000 Houghton and £2,000 Copt Hill SIP.

The City Council has been working with Rectory Park Friends Group for the past 18 months during which time a detailed Masterplan for the Park has been developed. The City Council has supported the The Friends Group in the pursuit of finance towards the regeneration of the Park and this is now underway.

The roof of the Tithe Barn within the park is in need of a comprehensive overhaul to include removal of the existing slates and latts to allow the installation of a roofing membrane and the installation of new latts prior to the reinstallation of the original roof slates allowing for replacements as and when necessary. This will safeguard the barn for the long term. In the current situation the roof will be lost in adverse weather conditions exposing the barn to either a major repair or a complete loss

Because of its historic importance the barn is a major contributing factor to Rectory Park and must be preserved for future generations

Need for Project

The 18th Century Tithe Barn is the last remaining barn in the old County Durham area. As such it represents a significant element in the fabric of the region's heritage. The existing roof to the barn is suffering nail sickness, meaning that the roof nails have all rotted the slate tiles only being held in place by gravity. Clearly this will mean a rapid loss of the roof in the event of adverse weather conditions and consequently the loss of the barn as a structure.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	Community facilities improved	1

Key Milestones for the Project

Removal of existing roof	November 2010
Completion of new roof	December 2010

Recommendation: Approve

The project contributes to the 'Heritage' priority in the 2010/11 workplan. The project will contribute to the overall masterplan for Rectory Park and will preserve an important part of the Coalfield's history.

Application No 7 – Community Outdoor Learning (Newbottle Primary School)

Name of Project	Community Outdoor Learning Environment
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Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIP requested
£5,000	£3,000	£2,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
4 months	November 2010	March 2011

The Project

The project is requesting £1,000 Houghton and £1,000 Copt Hill SIP, and will create an exciting, motivating, safe and learning outside environment for school children and the community. The area, for younger children and their families, will include a landscape area, soft surfaces, a car track, sandpits, water trays, a traversing wall, big tyres, large wipeboards, a musical area, a sensory garden and a learning board.

Newbottle primary school will work with parents and children to create this area and there will be the opportunity for parents and grandparents to visit and explore the area with the children.

Need for Project

Within education it very important that every child develops good motor skills as well as learning to team build and work together. This is a vital part of children's learning and extra involvement is crucial for every child to develop and become confident in their learning environment.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A1	Improved community facilities	1
A2	People using improved facilities	100

Key Milestones for the Project

Equipment purchased	Dec 2010/Jan 2011
Play area complete	Feb 2011
Open evenings for parents	Mar 2011

Recommendation: Approve

The project will contribute to the Learning priority of the Local Area Plan by providing encouragement and building confidence of children and families.

Application No 8 – Regent Street/Church Street Give Way & Parking

Name of Project	Regent St/Church St Give Way & Parking	
Total cost of Project	Total SIP requested	
£10,000	£10,000	
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
5 months	November 2010	April 2011

The Project

The funding request is for £10,000 SIP from the Copt Hill ward. The project will implement a scheme to introduce a new junction layout at the Church Road junction with Regent Street. The improvements will comprise of kerb buildouts to allow for the regimentation of the on street parking on Regent Street. The existing gateway markings will be brought forward to afford greater visibility for motorists making turning manoeuvres to and from the junction. The implementation of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is subject to a statutory consultation process including local councillors, portfolio holder, key partners such as emergency services and NEXUS and the businesses and residences directly affected by these proposals.

Need for Project

The area has been identified for the implementation of a junction improvement scheme after local residents and businesses have raised issues regarding obstructive and inconsiderate parking behaviour experienced in and around the junction of Regent Street and Church Road.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A4	Number of events/programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	1

Key Milestones for the Project

Consultation	November 2010
Delegated Decision	December 2010
Detailed Design	January 2011
Legal	March 2011
Implementation of programme	April 2011

Recommendation: Approve

The project will contribute to the Local Area Plan objective of improving the streets/ environment in the area by reducing inconsiderate parking and improving safety.

Application 9 - Sunderland Road/High Lane speed limit and gateway

Name of Project	Sunderland Rd/High Ln speed limit/gateway	
Total cost of Project	Total SIP requested	
£25,000	£25,000	
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
5 months	November 2010	April 2011

The Project

The funding request is for £25,000 SIP from Copt Hill. There is growing public concern about road safety in Newbottle Village between Durham Road (A690) and South Street. It is proposed to introduce a 'reduced speed limit area' by sequentially reducing vehicle speeds from National Speed Limit road of High Lane (60 mph) down to firstly 40 mph, then 30 mph speed limited road.

Need for Project

Sunderland Road is presently a location for Mobile Speed Camera enforcement, however speeds remain high due to irregular enforcement. The present LTP funding is fully committed for this financial year, therefore the use of SIP funding would enable the scheme to be implemented several years earlier than might occur using LTP funding. There has been growing public concern in the local press and a number of requests for services from the public. Local councillors are in support of the proposed measures.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A4	Number of programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	1

Key Milestones for the Project

Consultation	Nov/Dec 2010
Detailed design	Dec 2010
Implementation of scheme	March 2011

Recommendation: Approve

The project will improve safety and benefit local residents and visitors. The reduction in the speed limit will improve the environment and contribute towards Coalfield area priorities.

Application No 10 – Queensway traffic calming

Name of Project	Queensway traffic calming
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Total cost of Project	Total SIP requested	
£3,100	£3,100	
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2 months	January 2011	February 2011

The Project

The funding request is for £3,100 Copt Hill SIP. The project will install two GIVE WAY signs on the side road at the Queensway/Hall Lane junction, with a road marking to emphasise that traffic must give way. This will help to highlight to drivers on the side road that they are approaching a junction, and that they do not have priority.

Need for Project

Local residents and ward councillors have raised concerns about a number of incidents where drivers have not stopped at the junction. Road markings and signage need to be clearer so drivers are aware of the road layout.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Description	Number
A4`	Number of events/programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	1

Key Milestones for the Project

Work commences	January 2011
Work complete	February 2011

Recommendation: Approve

The project will improve safety and benefit local residents and visitors.

COMMUNITY CHEST 2010/2011 COALFIELD AREA - PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR APPROVAL

Item 3c – Annex 1b

Ward	Project	Amount	Allocation 2010/2011	Project Proposals	Previous Approvals	Balance Remaining
Copt Hill	Croft Pigeon Club – Purchase of baskets.	340				
	Hetton Park Bowls Club – Contribution towards festive activities, refreshments, entertainment etc.,	200				
	Bethany Christian Centre – Purchase of equipment.	355				
	Houghton Brass Band – Purchase of music and repairs to instruments.	100				
	St. Aidan’s Lunch Club – Contribution towards outings and social activities.	450				
	Totals		11,744	1,445	4,411	5,888
Hetton	Elemore Boys F.C. – Contribution towards winter training facilities, pitch fees, presentation night etc.,	960				
	Moorsley Care of the Aged – Contribution towards Christmas party, summer trips etc.,	800				
	Easington Lane Primary School – Contribution towards visit to theatre for Christmas pantomime.	750				
	Hetton W.M. Premier Club – Purchase of baskets.	340				
	Hetton New Dawn Lunch Club – Contribution towards Christmas party, entertainment etc.,	300				
	Hetton School Fitness Centre – Contribution towards fitness equipment.	500				
	Totals		10,916	3,650	6,739	527
Houghton	Bank Head Independent Methodist Church – Purchase of stacking chairs and repairs to doors.	780				
	Bethany Christian Centre – Purchase of equipment.	355				
	Houghton Brass Band – Purchase of music and repairs to instruments.	200				
	Totals		11,940	1,335	5,995	4,610

Shiney Row	Houghton Brass Band – Purchase of music and repairs to instruments.	100				
	Herrington St. Aidan’s Team Sport – Contribution towards indoor training, hall hire, equipment etc.,	500				
	Shiney Row Ward – Contribution towards Christmas decorations, PA system etc.,	1813				
	Totals		11,071	2,413	6,790	1,868
TOTALS			45,671	8,843	23,935	12,893

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

3 NOVEMBER 2010

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) funded projects Interim Report Covering the Period April to September 2010

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 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.
- 1.2 In addition to the priorities identified in the Local Area Plan (LAP), the Area Committee agreed the Coalfield Work Plan Strategic Priorities for 2010/11 at the May meeting:-
1. Bulb Planting and Landscaping
 2. Heritage
 3. Local Shopping Centres
 4. Child Poverty
 5. Unadopted Roads
 6. Play Provision
 7. Responsive Local Services (RLS)
- 1.3 In order that the Area Committee can be kept informed of progress on previously funded projects the following interim report has been produced to detail how those initiatives are performing against agreed objectives for the first two quarters of this financial year (April 2010 – September 2010).
- 1.4 The report outlines the performance on all projects which delivered activity during quarter one and quarter two of the financial year, and are aligned to the key strategic priorities outlined above.

Priority: **Bulb Planting and Landscaping**

Coalfield in Bloom
The project was not forecast to deliver any outputs or spend in this period. However, as of mid October, the machine planting has been completed at all locations identified by Area Committee. The community planting scheme is on course to work with over 40 community and voluntary groups on a longer term activity programme. All outputs and spend will be reported in Q3.

Priority: **Heritage**

Rectory Park regeneration works	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	0	0		£20,000	£4,500	
Number of new or improved community facilities	0	0				
The demolition of the toilet block is complete and a number of minor works including the removal of redundant shrubs and litter bins have been completed. Although the project was not expected to achieve any outputs within this period, the expected progress on the project has not been delivered. There have been delays in the rebuilding of the northern wall, western gate and railings. The lead agent expects this work and the outstanding minor works to be complete by the end of December 2010. A funding bid for £50,000 to The People's Millions has been unsuccessful.						

Houghton Feast Opening Ceremony	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of community/education events held	25	24		£2,500	£2,500	
Number of community/voluntary groups supported	4	4				
Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion projects	50	70				
Artist led workshops were delivered to schools and community groups in the lead up to the Houghton Feast. African dance and drumming, making and performing with puppets and lantern making sessions engaged 70 people during this period. The Feast itself took place in October and further outputs and spend will be reported during Q3.						

Priority: Unadopted Roads

South View Phase 1	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	1	1		£3,500	£3,500	
Phase 1 of this project was developed to provide a new surface to the access road to Shiney Row primary school. The project was successfully delivered on time within budget.						

South View Phase 2	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	1	1		£7,500	£5,240	
Phase 2 of this project was developed to extend the new road surface to provide improved access for residents and allotment owners in South View. The project was successfully delivered on time (complete 24 September) and under budget. The £2,260 underspend will be returned to the SIP budget.						

Workplan (2009/10 Learning

Community Leaders of the Future	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Young people benefiting from youth inclusion projects	50	0		3000	2777	
People undertaking voluntary work	50	0				
Community and Voluntary sector groups supported	2	0				
Revenue funding was awarded to deliver a 2 year project with a key theme of volunteering, whilst developing employability skills, work readiness and entrepreneurship in participating young people. The project has not yet delivered on any of the projected outputs, with only one of the five milestones achieved. The reason for this is that the community groups involved wished to delay the launch to November 2010. A review of the outputs will be completed with the project in order to predict more realistic outcomes.						

Monument View Workshop and Classroom
The project has now been given support from Northumbrian Water (NW) and are in negotiation with a view to NW providing the technical and building staff to plan, design and build the Workshop using materials purchased with SIB funding. The Lead Agent will keep us up to date with progress.

Flatts Play Area	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of new youth play services provided	1	1		£12,000	£12,000	
Number of people using new and improved community facilities	50	100				
The new play area has delivered an exciting and stimulating play area providing outdoor opportunities free of charge for the young people 0 -19 of the local area. The location and types of equipment were chosen in consultation with the young people to ensure they have a dynamic and fun place to hang out, play and be physically active. Since the play area was completed it has been very well used by local people.						

Workplan (2009/10) Healthy theme

Eppleton Cricket Club Practice Facilities
The work to install practice facilities to the club will commence in October and is due to be completed by November in readiness for the new cricket season.

Philadelphia Cricket Club Practice Facilities	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Improved community facilities	1	1		£9,000	£9,000	
The practice facilities have now been installed and the £9,000 claimed was part of a £57,000 project match funded by the England and Wales Cricket Board. The improved facilities will enable the club to attract new members and work more closely with local schools. Information regarding numbers of people using the improved facilities will be provided by the club once the new cricket season commences.						

Workplan (2009/10) Attractive and Inclusive theme

Hetton Memorial Garden Regeneration	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	1	1		£30,000	£30,000	
Funding was approved in March 2009 to improve the Hetton mini park in Hetton Town Centre. The project was due to be completed in November 2009 but has been delayed due to lack of match funding. A number of funding sources have been explored but to date none have been successful. At the July 2010 meeting, Area Committee agreed to give the lead agent additional time to secure funding and to review the situation in November 2010. NB – Some work to improve the appearance of the park (e.g. cutting back of shrubs and clearing the ground) has been carried out as part of Street Scene's maintenance programme.						

New Herrington Sports & Social Feasibility	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Community groups supported	1	1		£9,529	£9,471	
Number of feasibility studies developed	1	1				
The final report and business plan is now complete and has been presented to the steering group to enable them to develop a way forward. There is a slight underspend of £58 which will be returned to the SIB budget.						

Street Scene Improvements	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	4	4		£44,134	£39,689	
The project has delivered road marking, drainage and carriageway patching schemes. Two boundary signs have been erected. The small amount of outstanding work will be complete within quarter 3. There has been a substantial increase in the amount of mainstream funding allocated to the programme. A more detailed breakdown of work and costs will be provided in Q3.						

Herrington Burn YMCA Feasibility and Business Plan	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of feasibility studies developed	1	1		£18,000	£9,164	
Although the feasibility study findings were presented in September 2010, the business plan has been delayed due to restructuring within the organisation. The business plan will be complete by November 2010 and the final payment will be made to the consultant during the next quarter. The total cost will be £15,922 giving an underspend of £4,078 which will be returned to the SIB budget once the project has been closed.						

River Wear Trail	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
The project was not due to deliver any outputs or spend within this period. The project will be implemented during Q3 and Q4 and be complete by the end of March 2011.						

Village Street Lighting Improvements	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	2	0		£25,300	£0	
There have been 11 lighting embellishments fitted to street lights in New Herrington village. The Old Penshaw Village scheme is part complete with 6 embellishments being fitted. The remaining 5 decorative lanterns in Old Penshaw are to be fitted to wooden poles and the contractor is awaiting testing to be carried out by another company in order to finalise this. All work and spend will be achieved in November 2010.						

Gilpin Woods – footpath and drainage
No outputs or spend were forecast for this period. The footpath and drainage is now complete. Works to install a steel barrier is not yet finalised due to unresolved queries around disabled access to the site. The issues will be addressed and works will be completed during October 2010. A site visit will be carried out with local ward councillors prior to release of payment in Q3.

Hetton Pedestrian Guardrail	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of events/programmes of work to improve appearance of street	1	1		£11,200	£11,200	
Approximately 100m of pedestrian guardrail in Front Street Hetton was removed and replaced with new galvanised painted panels. All work was completed in May 2010.						

Workplan (2009/10) Safe theme

Phoenix Project (Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service)	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion projects	6	6		£3,988	£3,496	
Number of youth sessions delivered	5	4				
During this period the project has delivered three respect courses and one advanced course. The second advance course planned for this period has been postponed and will take place in October 2010.						

Coalfield Additional 3G Camera	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of CCTV Cameras installed	1	0		£0	£0	
Funding was approved in July 2010 to purchase and install an additional 3G camera for the Coalfield area. There have been delays in the expected delivery time from the supplier and the camera will be received in November 2010. The project was not expected to incur expenditure during this period.						

McLaren Way Lighting	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	3	3		£10,000	£0	
The project was successfully delivered on time. The lead agent is awaiting an invoice from the contractor. This will be paid during Q3. The lighting provides a safer environment for residents and visitors to the area.						

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REPORT OF THE CITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE

INFLUENCING PRACTICE, POLICY AND STRATEGY

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1. This report offers Members the opportunity for consultation on plans and strategies relevant to the Coalfield. It also provides information and updates which will encourage Members to feed into proposals for service or policy change.

2. Purpose and objective of the consultation

- 2.1 Sunderland City Council is currently consulting with the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) on the Draft Community Assets Policy in order to receive their comments on a Council policy which has a direct impact on them.
- 2.2 The Draft Policy takes into account National and Local Policy providing clear guidelines for VCS organisations and details on the framework for the decision making processes necessary for a transfer of a council owned asset e.g. community building.
- 2.3 The draft policy sets out a three stage approach to a transfer of a council owned asset to the VCS. Evidence of need is the first stage of the policy and consideration needs to be made of:
- a) Existing provision in the area (either VCS, Council or other public or private sector) that meet the proposal
 - b) Taking into account (a) whether there is identified need for this proposal
 - c) Whether the proposal meets strategic and council priorities
 - d) Whether the proposal allows for co-location of services
 - e) Whether the proposal requires a specific facility or can it be supported in an existing facility
 - f) Whether there is evidence of partnership working.
 - g) Identification of financial support including external funding and volunteer time

To summarise there need to be a clear evidence of need in the local area and following that there needs to be a robust and sustainable business plan in place.

The second stage of the policy involves reviewing governance arrangements. A "Community Asset Readiness Assessment Tool" (CARAT) has been developed by the Council using guidelines from the Charity Commission to assess building and governance capacity of VCS organisations. This considers a range of indicators including assessment of staff and volunteer policies, management committee skills, legal, financial and legislation compliance.

Alongside the CARAT a full evaluation of the asset management information will be provided such as a condition survey, Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliance, market value, potential rental value and compliance with statute.

The final stage of any assessment of transfer is the requirement for the VCS organisation to provide information on how they will sustain the management of the building which includes:

- Financial – funding in place for revenue to support the building and ongoing maintenance plan
- Programme – Evidence of local support and need for the proposed programme
- Governance – Skills of management committee and volunteers including premises management experience
- Partnerships – Letters of support and identified partners, being a signatory to the Sunderland Compact
- Community Need – Evidence of local community consultation
- Sunderland Strategic Priorities – Programme delivery meeting partnership and Council strategic objectives

2.4 Members of Area Committee have an active involvement with VCS organisations within their area and through the Area VCS Networks. The Policy has an impact on the assets currently occupied by the VCS and VCS organisations within all Area Committee areas. This impact is explained in the first stage of the transfer where co-location and partnership working with existing organisations will be explored. This will enable promotion of co-location, sharing of resources, volunteer support and usage of under utilised buildings.

2.5 In addition any new requests received by members from VCS organisations for access to council owned buildings can be directed through the stages of the Policy. The Policy states the support which the Council will provide and the necessary steps a VCS organisation must take to ensure they are delivering to key priorities and are able to sustain a building.

2.6 Area Committee member knowledge and experience can be fed into responses to consultation questions which are detailed throughout the Draft Community Assets Policy and can be downloaded from www.sunderland.gov.uk/communitydevelopment Alternatively copies are available by contacting the Community Development Team on 561 5002 or emailing communitydevelopment@sunderland.gov.uk

2.7 The Council has 85 assets occupied by the VCS and 12 of them are in the Coalfield Area, which are shown on the attached map.

3. Timescale of exercise and feedback

3.1 The consultation period ends at 4.45p.m. Friday 26th November 2010, following which all comments will be addressed and the Policy will be submitted to DLT 15th December 2010, EMT on 18th January 2011, Portfolio Holder Briefing 31st January 2011 and presented to Cabinet for approval on 2nd February 2011. .

4. Recommendation(s)

Members are requested to consider the draft Community Assets Policy which is currently subject to consultation and to participate in the consultation process to ensure that the strategy will effectively address the requirements of the Voluntary and Community Sector in the Coalfield area of the City.

Annex 1: Coalfield Area Map

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