

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 21st March, 2012 at 6.00 pm

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13th March, 2011

At a meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held at BERNARD GILPIN PRIMARY SCHOOL, on WEDNESDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 2012 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Richardson in the Chair

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

Also in Attendance:-

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| Ron Barrass | Member of the Public | |
| Lucy Bennett | Member of the Public | |
| Ian Bower | Heritage Community Development Worker | Sunderland Council |
| Susan Brown | Area Community Coordinator | Sunderland Council |
| Melanie Caldwell | Head of Operations | Gentoo |
| Phil Connolly | Heritage Community Development Worker | Sunderland Council |
| Dave Ellison | Area Response Manager | Sunderland Council |
| Victoria French | Assistant Head of Community Services | Sunderland Council |
| Nicola Hawyes | Community Delivery Support Officer | Sunderland Council |
| Pauline Hopper | Area Officer | Sunderland Council |
| Matthew Jackson | Governance Services Officer | Sunderland Council |
| Amelia Laverick | Member of the Public | |
| Trina Murphy | Heritage and Resorts Manager | Sunderland Council |
| Lisa Musgrove | Neighbourhood Inspector | Northumbria Police |
| Ann Owen | VCS Representative | |
| Malcolm Page | Area Lead Executive | Sunderland Council |
| Rachel Putz | Coalfields Operational Manager | Sunderland Council |
| Claire Smith | Member of the Public | |
| Liz St. Louis | Head of Customer Service | Sunderland Council |
| Lee Wardle | VCS Representative | |

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Scott along with Juliana Heron, Pam Lee, John Rushworth and James Third.

Chairman's Welcome

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The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Community Chest

Councillor A. Hall declared a personal interest as an Employee of Anchor Trust

Councillor Heron declared a personal interest as a Council appointed governor of Gillas Lane Primary School.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 23rd November, 2011

Councillor D. Smith stated that he had said that the Kirklee Field Play Area would be accessible by 2000 children.

Councillor Speding stated that he had read a letter in the Sunderland Echo from Councillor D. Smith in which had stated that he had secured funds for the development of the play area at Kirklee Field. However the minutes only referred to Councillor Scott's motion that funds be allocated subject to a full application. He asked that the minutes be checked to ensure that they were correct. The Chairman confirmed the minutes as correct from his recollection.

Councillor Rolph stated that on page 4 of the minutes that Chilton Moor was incorrectly spelt as Chiltern Moor and asked that this be corrected. She also referred to Ms McEvoy's agreement to look into the wording of the financial assistance policy for the improvement of unadopted streets.

Ms Hopper advised that she would find out whether and progress had been made.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 23rd November, 2011 (copy circulated) be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of the above amendments.

Community Action in Coalfield: Identifying New Issues and Agreeing Actions (2010/11 Work Plan)

Process for the Review of Local Area Plans for 2012

The Chairman moved that this item be deferred to the March meeting of the Committee to allow a more detailed report to be submitted to the Committee.

Members agreed with this motion to defer the item to the next meeting of the Committee.

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2. RESOLVED that the item be deferred to the March meeting of the Committee to allow a further, more detailed report to be produced.

Community Action in Coalfield – Progress Review

Heritage Priority

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with an update on the progress made against the agreed actions in the Work Plan for the Heritage Priority.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Trina Murphy presented the report and advised that the Community Heritage Development Officers (CHDOs) Phil Connolly and Ian Bower were in attendance and would be providing updates on the action plan and work done by the task and result group.

Ian Bower advised that there had been work done around the development of a website which would provide information to support the development of heritage projects. There had been work done with the primary schools in the area to provide them with heritage learning resources and there was collections management training being provided to community groups which would help them to handle and store historic documents and artefacts.

Penshaw and Hetton had been identified as possible areas for the pilot village atlas project to be undertaken. The pilot would then be developed into an ongoing programme. Conservation Officer Mark Taylor was working with the project manager Ken Bradshaw to develop the village atlas.

There was also work being done around the development of Heritage Trails and the Coalfield Community Challenge.

Ms Murphy added that the heritage officers were working with the Council's City Services department and also the VCS Network.

Councillor Wakefield commented that across the whole area there were only 4 libraries, as such it would be difficult for people without home internet access to access the website. He suggested the implementation of ICT access points throughout the area.

Councillor Rolph advised that Andrea Baxter from Elba Park had received Heritage Lottery funding to do work on the heritage of the park; it was important that there was work done with her to ensure that the different aspects of heritage work were linked. She also stated that there were 2 SWITCH officers who were

working on the development of the Village Atlas for Houghton; the work had recently commenced on the desk top study.

Susan Brown stated that Andrea Baxter had attended meetings of the VCS Network.

Councillor Ellis stated that the Community Forums were a good source of information.

3. RESOLVED that the report be noted and future updates be received.

Activities for Young People Priority

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with an update on the progress against agreed priorities in the Work Plan for 2011/12.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Pauline Hopper presented the report and advised Members that there had been £30,000 of SIB funding allocated to this priority. It had been agreed that out of this funding £10,000 would be allocated to the work around the reduction of antisocial behaviour. There was a pilot in place for activities for 8 – 12 year olds and Herrington Burn YMCA was delivering activities in Herrington and Fence Houses. There had been activities held during the holidays which had been funded by the SIB funds allocated to the priority and a programme of activity had been developed for the remaining school holidays during this academic year. Washington MIND had been awarded SIB funding and it was proposed that they be invited to a future meeting to discuss their work.

Inspector Musgrave advised that there was a map which showed where there were hotspots of youth disorder and what days and times were the most problematic. There was work taking place in the Burnside area to tackle the problems there.

Councillor Anderson expressed her support for this work; historically there had not been sufficient activities in the area. It was good to see that the activities had been divided into age groups. It would not be possible to provide activities for all young people, some would never access youth provision; she felt that there was a need for outreach workers to speak to these young people to find out what they wanted.

Inspector Musgrove agreed that it was important to find out what the young people wanted, it was possible that what providers thought young people wanted might not be correct.

Lee Wardle added that Fridays were a problem as a number of young people wanted to drink on Friday evenings, as such it was important to ensure that the provision on Friday evenings needed to be something special, the XL youth

villages had been popular for this reason. He also queried whether antisocial behaviour on weekdays was still a problem.

Inspector Musgrove advised that antisocial behaviour on weekdays was less of a problem than it had been. Groundworks had been doing work in the area on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and had been going out onto the streets to speak to young people to find out why they did not use the provision.

Councillor Rolph queried whether there was provision for disabled children. She also stated that she was keen to hear what Washington MIND had to say and felt that it would be useful for Ear 4 U to attend as well.

Ms Hopper confirmed that there was provision for disabled children.

4. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The report presented on behalf of the task and result group be noted.
- b. The task and result group continue to develop the wide range of activities for young people aged 8-12 and 13-19.
- c. Members be invited to attend the meetings of the task and result group
- d. Washington MIND and Ear 4U be invited to attend a future meeting to update Members on the range of services delivered in the Coalfield Area.

Support for Older People Priority

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the progress against the agreed actions in the work plan for the Support for Older People priority.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Pauline Hopper, Area Officer, presented the report and advised that the report was submitted to the Committee on behalf of the task and result group. The group had been working to find out why some older people found it difficult to access services. The action plan for the group was being reviewed as some of the actions were out of date and no longer relevant. The Coalfield Community Challenge had provided support to 18 groups in the area to enable them to participate in community events. The Home Improvement Agency in partnership with Age UK and Sunderland community Furniture Service had been successful in securing funding from the Warm Homes Healthy People Fund to provide support for older people through winter.

Melanie Caldwell, Gentoo Head of Operations, advised that gentoo were offering free MIDAS training to local residents which would then allow them to drive minibuses for the community transport service. There was a desire for gentoo tenants to become involved however the training was not restricted solely to them.

Councillor Heron commented that this work had definitely been worthwhile given that so many people had become involved in the various aspects of the work.

Councillor Rolph stated that it seemed that there was a gap in the outreach financial advice services; she felt that there was a need for there to be provision in Houghton. She welcomed the work by gentoo around the development of community transport.

Ms Hopper advised that the East Sunderland Area Committee had been looking into welfare rights and had received an update on the tendering process for the 1st tier welfare advice in the area from Alison Aisbett, she suggested that Ms Aisbett could be invited to a future meeting to discuss the provision of advice services in the Coalfield.

Councillor Hall stated that there was real concern for those people who could not access services as these people were often very isolated. Ms Caldwell advised that gentoo were carrying out work to encourage more people to become involved in the community.

5. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The report submitted on behalf of the task and result group be noted.
- b. The task and result group continue to discuss and develop the actions against this priority and provide a report to the March meeting of the Committee.

Neglected Land Priority

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the progress against the Neglected Land priority and agreed actions in the current years work plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Dave Ellison, Area Response Manager, presented the report which had been submitted on behalf of the task and result group. He advised that a document had been produced using information from the land registry detailing the ownership of problematic sites; this report had been circulated to Members. It had been decided that the initial focus should be on addressing council owned land. Four sites across the area, one in each ward, had been identified as being potentially suitable sites for the efforts to be focused on; these sites were detailed in paragraph 3.3 of the report; these sites were currently a cause for concern with them being targeted by fly tippers and being hotspots for anti social behaviour. Work was being done with the Councils legal department to ensure that there were no restrictions on what could be done on the sites.

Mr Ellison also advised of the work that had been done around the Local Development Framework and the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Councillor D. Smith suggested that the old council depot at Houghton could be a candidate for the cleaning works. Mr Ellison advised that the Eppleton Primary School site had been proposed as there had been a large number of residents'

complaints about the condition of the site. The group would give consideration to Cllr Smiths' suggestion.

Councillor Heron stated that Eppleton Primary School had been an issue for a number of years; there was a continual problem with fly tipping and the site was an eyesore which needed to be addressed.

Councillor Wakefield expressed concern that it was still unknown what would be done with regard to the area plan.

Councillor Hall stated that everyone had concerns over the neglected land in the area. There was a need to address the problems on private land however she accepted that it would be easier to address the issues with council owned land. In Shiney Row there was a lot of problem land throughout the ward and the land at Collingwood Drive could be a nice space if it was tidied up. Mr Ellison advised that the work would be ongoing and stated that it might be possible that absent land owners did not realise that their property was in such a poor condition.

Councillor Ellis stated that the council needed to lead by example. If people saw that the council was tackling the problem then land owners may be more willing to tackle the problems on their land.

Councillor Rolph stated that it had been difficult for the task and result group to develop a course of action. If there had been a concentration on private land then there could have been problems with there being a lack of progress. The addressing of problems on council land would allow for there to be a series of quick wins which would result in visible differences being made. The focus of residents' complaints had been looked at and it had been identified that there were some sites which were regularly mentioned. It was hoped that community groups might get involved with the works; there were some plots of land which community groups had expressed an interest in using should they be brought into a usable condition. She congratulated everyone involved for their hard work.

Ms Hopper drew Members attention to paragraph 4.4 of the report which requested that the Committee agree to ring fence £30,000 of SIB funding to the priority to allow works to be done on the sites. Members unanimously agreed with this proposal.

Mr Ellison then presented an update on the work done around Responsive Local Services. He advised that as part of the Love Where You Live campaign there would be a 'spring clean' carried out which would support the work done around the programmes for the Northumbria In Bloom awards. Communities would be encouraged to be involved in this work. For the spring clean week it was proposed that officers liaise with the Chairman to identify a site which would be the focus of the work for that week.

Councillor Blackburn asked that Members be kept informed of the work that was being undertaken. Mr Ellison advised that a portfolio was being developed detailing the work. Since the last campaign there had been a lot of intensive work carried out.

Councillor Anderson stated that the Coalfield was the largest area in Sunderland and it was not possible to pick one place within the area which would represent the whole area.

Susan Brown stated that it had been expected that there would be problems if only one location was chosen. It was planned that the community transport service would be used to transport people from across the area to the location to allow residents from the whole area to be involved.

Mr Ellison advised that it was hoped that a lot of bulbs and seeds would be provided for planting in the area.

Ms Caldwell stated that last year gentoo had held activities across the area, it was intended that gentoo would be heavily involved again this year.

6. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The report presented on behalf of the task and result group be noted.
- b. The four sites for improvement identified in paragraph 3.3 be agreed.
- c. Proposals for improvement works at the sites be received.
- d. SIB funding of £30,000 be allocated to the improvement of Council owned neglected land, subject to detailed proposals being agreed by the Committee.

Work Plan

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

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Pauline Hopper, Area Officer, presented the work plan and informed Members that all of the actions were progressing; none of the actions had been marked as red on the progress indicators. Ms Hopper also introduced Susan Brown who would be providing an update on the Christmas shopping campaign in the area.

Ms Brown stated that the work had been very successful; photos were available for Members to view. There had been surveys carried out to find out what residents liked and disliked about the local shops; this information had been collated into a report which detailed the comments made and would be emailed to Members. Residents had felt that in Houghton there were too many takeaways.

Lee Wardle stated that the residents in Shiney Row had found the event to be an excellent experience.

7. RESOLVED that the work plan be noted.

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

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

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Pauline Hopper, Area Officer, presented the report and advised of the 4 proposals for SIB funding and the 10 Community Chest requests.

The 4 SIB proposals totalled £49,468 and should all of the applications be approved there would be £30,082 remaining in the budget. £30,000 of this remainder had been assigned to the Neglected Land priority for improvements problematic sites.

The 10 Community Chest applications totalled £8,828 which would leave £14,882 to be allocated across all four wards.

With regard to the application for Kirklee Field Play Area Councillor Rolph referred to a letter which had been sent to the Sunderland Echo by Councillor D. Smith which stated that he had obtained £13,000 for this project. She queried whether the Committee still needed to be providing £16,000 if £13,000 had already been provided.

Councillor Speding stated that the letter had stated that Councillor D. Smith had been successful in getting £13,000 for the project which did not reflect the content of the minutes of the last meeting. He was concerned that there was an accusation that officers had lost £13,000 and asked where this money had gone.

Councillor D. Smith explained that the money he had referred to was the SIB funding that the Committee was being asked to approve at this meeting.

The Chairman then moved that Members agree to approve the SIB applications. Members unanimously agreed to approve the applications.

For the Community Chest application for Hetton Premier Homing Society Councillor Wakefield advised that he was aware of some old polling stations which were in the Councils' ownership which could be used, this would reduce the costs involved.

Mr Ellison confirmed that there were some old polling stations and that one could be made available to the society at no cost other than the delivery. He would need to find out how much cost would be involved however he did not believe it would be over £1,000.

Councillor Wakefield suggested that each Ward provide £250 to cover the cost of delivery.

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Councillor Rolph stated that as there were different amounts requested from different Wards she felt that it would be better if the proportions were kept the same. The Committee agreed with this proposal.

The revised figures for the application were as follows:-

Copt Hill: £270

Hetton: £330

Houghton: £200

Shiney Row: £200

The total for the 10 Community Chest applications would now be £6,078 which would leave £17,632 remaining to be allocated across all four Wards.

8. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The financial information set out in sections 2.1 and 2.2 and Annex 2 be noted
- b. The SIB applications detailed in Annex 3 be agreed.
- c. The allocation of £30,000 to the neglected land priority be approved.
- d. The 10 proposals for support from the 2011/12 Community Chest as set out in Annex 4 be approved.

(Signed) D. RICHARDSON,
Chairman.

21 MARCH 2012

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Process for the Review of Local Area Plans and Priorities for 2012

1 Why has it come to Committee?

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

2 Background

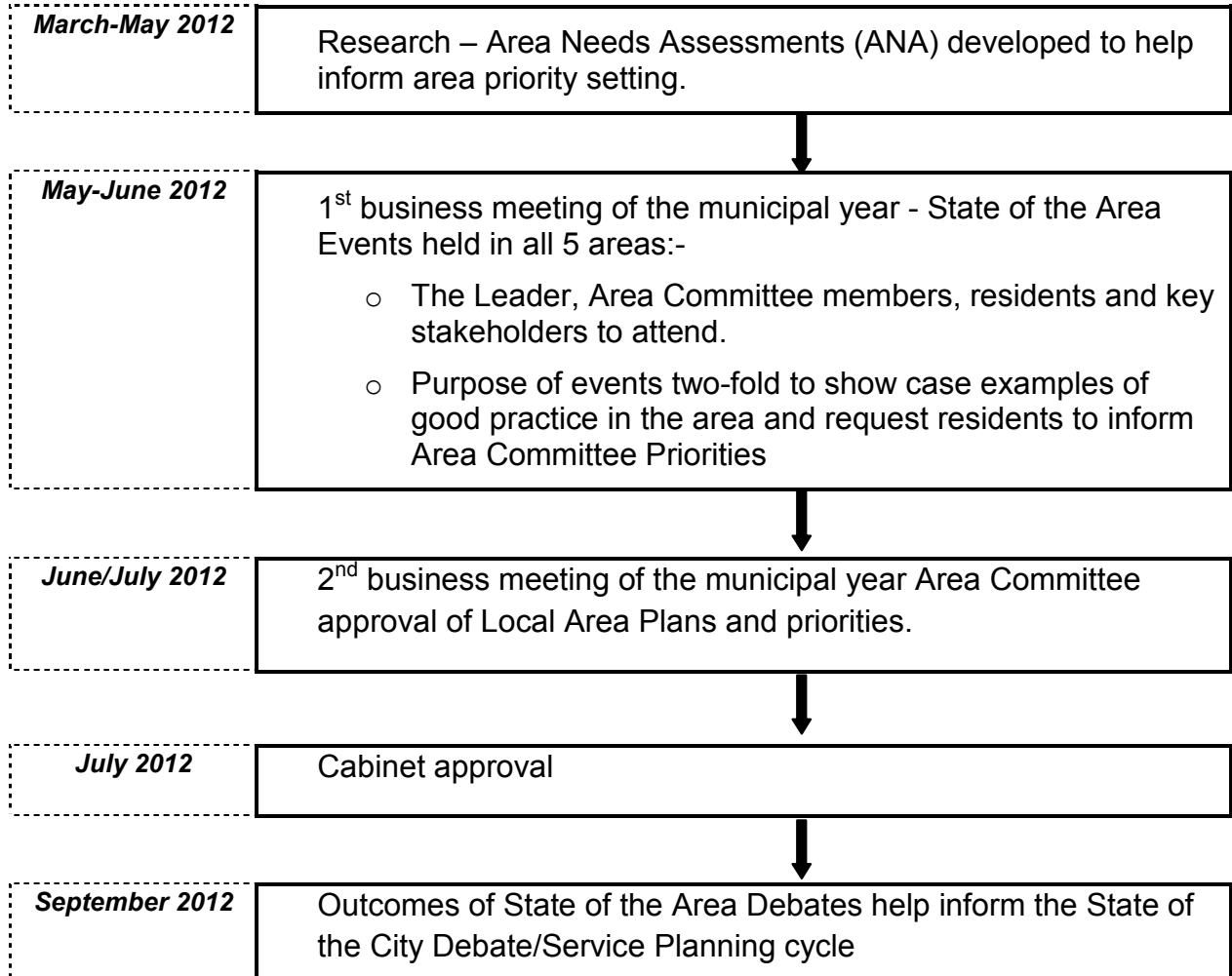
- 2.1 In February 2011 Sunderland Council agreed the approach to refresh the Sunderland Strategy, the purpose of which is to examine the robustness of the strategic framework for each Aim and identify ways to strengthen it, as well as the targets, milestones and delivery models, in addition to producing options for streamlined governance and a clear set of service delivery options for individual Aims.
- 2.2 The approach acknowledges it is vital that elected Members are central to the refresh of the Sunderland Strategy to ensure it reflects the needs of their communities, and that they, as community leaders, are able to identify and champion priorities to be addressed in their communities. As such it was agreed that the review and further development of Local Area Plans (LAPs) is integral to refreshing the Sunderland Strategy and would take place toward the latter stages of finalising the Sunderland Strategy refresh.

3 Role of Area Committees in the development of the LAPs

- 3.1 The role of Area Committee is to lead on the development and effective implementation of the Local Area Plan (as the local interpretation of the Sunderland Strategy, turning those priorities into reality and practical action for people in their area), monitor the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the Council and other main providers in the Area and actively encourage local residents to become involved in decision-making on matters which affect them.
- 3.2 The development of LAPs is a structured, evidence led approach to priority setting and problem solving at a local level. It supports the Area Committee in achieving an enhanced partnership/joint working approach in addressing issues at a grassroots level, and informs the city's strategic framework. Providing for a more pro-active way of working with partners to address issues and grasp opportunities.

4 Proposed Approach and timeline

- 4.1 It is proposed that the initial desk top research commences in March and Area Needs Assessments are developed and used as the basis of Area Committee's further consideration and approval of priorities commencing late May through to July.



Recommendation

Committee is requested to:

- Consider and provide feedback on the information provided.
- Agree the proposed approach and timeline outlined in section 4.
- Continue to deliver actions against current workplans until approval of 2012 priorities.

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Healthy City Investment Fund

1 Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 The Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust's Healthy City Delivery and Improvement Group are proposing to change the way in which the Healthy City Investment Fund is administered and are asking all 5 Area Committees to consider allocating and administering the fund as of March 2012.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Healthy City Investment Fund has existed for a number of years with funding being made available from both the PCT and the council. The funding has been used to make small grants available to the voluntary and community sector to support activities that are likely to have a positive impact on health outcomes.
- 2.2 At a recent meeting of the Steering Group it recognised that an area based approach to supporting the voluntary and community sector was resulting in a more inclusive approach. The Steering Group proposed, therefore, that in future, the Healthy City Investment Fund might be delegated to Area Committees to allocate funding.

3 Priorities

- 3.1 The Healthy City Investment Fund is to be allocated to support the halt in the decline in cancer mortality for men in Sunderland, and there two strands to this: -
- Projects which address the main lifestyle causes of cancer: tobacco, alcohol and obesity;
 - Projects which promote awareness of the early signs and symptoms of cancer.
- 3.2 Bids for funding would be left to individual organisations to determine, based on the needs and assets of the organisation and of the families, neighbourhoods and communities they serve and there is a real opportunity here to work with Area VCS networks to develop approaches to delivering activity to meet this priority.

4 Funding available in 2012/13

- 4.1 There is an allocation of £152,073 available (a combination of uncommitted resources from 2011/12 and a further £100,000 contribution from TPCT), which means there will be £30,414 for each Area Committee.

5 Future Governance Arrangements

- 5.1 It is proposed that Area Committees will utilise the existing SIB governance process as the mechanisms for making decisions on bids for funding and each Area Committee submit a report to the Health and Wellbeing Board on an annual basis summarising expenditure of the fund and outcomes achieved. (The Healthy City Delivery and Improvement Group will cease to exist by April 2012 and the governance arrangements of this fund will therefore be overseen by the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board during 2012/13)

Recommendations

It is recommended that Area Committee: -

- Agree to take on the allocation and administration of £30,414 Healthy City Investment Fund per Area for 2012/13.
- Agree that the Area Officer develop and implement the approach for working with the Area VCS network to develop initiatives in support of male cancer mortality, focusing on the two themes described in section 3.
- Note that each Area Committee's Public Health representative will be available to advise on the potential impact of any proposed projects to be funded.

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21 MARCH 2012

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN COALFIELD – PROGRESS REVIEW

Progress Report on 2011/12 Workplan: Local Shopping Centres

1 Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 This report is presented on behalf of the Shopping Centres Task and Result Group and provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) work plan (**Annex 1**).

2 Background

- 2.1 A Business Survey and Best Practice Review was completed in September 2011 and a draft report presented to the Task and Result group in October 2011. The group considered the report findings and recommendations and developed proposals which were agreed by Area Committee at the November 2011 meeting and have formed the basis for the work of the Task and Result group since this date.

3 Progress report

- 3.1 The Shop Local at Christmas campaign, delivered in Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row proved to be popular with local people and received some positive feedback from shoppers and retailers. Local businesses and shops, local schools, voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations and approximately 165 volunteers were involved in promoting local shopping over a three week period during November/December 2011. Twelve retailers actively took part.
- 3.2 The key messages from the consultation carried out during this period were:
- There is a need for more marketing and publicity
 - Support for small businesses is required
 - Traders would support the development of a traders forum or association
 - More visible activity and demonstrations would attract shoppers
 - New businesses need to be attracted (a wider range of business type is required)
- 3.3 The Task and Result group met on 21 February 2012 to discuss the outcome of the Shop Local campaign and how to use this information to move forward.
- 3.4 A Business Support Project giving advice, mentoring and support to 24 local businesses has been developed. The project and associated funding of £35,000 SIB was approved at the November 2011 Area Committee meeting and details of the project have been circulated for information. Andrew Perkin will lead on the project until we have a named replacement from the Business Investment Team.
- 3.5 As agreed by Committee in November 2011, a Marketing and Promotion project has been developed by the Communications Team and will be delivered in partnership with the VCS Network and Task and Result group. The project will develop a calendar of events and will link with key dates such as Easter, the Diamond Jubilee and Sunderland 2012 Olympic programme. Using the previously agreed £15,000 SIB, traders and shoppers will be involved in various activities to promote the 'Shop Local' theme. Julie Heathcote will lead on the project.

- 3.6 At the November 2011 meeting, it was agreed that a £20,000 SIB budget be available for street scene type projects. At the meeting on 21 February 2012, the Task and Result group discussed 'ad bins' which can be fixed or portable and are used to promote businesses, events or art work from local groups and schools. It was agreed that costs to purchase and install four bins (one at Hetton, two at Houghton and one at Shiney Row) be explored. The estimate has since been obtained and costs including installation will be £3,000. Committee are asked to approve the purchase and installation of the bins.
- 3.7 The Love Where you Live campaign, led by the Area Response Manager, was discussed by the Task and Result group and it was agreed that shopping centres and retailers need to be considered during the planning of future events. The next phase of the campaign will take place during March 2012 with a number of groups and volunteers taking part. It was agreed that the Love Where You Live branding should be used continuously throughout the year to encourage all sectors of the community (including businesses) to look after their own neighbourhood. The Area Response Manager, Area Officer and Community Co-ordinator will include this in the planning of future events.

4 Next Steps

- 4.1 A meeting will be held with local traders in Houghton Town Centre who have expressed an interest in forming a traders' forum or association. Relevant council officers will attend the meeting to update traders on the Shop Local projects and begin discussions regarding the development of a traders' forum. This work will be incorporated into the Business Support Project referred to in item 2.4 above.
- 4.2 A draft calendar of events will be produced, ensuring co-ordination and partnership working with other events, programmes and organisations throughout the area. This will be discussed and promoted with local traders to ensure they are updated and involved.
- 4.3 A shoppers' survey will be designed, using 3 or 4 key questions which can be used at all events to enable development of future activities.
- 4.4 The Task and Result group will continue to develop and monitor all projects as outlined in item 3 above.

Recommendations:

- Approve the purchase and installation of 'ad bins' referred to in 3.6 above
- Agree the next steps in item 4 above

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**COMMUNITY ACTION IN COALFIELD – PROGRESS REVIEW****Progress Report on 2011/12 Workplan: Activities for Young People****1 Why has it come to Committee?**

- 1.1 This report is presented on behalf of the Activities for Young People Task and Result Group and provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) work plan (**Annex 1**).

2 Background

- 2.1 Funding provided by SIB, Children's Services and Gentoo customer panel has been used in this financial year to develop an additional activity programme for young people. Area Committee agreed that school holiday activities and junior youth provision (12 and under) would be priority for the Coalfield area and that the detail of the activity would be developed and agreed through the Youth Task and Result group meetings. An SIB and Gentoo funded Responsive Youth Programme project was also designed with the aim of responding to hot spots of youth disorder and youth anti social behaviour.
- 2.2 In order to identify what is available for young people and where the gaps are. Area Committee requested that a complete picture of youth activity across the Coalfield area be available. This would include sessions delivered by commissioned contractors, XL youth provision, activity enabled by the SIB funded Responsive Youth Project, holiday activity and additional junior provision.

3 Progress

- 3.1 The Activities for Young People budget (referred to in 2.1 above) has, to date, delivered holiday activity for all school holidays between Easter 2011 and February half term 2012. A programme has been developed for the remaining school holidays in the current academic year, and it is also proposed that four term time junior sessions will be delivered as part of this project. The cost of holiday provision delivered and planned to date is £38,820, the projected cost of additional junior provision is £11,981, leaving a balance of £11,077. It is proposed that this is utilised to extend the holiday provision into the 6 week summer holiday period.
- 3.2 Through the SIB and Gentoo funded Responsive Youth Provision project (referred to in 2.1 above), a number of projects for 13-19 year olds have been delivered. A reduction in youth related ASB in Easington Lane being the most successful outcome. Junior provision is being delivered in Easington Lane and Houghton and the success of this will be evaluated to inform next steps. The Task and Result group met on 16 February 2012 and using intelligence available agreed that youth work at the Burnside skate park would continue, as it has helped to engage a number of young people who previously were involved in anti social and disruptive behaviour. To demonstrate the reduction in reported incidents and the drop in the crime statistics, further information will be included in the Annual Report to be presented to Committee at the April 2012 meeting. This budget is now fully committed.

- 3.3 To assist with the co-ordination and promotion of all activities for young people across the Coalfield area and to reduce duplication of services, the Youth Lead for the Coalfield has set up a 'provider' forum to bring together providers of junior and senior youth clubs and activity. Identified providers (Youth Development Group, Sunderland North Community Business Centre (SNCBC), Groundwork, Herrington Burn YMCA, Washington MIND, The Underground, XL Outreach, and Gentoo) now meet regularly to discuss good practice and identify gaps. At the last meeting of the Task and Result group, a representative from the 'Truth about Youth – North East' project agreed to work with the providers to develop a partnership project to challenge and change negative perceptions of young people.
- 3.4 The XL winter model has proved extremely successful in the Coalfield area. The provision at Burnside has attracted 215 individuals with a total number of 1284 attendances between them. 100 individuals have attended more than 4 times and 70 are new contacts for the Youth Development Group. All contracted youth sessions are delivering on target and mobile provision is still being delivered at Fencehouses.
- 3.5 At the February 2012 meeting of the Task and Result group, Washington MIND updated the group on their work in the area. An overview is included at Annex 2 to this report. The project is delivered using a contribution of £9,857 SIB funding approved at the November 2011 Area Committee and a representative from the project is in attendance at this meeting to provide further information.
- 3.6 The SIB funded Ear 4 U project, delivered by Impact Family Services, is due to come to an end at the end of March 2012. The project has exceeded targets, with referrals made to the project mainly being around issues of family conflict having a negative impact and affecting young people in a number of ways i.e. school attendance, anger and self-esteem and confidence issues. Over the last year the project has made strong working relationships with Hetton and Houghton Kepier School who have helped to raise awareness of the Ear 4 U project across their schools and their local communities. The key worker for the Coalfield area has also worked closely with a number of social workers and has assisted them in gathering information which has been used for child protection plans and court proceedings. The key worker has informed schools and services in the Coalfield area that the project will be coming to an end on 31st March 2012. The project will use the following weeks to bring an end to the support currently being provided to young people. A representative from the project is in attendance at this meeting to provide further information.

4 Next Steps

- 4.1 The next Activities for Young People Task and Result/Youth Operational group meeting will take place on Thursday 29 March 2012. The first item on the agenda for this meeting will discuss the summer programme for the XL Youth provision including locations and format of activities. All elected members are invited to attend in order to ensure that all views and intelligence can be considered in the decision making process.
- 4.2 The Task and Result Group will continue to develop and report on all activity for young people including commissioned youth contracts, XL provision, holiday activity and externally funded work delivered by partner providers.

Recommendations:

- This report, presented on behalf of the Task & Result group be noted
- Committee agree that four junior youth clubs as outlined in 3.1 above are developed
- Committee agree that the remaining balance of SIB as outlined in 3.1 above be used to extend holiday provision into the school summer holiday period
- Elected members attend the Task and Result group meeting on 29 March to agree the locations and format of XL summer provision

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**Washington Mind Young People’s Project (16-25 years old)
Delivery in Coalfields.**

Washington Mind is celebrating our 30th year of providing Mental Health and Wellbeing services in the local area. We are independent charity but are affiliated to National Mind, the largest Mental Health Charity in England. Washington Mind is a forward thinking organisation with a small team of both paid and volunteer professionals including qualified and student therapists, independent mental health advocates, support workers, trainers and group facilitators, all working within the process of recovery.

There are enormous unmet mental health needs, evidence shows that 1 in 4 people in the UK will at some point in their lives experience a mental health problem. The development of community-based services to replace the remote institutions of former years has meant that the vast majority of people with more serious mental health problems now live within their own communities. There is still a stigma surrounding a mental health diagnosis, social exclusion for those affected by it and people still have difficulty in accessing appropriate services when they need them. Current Government policy and guidance requires that resources be directed towards promoting inclusion rather than maintaining exclusion. We have held a number of other consultations including our Annual Review and Consultation on 4th March 2010 and over 500 young people (16-25) took part in a survey about mental health provision in the area. This involved a range of stakeholders taking part to ensure we are meeting the needs of the local community and that their views help to shape the services we deliver.

Washington Mind currently provides 1-1 counselling services on the following days and venues in the Coalfield locality.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Herrington M/G 9-5pm | Houghton Kepier M/G 9-5pm | Westbourne M/G 9-11.30am | Houghton Kepier M/G 9-12 noon | Hetton G/P 9-12 noon |
| Hetton Centre Youth Room 10-12 noon | Houghton Kepier M/G 9.30-1pm | Herrington M/G 11.30 – 5pm | Westbourne M/G 1-4pm | Herrington M/G 9 - 3.30pm |
| Hetton Centre Youth Room 2-5pm | Westbourne M/G 9 - 3.30pm | | Houghton M/G 9-12noon | |
| | | | Herrington M/G 2-4pm | |

Washington Mind Young People’s Project works with 16-25 year olds who experience or are at risk of developing mental health problems or emotional distress throughout the Sunderland locality. The project has an open referral pathway and offers wellbeing and recovery services, 1-1 Counselling as well as psycho-educational and therapeutic group work and Computer Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CCBT).

Referrals to Washington Mind services

The recording data runs the same as the financial year April to April.

| Year | Total Referrals | Number of YP | Percentage Y/P |
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| 2007/08 | 221 | 21 | 10% |
| 2008/09 | 376 | 69 | 18% |
| 2009/10 | 474 | 116 | 24% |
| 2010/11 | 1035 | 276 | 26% |
| 2011- to date... | 859 | 215 | 25% |

Geographical breakdown of young people (276) referred from 1/4/2010 – 31/3/2011...

- Washington 118 = 43%
- Coalfield 123 = 44%
- City 35 = 13%

Geographical breakdown of young people (215) referred from 1/4/2011 – 13/2/2012...

- Washington 96 = 44%
- Coalfield 83 = 39%
- City 32 = 15%
- Unsure 4 = 2%

Over the last 1 ¾ years 206 (42%) young people referred to the Washington Mind's Young People Project reside in the Coalfield locality. With the open referral pathway many of the young people self refer to Washington Mind Young Peoples Project and as a result often have little or no contact with statutory NHS services. So although we offer 1-1 counselling services in the Coalfield locality, GP practices may not always be the most appropriate venues for young people to access.

There are many barriers that young people may face when accessing mental health services such as knowledge of services, service provision and how to access services and accessibility, service delivery, stigma associated with mental health, and appropriate non stigmatising venues that young people find accessible. Many people also believe that Washington Mind is only for people who reside in Washington. I believe that by having an appropriate non stigmatising youth venue in the Coalfields could help us reduce many of these barriers.

Although at present we offer 1-1 therapy from the Hetton Centre Youth Rooms the project is keen to develop and establish some group work with the young people and run some art based interventions (Photography, Digital media, Art). Research shows that art based interventions can have a therapeutic effect upon people's mental health, and I believe can be used as an active engagement tool to engage with young people regarding mental health. These can be used for a variety of reasons such as a way of expressing themselves and how they are feeling, diversionary in that people can switch off from their problems whilst engaging in art based activities, and learn new skills, interests and hobbies. I also hope to display the work that the young people create with exhibitions throughout Sunderland, giving the young people a sense of achievement boosting self esteem. This work will also provide opportunities for young people to volunteer in creative mental health interventions.

The project would also be keen to work in partnership to develop the Hetton Centre Youth Rooms into a 'one stop shop' for health service for young people offering a holistic approach to young people's health in Hetton le Hole (Coalfields) and would look at developing partnership working with an array of Youth Provision to work on an outreach basis from the HCYR. The venue would offer direct access for assessment, help and/or signposting, a range of resources e.g. factsheets, service directories access to web based resources

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**COMMUNITY ACTION IN COALFIELD – PROGRESS REVIEW****Progress Report on 2011/12 Workplan: Allotments and Community Gardens****1 Why has it come to Committee?**

- 1.1 This report is presented on behalf of the Allotments Task and Result Group and provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) work plan (**Annex 1**).

2 Background

- 2.1 Area Committee previously agreed that the main focus for the work of the Allotments Task and Result group would centre around the two sites of Burnside and Britannia Terrace. In addition to these two sites the group has also worked with the allotments officers to support improvements on sites across the whole of the Coalfield area. A site audit has been produced and areas of most concern are being addressed.

3 Progress

- 3.1 To date, the improvement works have been concentrated on Burnside allotments and have included the installation of new fencing, a barrier and gate at the entrance to the site, clearance of vacant plots, termination of tenancies for non-cultivation or inappropriate use, strimming and clearing of pathways and demolition and removal of redundant sheds and structures. All identified improvements on the site will be substantially complete by the end of March 2012.
- 3.2 Tenants at Burnside allotments were consulted with regard to installing a water supply on site. The majority of responses were not in favour of taking up this opportunity at present and further information is required. This will be revisited with tenants once improvements on site are completed, but in the meantime it is proposed that this offer is made to tenants on alternative sites, beginning with Herrington Welfare site.
- 3.3 A meeting has been held with horse owners at Burnside allotments. This initial meeting was an information gathering exercise which will inform further proposals for the keeping of horses on all allotments in the Coalfield area. A further meeting will be set up once options have been explored by the Lead Agent.
- 3.4 Replacement fencing at Fletcher Crescent Allotments, New Herrington, has been installed. Derelict plots have been cleared at Hutton Street Allotments, Hetton le Hole, and South View and Henry Street, Shiney Row. These plots can now be offered for rent in order to reduce the waiting lists.
- 3.5 The Task and Result group met on 7 February 2012, beginning with a site visit to Britannia Terrace allotments, Fencehouses. The issues observed at the site are major and will incur a large amount of staff and financial resources in addition to that already available from mainstream and income related sources. A large piece of land adjacent to the allotment site is also in need of attention and should be considered as part of a larger scheme. A number of options for improvement were discussed including a 2-3 year plan using a staged approach. It was agreed that consultation needs to take place with

planning colleagues, property services, allotment holders and other partners before any proposals are made to Area Committee. Consultation with residents and users of the wider site will be undertaken during the development of a proposed solution.

- 3.6 The informal footpath running through Britannia Terrace allotments is an established access route from Chilton Moor to Dubmire Primary School. The path is in a very poor state of repair and overgrown.
- 3.7 The Community Challenge project is supporting current initiatives such as Love Where You Live and development of Jubilee Celebrations with an allotment or community garden focus. Using the Love Where You Live theme as a tool for engagement, the project will offer advice and support to the community consultation phase of the improvements at Britannia Terrace as described in 3.5 above.

4 Next Steps

- 4.1 Improvement works on all sites with problem or derelict plots will continue. As plots are cleared they will be offered to those on the waiting lists. Information regarding the progress on bringing plots back into use and reducing waiting lists will be provided to Area Committee as part of the Annual Report at the April 2012 meeting.
- 4.2 A follow up meeting will be convened with horse owners at Burnside to discuss options for the keeping of horses.
- 4.3 The Lead Agent will develop an accurate site plan to include ownership of all parts of the Britannia Terrace site and explore options for the improvement of a) the path, as described at 3.6 above, and b) the whole site.
- 4.4 At present the focus for Area Committee will remain on Burnside and Britannia Terrace, and Allotments Officers will progress improvements on all other sites as part of mainstream service delivery and maintenance. The Task and Result group will meet at the end of March 2012 to further progress this priority and progress reports will continue to be provided to Area Committee.

Recommendations:

- Members are requested to note the report.
- Members are requested to agree the next steps as outlined in item 4 above

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| G | Progressing on target | | | | | | |
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| A | Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action) | | | | | | |
| R | Not progressing | | | | | | |
| Priority | Issue | Local Action to Influence Services | Lead Agent | Progress Report | Area Committee's Influencing Role | Outcome Measure | RAG |
| Heritage | Lack of awareness/interest | Promote heritage within the Coalfield area. | T&R Group | This has already begun through the VCS Network and the Coalfield Community Challenge and will be further developed by the HCDWs including the introduction of a website 'portal' to promote the range of activities/attractions available. | Raising the profile of the area | Increase in heritage related enquiries and events | G |
| | Lots of uncaptured local knowledge and enthusiasm | Engage community groups and residents to work together to deliver heritage activities. The Coalfield Community Challenge project has already raised the awareness of heritage in the area. | Susan Brown and HCDWs | The VCS Network and partners have been involved in a number of heritage related activities. 18 local groups currently engaged. £5,000 of the heritage budget was allocated to the Coalfield Community Challenge project. The Heritage workers will develop this further. A heritage 'steering group' made up of local organisations meets regularly to co-ordinate activity. | Engagement of VCS and residents. | No of groups engaged Currently 18 groups involved | G |
| | Increase interest/participation of young people | Develop educational and participative heritage projects | Vicki Medhurst | The Heritage Community Development Workers are in the process of developing and delivering a number of education projects, both with schools and with community organisations. Schools are also being encouraged to link heritage projects with the Sunderland 2012 Olympic programme through the Coalfield Community Challenge | Engagement of young people | No of schools or youth groups involved | G |
| | Public transport | Identify venues which are accessible by public transport. Local organisations, such as ELCAP, are supporting community activity against the priorities by providing community transport | HCDWs | Events and displays are being held in accessible venues using Community Transport to support this where necessary. The rep from Nexus will promote events and provide information on public transport. | Events and services delivered accessible by public transport or community transport | Increased community involvement | A |
| Priority | Issue | Local Action to Influence Services | Lead Agent | Progress Report | Area Committee's Influencing Role | Outcome Measure | RAG |

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| Local Shopping Centres | Improve physical appearance of shopping centres | Target responsive local services to areas most in need | Dave Ellison | Area Response team are ensuring that street scene issues are tackled and queries and issues from residents are followed up. | Influence targeted service provision | Increase in satisfaction levels | G |
| | | Develop an environmental and public realm project | Dave Ellison | At the November 2011 meeting, Area Committee agreed that a budget of £20,000 be allocated to carry out improvements to local shopping centres. The Lead Agent will work with the Task and Result group to develop projects. It is proposed that 'ad bins' be purchased and installed in the three shopping Centres | Identify opportunities to maximise budgets, including mainstream | Increase in satisfaction levels. Physical improvements made | A |
| | Support local traders | Carry out an audit to further investigate the current situation in local centres. This is now complete and the actions agreed by Area Committee at the November 2011 meeting will be taken forward. | Andrew Perkin | The audit is complete and a marketing campaign - 'Shop Local this Christmas' - was delivered to support local traders during the Christmas period. Over 1000 people engaged with the promotion and were encouraged to support their local shopping centres. | Consultation and engagement with local traders | No of local businesses supported. 12 local businesses were actively engaged in the Christmas campaign. | G |
| | | Develop a business support programme to offer support to existing businesses and encourage new retail start ups | Janet Snaith | At the November 2011 meeting, Area Committee agreed that a budget of £35,000 be allocated to engage a specialist organisation to provide dedicated support to retailers. The Lead Agent has now developed the brief for this project which will begin in April 2012. A Trader Forum will be set up as part of the project. | Engage and consult with local traders | No of local businesses supported. | A |
| | Lack of new shoppers | Carry out a survey with local shoppers/non shoppers | Andrew Perkin | The Shop Local at Christmas campaign asked the views of around 1000 shoppers results of which were used by the Task and Result group to develop this priority. A shopper survey has now been designed to ensure consistency of approach at all future events and meeting. Community events delivered between January and June 2012 will further develop this. | Consultation with residents and visitors | Increase in shoppers | A |

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| | | Deliver marketing campaign | Julie Heathcote | The results of the 'Shop Local this Christmas' event will be used to develop and deliver a marketing programme during March- July 2012. The timetable will be developed by the Lead Agent with input and support from the Task and Result group. | Support the delivery of the local marketing project and ensure that any corporate or citywide retail support includes the three local shopping centres | Increase in shoppers | G |
| | Public transport | Promote and use community and public transport | | A rep from Nexus is acting as an 'adviser' to the T&R group and has agreed to support this priority where possible. The marketing campaign will be supported by Nexus and ELCAP's community transport | Identify issues and influence service provision | Increase in shoppers | A |
| Priority | Issue | Local Action to Influence Services | Lead Agent | Progress Report | Area Committee's Influencing Role | Outcome Measure | RAG |
| Activities for Young People | Negative perceptions of young people in some areas | Celebrate positive achievements. The Area Network and RLS have promoted the input of young people during the Love Where You Live Campaign. | Linda King/Julie Heathcote | Some positive stories have emerged from the XL youth village activities and the additional provision through the Responsive Youth Provision (RYP) pilot. The March 2012 edition of Community News will further promote youth provision. The provider forum are developing a project in partnership with the Truth About Youth organisation. The aim of the project is to challenge and change negative perceptions of young people. | Promote success | Positive news stories Article in Community News praises young people | G |
| | Hotspots of youth disorder | Provide targeted activity in areas most at risk Use local intelligence to target youth provision | Linda King | The Responsive Youth Provision (RYP) has been successfully delivered at Easington Lane and Houghton Racecourse Estate and the police have reported an improvement in behaviour in the targeted areas (reported youth related ASB has reduced by 19.3% in the year to November 2011). The XL winter programme has been successful in engaging hard to reach young people and the summer programme is being developed. A full report to this meeting (March 2012). | Influence service delivery and budgets | Reduction in youth disorder Reported youth related ASB has reduced by 19.3% in the year to November 2011 | G |

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| Relevant and adequate youth activities | Work with Youth Development Group to evaluate provision | Linda King/ Wendy Cook | Each meeting of the Task and Result group identify issues and highlight gaps in provision in order to develop solutions. The Youth Lead for the Coalfield area, will lead future meetings and has also set up a provider forum to co-ordinate activity and share best practice. | Identify and review activities and services | Increase in use of contracted youth provision | G |
| Lack of out of school activity for 8-12 year olds | Map provision of existing services. Area Network supporting this piece of work by providing local intelligence | Children's Services locality team | This has been carried out by the youth lead in partnership with local providers and the VCS Network. Activity will now be explored at future Task and Result group meetings. The newly established provider forum will improve co-ordination of junior youth clubs and activities. | Identification of gaps in service | Audit of local provision | G |
| Development of services for 8-12s required | Work with Youth Development Group to evaluate provision and target resources | Linda King Sandra Mitchell/ Rachel Putz | A pilot programme of activities for this age group has been delivered since January 2012. Further information in a full report to this meeting (March 2012). Future development of these activities will be considered by the Head of Early Intervention and Locality Services and the Locality Manager | Target mainstream and area resources | Structured activity for 8-12 year olds | A |
| Holiday provision | Evaluate current provision to identify what should continue | Linda King | Based on the evaluation of previous holiday provision the Task and Result group considered, and agreed, a programme of holiday activity across all wards for a) 8-12 age group and b) 13-19 age group. The programme will be delivered at February half term (1 week), Easter (2 weeks) and Spring half term (1 week). It is proposed to extend this into the summer holidays where budget allows | Influencing mainstream budgets | No of holiday activities provided The total number of holiday sessions delivered in each ward has now increased. | G |
| Play parks and play areas | Promote and utilise existing sites | Victoria French | The meeting of the January 2012 Area Committee agreed that £16,468 SIB would be utilised to contribute to the total costs of £100,000 for improvements of Kirklee Play site. | Influence the next stage of the Play and Urban Games Strategy (PUGS) including maximising S106 funding | Number of new play areas | G |

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| | Public transport | Promote and use community and public transport | Task and Result Group | Accessibility issues are taken into account when services are being developed and delivered. Community transport has been utilised for outings and trips and opportunities to take part in youth activities have been promoted by Nexus. | Ensure provision is accessible and transport is available | Increase in young people accessing services | A |
| Priority | Issue | Local Action to Influence Services | | Progress Report | Area Committee's Influencing Role | Outcome Measure | RAG |
| Allotments and community gardens | Derelict plots | Pilot programme on two allotment sites | Gerry Roll | Burnside and Britannia Terrace have been selected as the two pilot sites. A programme of work has begun on Burnside and includes clearance of derelict or misused plots, installation of new fencing, barrier and gate and strimming and clearing of pathways. Some of the larger plots will be divided and offered up for rent in order to reduce waiting lists | Escalate issues to the Head of Service for Street Scene via the Task and Result Group | Reduction in vacant/ unkempt plots Reduced on Burnside site | A |
| | Inappropriate use of plots | Identification of plots being used illegally or incorrectly. Information should be forwarded to the T&R Group or to the Allotment Officer | Gerry Roll | Plots identified during the audit as being used for inappropriate activity are being reclaimed and re-let. A number of tenancies have been terminated and some have resulted in police or environment agency intervention. The number of plots reclaimed and figures on reductions in waiting lists will be reported in April during the end of year review. | Escalate issues to the Head of Service for Street Scene, or to the Police, via the Task and Result Group | Reduction in plots not being used for cultivation Reduced on Burnside site | A |
| | Community gardens | Develop community allotment plots within existing sites. The VCS Network will support the development of community gardens | Ethel Wilson/ Susan Brown | The Community Co-ordinator is working with the Allotments Officer and local organisations to develop community gardens across the whole of the Coalfield area. | Support development of community use | Community spaces created | A |
| | Budgets and funding | Identify ring fenced and mainstream budgets | Gerry Roll | A proposal has been put forward to the Executive Director of City Services | Influencing mainstream budgets | Increase in allotment budget | A |
| | | External funding and partnership working | Pauline Hopper/ Susan Brown | Gentoo and Groundwork are part of the Task and Result group and have agreed to form an 'action group' with VCS Network and Area Officer to look at how Area Committee actions can be supported | Attracting funding to area | External funding secured | A |
| Priority | Issue | Local Action to Influence Services | Lead Agent | Progress Report | Area Committee's Influencing Role | Outcome Measure | RAG |

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| Dangerous and speeding traffic | Co-ordinated or strategic approach required | Identification of road safety issues and development of an overall plan | Les Clark | The Lead Agent attended the September meeting of Coalfield Area Committee to provide an update regarding the strategic approach to traffic related issues. Information on accidents and other intelligence will form part of the information gathering exercise to inform next steps. Area Committee will receive a further update in the new financial year 2012/13 | Ensure services meet local requirements | Area action plan or strategy | A |
| Priority | Issue | Local Action to Influence Services | Lead Agent | Progress Report | Area Committee's Influencing Role | Outcome Measure | RAG |
| Support for Older People | Content and quality of current services | Audit of local services provided for older people. Coalfield Community Co-ordinator is assisting with this via the VCS network | Mike Crozier/Alan Clark (HHAS) | An audit of locally provided services (including statutory and voluntary sector) has been produced. This will be added to and reviewed on a regular basis by the Task and Result group | Highlight areas of concern to HHAS | Improved service provision | G |
| | Accessibility to services | Audit of where local services are delivered/accessible. A workshop attended by VCS Network organisations has supported this work | Gail Black/Alan Clark (HHAS) | An audit of locally provided services (including statutory and voluntary sector) has been produced. This will be added to and reviewed on a regular basis by the Task and Result group | | Audit produced COMPLETE - ongoing reviews | G |
| | Mobility and 'getting around' - including public transport | Highlight areas of concern and promote accessible services | Gail Black/Alan Clark (HHAS) | This element of the audit needs further work. This will be carried out in conjunction with service providers and the VCS Network | | Audit produced | A |
| | Money and debt advice – mobile and outreach services | Promote on line or telephone support. Further develop outreach services - | Task and Result Group | Recent research has shown that there is an increased demand for advice. The November 2011 Area Committee approved an application for £23,166 SIB to provide enhanced support across the Coalfield area. Regular performance updates will be provided | Partnership working e.g. DWP | More outreach and accessible advice. | G |

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| Promote support available – market and advertise | Local groups to promote support to their members. VCS Network are assisting in the promotion of local services | Task and Result Group | At its meeting in January 2012, the Task and Result Group agreed that promotion of local services was a big issue. For example, around 20 people over 70 took part in the Love Where you Live Campaign, ShARP and Age UK are working in partnership to develop a funding application for Comic Relief, the New Dawn group are developing partnership projects with Age UK, the Shopping Bus project is continuing and the local history groups supporting the Heritage priority have many members over 65. Community garden and allotment projects are working with older people and younger people to develop intergenerational projects. This information will be promoted via other Coalfield area priorities such as Heritage and Local Shopping Centres. | Promote services to local people | More publicity about what is available | A |
| Volunteers for services available e.g. allotments | Encourage and develop local communities to become volunteers | Area Network/ Volunteer Centre | Through the Coalfield Community Challenge project a number of volunteering opportunities have been facilitated. Work with the Volunteer Centre will be developed by the Community Co-ordinator and the annual report will give further information regarding numbers of volunteers engaged. | Identify volunteering opportunities and training available | Number of volunteers engaged | A |
| Self administering of medication | Highlight areas of concern | Task and Result Group | The issue was discussed by the Task and Result group at the January 2012 meeting. It was agreed this issue would be presented to the March Area Committee meeting in order to escalate this issue to the Health Scrutiny Committee ACTION REQUIRED | Escalate issue to relevant Board of Committee | Issue taken up by Health Scrutiny Committee | A |
| Social interaction (especially those in residential care) | Promote and support services such as befriending and visiting schemes. Members of the VCS Network are delivering social activities | Task and Result Group | | Identify needs and gaps in provision | More people attending activities available | A |

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| | Support for Carers | Highlight areas of concern and provide information on what support is available | Task and Result Group | At the January meeting of the Task and Result group it was agreed to add this issue to the work plan. Coalfields Carers Group, for carers who live in the Coalfields area meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at The Hetton Centre. To be discussed further at the next meeting of the T&R group. | | | |
| | Public transport | Promote and use community and public transport | Task and Result Group | A number of projects aimed at supporting older people have been supported by using ELCAP community transport. Luncheon clubs, social outings and shopping trips are some examples of how services are being delivered by using the community transport scheme. Projects accessible by public transport will promote timetables etc.. wherever possible. | Support to retain community transport in the area. Escalate transport issues to the relevant committees and to Nexus | Increased number of older people being able to access services | A |
| Priority | Issue | Local Action to Influence Services | Lead Agent | Progress Report | Area Committee's Influencing Role | Outcome Measure | RAG |
| Empty properties | Enforcement | Identify nuisance properties. | Liz McEvoy | Nuisance properties identified using a matrix. Issues area addressed on an ongoing basis by the Empty Properties Assistant. Area specific officers including Area Officer, Area Response Manager, Environmental Enforcement Officer, Community Co-ordinator, Empty Properties Officer, ASB Officer and Environmental Health Officer meet to share information and strengthen collaborative working across all Council Directorates | Part of matrix includes referrals from ward members | Number of Empty Property Notices issued (2011/12) is 2 and 4 emergency boarding ups have been carried out. Other Housing Enforcement Notices issued (2011/12) is 7. | G |
| | Private landlords | Agree a date and hold a landlords' forum to discuss the Empty property Action Plan. | Liz McEvoy | The Landlord Forum was held on 1 December 2011 where the empty property action plan and projects were promoted. | Encourage local landlords to participate | Number of accredited landlords - 40 landlords, with 188 properties in the Coalfields area (as at 4.1.12) | G |

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| | Identify 1 or 2 hotspots for improvement | Local intelligence to be gathered | Liz McEvoy | Statistics have shown which wards are above the City average for empty properties and these will be targeted. Additionally, areas that are displaying a number and range of problems with regards to the private rented sector will be targeted as "hot spots" such as "The Racecourse" are. These are agreed by SMT. There were seven Gentoo properties which were empty, and six of the properties have since been brought back to use. One privately owned problematic property has been selected for the HCA/Gentoo project, and will be refurbished and brought back to use in 2012. | Develop improvements to meet local need | Properties brought back into use - 79 (as at 4.1.12) | G |
| | HCA funding - explore further and consider match | | Liz McEvoy | An application for funding Submitted to the HCA has been successful and with a contribution of £13,000 from SIB four properties in the Coalfield area will be targeted. Gentoo is bidding to the HCA for further empty property funds from 2012 - 15 subject to match funding being found. £577k for the City has been made available from New Homes Bonus funding to bring empty properties back into use through 2 projects. One is to offer loans to owners to refurbish properties and one for a Registered Provider to acquire and refurbish problematic empty properties. | To help identify empty properties which are refurbished through the project. | Funding secured/ funding allocated £80,000 funding secured from HCA £13,000 SIB allocated | A |
| Priority | Issue | Local Action to Influence Services | Lead Agent | Progress Report | Area Committee's Influencing Role | Outcome Measure | RAG |
| Neglected land | Identify neglected land | Identify sites which could be categorised as 'neglected'. | Dave Ellison | A portfolio of identified neglected sites is being further developed to include information on land ownership, previous and present use and future plans. This was discussed by the Task and Result group and Area Committee in January/February 2012 | Development of land use to meet resident need | Audit produced COMPLETE | G |
| | Improve Council owned land | Provide local intelligence to lead agent and Task and Result group | Dave Ellison/Property Services | Four priority sites were agreed by Area Committee in February 2012. Options for improvement are now being developed and will be presented to Area Committee for consideration | Identify sites and agree priority areas | Sites improved | A |

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| Industrial sites/fly tipping | Report incidents | Dave Ellison | During the audit of sites some areas of regular fly tipping have been identified and measures are being put in place e.g. | Influence enforcement powers | Reduction in fly tipping | G | |
| Ownership (SLM large and small plots) | Provide local intelligence to lead agent and Task and Result group | Craig Logue/Ian Crosby | The lead agent has been liaising with the SLM project staff and Land Registry (via Legal) to identify ownership on specific pieces of land. Comprehensive information was presented to the T&R group. | Development of land use | SLM system updated | G | |
| Investigate adverse possession of appropriate sites | Provide local intelligence to lead agent and Task and Result group | Property Services | A list of land owners has now been compiled and with the support of colleagues in legal and property services this option will be discussed further at the next meeting of the Task and Result group | Advise and influence policy regarding adverse possession | Identified sites | A | |
| Involve Property Services in addressing issues | | Colin Clark | The Head of Land and Property has been consulted and appropriate representation from the service will be part of the project development. | Development of land use | Relevant officers involved COMPLETE | G | |
| Work with landowners - eg Lambton Estates | | Lead Agent | Ownership of land has been established for all identified sites. With the support of colleagues from legal, a letter has now been drawn up and will be sent to land owners asking for their plans for the identified sites. Next steps to be identified once replies have been received. | Escalate issues regarding enforcement to land and property | Sites cleared and brought up to an acceptable standard | A | |
| Link with other priorities - greenspace, unadopted roads, empty properties etc.. | Provide local intelligence to lead agent and Task and Result group | Pauline Hopper/ Dave Ellison | Officers from Land and Property, planning policy, planning implementation etc.. will act as advisers to the T&R group to ensure priorities are linked. Consultation will take place with partners and all directorates before any actions to improve land are agreed. | Consider links to other strategies and identify joint working | | G | |
| Allocation of funding relating to Section 106 Agreements | Identify local community need | Area Committee | This issue is being further explored along with the Community Infrastructure Levy. The Lead Officer for Planning Policy has given advice and support to the T&R group and work to influence allocation of this budget is ongoing. | Influence allocation | Allocation of S106 influenced by Area Committee | A | |
| Unfinished developments | | Building Control | The lead agent is liaising with the relevant officers who will be invited to attend the Task and Result group if required | Escalate relevant planning or policy issues | Reduction in unfinished developments | A | |
| Priority | Issue | Local Action to Influence Services | Lead Agent | Progress Report | Area Committee's Influencing Role | Outcome Measure | RAG |

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

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| | Waiting lists | Correspond with those on waiting list to confirm still interested | Ethel Wilson | All on waiting list have been contacted. Waiting lists have been revised | Review and revise current waiting lists | Reduction in waiting lists COMPLETE | G |
| | Budgets and funding | Allocation of area budgets to support work | Pauline Hopper | A budget of £35,665 SIB has been 'ring fenced' for this priority. | Targeting of resources | SIB allocated COMPLETE | G |
| Priority | Issue | Local Action to Influence Services | Lead Agent | Progress Report | Area Committee's Influencing Role | Outcome Measure | RAG |
| Unadopted Roads | Policy regarding unadopted roads | Information and issues provided to Lead Agent | Stephen Pickering | A significant amount of work has been carried out to determine a baseline position in regard to private streets. An extensive desktop study together with on site photography exercise to identifying all the unadopted streets in the Coalfield Area and across the city has been undertaken. An officer from City Services attended the September meeting of Coalfield Area Committee to give a presentation regarding the findings of the report and the proposed increase of the budget for 2012/13. | Requested review of current arrangements | Report to Area Committee COMPLETE | |
| | Poor road surfaces | Carry out minor repairs as part of area or mainstream budgets | Area Committee | A number of minor improvements have been undertaken using area SIP allocations. However, this one off budget is now fully spent | Ensure planned road and building works consider ways to improve roads | No of improved road surfaces COMPLETE (Budget now fully spent) | |
| Priority | Issue | Local Action to Influence Services | Lead Agent | Progress Report | Area Committee's Influencing Role | Outcome Measure | RAG |
| Empty properties | Planned approach | Development of an area based Empty Properties Action Plan. Local intelligence has informed the development of the plan | Liz McEvoy | A draft has been prepared and was presented to Area Committee by lead agent. A report is presented to the November meeting. Final version of the Empty Property Action Plan was approved by Cabinet in November 2011. | Input into development of plan | Area Plan with targets agreed COMPLETE | G |
| Priority | Issue | Local Action to Influence Services | Lead Agent | Progress Report | Area Committee's Influencing Role | Outcome Measure | RAG |
| Child Poverty | Development of Child and Family Poverty Strategy | Neighbourhood model of service delivery | Raj Singh | Phase 2 of the Strategy has now been developed | Consultation and involvement during development | Strategy produced COMPLETE | G |
| | Child Poverty needs assessment | Neighbourhood model of service delivery | Raj Singh | Results of pilot will be reported to Area Committee once complete | Initiatives delivered to meet local need | Development of local services COMPLETE | G |

**COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE
21 MARCH 2012
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

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| Title of Report: Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest - Financial update and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources | |
| Author(s): Chief Executive | |
| Purpose of Report: This report requests Area Committee to consider proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest to support initiatives that will deliver activity against priorities for 2011/12. | |
| Description of Decision: The Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2011/12 budget: Annex 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve 14 Community Chest requests from the 2011/12 budget as outlined in 2.2 of Item 3d | |
| Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes | |
| Suggested reason(s) for Decision: SIB is a budget delegated to Area Committee in order to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Coalfield Work Plan. Its main purpose is to benefit the local community and to attract other funding into the area. The Area Committee has a total SIB budget of £238,257 for 2011/12, which includes £1,564 returned to budget from a previously funded project. The Community Chest forms part of SIB, of which £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2011/2012 across all wards. £10,000 is available for each ward (Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row) in addition, £2,880 was carried over from previous years, making this years total balance £42,880. | |
| Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered. | |
| Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No Is it included in the Forward Plan? No | Relevant Scrutiny Committees: |

21 MARCH 2012

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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

1. Why has it come to Committee

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

2. Funding streams 2011/2012 as at 21st March 2012

2.1 SIB – Financial Statement (projects approved to date)

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

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| Improvement to Neglected Land | 01.02.12 | £30,000 | | £48,823 |
| Kirklee Field Play Area | 01.02.12 | | £16,468 | £32,355 |
| Coalfield Community Challenge – Sunderland 2012 and Jubilee Celebrations | 01.02.12 | | £10,000 | £22,355 |
| Sunderland in 2012 Prog (Olympics) | 01.02.12 | | £10,000 | £12,355 |
| Empty Homes 2012 | 01.02.12 | | £13,000 | £645 |
| Total allocated | | £125,975 | £112,927 | |
| Balance | - | - | - | £105 |

NB: - The final balance figure includes funding recouped: from The South View Phase 3 project, the Houghton Crest project and the Coalfield Shopping Centre Audit.

The table above shows the position following the February 2012 meeting. The final balance includes funding returned from projects which had a small underspend. There are no funding requests for SIB presented to this meeting.

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

2.2 Community Chest

The table below details balances remaining following the last meeting in February 2012, project proposals received as detailed in **Annex 3** and grant to be returned to budget in March 2012.

| Ward | Available following February 2012 meeting | Project Proposals to this meeting | Grant to be returned in March 2012 | Balance |
|--------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Copt Hill | £4,511 | £1,980 | £Nil | £2,531 |
| Hetton | £4,330 | £1,080 | £540 | £3,790 |
| Houghton | £7,057 | £1,080 | £Nil | £5,977 |
| Shiney Row | £1,734 | £1,280 | £45 | £499 |
| Total | £17,632 | £5,420 | £585 | £12,797 |

Recommendations:

Committee is requested to:

- Note the financial information set out in sections 2.1 and 2.2 and Annex 2
- Approve the 14 proposals for support from 2011/2012 Community Chest set out in Annex 3

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Annex 2 SIB budget and balance for each priority
Annex 3 Community Chest proposals

SIB Budgets

Item 3 Annex 2

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

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

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

| Priority | Project | Date | Expenditure | Balance |
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| Shopping Centres | Marketing Project | 21.09.2011 | £15,000 | £65,000 |
| | Business Support Project | 23.11.2011 | £35,000 | £30,000 |
| Remaining balance | | | £50,000 | £30,000 |

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

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

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

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

Budget approved 1 Feb 2012: **£30,000**

| Priority | Project | Date | Expenditure | Balance |
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| Improvement of Neglected Land | | | | £30,000 |
| Remaining balance | | | £0 | £30,000 |

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

| Ward | Project | Amount | Allocation 2011/2012 | Project Proposals | Previous Approvals | Balance Remaining |
|-----------|---|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Copt Hill | Gentoo Group, Cherry Tree Gardens - Queens Diamond Jubilee party for the tenants. | £300 | | | | |
| | The Sunderland Orphanage and Educational Foundation - contribution towards student grants and clothing vouchers for children of families where the father or mother is dead or disabled or where the parties have been divorced and where they are in necessitous circumstances. | £60 | | | | |
| | Family Justice Adoption Fund - contribution toward gifts for children when they are adopted. | £20 | | | | |
| | Eppleton Durham Banner Group - to pay for the band, transport costs, mini bus hire. To parade the Eppleton Colliery Banner Group's banner through Durham Town Centre on July 14 th 2012, for the Durham Miners Gala. | £600 | | | | |
| | Kepier Hall Trust - improvement of facilities by contributing towards the purchase of a new electric cooker and installation and power supply upgrade. | £1,000 | | | | |
| | Totals | £1,980 | £12,539 | £1,980 | £8,028 | £2,531 |
| Hetton | Moorsley Care of Aged - contribution towards the Christmas Party 2012. | £1,000 | | | | |
| | The Sunderland Orphanage and Educational Foundation - contribution towards student grants and clothing vouchers for children of families where the father or mother is dead or disabled or where the parties have been divorced and where they are in necessitous circumstances. | £60 | | | | |
| | Family Justice Adoption Fund - contribution toward gifts for children when they are adopted. | £20 | | | | |
| | Totals | £1,080 | £11,595 | £1,080 | £7,265 | £3,250 |
| Houghton | Kepier Hall Trust - improvement of facilities by contributing towards the purchase of a new electric cooker and installation and power supply upgrade. | £1,000 | | | | |
| | The Sunderland Orphanage and Educational Foundation - contribution towards student grants and clothing vouchers for children of families where the father or mother is dead or disabled or where the parties have | £60 | | | | |

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| | been divorced and where they are in necessitous circumstances. | | | | | |
| | Family Justice Adoption Fund - contribution toward gifts for children when they are adopted. | £20 | | | | |
| | Totals | £1,080 | £13,050 | £1,080 | £5,993 | £5,977 |
| Shiney Row | The Sunderland Orphanage and Educational Foundation - contribution towards student grants and clothing vouchers for children of families where the father or mother is dead or disabled or where the parties have been divorced and where they are in necessitous circumstances. | £60 | | | | |
| | Family Justice Adoption Fund - contribution toward gifts for children when they are adopted. | £20 | | | | |
| | Biddick School Sports College - contribution towards transport, travel insurance, visas and accommodation costs for an exchange trip to China. To pay for seeds, equipment for garden. | £1,200 | | | | |
| | Total | £1,280 | £12,295 | £1,280 | £10,561 | £454 |
| TOTALS | | £5,420 | £49,479 | £5,420 | £31,847 | £12,212 |