

Coalfield Area Committee

14 July 2010

Report of the Office of the Chief Executive

Community Action in Coalfield – Reviewing Progress and Agreeing Next Steps

1. Why has it come to Committee?

1.1. Coalfield Area Committee has agreed to focus its efforts where it can make a real difference and has identified 7 key priorities for 2010/11:

- Child Poverty
- Heritage
- Bulb Planting and Landscaping
- Shopping Centres
- Play Provision
- Responsive Local Services

It has also been recognised that there will be the need to consider other cross cutting areas of work, e.g. equality and inclusion and community engagement, whilst delivering against the priorities.

1.2 Two 'Local Task and Result Groups' have been established – one for Heritage, and one for Local Shopping Centres.

1.3 The Task and Result Groups will identify activity that addresses the issues raised, propose innovative programmes of work, and identify potential resource requirements where appropriate.

1.4 Annex 1 provides detail of issues previously identified through the 2009/10 Work Plan and Action Plans, and provides an update with regard to progress or completion. It also identifies any unresolved issues and actions and where Area Committee will consider an SIB or SIP funding application to address the issue or priority, or to facilitate a solution. Members are requested to consider those applications and refer to Annex 2b for details and summary.

1.5 Annex 2a includes Community Chest and SIB/SIP financial statement. Annex 2b provides a summary of spend, proposals received and balances for SIB, SIP and Community Chest. It also includes details of all applications received.

2. Performance Management

2.1 A number of sources have been utilised to evidence and identify the key issues and queries. Some of issues included in Annex 1 have been raised during the delivery of the 2009/10 Action Plans and Works Plan. Data sources include:

1. Safe Theme	Issues Log, Members queries, Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS) Group, Northumbria Police Statistics, Safe Sunderland Partnership Local Confidence Survey
2. Learning Theme	Issues Log, Members queries, Hanlon Data, Tyne & Wear Research Institute, Children's Services, Connexions
3. Healthy Theme	Mosaic Data (Primary Care Trust), Director of Public Health Report, Ward Visits, Issues Log, LMAPS, Index

	Multiple Deprivation
4. Attractive and Inclusive	Place Survey, City Services, Members queries
5. Prosperous	Ward Visits, Area Committee Issues, Hanlon, Tyne & Wear Research Institute, Working Neighbourhoods Fund Data, NOMIS

3. Progress Report

- 3.1 **Safe Theme** - Attached is a progress report on issues raised. One SIB application is submitted to this meeting for approval (CCTV).
- 3.2 **Attractive and Inclusive Theme** - Attached is a progress report on issues raised. The Lead Agent for the Hetton Memorial Gardens will update the Committee regarding progress of the project. One SIP application is submitted to this meeting for approval (South View). One SIB application is submitted to this meeting for approval (Houghton Feast).
- 3.3 **Learning Theme** - Attached is a progress report on issues raised. A representative from City of Sunderland College is present at the meeting to answer queries on two of the issues.
- 3.4 **Health Theme** - Attached is a progress report on issues raised. A representative from the Ambulance Service is available to answer one query. Two applications are submitted to this meeting for approval (Philadelphia and Eppleton Cricket Clubs).
- 3.5 **Prosperous theme** - A further progress report will be available for the next meeting.

4. Financial Statement

- 4.1 A financial statement detailing all Community Chest, SIB, and SIP approvals up to April 2010 is attached as Annex 2a. There are four proposals for support from SIB, one proposal from SIP, and 26 proposals for support from the 2010/11 Community Chest. Members are requested to approve funding for proposals as detailed in Annex 2b and to note balances remaining for the remainder of this financial year.

5. Recommendations/Options

- 5.1 Members are requested to:
1. Note the contents of the report and agree next steps and actions detailed in Annex 1
 2. Agree recommendations for SIB, SIP and Community Chest funding applications as detailed in 4.1 above and in Annex 2b.

6. Background papers

- 6.1 Annex 1: Community Action: Review Progress
- 6.2 Annex 2: Financial Statements and Funding Requests
- 6.3 Reports to previous committees
- 6.4 Coalfield Local Area Plan

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