East Sunderland Area Committee: 20 October 2014

SIB Live Performance Report: Place Based

Below is a summary of all SIB funded projects showing how they have performed against targets and what they have achieved.

Current Projects

1. Coastal Path- Better than Basic Signage	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A4 Number if events/programmes	14	0		£2,000	£2,000	
of work to improve appearance of			G			G
streets						

The Coastal Path Better Than Basic Signage was awarded £50,000 in April 2013. The main purpose of the project is to provide improved signage along the national coast path.

Following on from a successful community consultation exercise during the Winter 2013, Differentia Designs were commissioned to design the interpretation signs and pull together information to display on the signs. The proposed works were shared with the Coastal Path working group in July 2014. The feedback from the group was positive.

Next steps involve consulting people on the context which will be used on the signs, and checking it for accuracy.

During the Summer, designs for the art work at Panns Bank were consulted upon, resulting in option one 'History of the River Corridor' being chosen.



No concerns about the delivery of the project.

2. Walk and Talk Programme	Output	Output	Progress	Spend	Spend	Progress
	Target	Actual	Indicator	Target	Actual	Indicator
Number of events/programmes of	25	26		See	See	
work to improve appearance of				below	below	
streets			G			G
Number of community or	28	30				
educational events held						

This is the third year of the programme which evolved from Walk and Talk into a 'Love Where You Live' campaign. The main purpose of the project set local community groups and primary schools challenges. Asking them to come up with ideas and projects on how to celebrate what is good in their neighbourhood. The information below provides a snapshot of what was delivered across the East area.

City Centre: Budget: £1,306 (from which £1,000 is committed): Balance remaining: £306

- Six Streets: Local Cllrs, and a range of 10 volunteers from Back on the Map and Sunderland MIND, in partnership with RLS City Centre staff cut back trees, hedges and tidied up a neglected piece of land.
- ICOS delivered a photography competition, asking people to take pictures of beautiful places in the area, but also to identify areas of potential development. An exhibition was staged to showcase the work.

Doxford: Budget: £5,211 (from which £1,100 is committed): Balance remaining £4,111

- Benedict Biscop Academy: 30 pupils from Y5 worked with Nexus and designed posters on 'safety in the community'. The art work is on display in the local bus shelter next to the school. The art work encourages people to not speed or drive dangerously, and promotes road safety i.e. green cross code.
- Doxford Improvements: Match funding was secured to install new street lighting and a footpath in Doxford.

Hendon: Budget: £4,183 (from which £2,367 is committed): Balance remaining £1,816

- Hudson Road Primary School: 8 children from Y5 and Y6 worked together to produce a leaflet of the Grot Spots and Hot Spots of Hendon. The leaflet indicates safe places to play, and not so safe places to play in Hendon.
- The Donnison School: 30 volunteers from The Friends of the Donnison School planted a community orchard and a lavender hedge in their World War I garden.

Millfield: Budget: £4,727 (from which £2,028 is committed): Balance remaining £2,699

- Groundworks NE and local Cllrs organised litter pick in and around Holly Court. After which a BBQ was organised at St Mark's Community Centre for the young people.
- Burn Park: Local Cllrs, and 8 volunteers from Thornholme Residents Association worked alongside RLS City Centre staff to delivered two events to improve the visual appearance of the park, works involved cutting back shrubs, re-establishing paths, litter picking and placing mulch down.

Ryhope: Budget: £6,513 (from which £1,580 committed): Balance remaining £4,874

• St Pauls COE Primary: 30 pupils from Y5 conducted research at Sunderland Museum, to enable the production of art work, which shows how family lifestyles have changed from 1870's to the present day. The art work has been installed by Aurora on the footbridge crossing Stockton Road.

St Michael's: Budget remaining: £4,059 (from which £0 is committed): Balance remaining £4,059

- Hill View Junior School delivered a Christmas concert for older people, including a fair trade café with handmade crafts from the children.
- St Michael's Improvement: Match funding was secured to install double kerbs along Thornhill Park.

Three awards have been awarded for the programme: £30,000, £36,000 and £6,000 SIB, totalling £72,000.

3. Gateway Programme I: improve the visual appearance of main roads	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of events/programmes of work to improve appearance of streets	2	1	G	£21,838	£21,838	G

Approved in January 2013

The main purpose of the project was to improve the visual appearance of the main 'gateways' leading into the City Centre. Six gateways were identified, four of which have been completed. Complaints were received about the bulb planting exercise on Doxford roundabouts, which resulted in the contractor repeating the works again to a satisfactory standard.

Two of the six projects were rolled over into 2014 / 2015 for completion, these were Hylton Road / Holly Court and the roundabouts along the A1018 at Ryhope. The projects were rolled over due to the number of community engagement events and consultation exercises held, which were necessary to conduct to ensure that ClIrs, partners, Officers and residents were aware and in agreement with the proposals. Groundworks North East are the lead on both projects.

Hylton Road / Holly Court: Completed

Three rounds of consultation were held and plans agreed. Landscaping works were completed in April 2014, with the art feature being installed in August. A community celebration event was held with the opportunity to meet the artist.

Ryhope Roundabouts: On-going

Four rounds of consultation were held and plans agreed. Landscaping works were completed in July 2014. Unfortunately concerns were expressed with regards to the use of wildflowers and associated impact on future maintenance requirements. Alternative solutions have been agreed and improvement works will commence in Autumn 2014. Improvements include moving boulders and reshaping the landscapes, which may utilise underspend from other elements of the Gateway programme.

In addition to the landscaping works, art work depicting 26 oyster catchers which will be installed on the site in November.

4. Gateway Programme II: Shopping Centres	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of events/programmes of	4	1	G	£27,100	£15,765	Under
work to improve appearance of						spend
streets						£11,325*

Approved in September 2013

Four shopping centres were targeted to deliver the Gateway II Programme, the main purpose of which involves improving the visual appearance of the parades. The four centres covered by the scheme are: Villette Road, Grangetown, Ryhope Street South and 1-64 Hylton Road.

Villette Road

All improvement works have been completed, this included: refreshing road marking, painting highway barriers and all street furniture, install new bins, hanging baskets and painting shop shutters and sides, window frames and entrance ways.

In return for the improvements, East RLS engaged local traders and were successful in signing up 27 of the 30 businesses to a Voluntary Code of Practice. 2 businesses ceased trade, and 1 already keeps their shop fronts tidy. The Practice is an agreement between the council and the trader to say that both parties will work together to keep Villette Road looking clean and attractive. **£** £11,325 Underspend: Request to use under spend to paint window frames and doors of shop fronts, empty properties and deliver the Grafters Gables Story.

Grangetown Shopping Centre

All improvement works have been completed, this included: painting highway barriers and all street furniture, removing the shrubs around the bus terminal, installing new bins. Paint work to the shop fronts will be completed Autumn 2014.

Road markings have not been completed yet, as it will be picked up as part of the Ryhope Route Action Plan, scheduled for Jan-March 2015. East RLS engaged local traders and were successful in signing up 40 of the 41 businesses to the Voluntary Code of Practice.

Ryhope Street South

East RLS engaged local traders and were successful in signing up 13 of the 19 businesses to the Voluntary Code of Practice. Improvements will be completed in Autumn, once Grangetown Shopping Centre has been finished.

1 – 64 Hylton Road

Improvement works will be carried out during October 2014, with East RLS engaging traders afterwards with a view of signing as many traders up to the Practice as possible.

Although there has been slight delays in the project starting due to the Winter maintenance programme, there are no concerns about the delivery of this project. However, it is worth noting that it the VCoP has the potential to be rolled out across the City, as good practice, with East Area Committee leading the way.

5. Green Adventure	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
To make green space more	8	5	G	£40,000	£13,836	А
accessible, and facilitate its use.						

Approved in June 2014.

The main purpose of this project is to facilitate improvements to green space and encourage access and use of greenspace – for people to get outdoors.

5 small grant projects have been approved by Area Boards in September, with a further 7 in the pipeline which will continue to be discussed at Area Boards.

Completed Projects

Vehicles Activated Signs	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
Number of CCTVs and Monitoring	4	4	G	£29,351	£29.351	
equipment installed						

Running for a second year, due to technical errors during the first year, the project was aimed at reducing speeding and dangerous driving in the East area by installing vehicle activation signs in key locations across the area.

Due to its success the maintenance of the equipment has been absorbed into mainstream services via the Local Transport Plan and rolled out across the City.

Play Safe- Doxford Park CA	Output	Output	Progress	Spend	Spend	Progress
	Target	Actual	Indicator	Target	Actual	Indicator
L9- No of new youth play services	1	1	G	£4,906	£4,906	G

The Play Safe project was awarded £4,906 in March 2011 to improve the external grounds around the centre. The project has now been completed by Groundworks. The Toddler group received positive feedback from families who now use the facility.

Lessons Learned:

The project itself experienced difficulties due to the lack of experience of the lead agent in delivering projects. This resulted in Groundworks North East agreeing to take over the role of lead agent and deliver the work on behalf of the Toddler Group. Without this intervention the grant would have been returned to budget. Therefore it was noted that it is important to ensure that the lead agent has a track record or the confidence to deliver a project before awarding a grant. This element is now a standard part of the evaluation of each SIB funded project across the City.

Doxford Park Improvements	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A4 Number if events/programmes of	2	2	G	£30,053	£30,053	G
work to improve appearance of streets						

The project was awarded £30,053. This amount included £1,683 Walk and Talk and match funding of £4,500 from Gentoo.

Improvement works included the installation of a new footpath along Mill Hill Road, and 12 street lights leading down from Paddon Hill Flats to Doxford Park Way. The works were carried out with no concerns.

Lessons Learned:

This project was identified by local residents raising concerns with ward Councillors, and brought forward to the Place Board and Gentoo for discussion, as a local solution could not be found. The Place Board and Gentoo supported recommendations to align SIB and Gentoo funding towards the identified improvements. It is worth noting that local councillors have received positive feedback from local residents regarding the improvements made through working with local partner organisations at either a ward or area level to solve issues.

Cemetery Improvement Works	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
A4 Number if events/programmes of work to improve appearance of	1	1	G	£17,334	£0	G
streets						

Complaints were received from local residents who visit Sunderland Cemetery in Grangetown about nuisance drivers who have been driving their vehicles over grass verges, and in some cases graves. This caused major distress to those families who have been affected.

A one off capital grant was awarded to establish parking areas, passing places and install directional signage, along with one way road markings around the perimeter route.

Since the works have been completed, local residents have passed on their thanks to local ClIrs and the Council for carrying out the works.