

**20 JUNE 2013**

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF AREA COMMITTEE**

**Coalfield State of the Area Event**

**1. Purpose of Report**

To present Area Committee with the issues collated from questions raised at the recent State of the Area Event, and agree how to progress the issues through the Place and People Boards.

**2. Background**

2.1 Following on from the success of the 'State of the Area' events, held for the first time in 2012, a further event was arranged to take place on 18 April 2013 at the Bethany Christian Centre, Houghton le Spring

2.2 The event provided an opportunity to engage with residents who were able to come along to talk to their local councillors and have their say about the key issues that affect them in the area in which they live and ask questions of decision makers at a local level. In turn we were able to share with them Area Committee achievements over this last year and discuss our plans for action for the year ahead.

**3 Issues Raised**

3.1 A list of issues raised is attached at Annex 1 and captures the key points raised at the event. Each issue has an update and/or suggested action listed against it for consideration. Committee are requested to consider the issues and agree which are able to be actioned or influenced by Area Committee and its Place and People Boards

**Recommendations:**

Committee is requested to:

- Note the issues outlined in Annex 1
- Note the updates and actions against each issue
- Agree next steps against each issue
- Consider point 6 at Annex 1 and agree next steps

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**Annex 1** Issues log from Coalfield Area Event