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Review Progress Summary				
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0	0	4	4	8
Description	Due Date	RAG	Commentary	
RECOMMENDATION 1 To review the waiting restrictions in the Business Park area as a priority and, where appropriate, they be reduced to free up available parking space	01/02/2011		Complete	
RECOMMENDATION 2 A clearway is proposed to ensure the free-flow of traffic along City Way and part of Doxford Park Way	01/02/2011		Complete	
RECOMMENDATION 3 Gaps be included in the proposed waiting restrictions at various locations on Moorside Road and introduced into the existing Prohibition of Waiting on: Monarch Way, Emperor Way, Admiral Way, Victory Way, Glanville Road, Azure Court and Camberwell Way	01/02/2011		Complete	
RECOMMENDATION 4 That the restrictions be fully enforced and the situation monitored to ensure that any problems are not exported to other adjacent areas	01/02/2011		Complete	
RECOMMENDATION 5 That the Council work with the City Hospital to investigate the potential of developing additional park and ride schemes in the city and that measures be taken to better advertise the existing service;	not set		The Council's Residents Parking Scheme for the Hospital will be implemented in December 2011. The Hospital has made little progress on their travel plan, we continue to offer support with development of of the plan.	
RECOMMENDATION 6 That the possibility of constructing a multi story car park on the Hospital site be investigated further;	not set		Not within the Council's powers but it is intended for the Council to engage with the Hospital's management at senior level.	
RECOMMENDATION 7 That the Hospital investigate further the potential relocation of auxiliary facilities in order to help to free up space for additional parking;	not set		Not within the Council's powers but it is intended for the Council to engage with the Hospital's management at senior level.	
RECOMMENDATION 8 In the longer term consideration is given to the possibility and implications of relocating elements of the Hospital to another site within the city.	not set		Not within the Council's powers but it is intended for the Council to engage with the Hospital's management at senior level.	

20mph Zones Policy Review Recommendations

Review Progress Summary				
				Total
0	4	0	3	7
Description	Owner	Due Date	RAG	Progress
RECOMMENDATION 1 An enabling policy, to signal that 20mph and traffic calming measures are an integral part of its strategic approach to road safety and traffic management, as part of the Local Development Framework, be introduced.	Newell, James	31/12/2010		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development Control is ensuring that all new developments are designed to 20mph. LDF work on going
RECOMMENDATION 2 The criteria as suggested by the Jacobs report for assessing 20mph speed limit zones be adopted and used to identify pilot areas and re-evaluated prior to Citywide rollout	Newell, James	31/07/2010		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete
RECOMMENDATION 3 Pilot schemes to be introduced in each of the 15 areas identified in the report in order to assess the impact of 20mph zones in Sunderland and to provide an opportunity to refine the delivery process. Costs to be estimated for schemes and programme developed to deliver. Implementation to be funded through the LTP element of the capital programme	Newell, James	31/12/2010		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first pilot scheme for the Silksworth Area has been included in the LTP programme at a cost of £210,000. The area will use a mixture of methods. Costs for the other areas will be assessed once the initial scheme is complete and more reliable costs are known.
RECOMMENDATION 4 The development of a Communications Plan for the delivery of the programme of 20mph pilot schemes be explored.	Newell, James	not set		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the work for the Silksworth Area consulting methodology is being developed
RECOMMENDATION 5 Arrangements for monitoring schemes both before and after the implementation of 20mph zones be introduced. Traffic speeds to be measured in pilot areas as programme rolled out. Post implementation monitoring to be undertaken 3 months after scheme completion	Newell, James	not set		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensive monitoring is being undertaken in the initial Silksworth Area to gather before implementation data. Upon completion of the scheme and after a reasonable bedding in period speeds will be surveyed again. Further monitoring of the casualty record for the area will continue over the next three years.
RECOMMENDATION 6 The potential delivery of 20mph schemes through the development planning process through encouraging developers to build these treatments into development plans be explored	Donaldson, Bob	not set		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete
RECOMMENDATION 7 Further dialogue is undertaken with Northumbria Safer Roads Initiative (NSRI) to discuss their policies in relation to enforcement of 20mph limits and to explore whether they are receptive to undertaking enforcement action. Meeting to be convened with the NSRI to discuss the 15 pilot schemes and their assistance with enforcement in the areas and potential use on other areas or routes where 20 mph is applied	Newell, James	30/09/2010		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new funding arrangements for the NSRI are now in place. With the reductions in the size of the NSRI resource it will not be possible to enforce 20 mph speed limits except in exceptional circumstances.

Allotment Provision Policy Review Recommendations

Review Progress Summary					
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0	4	0	7		11
Recommendation & Action	Owner	Due Date	RAG	Progress	
RECOMMENDATION 1 Consideration be given to rationalising the existing waiting list along with the introduction of a points system to prioritise future allotment applications	Coburn, Ian	not set			
1.1 Officers will contact those on the waiting lists with a view to confirming their continued interest.	Coburn, Ian	31/10/2010	★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete. Letters were sent to applicants that have been on the waiting list longer than 5 years asking if they still wanted to be on the list. The waiting lists were amended following feedback from applicants.	
1.2 Officers will contact other Local Authorities, partners in APSE, Allotments Regeneration Initiative and others to investigate the viability of a points system	Coburn, Ian	30/09/2010	★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete. Contacted other local authorities through APSE (Association of Public Service Excellence) and ARI (Allotment Regeneration Initiative). All confirmed that a points system is not used as ARI confirmed that the conventional method is "first come, first served" which is based on fairness and equality for all.	
RECOMMENDATION 2 The City Council encourages the take-up of self-managed and leased sites and provides appropriate training and support to interested parties	Coburn, Ian	not set			
2.1 Officers will continue to encourage allotment societies/associations to take on self managed and leased agreements. Officers will involve partners and allotment organisations in promoting, this issue. Meeting/workshop will be arranged to progress this issue	Coburn, Ian	31/12/2010	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been an expression of interest from the Ayton Allotment Association about taking on a self management agreement. Voting papers have been sent out to all plot holders regarding the proposal. 	
RECOMMENDATION 3 In order to bring the City Council's yearly rental charges for allotments in line with those of neighbouring local authorities, a small increase be made to the yearly rental charge for 2010/11 which is ring fenced to the service for re-investment	Coburn, Ian	not set			
3.1 Officers will investigated charges made by other Local Authorities with a view to increasing charges in line with those Authorities. A report recommending increases will be submitted to DLT for consideration and built into the budget cycle for 2011/12	Coburn, Ian	30/09/2010	★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2011 / 2012 allotment charges were increased by 5%- A report on potential new charges for 2012/13 will be produced for submission into the 2012/13 budget setting process October 2011. 	
3.2 Officers will explore with Financial function the viability of utilising possible increases in allotment rental income for improvement works within the service	Coburn, Ian	31/12/2010	★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Director of City Services will receive a proposal by September 2011 to authorise this change. If agreed the budgets will be realigned in the financial year 2012/13 	
RECOMMENDATION 4 Consideration be given to the positive contributions that the City Council's Area Committees could play in the sourcing and allocation of resources for allotments across the city	Coburn, Ian	not set			
4.1 Officers will liaise with Area Co-ordination Team with a view to seeking Area Committee support in funding improvements where they deem action is needed and affordable	Coburn, Ian	31/03/2011	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summerbell Allotments - Groundwork North East have cleaned up seven derelict plots. Five plots will be allocated to people on the waiting list and two plots will be used as a community garden with ten mini plots being created and managed by Groundwork Staff. Shields Road Allotments - Groundwork North East hope to be on site by the end of July 2011. Two plots will be cleared and used as a community garden managed by Groundwork North East. This work is expected to be complete by the end of September 2011. 	

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RECOMMENDATION 5 The practicalities of raising revenue through the land sale of under utilised allotment sites, where appropriate, be further explored	Coburn, Ian	not set		
5.1 Establish with the Planning, Legal and Financial functions whether this approach is practicable under the Council's constitutional and policy framework	Coburn, Ian	31/10/2010	★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete - This issue has been comprehensively investigated with the Director of Financial Resources, Head of Planning and Environment and senior legal officers. It is not considered practicable due to the law relating to allotments and the Council's own financial regulations. Section 8 Small Holdings Act 1926 states "Where a local authority has purchased or appropriated land for use as allotments, the local authority shall not sell appropriate, use or dispose of the land for any purpose other than use for allotments without the consent of (the Secretary of State). Section 23 of the Small Holdings and Allotment Act 1908 imposes a duty upon an allotments authority to meet the demand for allotments within its area. As demand for allotments is high it is questionable that a robust case for selling off sites could be made. Applying for consent would also incur costs. If plots could be sold off, then their value would not be ringfenced to the service. Planning policy protecting greenspace would have to be satisfied. Any proposal to develop an allotment for other uses would need to be justified on the basis of (1) proposals for a suitable replacement site (2) the number of names on the waiting list in the wider area served by the existing site and for the site itself, (3) detailed proposals for any displaced allotment holders.
RECOMMENDATION 6 A rolling programme be established to bring the City Council's existing allotment sites up to an acceptable and consistent standard	Coburn, Ian	not set		
6.1 Officers to produce plans of all sites identifying each allotment plot	Coburn, Ian	30/09/2010	★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete - Plans have been produced for all allotment sites within the City.
6.2 Identify sites that we are unable to let owing to derelict condition	Coburn, Ian	30/09/2010	★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the site audit costs will be obtained for future improvement works.
6.3 Establish the cost of works required to bring plots to that are capable of improvement to a lettable state and a consistent standard. To include provision of perimeter fencing, internal paths, roadways and a water supply	Coburn, Ian	31/01/2011	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A site condition survey is currently being carried out on all allotment sites. This information will be used to establish estimated costs for future improvement works. The Coalfield Area Committee has formed a Task and Result Group for allotments. In March 2011 the Coalfield Area approved £5,665 SIB funding for allotment improvements on the Burnside Allotment site. This funding is still available and the Task and Result Group will decide on how it should be spent. At the July 2011 Coalfield Area Committee meeting it was agreed that £30,000 SIB funding would be allocated for allotment improvements in the Coalfield Area. The Task and Result Group will decide how this is spent.
RECOMMENDATION 7 The City Council's current Allotments Strategy be reviewed and revised to reflect the outcomes of the investigations into recommendations 1-6	Coburn, Ian	not set		
7.1 A new Allotment Strategy will be produced following consultation with all interested parties and relevant organisations and will also consider the foregoing actions	Coburn, Ian	31/03/2011	●	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A draft allotment strategy is currently being produced and will be available for discussion at the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Meeting in September 2011 and will then go out for consultation with all interested parties by the end of the year with a view to being implemented early 2012.