

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 15th October, 2014 at 6:00pm

VENUE – Bethany Christian Centre, Hetton Road, Houghton le Spring, DH5 8PF

Membership

Cllrs Allen, Anderson (Alternate Vice Chair of the Area Committee and Chair of the Place Board), Blackburn, Cummings, Ellis, Lawson (Vice Chair of the Area Committee and Chair of the People Board), Scott (Chair), D. Smith, Speding, Taylor, Turton and Wakefield.

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ELAINE WAUGH

Head of Law and Governance

7th October, 2014

At a Meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held at THE HETTON CENTRE, WELFARE ROAD, HETTON-LE-HOLE, DH5 9NE, on WEDNESDAY, 18TH JUNE, 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Scott in the Chair

Councillors Allen, Anderson, Cummings, Ellis, Lawson, D. Smith, Speding and W. Turton

Also in Attendance:-

Alesha Aljeffri	Manager	Healthwatch Sunderland
Ron Barrass	Member of the Public	
Susan Brown	Area VCS Representative	ELCAP
Charlotte Burnham	Area Lead Executive for the Coalfield Area Committee and Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements	Sunderland City Council
Julianna Heron	Councillor representative	Hetton Town Council
Robert Heron	Councillor	Hetton Town Council
Pauline Hopper	Area Community Officer, Coalfield	Sunderland City Council
Amelia Laverick	Member of the Public	
Michael Mordey	Councillor and Portfolio Holder for City Services	Sunderland City Council
Lisa Musgrove	Neighbourhood Inspector	Northumbria Police
Kay Rowham	Member of the Public	
Nicky Rowland	East Area Response Manager	Sunderland City Council
Christine Tilley	Governance Services Team Leader	Sunderland City Council
Gill Wake	Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to his first meeting as Chairman of the Coalfield Area Committee and the first meeting of the new municipal year and invited all those present to introduce themselves.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Blackburn, Taylor and Wakefield, together with John Chapman (Gentoo), Melanie Caldwell (Gentoo)

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and Leslie Stobbart (Gentoo), Penny Davison (NHS Sunderland), Sam Gallilee (Area VCS Representative), Debbie Hall (Area Response Manager), Jeff Wilkinson (Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service) and Andy Wilson (Area Response Manager).

Declarations of Interest

Item 5 – Area Budgets Report

Councillor Lawson made an open declaration of interest in the report as an employee of Anchor Trust in relation to the application from the Friends of Gillwood Court, a sheltered housing scheme which is part of the Trust.

Councillors Lawson, Scott, Speding and W. Turton made open declarations in relation to the application for SIB funding for Houghton Feast 2014 as Council appointed Members of the Houghton Feast Steering Committee and left the room during the consideration of the item, taking no part in the consideration or decision thereon.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

(i) Partner Agency Reports – Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

Councillor Ellis commented that the minutes did not reflect an issue she had raised at the last meeting regarding the Friends of Rectory Park, a base the Group had used in the park and the exchange of words which had occurred between her and Councillor Speding over the issue.

Councillor Ellis asked that the minutes be amended so the detail of the exchange was included in the minutes of the meeting.

The Chairman stated that he preferred that this not be included, as this type of discussion was not helpful and that the meetings were kept friendly and Members behaved appropriately.

Mrs Christine Tilley, Governance Services Team Leader added that the minutes of the meeting were not a verbatim account of the meeting but rather a record of the decisions made. Therefore the detail of the exchange between the Councillors was not something which would generally be recorded in the official minutes of the meeting.

It was therefore;-

1. **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 9th April, 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Place Board Progress Report

The Chair of the Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which

- provided an annual update of the 2013/14 Work Plan, including SIB funded projects;
- sought Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2014/15;
- provided an update on Place Board Governance Arrangements for 2014/15.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Anderson, introduced herself as the recently appointed Chair of the Place Board and paid tribute to the work the previous Chair, Councillor Scott and the other Members of the Place Board had undertaken during the last year and previous years. Councillor Anderson commented that she was looking forward to the Place Board meetings and to making a contribution alongside other Members some of whom were also new to the Place Board, on the priorities identified on the Work Plan.

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield briefed the Committee on the priorities identified outlined on the proposed Work Plan for 2014/15.

Full consideration having been given to the report it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-
 - a) the Annual Performance Update with regards to the Coalfield Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2013/14 attached as Annex 1 and 2 be received and noted;
 - b) the Coalfield Area Place Board's Work Plan Priorities for 2014/15 attached as Annex 3 be approved and adopted; and
 - c) the Area Governance arrangements for 2014/15 outlined in Section 5 and Annex 4 of the report be received and noted.

People Board Progress Report

The Chair of the People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which

- provided an annual update of the 2013/14 Work Plan, including SIB funded projects;
- sought Area Committee approval for priorities to be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2014/15; and
- provided an update on People Board Governance Arrangements for 2014/15.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Lawson referred the Committee to the People Board priorities detailed on the proposed Work Plan for the forthcoming year detailed at Annex 3 and drew attention to the Area Governance Arrangements set out at paragraph 5 of the report.

Councillor Lawson thanked the Committee for the support which it had provided to the People Board the previous year and reminded Members of the need to attend the Board meetings in order to progress the Work Plan. She welcomed Councillor Cummings to the Board following his election onto the Council in the recent Local Government Elections.

Councillor Lawson referred to paragraph 5.4 of the report and highlighted that the Youth Operations Group was open to all ward Members but had been poorly attended lately. She stated that the Group provided a good way of finding out what was available in each ward, a forum for raising any issues and influencing the delivery of youth services.

Full consideration having been given to the report it was:-

3. RESOLVED that:-

- a) the Annual Performance Update with regards to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2013/14 attached as Annex 1 and 2 be received and noted;
- b) the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan Priorities for 2014/15 attached as Annex 3 be approved and adopted; and
- c) the Area Governance arrangements for 2014/15 outlined in Section 5 and Annex 4 of the report be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network Progress Update

Ms. Susan Brown, Ms. Sam Gallilee and Ms. Ann Owen, Area Network Representatives submitted a report (copy circulated), providing an update with regard to the Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Brown highlighted the issues raised at the Coalfield VCSN meetings held in February and March and in particular the Health Trainers Programme; a team of 12 Health Trainers in the City who will support any resident over 16 years of age with regards to issues such as healthy eating, smoking cessation, exercise and wellbeing.

Ms. Brown highlighted the work going on in relation to the WW1 commemoration project detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report pointing out that a total of 20 VCS groups and 5 schools were engaged in the local project and a sum of £5,000 had been committed to support the activities.

Ms. Brown also highlighted the Coalfield Community Roadshow which will be taking place on 25th October 2014 and is intended to promote the work of local VCS organisations and partners and give local residents the opportunity to find out what services and activities are available in their area.

Full consideration having been given to the report it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police

Neighbourhood Inspector Lisa Musgrove provided the Committee with a verbal update on crime in the Coalfield Area. She advised that overall crime was 1% lower than the same period the previous year. The only area which had seen a significant increase was in shoplifting from local supermarkets where there had been 25 offences since the beginning of April. These had been committed by persistent offenders with higher cost goods such as meat and alcohol being targeted as these items could be sold on more easily. Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove added that although there had been an increase in the number of offences in the Coalfield, it was not at the same level as the city centre.

In response to Members, Ms Musgrove stated that although the current economic climate and welfare reform could be a contributing factor in the number of shoplifting offences, there was no real evidence to show that the thefts could be attributed to this. The force wide operation, 'Operation Soundwave' had resulted in successful arrests being made in the main shopping centres.

In comparison to the above, Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove advised there was a 2% reduction over the period in the number of reports of youth anti social behaviour incidents in addition to the 30% reduction from the previous year across the Coalfields. She added that the biggest issue at the moment was motorcycle disorder and that this was taking place specifically in Houghton, Moorsley and Easington Lane. The Police was actively pursuing working with residents and gathering intelligence which had resulted in a number of arrests having being made.

Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove advised that thought was being given to changing the venues/locations and times for future Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meetings in order to encourage better attendance and she invited Members make suggestions in this respect.

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield stated that she would promote the PACT meetings through the VCS network and circulate the meeting dates to all Members of the Area Committee.

Councillor Speding advised the Committee that he had been assured at a Police and Crime Commissioner meeting that there were no plans to close Houghton Police Station, although the court building was up for sale. Gillbridge and

Farrington Police Stations would be closing but not until bases in the respective communities had been identified from which officers could work.

5. RESOLVED that the update from Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service submitted a report (copy circulated) providing commentary on incidents in the Coalfield Area from 1st April to 31st May 2014.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer advised that as Mr. Jeff Wilkinson, Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service was not able to be present that evening, she would ensure that any questions on the report were passed to him for a reply.

Ms. Hopper commented that the report supported the information provided by Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove in that there was a reduction in the number of fires at Hetton Lyons Country Park.

Councillor Robert Heron enquired whether the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service was able to trace malicious calls.

Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove advised that Northumbria Police were able to trace calls and suspected that the Fire and Rescue Service had a similar system and were able to do the same.

Ms. Hopper advised that she would clarify the position with the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service and report back to Members.

6. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be received and noted.

Healthwatch Sunderland Update

The Chairman welcomed and introduced Ms. Alesha Aljeffri, Manager, Healthwatch Sunderland, who was in attendance to provide the Committee with a presentation on the operation of Healthwatch in the city.

(For copy presentation – see original minutes).

Ms. Aljeffri informed members that Healthwatch was the new independent consumer champion for both health and social care services. As an organisation it was unique as it was a non-statutory body with statutory powers. Healthwatch Sunderland governance was made up of an Executive Board responsible for the

direction of Healthwatch Sunderland and accountable to its membership of local people.

Ms. Aljefri briefed the Committee on progress to date advising that the Healthwatch Sunderland Executive Board had been recruited at the end of October 2013 and had met for the third time in May 2014. Promotional materials continued to be distributed widely at external events to raise awareness and recruit members and posters and leaflets were sent out to council locations, GPs and pharmacies for example, advising what Healthwatch Sunderland is and where it was located. Ms. Aljefri advised that Healthwatch Sunderland was keen to continue promoting the information and signposting service.

Ms. Aljefri highlighted that the issues collected at the last Forum event, from the Information and Signposting service and engagement activity had been collated and a thematic analysis adopted to support the Healthwatch Sunderland Executive Board to prioritise the work plan. The key areas included:-

- Lack of involvement of young people in GP Patient Groups and Health Services;
- Patient and Public Engagement in Health Services; and
- Integrated Care.

Ms. Aljefri outlined Healthwatch Sunderland's next steps, highlighting the aim to recruit more information champions and to work with partners such as the Area Committee Place and People Boards to identify issues.

Councillor Anderson enquired about the across boundary situation and what happens where someone was living within the Sunderland area but was registered with a GP based in County Durham.

Ms. Aljefri stated that across border working was a challenging issue, however each Healthwatch needed to work with each other. Healthwatch Sunderland was considering the issue, scrutinising what arrangements needed to be in place, how to keep those people who were affected, informed, share information between the two Healthwatches and co-ordinate the meetings.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Aljefri for her presentation and it was:-

7. RESOLVED the presentation be received and noted.

Change in the Order of Business

The Chairman advised that item 6 on the agenda regarding the consultation results and findings on the proposed Dog Control Orders would be considered at this juncture to allow the Portfolio Holder for City Services and presenting officer to leave thereafter.

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, Dog Control Orders – Consultation Results and Findings

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which advised Members of the results of the public consultation exercise relating to the Council's intention to implement Dog Control Orders under Part 6 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Michael Mordey, Portfolio Holder for City Services and Ms. Nicky Rowland, East Area Response Manager. He thanked them for attending the meeting in order to present the report to the Area Committee.

Councillor Mordey introduced the report setting out the background to the decision by the Cabinet to implement Part 6 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Ms. Rowland proceeded to brief the Committee on the results of the consultation and highlighted that the survey was completed by 168 residents from all Regeneration Areas, 18 from the Coalfield Area and that 68% of those completing it were dog owners and 66% were dog walkers. Of the four Dog Control Order proposals consulted upon, the results were as follows:-

- a. 90.48% or 152 residents agreed with the proposal to introduce an order making it an offence for a person to fail to clear away after their animal has fouled in any open public area.
- b. 83.93% or 141 residents agreed with the exclusion of dogs from enclosed children's play sites.
- c. 56.55% or 95 residents agreed with the proposal to require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times in open play areas.
- d. 72.02% or 121 residents agreed with the proposal to require dogs to be kept on a lead at all times in cemeteries.
- e. 66.07% or 111 residents agreed with the proposal to enable an authorised officer of the Council to request a dog be put on a lead in any location across the city which is open to the public, where the officer feels it is appropriate to do so.

Ms. Rowland referred the Committee to the slide detailing 'Suggestions' included in the powerpoint slides and explained that officers were recommending that dogs were not allowed to exercise on open play areas when they were not in use to ensure there was no dog fouling. She pointed out that Dog parks or Dog zones were more appropriate for city use and not deemed necessary for the Coalfield area. Ms. Rowland advised that there were over 1000 dog specific waste bins in the city which it was believed was plenty, however requests for additional ones in specific locations would be considered. Ms. Rowland advised that enforcement

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powers could only be given to officers working in Environmental Services and confirmed that suitable signage would be put up in all areas providing information on the Dog Control Order specific to each site.

In response to Councillor Lawson's enquiry in relation to enforcement, Ms. Rowland advised that all frontline Responsive Local Services staff had been trained on the legislation. Initially the approach would be to challenge people in an informative way rather than a confrontational way when they were breaching the Dog Control Orders in place and ask them to remove the dog waste. Stronger enforcement action would be taken over time. Enforcement officers would not be operating out of hours/overnight. If intelligence was received advising of a particular problem location, then a targeted approach could be adopted in order to address the issue.

Members having welcomed the Dog Control Orders, particularly those in relation to children's play areas and cemeteries, it was:-

8. RESOLVED that:-

- a) the information presented in the report be received and noted; and
- b) the implementation of the Dog Control Orders within the Coalfield Area, as outlined in Annex 1 of the report of the Deputy Chief Executive, be endorsed.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman having both declared an interest in the following item and having vacated the room, the alternate Vice Chairman and Chair of the Place Board, Councillor Anderson took the chair for this item of business only.

Area Budgets Report

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) providing a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest funding and presenting proposals for further funding requests to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield presented the report drawing the Committee's attention to the financial position as set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report. Ms Hopper highlighted the application for SIB funding detailed at paragraph 2.2 in relation to Houghton Feast 2014 and to the Community Chest approvals for April and May 2014 as set out at Annex 2 of the report.

Consideration having been given to the report it was:-

9. RESOLVED that:-

- a) the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be noted;
- b) a sum of £10,000 SIB for the Community Engagement and Friday opening programme of Houghton Feast 2014, as set out in paragraph 2.2 and Annex 1 of the report be approved; and
- c) the 14 Community Chest approvals supported from the 2013/14 budget as set out in Annex 2 be noted.

Those Members who had declared interests were readmitted to the room and the Chairman, Councillor Scott resumed the Chair.

Current Planning Applications (Coalfields Area)

A schedule (copy circulated) of current planning applications lodged during the period 1st to 31st May 2014 was submitted for members information only.

(For copy schedule – see original minutes).

10. RESOLVED that the schedule be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) J. SCOTT,
Chairman.

15 October 2014

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

Place Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year's (2014/15) Place Board Work Plan.

2. Background

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan priorities associated with Place were referred to the Coalfield Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board continue to initiate action on those priorities. Progress to date is outlined in the Work Plan at **Item 2 Annex 1**

3. Area Governance Arrangements

3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilizing its own resources.

3.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities.

3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the Place Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	Place Board Membership
Chair/Hetton	Cllr Florence Anderson
Copt Hill	Cllr Anthony Allen
Houghton	Cllr Billy Turton Cllr Sheila Ellis
Shiney Row	Cllr Mel Speding

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to 30 September 2014

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Coalfield Place Board to date.

Action Taken	Outcome
Influence: Responsive Local Services Streetscene	
Influence operational deployment of RLS Streetscene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Area Response Manager ensures that regular communication with all elected members influences street scene service delivery to meet local need

Influence: Environmental issues/ASB	
Address concerns about litter and waste caused by HGV drivers at Houghton Cut layby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised at LMAPS and investigated by relevant officers/partners • CCTV installed • No lorries signs installed • Regular inspections by Northumbrian Water and City Council has shown a reduction in waste left • The protocol for installing the recently piloted 'rock cams' is complete and cameras will begin to be deployed by the end of October 2014
Influence: Empty Properties	
Introduction of Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMOs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Place Board invited Julie Wilkie (Coalfield Empty Properties Assistant) and Liz McEvoy (Principal Housing Manager) to the September meeting to discuss empty properties in the area • The key features of EDMOs were discussed with the Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Housing Act 2004 gives Local Authorities the power to take over the management of some empty properties but not the ownership. ○ Must be empty at least 2 years and have evidence that attracting anti-social behaviour. ○ Housing Neighbourhood Renewal Team will pilot no more than 3 EDMOs this year. ○ Tool of last resort ○ Management of properties will be subcontracted to a Registered Provider or Accredited Landlord. ○ Empty Property Officers have been shortlisting properties which meet the eligibility criteria ○ Monitor both outcomes and costs ○ Review after a year • The Board supported the Team in progressing two EDMOs in the Hetton area
Influence: Tethered Horses	
<p>Members raised the issue of the increasing number of horses tethered on Council land.</p> <p>Unauthorised horses on Council land and public highway is an ongoing and increasing problem. This problem is widespread across the North East of England as well as the rest of the country.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers from Land and Property have attended Place Board meetings and kept members up to date regarding the development of a protocol to deal with the issue • The unauthorised tethering or grazing of horses can pose a risk to the public and increased risk of action against the Council, as landowner, should an incident involving such a horse occur. The presence of an unauthorised horse can also prevent the public from using the land for the purpose it was intended for • The Council is taking steps to address the problem which will involve communication with horse owners, display of public notices and the seizure of unauthorised horses where necessary. The Council is part of a working group of regional councils who are committed to addressing this national problem and who are in consultation with The British Horse Society and DEFRA in regard to forming national best practice procedures to meet the requirements of the Horse Passporting Regulations 2009. • These measures will be implemented over the coming months, including the procurement of an equine bailiff.
Area Priority: Local Shopping Centres	
Business specialists are working with traders in Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row to offer tailored support depending on each individual business need	<p>One to One Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail and business support was offered to traders in Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row by Bsupplied on behalf of Area Committee. Businesses were engaged and assessed to identify where support was most required. A diagnostic for each business was produced with an action plan and recommendations that were implemented during the support stage • One to one support was delivered to 47 individual businesses across Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row. <p>Grant support</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to the business support programme it was agreed that a small grant scheme would be delivered to the maximum of £500 to help any business in the defined areas to spend on either the cosmetic look of the premises internal or external or to develop their business via other marketing initiatives. • This part of the programme has proved to be a major success and of the 47 businesses engaged (as above), 32 received small grants ranging from £300 - £500. • The grant scheme was not promoted but it was reviewed on an individual basis taking into account the return the business would improve on the investment. <p>Trade Association/Forum development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the changes in shopping habits, for example the internet shopping increasing and the big super markets becoming more aggressive it was agreed to set up and operate a “Trade Association” based on giving the retailers a voice in how the shopping centres develop. Houghton was the first association formed in June 2013. It has a full committee and an active membership and is now fully up and running. Work with Hetton traders is underway to further develop an active association. A working party was set up in April 2014 in Shiney Row and is now ready to develop a trader forum. <p>The July and September meetings of the Place Board discussed the success of the SIB funded project and considered options for future delivery. A proposal for further support is recommended by the Place Board and is included in Item 5 (Area Budgets Report).</p>
<p>Identifying areas for development to improve footfall and spending in local shopping centres</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A treasure hunt style ‘poppy trail’ is being designed, to take place in Newbottle Street in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday. Shops taking part will display ceramic poppies in their premises • A ‘Shop Local at Christmas’ campaign is under development • Billboard space has been hired at Shiney Row and Houghton le Spring to promote local shopping centres during December • Lamp post banners are being designed for Hetton • A discount voucher scheme is published in the October edition of Community News • A Christmas lights switch on event in Shiney Row is being arranged for 4.30 p.m. on Thursday 4 December
<p>Area Priority: Love Where You Live and Community Involvement</p>	
<p>Support to local communities to improve and take pride in their neighbourhood</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The allocation of £10,000 SIB funding in June 2013 enabled the Love Where You Live campaign to be expanded and delivered in a planned way. • The introduction of the Street Scene Customer Relationship Officer role has enabled the project to be further developed, delivering educational messages to local schools and community groups • Of the funding allocated, approximately £8,000 has been spent on resources and equipment to support the project, including paint, protective clothing, tools, camera for promotion of events, laminator for posters, certificates etc.. art equipment and resources for school and community activities/competitions and gardening equipment, plants/shrubs/bulbs. • Improvements have been made in locations across the area and have involved many residents and a wide range of partners including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Burnside School ○ Easington Lane Primary School ○ Houghton Kepier School ○ Neighbourhood Police ○ Hetton Greenwatch

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ELCAP ○ HRCAP ○ Herrington Burn YMCA ○ Gentoo ○ Groundwork ○ Houghton Centre for Blind ○ VCS Network ○ Volunteer Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each year more local people are becoming involved in improving the physical environment of their own neighbourhood and helping to get the 'Love Where You Live' message across to others, to encourage the community to become involved and take responsibility for continued improvements • The September meeting of the Place Board discussed the success of the project and supported the development of a continuation project. A proposal for SIB support is recommended by the Place Board and is included in Item 5 (Area Budgets Report).
Area Priority: Events, Celebrations and Heritage	
<p>Support long standing historical events taking place in local communities and develop new ones to celebrate the area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miners banner parades in five localities across the Coalfield area were supported with transport, bands and road closures • The WW1 project delivered via the VCS Network has supported 32 groups to develop a range of innovative and interesting events and programmes. • Remembrance parades in three neighbourhoods are being supported • In order to build upon the success of heritage projects delivered via the VCS Network a proposal for SIB support is recommended in Item 5 (Area Budgets Report).

4. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Coalfield Place Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 including recommendations for future delivery

Annex 1 Work Plan

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PLACE BOARD WORK PLAN

	Area Priority and suggested date for discussion by Place Board	Outcomes/Actions	Suggested Lead Agent (tbc with relevant service)	Comments/info/progress
1	Support for local shopping centres July 2014	<p>Building on the success of previous projects and sharing best practice across the local area.</p> <p>Identifying areas for development to improve footfall and spending in local shopping centres</p> <p>Supporting the dementia friendly shopping centres project</p> <p>Supporting local traders to develop initiatives to increase trade</p>	<p>Pauline Hopper/Debbie Hall</p> <p>Berni Whitaker</p> <p>Pauline Hopper</p> <p>Berni Whitaker/Julie Heathcote</p>	<p>The September Board meeting discussed evaluation results of previous and current support for shopping centres. Best practice from current initiatives have been developed and there is a proposal to the October 2014 Area Committee including environmental schemes in a number of shopping streets across the area.</p> <p>Berni Whitaker attended the July 2014 Place Board to discuss with members the current and future retail support for shopping centres. Options were presented to the September 2014 Board meeting and a proposal is presented to the October 2014 Area Committee for consideration.</p> <p>PH is leading on this work as part of the Dementia Multi Agency Group and sub group. An action plan has been developed and will be shared with the Place Board at regular intervals. A launch of the project took place in September 2014.</p> <p>Houghton Traders Association is now well established. Shiney Row has developed a Trader Forum which meets each month. Hetton is in the process of agreeing the model for their centre. Traders in all areas are being supported to increase trade, and a 'shopping voucher' scheme has been carried out and will be promoted in the October 2014 Community News. The Shop Local project is a marketing initiative to encourage residents to support their local businesses and will be further developed for the Christmas period to include billboards and lamp post banners where appropriate.</p>
2	Community involvement and Love Where You Live (LWYL)	<p>Enhancing community cohesion and collective pride.</p>	<p>Pauline Hopper/VCS reps</p>	<p>Through the VCS Network, a number of projects and initiatives are being developed to bring different sectors of the community together. The Customer Relationship Officer (CRO) for the area will support the delivery of LWYL activities</p>

September 2014	Identifying sites for improvement and supporting a programme of activities to enhance the site	Elected Members	A number of sites for development were identified and in partnership with local schools and community groups have been improved. The September 2014 Board meeting discussed ways to further develop this project and a proposal for continued SIB funding is presented to the October 2014 Area Committee.
	Encouraging residents to participate in maintaining the local natural environment and develop skills associated with planting and growing fruit, veg, herbs and flowers	Pauline Hopper (SIB projects)/Carrie Stokoe	7 small SIB funded environmental projects are currently underway and each will focus on engaging local people to take part in activities to address this action.
3 Make better use of greenspace September 2014	Utilising devolved Public Health funding to create and promote outdoor facilities (In collaboration with the People Board)	Laura Cassidy/Laura Bartlett	£20k has been allocated from the Public Health budget and an all (Coalfield) member workshop was held in mid September to discuss ideas to date and agree actions. The outline proposal for a 'Health and Greenspace' project is presented to the October 2014 Area Committee.
	Identifying green space areas for development	Elected Members	The Health and Greenspace project steering group will collect and collate information regarding spaces which can be incorporated into the project.
	Supporting groups to improve areas and be creative in their use	Pauline Hopper/Carrie Stokoe	Through the VCS Network, a number of projects and initiatives are being developed. The Area Community Officer and Customer Relationship Officer (CRO) for the area will support local groups during delivery of LWYL and greenspace activities
	Promoting health messages	Laura Cassidy/Laura Bartlett	Public Health and Wellness colleagues will assist with the promotion of the health benefits of outdoor and environmental activity. Information will also be disseminated via the VCS Network and schools
	Provide signage regarding local facilities and features	SCC	As part of the Coalfield Health and Greenspace project existing signage will be improved and new signage developed.
4 Environmental improvement and education November 2014	Identifying sites that suffer from neglect and/or dereliction and working in partnership with local groups, residents and council services to enhance land development for public or private use	Pauline Hopper/VCS reps	Examples of partnership projects are a Green Day event at Burnside school, a litter event at Eppleton Academy, a Hetton naturally project, an educational project at Hetton Lyons, a summer school at St Aidans and a youth project clean up at Dubmire
	Supporting the education of residents to understand the consequences of environmental neglect	Carrie Stokoe	Through community and school events a consistent message is being delivered regarding the impact of human behaviour on the environment. All schools in the area have been offered the opportunity to attend Safety Works, and the CRO for the area is delivering relevant messages to schools via talks at assemblies

		Supporting programmes that educate all residents to appreciate natural growth and wildlife in the local area	Pauline Hopper (SIB projects)	7 small SIB funded environmental projects are currently underway and each will focus on engaging local people to take part in activities to address this action.
5	Monitor and maintain improved land January 2014	Ensuring local improvements already made continue to succeed	Debbie Hall/Pauline Hopper	To ensure that improvements made as part of 2012/13 and 2013/14 priorities are maintained, the Area Community Officer and Area Response Manager will continue to monitor and take action where necessary.
		Supporting the collaboration of the VCS, councillors, residents and council services to contribute to the maintenance of the local environment		A number of joint projects to maintain improvements have been supported by the CRO. This will be further developed with relevant Council services over the coming months.
6	Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee TBC	1. Work with individuals and communities to take more responsibility for and be passionate about keeping local communities clean, green and well looked after. Develop approach(es) to deal with neglected:- Land, Housing, Shopping Parades Industrial Estates, through interventions appropriate at Area Level	Gill Wake	This will develop over time and will deliver the Board's influencing role in statutory and core service provision. This will be in addition to, and linked with, the local priorities outlined above in 1-5 Liz McEvoy and Julie Wilkie attended the September Place Board meeting to update the Board on Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMOs). A pilot of the orders will be delivered on 2 properties in the Hetton area. One of the issues being addressed through the developing Intelligence Hub is community clean-ups which will inform focused activity to ensure it is fit for purpose and addressing broader issues across the area - such as ASB etc.
		2. Re-consider how members can influence the allocation of S106 funding at an area level	Gill Wake	To be confirmed
		3. To influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme	Les Clark	The November 2014 Place Board will receive an update of the current (2014/15) programme and also proposals for 2015/16. Budget to be confirmed.

15 October 2014

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

People Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year's (2014/15) People Board Work Plan.

2. Background

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan priorities associated with People were referred to the Coalfield People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board continue to initiate action on those priorities. Progress to date is outlined below and in the Work Plan at **Annex 1**

3. Area Governance Arrangements

3.1 Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilizing its own resources.

3.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities.

3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the People Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

Ward	People Board Membership
Chair/Shiney Row	Cllr Anne Lawson
Copt Hill	Cllr Derrick Smith Cllr Colin Wakefield
Hetton	Cllr James Blackburn Cllr John Cummings
Houghton	Cllr Gemma Taylor

Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to date

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Coalfield People Board up to 30 September 2014.

Action Taken	Outcome
Influencing : Early Intervention and Locality Based Services	
Review of Youth Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The People Board meeting in September 2014 was presented with an update on the performance of the current commissioned Youth Contracts. • This information was broken down into numbers of 8-10 year olds and 11- 19 years old who have made contact with the provision; participated; recorded an outcome; progressed to an accredited outcome as well as value for money details including

	<p>cost per session and per contact..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the need to secure financial efficiencies from April 2015; Members were asked to consider the performance information and feed in their views to support the review of current and future delivery. • People Board Members requested a full meeting to be arranged in order that all Coalfield Members can input into this review. A meeting is to be arranged.
Area Priority: Healthy life choices	
Support local improvements that promote healthy weight for children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIB and CCG joint funded projects are continuing to deliver against this priority. An update on the projects is attached at Annex 2. • The June 2014 Area Committee recommended that an 'opportunity fund' to encourage young people to design, develop and deliver small projects was designed. This resulted in the 'CAN DO' fund which is available for young people to apply to directly. The People Board awarded three grants in July 2014. The deadline for the next round is 27 October 2014 and young people will be invited to present their ideas to the November 2014 People Board.
Facilitate access to green space to support physical and mental wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following discussions at the Place and People Boards, VCS Network and with a range of partners, a 'Health and Greenspaces' workshop was held in September 2014. • The Workshop discussed a range of proposals suggested at various meetings and agreed to further develop an outline project to present to Area Committee at this (October 2014) meeting (detail in Item 5, Finance Report)
Area Priority: Improve emotional health and wellbeing by reducing the impact of welfare reform	
Ensure advice and support is available at a local level and deliver shared priorities with CCG and Public Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of partners have worked with ShARP to develop the idea of delivering an 'Early Action' initiative to support residents in the Coalfield area whose emotional and mental wellbeing is affected by financial hardship. The partners agreed that a 'Community Advice Triage Service' in GP Surgeries should be designed and piloted in the area. ShARP, as the Lead Agent, has further developed this thinking with a view to submitting a funding application to Comic Relief to deliver the pilot. (further information attached at Annex 3) • The People Board and partners from Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Gentoo, Public Health and Sunderland City Council agreed to support ShARP in the development and implementation of a pilot 'advice in GP surgeries' project
Area Priority: Support social participation for older and vulnerable people	
Support Age Friendly City and Dementia Friendly Community priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board received a presentation by Alan Padgett of Age UK and considered the Checklist of Essential age-friendly city features. It was agreed that consideration of the checklist would be given and those things already in place/in the pipeline in the Coalfield Area would be identified. • A summary of current initiatives in the Coalfield area was prepared by the People Board and submitted to Age UK to include in their draft action plan.

Design and implement Dementia Friendly Shopping Centre (DFSC) pilot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Houghton Traders Association members plus the local neighbourhood police team, Gentoo and St Michael's and All Angels parish church agreed to take part in the pilot which is supported by the Alzheimers Society • Two local carers agreed to take part in the pilot as 'consultees or advisors' when time allows. A meeting was held with them on 16 September at the Carers Centre to discuss ways to improve their shopping experience • The Alzheimers Society delivered an awareness workshop to traders and other local organisations on 24 September. A total of 27 people attended. This will now be offered to other traders and organisations • The launch of the DFSC project took place on Friday 26 September in Newbottle Street. An article in the Sunderland Echo highlighted the project • Gentoo, Carers Centre, Essence Service and Alzheimers Society were on hand at the launch to give information and advice to shoppers and local organisations • The Champion for the project is Councillor Graeme Miller (cabinet member and portfolio holder) and the project is also supported by the Head and Chair of Governors of Bernard Gilpin School (the only Dementia Friendly School in the North East) • Businesses who sign up to the Dementia Friendly Shopping Centre scheme can display a sticker in their window to let customers know that people with dementia will get a warm welcome
Area Priority: Local events, celebrations and heritage	
Support events and celebrations in local communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last meeting of Area Committee approved an allocation of £10,000 SIB to deliver the community element of the Friday evening opening of Houghton Feast • A total of six schools and six community groups were involved in music and art workshops to prepare performances and artwork for the opening event • Local pipe, brass, youth and school bands, along with a school choir and dance school have been supported to take part • A life size soldier has been produced and was the 'centrepiece' of the opening ceremony of Houghton Feast on Friday 3 October

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to:

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 including proposals for future delivery

Annex 1 Work Plan
Annex 2 Healthy Lifestyles projects
Annex 3 Advice in GP Surgeries project

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PEOPLE BOARD WORK PLAN

	Area Priority	Outcomes/Actions	Suggested Lead Agent (tbc with relevant service)	Comments/Info/Progress
1	Improve emotional and mental health & wellbeing in families and communities by helping reduce the impact of welfare reform September 2014	Ensuring that advice and support is available at a local level (incl SIB support for ShARP)	Alison Aisbitt	Local services are being tailored to meet the needs in the area. ShARP is the contracted provider for 1st tier advice and is working in partnership with Gentoo and other local organisations to provide a co-ordinated service to local people. A project to continue and further develop a volunteer advice project at ShARP has been funded via SIB and will commence in November 2014. Volunteers are being trained to specifically work with people who need extra support which is not provided elsewhere, for example in helping older people and vulnerable adults in filling in forms on line. The volunteers will also be able to spend time with these clients and advise on the other support services that are available, for example access to training courses on money management, savings and loans, joining a credit union, free energy advice etc
		Supporting the VCS in responding to local need	Pauline Hopper	The Area Community Officer provides the support to the Network to develop and deliver projects to contribute to area priorities. At the September 2014 meeting of the Network, a number of partners raised concerns about the reliance on food parcels due to various issues including benefit sanctions and delays in payments. Local organisations will share intelligence and concerns to address such issues and the VCS Network has raised this subject in their report to October 2014 Committee.
		Delivering against shared priorities with the CCG, PH and other partners to reduce negative health impact	ShARP/CCG	The People Board and partners from Sunderland City council, CCG and Gentoo are supporting ShARP in the development of a project to pilot 'Advice in GP Surgeries'

2	Support opportunities to access services, training and learning for young people at risk of becoming NEET November 2014	Working with partners promoting local job fairs, employment promotions and business connectors	VCS Network	This will be an agenda item for a future VCS Network meeting to identify what services and activities are available locally
		Supporting access to training, learning and volunteering, linking with Connexions, FACL and Children's Centres	Andrew Carton	Connexions colleagues to be invited to the November 2014 meeting to explore further
		Supporting the development of social media to enhance training and learning opportunities with training to enhance the digital skills required	Andrew Carton	Connexions colleagues to be invited to the November 2014 meeting to explore further
		Contributing to the development of the community library service	Allison Clark/Jolene Dunbar	Regular meetings and communication with community library staff will develop this further over the coming months
2	Healthy life choices for children, young people and adults with a focus on physical wellness and sexual health January 2015	Working in partnership with CCG and Public Health to deliver outcomes against shared priorities in the Coalfield	Public Health/CCG	Public Health and Sunderland CCG have also developed priorities and action plans for the coming year. Both partners will work with the People Board on shared priorities. With joint funding (SIB and CCG local innovation fund) a number of small projects to encourage healthy lifestyles are being delivered (an update is provided to October 2014 Area Committee as part of the People Board report)
		Supporting local improvements that promote healthy weight for children and young people	Laura Cassidy/VCS Network	Public Health and Wellness colleagues are attending the VCS Networks and engaging with local people to encourage and enable them to engage in healthy activities
		Improving local rates for accessing chlamydia screening, contraception clinics, sexual health clinics and reducing teenage conceptions	Public Health/CCG	Members have been informed and consulted during the sexual health review and local services need to be promoted and made more accessible to encourage young people to take up what is available

		Ensuring the VCS are supported to deliver outcomes in partnership with council services	Pauline Hopper/VCS Network	The VCS Network is the recognised channel of communication between the Council, its services, and the Voluntary and Community Sector. The Area Community Officer provides support to the Network to develop and deliver projects to contribute to area priorities
4	Local Events, celebrations and heritage February 2015	Supporting long standing historical events and celebrations taking place in local communities		An area-wide programme of activity has been developed to mark specific events of note including WW1 100 years remembrance, banner parades, Houghton Feast and local Christmas events. Working in partnership with Heritage colleagues and VCS partners local groups are becoming more involved and taking ownership for local events
5	Support increased social participation for vulnerable and older people, including those with dementia, learning difficulties and physical disability January 2015	Dementia friendly shopping centres project	Pauline Hopper/Multi Agency Dementia Group	Houghton le Spring has been successfully registered with the Alzheimers Society to work towards becoming a 'Dementia Friendly Community'. In partnership with Age UK, Alzheimers Society, CCG and other key organisations, Sunderland City Council are working with Traders to implement the programme. A launch of the initiative took place in September 2014.
		Supporting dementia awareness training		SIB funded training has now been completed. The Health Trainers programme now delivers a dementia module as part of the certificate. Further opportunities for local training are being explored as part of the Multi Agency Dementia Group.
		Working with VCS partners to promote social and befriending opportunities for those with learning and/or physical disabilities	VCS Network	The 'One Directory' (Sunderland City Council) and the Wellness Guide (Washington Mind) are key tools in identifying social opportunities available locally. VCS partners share information at the Network meetings and signpost people to local provision. Hetton New Dawn are working as part of the Essence service to support befriending and social activities.
		Build upon successful local projects that have benefitted local residents	Pauline Hopper/Area Committee	An evaluation of projects delivered using SIB small grants funding will take place to establish areas for future development

6 Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee TBC and developed over time to deliver the Board's influencing role in statutory and core provision. This is in addition to the local priorities outlined above in 1-5 above	1. Develop New Relationship with Schools	Gill Wake	TBC and developed over time to deliver the Board's influencing role in statutory and core provision. This is in addition to the local priorities outlined above in 1-5 above
	2. Improve access to green/open/blue space, to support further participation in physical activities. (Greenspace Grant of £20k per area).	Laura Bartlett/Laura Cassidy	£20k has been allocated from the Public Health budget and an all (Coalfield) member workshop was held in mid September to discuss ideas to date and agree actions. The outline proposal for a 'Health and Greenspace' project is presented to the October 2014 Area Committee.
	3. Review of Museum Services	Gill Wake	TBC and developed over time to deliver the Board's influencing role in statutory and core provision. This is in addition to the local priorities outlined above in 1-5 above
	Review of Youth Contracts	Jane Eland	The September People Board meeting was presented with an update on the performance of the current commissioned youth contracts. Members requested a full meeting to be arranged in order that all Coalfield Members can input into this review. A meeting is to be arranged.

SIB/Coalfield Area Committee-CCG Project Summaries & Updates August 2014

Sexual & Mental Health

Total Grants Awarded	£14,186
CCG Contribution	£7,093

1. Peers Educators project, Herrington Burn YMCA

Herrington Burn YMCA proposal was to work with 8 young people aged 15-19 years to train them to become peer educators for other young people around issues relating to sexual, mental, physical and emotional health and wellbeing.

The project will culminate in a day event available to young people across the Coalfields area, specialist services and local community residents which will include activities and workshops to promote a healthy approach to sexual, mental, physical and emotional health.

Progress August 2014

8 young people attended a residential during the Easter holidays where they took part in a range of activities & workshops aimed at increasing their understanding of sexual and mental health issues.

The residential enabled the group to work together, share knowledge & skills, start to evaluate the resources available & look at how new resources can be developed to inform the project delivery to other young people.

2. Looking After Yourself, SNCBC

A rolling programme of Looking After Yourself Workshops will be delivered over a 4-week duration. Sessions will include eat well – feel better, sexual health, exercise and mental health, believe in yourself and take time out, all aimed at young people aged 11-19 years. In addition sessions will cover issue based work around drugs and alcohol and the related risk taking behaviour. 16 courses – 4 per ward

Progress August 2014

Project delayed until after school summer holidays

3. Healthy Young Minds, Washington Mind

Childhood and teenage years are when mental health is developed and patterns are set for the future. This project will offer a variety of training opportunities that will complement the existing mental health services available locally. The project will

- Increase awareness of the services and support available to young people, via awareness raising events and promotional activities
- Deliver activities and services to young people (and those working with young people) to reduce risk taking behaviour through mental health first aid training, suicide prevention and stress awareness
- Provide peer support workshops including increasing self-esteem, self-harm support and promoting emotional resilience

Progress August 2014

The project commenced on 25th March 2014 with a Self-esteem group starting at the Hetton centre this ran for 6 weeks with 11 young people starting and 7 completing the course, evaluations from this were used to deliver creative self-esteem courses through music and crafts (identified by young people as being good ways to improve self-esteem). A creative group delivered by Visualise commence 1st April 2014 The Wellbeing through Music group facilitated by the Rockskool

commenced on the 25th April with 6 young people benefiting.

Following a Suicide awareness session at Shiney Row college a short film about suicide prevention is being produced and a Life Worth Living course for the staff at Sunderland College is due to be delivered at a time that is suitable for the teaching staff. We have worked with young people from the Coalfields area (42) in a project delivered at Farrington School to understand the characteristics healthy/unhealthy relationships. Work is continuing with 7 of these young people.

An outcome of the work so far is recognising the need for self-harm support in the area we are therefore piloting Understanding Self-harm training in Hetton and Houghton Kepier schools.

Healthy Life Choices for Young People

Total Grants Awarded	£31,673
CCG Contribution	£15,836

1. Family Health Project, Herrington Burn YMCA

Herrington Burn YMCA will deliver a series of 4 family health projects each working with groups of 8 children/young people and a member of their family over a 6 week programme exploring what is healthy eating, food safety, skill development of cooking in a group and at home and taking part in a range of physical activity and exercise opportunities appropriate to their abilities/disabilities.

Progress August 2014

The project started in February with 5 sessions completed. Total of 14 families engaged all have reported that the sessions have had a positive impact on their home lives by eating healthier and cooking together as a family and making meals from scratch instead of microwave and processed foods.



2. Children, Families, Food and Ceramics, ELCAP

We will work with MBC Ceramics to deliver a project that will encourage both changing lifestyles around food and diet and give young people and their family's skills to develop healthy eating. The project will introduce ceramics as a tool to also look at producing good food on a low budget as well as provide ICT skills and training. They will produce a recipe book and create a ceramic salad/eating bowl. This will be offered over a six month schedule in a workshop style setting at Easington Lane Community Access Point.

Progress August 2014

Project ran from February to July and engaged 47 young people and their families making salad bowls & plates as well as developing healthy eating recipes. The project took a whole family approach working with all ages which included the toddler group; this helped to increase numbers and attendance. The whole project worked well through the flexibility of the delivery with a particularly successful event being Fruity Fridays which brought all the groups together to see the project and how

it differed according to age and ability.

There have been some positive comments received from participants such as two parents commenting on how 'having fun and not told to lose weight' had changed their eating habits and started to cook from scratch more. Also they had all started doing a 'little more exercise' resulting in dad losing 3 stone, Mam 2 stone 6lbs, daughter (16) ½ stone and son (15) 2 stone. A typical breakfast had been a Gregg's pasty or sausage roll on the way to school, lunch was another take away and tea lasted all night with non-stop eating. They say they would all be in trouble if they had not changed their ways. They now have learned to cook, shop better and use the support of the project and their peers.



3. Tackle it Health/ Fit for football, Foundation of Light

Tackle It programmes use a combination of sports coaching, classroom and workshop sessions to teach people about positive choices which impact on their academic, health and social lives. Tackle It Health/Fit for Football address key issues in health, nutrition and exercise which can then be incorporated into everyday activity, facilitating and encouraging a healthy lifestyle approach by the whole family. The use of bespoke work booklets reinforces key messages, with whole session activities evidencing understanding, awareness and application.

Progress August 2014

During the summer term Tackle It Health was delivered to over 90 primary school children in the Coalfields area. Hetton Lyons Primary and Easington Lane Primary engaged in six-week courses delivered to four Year 5 and 6 classes



Course Outcomes To Date:

- Three schools engaged in Tackle It Health
- Six classes completed the Tackle It Health six-week course
- 128 young people engaged in Tackle It Health course
- Total males – 72

- Total females – 56
- 124 participants improved access to and participation in football and sport
- 124 participants improved access to and participation in learning
- 124 participants improved awareness and increased knowledge of healthy choices
- 98 participants improved awareness and increased knowledge of safe choices
- 98 participants improved life chances
- 128 participants improved wellbeing

4. Healthy Eating Awareness Programme, Washington Mind

The majority of eating disorders and unhealthy eating patterns commence during school age so the preventive aspect of this package targets all young people aged between 11 - 16 year olds, their parents and the professionals working with this age group This project will help to deliver the Healthy Life Choices for Young People priority by developing and delivering a series of workshops for young people, parents and professionals, providing online support and advice and offering access to exercise sessions and 'pamper' feel good sessions.

Progress August 2014

The project commenced on 26.3.14 the workers worked with young people at the Hetton centre in an active participation session to look at good mood food, body image, emotional eating and eating distress, with taster pamper sessions provided. This helped establish young people's viewpoints about how parents, carers and professionals could best help them with eating distress.

The first scheduled Eating distress course commenced 10/04/14 but did not complete because of low numbers (five started reducing to two who went on to receive individual support). Feedback from this course led the facilitators to redesign the next course to address some of the issues faced; the second course was more successful and commenced 3.6.14 seven young people have completed and have helped develop a Factsheet for parents and professionals, so that they can know how best to support a young person.

On the back of this a series of 'good mood events' (using more positive language was part of the learning from this) are taking place in July and August in the Coalfields area and an Emotional Eating Course is now in development.

5. High Five, SNCBC

A rolling programme of Five Healthy Eating and Fitness sessions will be delivered over a 5 week duration. The sessions will include practical cookery demonstrating healthy alternatives, portion size control, healthy eating on a budget, food safety and a 30 minute physical activity suitable to the diversity of the age range. Each family session will accommodate 8 adults and their children. Guest speakers from partner organisations will be invited to attend.

Progress August 2014

Project delayed until after school summer holidays

6. Trails, Snails and Scales, Groundwork

The project will create a trim trail at Elba Park and which will be used, alongside the allotment sessions, as a space to run weekly activities such as exercise sessions, treasure hunts, habitat creation and mini beast hunts. The sessions at the trim trail will also encourage families to create their own outdoor play and exercise ideas, giving them the confidence to continue to undertake health outdoor exercise as a family in the long term. After these initial outdoor exercise sessions the focus will change to growing food, healthy eating and cooking. The group will complete sessions at the allotment, where they will learn how to grow and cook vegetables onsite. Exercise and growing

sessions will run from March to June after the trim trail has been installed.

Progress August 2014

The project was initially delayed due to the contractors installing the Trim Trail. This was finally completed and signed off in July and we have had very positive feedback from park users. We were able to buy 4 pieces of wooden climbing/balancing apparatus and 4 sets of thermoplastic markings.



Healthy activity sessions have now been advertised and sessions will focus on showing families different ways they can be more active in green spaces by creating games, looking for wildlife and using the new trim trail.

7. Healthy Life Choices for Young People, Herrington St Aidan's Team Sports

The programme will run during school holidays (starting at Easter) and will consist of a combination of physical activity and sports sessions as well as healthy eating and nutrition sessions in the form of 'cook and eat' and education sessions

Progress August 2014

The project commenced in the Easter holidays with 62 young people attending over a 4 day period. The half term sessions in May were hit with bad weather which reduced the attendance to 15 per day enjoying a mix of exercise classes, healthy eating sessions and fishing.

By the first week of the summer holidays over 70 young people regularly attended the fitness sessions with 8 continuing to enjoy the outdoor experience of fishing.

Can Do

Amount available	£14,142
CCG contribution	£7,071

It was agreed that the balance remaining from the approved allocation from the Call for Projects above could be utilised to develop an 'opportunity fund' to encourage young people to design, develop and deliver small projects themselves. Young people would be expected to present their idea to the People Board who would agree whether the project receives funding.

The criteria is that projects contribute to one or more of the following -

Increasing Participation:

Taking part in activities which can influence decision-making and bring about change

Being healthy:

Enjoying good physical and mental health and living a healthy lifestyle

Improving skills:

Taking part in activities and learning to increase opportunities and achieve goals

Progress August 2014

First group of young people presented their ideas to the People Board on July 7 with a total of £1,265 awarded to 3 projects:

- The Art Awardees
- Because We Can
- XL Friday Group

Projects included support for trips & activities to build up self-esteem & team bonding and travel costs for a speaker from London to come and deliver a session on human trafficking held in the Council Chambers

Next round of applications will be presented to the November Peoples Board.

Coalfield Area People Board Monday 8 September 2014

People Board Workplan Local Priority: Improve emotional and mental health & wellbeing by reducing the impact of welfare reform

Action:

Deliver against shared priorities with the CCG, Public Health and other partners to reduce negative health impact

Background:

The aim is to combat financial hardship and its associated effects including mental health, child poverty and a perpetuation of families living with income deprivation. The early action approach promotes better co-ordination and shaping of preventative services, delivered to the right people at the right time, in the right settings, integrating health and social wellness.

A number of partners have worked with ShARP to develop the idea of delivering an 'Early Action' initiative to support residents in the Coalfield area whose emotional and mental wellbeing is affected by financial hardship. The partners agreed that a 'Community Advice Triage Service' in GP Surgeries should be designed and piloted in the area. ShARP, as the Lead Agent, has further developed this thinking with a view to submitting a funding application to Comic Relief to deliver the pilot.

What are the needs we hope to address?

- Stress related issues which have a financial reason
- People on medication for stress without dealing with the cause
- Increasing pressure on health services

Who should be involved?

- ShARP
- Sunderland City Council
- CCG and GP Surgeries
- Gentoo
- Other partners?

What would the service look like?

Triage would take a person-centered approach, working holistically to identify root causes of problems both in health and social terms. E.g. a patient attending their doctors for sleeping pills would receive support to identify the causes of their sleeplessness perhaps brought on by financial stress or hardship. The community triage would collate information on services/activities/grants that are available and act as a conduit in supporting clients to access the relevant opportunities.

What outcomes will be achieved?

- Person centered approach to advice will ensure clients know the support available
- Reduced the numbers of people being medicated for stress
- Health professionals see the benefit of an holistic approach to 'social prescribing'

What does long term success look like?

- People better equipped to deal with their problems

- More activities/services being referred/advised upon
- Healthier people, better prepared to deal with their financial situation
- Improved mental health
- Empowered people who know where to go to get the help that they need
- Reduction in pressure on health services
- Joined up network of provision
- A change in the way that services are designed and commissioned

15 October 2014

REPORT OF COALFIELD AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network

2. Background

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.
- 2.2 Coalfield Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

3. Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN) Progress Report

The Coalfield VCSN has met three times since the last Area Committee in June 2014.

3.1 July 2014

Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference of this group were circulated and discussed. There is a requirement for VCS representatives to be selected on a rolling programme with one rep stepping down from their position each year. The longest service representative Ann Owen will be the first rep required to stand down in order for new nominations to be made (existing rep is eligible to be nominated and be reselected). The group agreed that the first selection process will take place in March next year in line with the new financial year, and then each March thereafter.

Maximising Greenspace ideas

£20k Public Health funding has been made available for improving use of greenspace in the area for the benefit of local people's wellbeing. A discussion took place on how the resources would be best used and the group acknowledged that the area was fortunate to have such a wide selection of accessible open space and that what was already available should be promoted and co-ordinated focusing on the whole area and not one or two specific sites. Signs in parks and on footpaths would help to let people know what is available and point out interesting walks and routes which people could use. Activities aimed at young people were of particular interest to the group..

3.2 August 2014

All Together Sunderland

Sam Meredith, Corporate Communications, Sunderland City Council informed the meeting of the **All Together Sunderland** campaign. It is a campaign between the Council and partners, currently giving information and advice on 'making your money go further'. The campaign is in its early days and as it develops will focus on other themes and subjects including health and wellbeing. The Network members expressed their wish to ensure that other programmes and initiatives are taken into consideration during the development of the campaign so as not to duplicate local information sources and projects.

A WW1 Commemoration project has been delivered by the Network and members. HLF (Heritage Lottery Funding) and Area Committee SIB (Strategic Initiative Budget) funding

allowed local groups and organisations to come together to plan and deliver a range of displays, activities and programmes to remember and mark the First World War. A total of 32 VCS groups and 5 schools have been engaged in the local project and have delivered a wide range of activities and events including an art project making ceramic poppies, a war memorial research project, a sewing project making WW1 costumes and show and tell events. A memory garden project launch in August 2014 was attended by over 60 local school children. The VCS Network welcomes the opportunity to develop this project and request that Committee consider further SIB support to the Network to continue the project beyond 2014. Groups involved in the project include:

- Easington Lane Community Access Point
- Elemore Banner Group
- St Andrews Church
- Bramble Hollow
- Penshaw CA
- New Penshaw Ladies Club
- Houghton Older People
- Elemore Ladies Club
- Easington Lane Senior Citizens Group
- St Aidans Church
- St Oswalds Church
- Friends of Rectory Park
- Friends of Houghton Hillside Cemetery
- Houghton Race Course Community Access Point
- Friends of Cherry Tree Gardens
- MS Society (Hetton Group)

Health Champions

It was identified that although a large number of people have completed the dementia awareness module of health champions, there has not been much take up of the core modules required to be a certificated Health Champion. Modules include healthy eating, smoking, and drug and alcohol misuse. The course also provides a lot of generic health information. The group were encouraged to sign up.

3.3 September 2014 Essence Service

An overview of the Essence Service was given to the group. Essence Service has been commissioned by the CCG to support people with a recent diagnosis of dementia and to support their carers across the City of Sunderland area. The office is based at Doxford Park and is hoping to achieve Centre of Excellence.

Essence Service work is led by Age UK Sunderland in partnership with Alzheimer's UK, Hetton New Dawn, Bangladeshi Centre and Carers Centre. The criteria for referrals is that the patient must have a clear dementia diagnosis. Once the referral is received a member of staff will make contact either at their home or any alternative venue, to discuss and agree a personal plan. The aim is to get to know the person and offer any support or advice on any topic such as Power of Attorney, Finances and social activities.

Essence Service is not there to duplicate services, they will signpost to the appropriate service in the first instance and if there is a gap will support that person for as long as possible.

Essence Service mainly would take referrals from Memory Protection Service at Monkwearmouth site but agreement is made that referrals will be taken from any dementia sufferer who has a diagnosis.

Information Sharing

A Coalfield Community Road Show Event on the 25th October 2014 from 10 – 2.00 p.m will be held in the Hetton Centre. There will be over 30 local groups and organisations promoting the range of services and activities available in the area. Residents of the area are invited to come along and find out what is happening in their area and what support they can receive on a number of issues such as IT support, debt advice, money management, healthy lifestyles and youth activities. There will be activities for children and families to take part in. Area Committee Councillors are invited to attend the event in order to speak to local residents, and to find out what the VCS Network members are delivering in the area.

Hetton New Dawn is working with Hetton Fellowship to deliver a weekly food bank held at the Central Point Church but due to the proposed sale of the building an alternative venue is required. New Dawn is in discussion with SNCBC who may be able to offer premises at the Flatts at Easington Lane during the day. There are people using the food bank regularly and are relying on it. People who are on benefit delays, benefit sanctions, emergency appeals and single mums and large families regularly request help. The Network discussed these issues and is concerned about the reliance on food banks. Partners agreed to co-ordinate the support they offer and share information with each other.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested

- To note the contents of the report
- To consider the continuation of the successful heritage project
- To promote and attend the 'Coalfield Community Roadshow'
- To consider the Network's concerns about the impact of welfare reform, especially with regard to reliance on food banks

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Sunderland Coalfields Area Committee Report 01/07/2014 -24/09/2014

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Sunderland Coalfields Area Committee

The following report provides commentary on Sunderland Coalfields area incidents from 1st July 2014 to 24th September 2014

Some incident data may not be validated and therefore subject to change.

LI 2 Number of Deaths from all fires

No deaths were recorded during the reporting period.

LI 3 Number of injuries from accidental fires in dwelling (Excluding precautionary checks and first aid given at the scene)

There were two LI 3 injuries in the Sunderland Coalfields Area during the reporting period.

Both injuries were 'victim went to hospital, injuries appear to be slight'.

There was one injury ('victim went to hospital, injuries appear to be slight') in this area over the same period last year.

LI 4 Number of injuries from accidental fires in dwellings

There were two LI 4 injuries during the reporting period.

Both injuries were 'victim wen to hospital, injuries appear to be slight'.

There were two injuries in this area over the same period last year. One injury was 'victim went to hospital, injuries appear to be slight' and one injury was 'precautionary check recommended'.

LI 8 Number of accidental fires in dwellings

There were two LI 8 incidents over the reporting period.

There were five LI 8 incidents in this area over the same period last year.

Incident ref	Date	Time	Street	Locality	Ward	Property level 4	Room of origin
42015748	07/09/2014	18:11	LYONS LANE	EASINGTON LANE	Hetton Ward	House - single occupancy	Kitchen
42016278	14/09/2014	12:40	TEESDALE AVENUE	PENSHAW	Shiney Row Ward	House - single occupancy	Kitchen

LI 14 Number of deliberate primary fires (excluding road vehicles)

There were three deliberate property fires over the reporting period in the Coalfields Area.

There were seven incidents in this area during the same period last year.

Incident ref	Date	Time	Street	Ward	Station	Property level 3	Property level 4
42013769	06/08/2014	11:20	DURHAM STREET WEST BACK	Houghton Ward	Rainton Bridge (H)	Non Residential	Private Garden Shed
42015046	28/08/2014	18:09	DOWNS PIT LANE	Hetton Ward	Rainton Bridge (H)	Grassland, woodland and crops	Stacked/baled crop (incl manure heap)
42015723	07/09/2014	07:51	THE AVENUE	Hetton Ward	Rainton Bridge (H)	Non Residential	Other private non-residential building

LI 15 Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fires

There were two deliberate vehicle fires in this area over the reporting period.

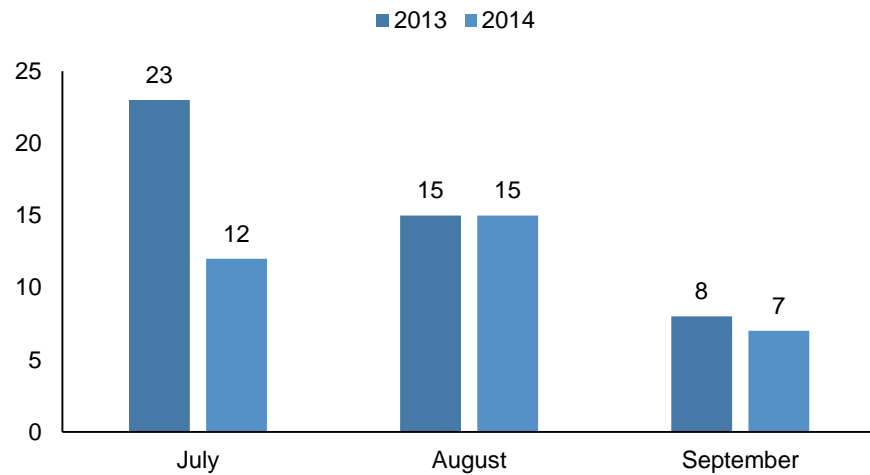
There were seven incidents in this area during the same period last year.

Incident ref	Date	Time	Street	Ward	Station	Property level 3
42014541	20/08/2014	02:57	BLOSSOM STREET	Copt Hill Ward	Rainton Bridge (H)	Car
42015440	03/09/2014	03:37	MARLOWE PLACE	Houghton Ward	Rainton Bridge (H)	Van

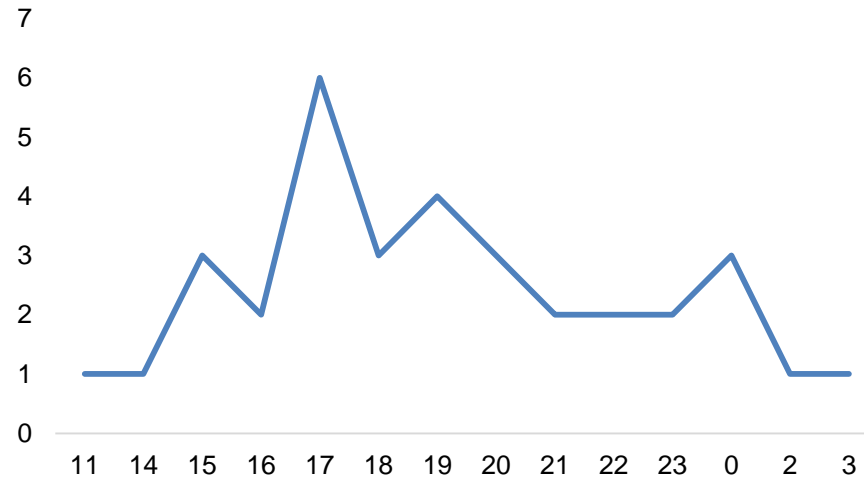
LI 16 Number of deliberate secondary fires

There have been 34 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 46 over the same period last year.

Deliberate Secondary Fires (LI 16)
Month / Year



Deliberate Secondary Fires (LI 16)
Time of Day



Ward	Incidents
Copt Hill Ward	11
Hetton Ward	6
Houghton Ward	10
Shiney Row Ward	7

Property	Incidents
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	17
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	4
Scrub land	3
Private garage	2
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	2
Fence	1
Other outdoor items including roadside furniture	1
Refuse/rubbish tip	1
Roadside vegetation	1
Straw/stubble burning	1
Wheelie Bin	1

LI 16 Number of deliberate secondary fires



Licence Number – 100018966

LI 16 Number of deliberate secondary fires

Incident ref	Date	Time	Station	Street	Ward	Property level 4
42011664	07/07/2014	23:39	Rainton Bridge (H)	DUBMIRE COURT	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42011803	09/07/2014	21:05	Rainton Bridge (H)	NEWBOTTLE STREET	Copt Hill Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42011938	11/07/2014	19:30	Rainton Bridge (H)	BURNSIDE AVENUE	Houghton Ward	Scrub land
42011999	12/07/2014	19:25	Rainton Bridge (H)	WARDEN LAW	Copt Hill Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42012059	13/07/2014	17:28	Rainton Bridge (H)	DORSET STREET	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42012091	14/07/2014	17:36	Rainton Bridge (H)	HUNTER STREET	Shiney Row Ward	Private garage
42012225	16/07/2014	18:57	Rainton Bridge (H)	HUNTER STREET	Shiney Row Ward	Private garage
42012605	21/07/2014	16:45	Rainton Bridge (H)	LORNE STREET	Hetton Ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
42012952	25/07/2014	15:11	Rainton Bridge (H)	RAILWAY STREET	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42013173	28/07/2014	02:00	Rainton Bridge (H)	SIDINGS PLACE	Houghton Ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
42013248	29/07/2014	11:09	Rainton Bridge (H)	LUMLEY CRESCENT	Copt Hill Ward	Scrub land
42013365	30/07/2014	19:45	Rainton Bridge (H)	MARKET STREET	Copt Hill Ward	Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)
42013646	04/08/2014	21:10	Rainton Bridge (H)	KINGSTON MEWS	Copt Hill Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42013658	04/08/2014	22:39	Rainton Bridge (H)	MAPLE TERRACE	Shiney Row Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42013660	05/08/2014	00:23	Rainton Bridge (H)	DAIRY LANE	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42013708	05/08/2014	15:49	Rainton Bridge (H)	KINGSTON MEWS	Copt Hill Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42013712	05/08/2014	18:13	Rainton Bridge (H)	GREEN AVENUE	Copt Hill Ward	Fence
42013725	05/08/2014	20:06	Rainton Bridge (H)	THE CRESCENT	Copt Hill Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42013871	07/08/2014	16:24	Rainton Bridge (H)	EWE HILL TERRACE	Houghton Ward	Scrub land
42013936	08/08/2014	17:25	Washington (S)	STATION ROAD	Shiney Row Ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
42014161	12/08/2014	23:58	Rainton Bridge (H)	GARDEN STREET	Copt Hill Ward	Wheelie Bin
42014527	19/08/2014	19:08	Farringdon (Q)	LANTON STREET	Shiney Row Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42014534	19/08/2014	22:13	Rainton Bridge (H)	SHERBURN GROVE	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42014545	20/08/2014	03:19	Rainton Bridge (H)	MOORSLEY ROAD	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42014843	25/08/2014	15:38	Rainton Bridge (H)	HOUGHTON ROAD	Copt Hill Ward	Straw/stubble burning
42015123	29/08/2014	17:26	Rainton Bridge (H)	MARKET STREET	Copt Hill Ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
42015231	31/08/2014	00:18	Rainton Bridge (H)	TAMAR STREET	Hetton Ward	Grassland, pasture, grazing etc
42015813	08/09/2014	20:17	Rainton Bridge (H)	HOUGHTON ROAD	Houghton Ward	Other outdoor items including roadside furniture
42015885	09/09/2014	18:53	Rainton Bridge (H)	HOUGHTON ROAD	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)

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Incident ref	Date	Time	Station	Street	Ward	Property level 4
42016254	14/09/2014	00:42	Rainton Bridge (H)	BRITANNIA TERRACE	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42016281	14/09/2014	14:54	Newcastle Central (C)	GRANGEWOOD COURT	Shiney Row Ward	Roadside vegetation
42016353	15/09/2014	17:45	Farringdon (Q)	PENSHAW ROW	Shiney Row Ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
42016492	17/09/2014	17:31	Rainton Bridge (H)	SHERBURN GROVE	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42016775	21/09/2014	20:18	Rainton Bridge (H)	AVENUE VIVIAN	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)

LI 21 Malicious false alarm calls attended

There has been one malicious false alarm call attended during the reporting period.

There was one malicious false alarm call over attended during the same period last year.

Incident ref	Date	Time	Incident type	Street	Locality	Ward
42013768	06/08/2014	11:16	Malicious False Alarm	BRINKBURN CRESCENT	HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING	Houghton Ward

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE
15 October 2014
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Area Budgets Report

Author(s):

Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and note allocations awarded Community Chest grant.

Description of Decision:

The Area Committee is requested to:

- a) Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1
- b) Approve four requests for SIB funding set out in 2.2 and Annex 1

Health and Greenspaces project	£20,000
Shopping Centre Support project	£55,000
Local Events, Celebrations and Heritage project	£10,000
Love Where You Live (LWYL) project	£10,000

- c) Note the 21 Community Chest approvals supported from 2014/15 budget as set out in Annex 2

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has been allocated Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Work Plan and to attract other funding into the area.

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

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

15 October 2014

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Area Budgets Report

1 Purpose of Report

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIB for 2014/2015:

Total SIB for 2014/2015 is £170,123				
Project Name	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
Houghton Feast 2014 community involvement and Friday evening opening programme	18.06.14		£10,000	£160,123
Delivering the Heritage Action Plan (£442 to return)				£160,565
Balance				£160,565

2.2 There are four applications for SIB funding presented to Committee for consideration as below and at Annex 1.

Health and Greenspaces project	£20,000
Shopping Centre Support project	£55,000
Local Events, Celebrations and Heritage project	£10,000
Love Where You Live (LWYL) project	£10,000

The total budget being requested is **£95,000**. Should the proposals be approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be **£65,565**

3 Community Chest

3.1 The table below details the approvals and current balances for 2014/2015. **Annex 2** shows the approvals for June to September 2014.

Ward	Start Balance	Approvals since April 2014	Returned Grant	Balance
Copt Hill	£12,889.76	£3,329.00		£9,560.76
Shiney Row	£11,859.00	£4,554.00	£890	£8,195.00
Houghton	£13,917.50	£6,034.80		£7,882.70
Hetton	£13,088.00	£7,803.40		£5,284.60
Total	£51,754.26	£21,721.20	£890	£30,923.06

4. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- a) Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1
- b) Approve four requests for SIB funding set out in 2.2 and Annex 1

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Annex 1 SIB Applications

Annex 2 Community Chest approvals

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Summary of SIB Funding Applications

SIB Project 1 – Health and Greenspaces Project

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£40,000	£20,000	£20,000

Background

A sum of £20,000 has been allocated by Public Health to the Coalfield area to maximise the use of greenspace, with the aim of increasing physical outdoor activity to improve physical and mental wellbeing. Discussions have taken place at Area Committee, Place and People Boards, the VCS Network and with various partners to formulate ideas and suggestions to develop a 'Health and Greenspaces' project. The key message which came from the discussions was that we should promote, publicise and co-ordinate what is already available. All of these factors will be considered during the delivery of the proposed project.

The network of cycle paths (also used by runners, walkers etc..) across the Coalfield area offers opportunities to access a wide range of green facilities and parks. The maintenance and further development of these paths is key to developing a 'whole area approach' to the use of outdoor spaces in a safe and enjoyable way for the benefit of the health of the community.

The Sport and Leisure Active Sunderland team are currently producing a Plan on a Page for each of a number of target sports/activities, these include walking and cycling. Over the coming months the team will be gathering together the relevant partners and stakeholders involved in each sport/activity to establish individual networks. These networks will take a strategic, city wide approach to the development of the sport/activity and in particular, the cycling and walking networks will contribute to the Green spaces agenda.

The Project

A 'Health and Greenspaces' working group, chaired by Area Committee Chair, will be set up to deliver the project. One of the key tasks is to develop a 'marketing strategy' which would 'centralise' information on the vast range of assets, activities and services which exist in the area. The working group will consult with Place and People Boards where relevant and report back to Area Committee on progress. It is proposed that the following actions are delivered by the project and involve relevant partners and officers to lead on each action.

- Improve and develop cycleways/shared use paths to create the Coalfield Cycle Network
- Create a link between the 'large parks' in the area (Herrington/Hetton Lyons/Rainton Meadows/Elba) with signed routes
- Develop two new circular routes suitable for running, cycling and walking
- Train volunteers/instructors to deliver activity e.g. Nordic walking, family fit camps
- Engage with other volunteer programmes including health champions
- Further develop the Love Where You Live project to improve local green spaces
- Develop more conservation activity with local groups and volunteers
- Install outdoor exercise equipment (trim trails) in Herrington Country Park and Hetton Lyons Country Park
- Install new and informative signage for Herrington Country Park, Hetton Park and Hetton Lyons Country Park
- Install way markers and direction signage on existing public footpaths and in parks
- Support the development of walking/cycling maps and routes
- Promote existing and develop new heritage walks
- Install goalposts on appropriate areas for 'informal play'
- Develop and deliver a marketing strategy
- Plan and organise a promotional 'launch' to take place in March 2015

The Working Group

Chair of Area Committee

Cycle Network and Public Rights of Way Officer

Communications Officer

Area Community Officer

Area VCS Network Rep

Rep from Sport and Leisure

Rep from Street Scene RLS

Rep from Groundwork

Rep from Sustrans

Recommendation: Approve

SIB Project 2 – Shopping Centre Support Project

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£55,000	£0	£55,000

The Project

The proposed project has been designed using best practice and lessons learned from the existing project which has been delivered with SIB funding for the past two years. The project will commence in October 2014 has five elements to it:

1. One to One Support for Independent retail businesses including the offer of a small grant to those who fully engage with the programme. 20 'new' businesses will supported on a one to one basis to include a small grant of up to £500
 2. Programme of mentoring support to those in Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row who have received one to one support during the previous phase of the project, but need some ongoing support. 20 businesses already engaged will be offered mentoring support
 3. Support for Trade Association in Houghton to continue to develop, and support to develop Traders Groups/Forums in Hetton and Shiney Row
 4. Marketing and promotion of the 'Shop Local' brand to be further developed including events and activities in and around Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row shopping centres to encourage local people to visit.
 5. Environmental improvement scheme for local centres to include Front Street, Fencehouses and High Street, Easington Lane. Suggested improvements include painting of railings/planters, new bins, deep cleaning and working with the traders to smarten up the frontage of their shops. This will be done in conjunction with RLS/Street Scene staff and could be delivered in line with the Love Where You Live project.
- Items 1-3 will be led by Berni Whitaker, Business Investment Team
 - Item 4 will be led by Julie Heathcote, Senior Communications Officer
 - Item 5 will be led by Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer with support from Debbie Hall, Area Response Manager

Total cost £55,000

Recommendation: Approve

SIB Project 3 – Local Events, Celebrations and Heritage

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£10,000	£0	£10,000

The Project

The project will be delivered in two ways. The first will enable VCS Network partners to deliver a number of small events and projects to celebrate local heritage. The recently completed WW1 programme has engaged over 30 local groups and schools in providing history and heritage related events. This project will build on that model and set up a steering group as a 'sub group' of the VCS Network, involving history and heritage groups. Proposed project ideas will be invited via the Network and considered by the group, with the support of the Area Committee Chair. ELCAP will act as the 'hub' to co-ordinate project delivery and report back on performance.

The second will be to provide a central resource for those events, celebrations and heritage activities identified by elected members and Area Committee partners as important to the local area and will be delivered in partnership with the VCS Network between October 2014 and May 2015. This element of the project will be managed and co-ordinated by the Area Community Officer.

Recommendation: Approve

SIB Project 4 – Love Where You Live (LWYL)

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£10,000	£0	£10,000

The Project

The SIB funding will enable the successful Love Where You Live campaign to be expanded and delivered in a planned way. The project will allow equipment, materials and horticultural items to be purchased to expand and enhance the scheme. Educational events for local schools will also be developed including assemblies, events and competitions to raise awareness amongst young people of the consequences of fly tipping, littering, graffiti and dog fouling. The creation of this fund will enable larger, more meaningful projects to take place by investing a small amount of funds. The project will be delivered using a partnership approach with the Customer Relationship Officer (CRO), VCS Network, Gentoo, Groundwork, SNCBC and local schools being involved. The project will be delivered via the VCS Network and be managed and co-ordinated by the Area Community Officer. Regular updates will be given to both the Place and People Boards to gain their input and suggestions.

Although there is no match funding, the environmental improvements will be carried out in partnership with volunteers and local groups, maximising the funds available by providing in-kind support.

Recommendation: Approve

COMMUNITY CHEST 2014/2015 COALFIELD AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED June – September 2014

Copt Hill Ward	Project	Amount	Balance at May 2014	Project approvals	Grants returned	Balance Remaining
	2nd Houghton Brownies - Hire of Minsteracres for summer camp	£540		£540		
	Lambton & Houghton Banner Group - Contribution to cost of Brass Band for Durham Miners Gala Parade	£250		£250		
	Age UK - Contribution towards the cost of an afternoon event to choose the Queen of Eventide for Houghton Feast	£100		£100		
	Total		£10,450.76	£890		£9,560.76
Hetton Ward	Project	Amount	Balance at May 2014	Project approvals		Balance Remaining
	Easington Lane & Hetton Club for the Disabled - Summer trip to Wainstones Hotel, Great Broughton for 42 members includes transport and lunch on 12 August	£493.80		£493.80		
	Age UK - Contribution towards the cost of an afternoon event to choose the Queen of Eventide for Houghton Feast	£100		£100		
	Moorsley & District CA - Contribution towards the cost of creating a memorial garden on land at the rear of the building	£1,000		£1,000		
	East Rainton FC - Contribution towards new tracksuits and cost of pitch fees	£863		£863		
	Moorsley Care of the Aged - Contribution towards costs of a Christmas Party for 70 members	£1,000		£1,000		
	Total		£8,741.40	£3,456.80		£5,284.60
Houghton Ward	Project	Amount	Balance at May 2014	Project approvals		Balance Remaining
	2nd Houghton Brownies - Transport costs for Brownie Pack holiday to Minsteracres. Costs cover hire of 2 minibuses for the weekend and van to transport	£470		£470		
	Lambton & Houghton Banner Group - Contribution to cost of Brass Band for Durham Miners Gala Parade	£250		£250		

	Fencehouses YMCA - Contribution to costs of creating a Community Garden and Allotment	£995.80		£995.80		
	Homelands Houghton Fun Day - Contribution towards cost of holding a 3rd annual community event to bring together former residents and current community	£1,500		£1,500		
	Age UK - Contribution towards the cost of an afternoon event to choose the Queen of Eventide for Houghton Feast	£100		£100		
	Groundwork NE - Contribution towards cost of a summer fun day in Elba Park on 23 August	£785		£785		
	St Aidan's Luncheon Club - Cost of a trip away with Christmas Lunch for members	£390		£390		
	Total		£12,373.50	£4,490.80		£7,882.70
Shiney Row Ward	Project	Amount	Balance at May 2014	Project approvals		Balance Remaining
	Friends of Gillwood Court – grant awarded for Xmas lunch for 40 members & friends, money returned as group as disbanded				£640	
	Groundwork NE - Contribution towards cost of a summer fun day in Elba Park on 23 August	£785		£785		
	Monument View - Contribution towards cost of Climbing Equipment	£500		£500		
	Penshaw CA - Contribution to Annual Scarecrow Trail	£500		£500		
	ShARP - Contribution towards volunteer costs	£925		£925		
	Age UK - Contribution towards the cost of an afternoon event to choose the Queen of Eventide for Houghton Feast	£100		£100		
	Total		£10,365	£2,810	£640	£8,195
Overall Totals			£41,930.66	£11,647.60	£640	£30,923.06

Current Planning Applications (Coalfields) Between 01/08/2014 and 25/09/2014

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
14/01910/FUL	Land Adjac13 Warwick Drive Houghton-le-SpringDH5 8JR	Erection of one dwelling.	14/08/2014	09/10/2014
14/01925/PRI	8 Dunraven Close Houghton-le-SpringDH4 4XQ	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 4.6m from the original dwelling, 3.7m in height and 2.5m to the eaves)	15/08/2014	26/09/2014
14/01948/SUB	Land Off Herrington Road / Opposite The StablesWest HerringtonHoughton-le-Spring	Outline Application to provide 10 no. executive dwellings (Resubmission)	20/08/2014	19/11/2014
14/01976/FUL	8 Byron Terrace Houghton-le-SpringDH5 8LL	Erection of a single storey extension to side.	27/08/2014	22/10/2014
14/02000/FUL	6 Cathedral View NewbottleHoughton-le-SpringDH4 4HJ	Erection of a single storey side and front extension and canopy to front	29/08/2014	24/10/2014
14/02020/FUL	7 Nesham Place Houghton-le-SpringDH5 8AE	Erection of a single storey rear extension.	01/09/2014	27/10/2014

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
14/01275/OUT	Land To Front Garden Of63 QueenswayHoughton-le- SpringDH5 8EW	Outline application for the erection of 1no semi detached dwelling.	01/09/2014	27/10/2014
14/02022/FUL	57 LeeholmeHoughton-le- SpringDH5 8HR	Erection of a single storey garage to side/front and porch to front	19/09/2014	14/11/2014
14/01840/SUB	Rose CottagePark PlaceHetton-le- HoleHoughton-le-SpringDH5 9JL	Front dormer window and new roof to front entrance porch (Resubmission).	04/08/2014	29/09/2014
14/01871/FUL	2 Peth GreenEasington LaneHoughton-le-SpringDH5 0EY	Conversion of existing conservatory and garage into habitable rooms with pitched roof over	11/08/2014	06/10/2014
14/01973/FUL	37 Claypath RoadHetton-le- HoleHoughton-le-SpringDH5 0EL	Demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey extension to front and side	21/08/2014	16/10/2014
14/00808/FUL	Sweets N Things9 The CrescentHetton-le-HoleHoughton- le-SpringDH5 9JS	Change of use from existing hairdressing business to one bedroom dwelling.	22/08/2014	17/10/2014
14/01623/FUL	BM Stafford And SonHetton Lyons Industrial EstateHetton-le- HoleHoughton-le-SpringDH5 0RH	Erection of an extension to the side (east elevation) of the existing unit.	05/09/2014	31/10/2014

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
14/01907/OUT	Hetton Le Hill Farm Easington Lane Houghton-le-Spring DH5 0QX	Outline planning application for the erection of 2no. detached dwellings.	08/09/2014	03/11/2014
14/01127/FUL	Connor Solutions Limited 3 Gadwall Road Rainton Bridge South Houghton-le-Spring DH4 5NL	Erection of single-storey extensions to west side and east side / rear and two-storey extension to front and east side to provide 3234sq.m of additional floor space, provision of front entrance canopy, elevational alterations and new site access to front and creation of 88no. additional car parking spaces	10/09/2014	10/12/2014
14/01804/OUT	Land South Of Redburn Road And Black Boy Road Chilton Moor Houghton-le-Spring	Outline application for residential development of Sites A & B consisting of 27 no. dwellings - approval sought for layout, scale & access.	06/08/2014	05/11/2014
14/01566/FUL	3 Sunderland Street Houghton-le-Spring DH4 4BQ	Change of use from opticians to funeral directors.	19/08/2014	14/10/2014
14/02049/FUL	14 Devonport Houghton-le-Spring DH4 4UH	Erection of two storey side extension.	05/09/2014	31/10/2014
14/01960/FUL	Highbury North View Terrace Houghton-le-Spring DH4 5NW	Erection of 1no. detached dwelling.	09/09/2014	04/11/2014

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
14/02127/LAD	Gilpin HouseBlind LaneSedgelethHoughton-le-SpringDH4 5HX	Demolition of single and two storey council offices. Site to be graded off to meet existing levels, top soiled, raked, stone picked and seeded.	17/09/2014	15/10/2014
14/01285/LAP	Penshaw HillChester RoadShiney RowHoughton-le-Spring	Replacement of existing architectural feature lighting of Penshaw Monument, to include removal of existing ground recessed floodlights and housings and the installation of new floodlights, housings and associated supply cabling.	04/08/2014	29/09/2014
14/01717/FUL	18 ByerhopePenshawHoughton-le-SpringDH4 7PR	Change of use from public open space to private garden with 1 metre boundary fence.	13/08/2014	08/10/2014
14/01899/FUL	32 Ferndale RoadPenshawHoughton-le-SpringDH4 7JE	Erection of a single storey rear extension.	14/08/2014	09/10/2014
14/01985/FUL	Co-op Supermarket1 - 3 Grangewood CourtHoughton-le-SpringDH4 4RS	Installation of roller shutter to side elevation to match existing.	09/09/2014	04/11/2014