

Coalfield Area Committee

4 March 2010

Coalfield a Prosperous Area Summary

1. Why has it come to committee?

1.1 At its meeting in June, the committee agreed its work plan for the 2009/10 municipal year and the Prosperous priority is the fifth and final to come to committee for discussion and consideration this municipal year.

2. Description of Decision

2.1 Area Committee is asked to:-

- Note the **action** identified in Annex 1
 - Business and Investment Team to provide results of the Visible Workspace Survey
- Agree the **proposals** identified in Annex 1
 - Explore the potential of SAFC Foundation delivering Family Learning
 - Review FACL (Family, Adult and Community Learning) programme
 - Review the apprenticeship opportunities available in the public sector
- Note the Economic Masterplan update in Annex 2

3. Key Facts

3.1 The table below provides a snap shot of what key measures are informing us of in the Coalfield area.

Red = worse than City average

Green = better than City average

Measure	City average	Copt Hill Ward	Hetton Ward	Houghton Ward	Shiney Row Ward
Residents claiming incapacity benefits	10.9%	11.3	15.9	11	11
Unemployment rate	6.4%	4.8%	5.7%	4.8%	5.3%
Residents claiming key benefits (see Annex 1a)	20.2%	18.8%	25.1%	18.7%	19.7%

4. Background papers

- Sunderland Strategy Delivery Plans
- Local Area Agreements Delivery Plans
- Coalfield Local Area Plan
- Information provided by partners and officers at workshop event August 2009 and one to one meetings

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