

Community Action: Outstanding Issues Log from 2009/10

Priority	Issue/Action	Action taken and next steps	Funding request	Progress
Improve local shopping centres	Receive update/progress report regarding the Hetton Memorial Garden	At the November 2010 meeting, Area Committee agreed to fund the repair of the ornamental standard lights in the memorial park from the existing SIB allocation. The lead agent is unable to attract match funding for the project so the remaining balance of the approved funding will be returned to the budget (£27,000).	£30,000 March 2009	Complete
Improve local shopping centres	Provide update on the provision of public toilets in Houghton Town Centre	The head of Street Scene is now taking this forward in conjunction with Scrutiny Committee. The feasibility of developing a Community Toilet Scheme is being explored including consultation with potential providers and members of the public.	NO	
Bring empty properties back into use	Area Committee receive update on Empty Homes strategy and targets	A Private Sector Housing Officer (empty properties) has been in post since 1 November 2010. To date this year, a total of 54 properties have been brought back into use – the target is 83 by March 2011. The Officer is working proactively towards achieving this target. All owners of long term empty properties will be contacted during December 2011 to enable the officer to establish what the current situation is and what the owners intentions are for the property. Following discussions, the best course of action for the empty property will be agreed upon. The property will be monitored regularly until it is reoccupied and progress will be reported to area committee when appropriate.	NO	
Adequate youth provision to be available for all wards	Explore the opportunities for cross border working with Durham County Council (e.g. Fencehouses crosses boundaries)	Cross border working on 14-19 provision is in place with Headways Sixth Form (Seaham and Hetton). Kath Butchert has met with Paul Hebron, Head of Positive Activities in Durham to discuss the possibilities of cross working in Fencehouses regarding the youth mobile resources. This item will now form part of the agenda at future Youth Provision meetings.	NO	Complete
Prepare young people for adult life through encouragement and building of confidence	Review anti bullying provision in schools and explore the need to extend anti-bullying programmes in primary schools.	Sunderland has set up an Anti-Bullying group which is part of the Regional Anti-Bullying Alliance. The Group look at provision, policies in schools and anti-bullying initiatives across the City. The Anti-Bullying Co-ordinator will work with schools and their representatives. The Area Officer will monitor the Ear 4 U project funded via SIB.	YES – £13,200 SIB for Ear 4 U project	Complete
Raise aspirations of children/young people and their families	Review FACL (Family, Adult and Community Learning) Programme	A review has begun and an initial report to committee is envisaged in March 2011, which will propose piloting area based delivery. Agreement on new ways to procure learning is in place. A meeting has been arranged with the FACL Manager to try and resolve the issue of 'full cost recovery', which is a barrier to many VCS organisations' participation. The matter will be raised with the Exec Director of Children's Services, should there be a need for a policy change. Once agreed, the review can be broadened to include the wider VCS	NO	
Address issues around lack of public transport in some areas	Nexus to ensure full consultation with the Committee and local residents on the Secured Services Network	Nexus will attend future Area Committee meetings and provide information when required. A consultation exercise was carried out at the March 2010 meeting. The Secured Services Network is due to be discussed by Cabinet in January 2011.	NO	

Community Action: Work Plan for 2010/11

Priority	Issue/Action	Date raised	Evidence and/or Data Source	Action taken/next steps	Funding request	Lead Agent(s)	RAG
Bulb planting and landscaping	Community planting scheme	June 2010	Area Committee VCS Network Gentoo customer panel	Both elements (machine planting and community planting) have been successfully implemented and the project is now ready to move to Phase 2. This next phase will encourage and support the local community and voluntary groups involved to date (over 60 including schools and residents' groups) to further develop their capacity in order to undertake a wider range of partnership projects within their own neighbourhoods.	Funded by SIB and Gentoo	Les Clark, Head of Street Scene. Phase 2 to be led by Susan Brown, Community Co-ordinator	
Heritage	Audit of current provision	June 2010	Area Committee VCS Network Local Area Plan	A consultant has now been appointed to carry out an audit and develop an action plan for delivery of projects against the heritage priority.	Yes – £10,000 agreed at September 2010 meeting An application for £10,000 SIB for Kepier Hall is presented to this meeting	Vicki Medhurst, City Services	
Local Shopping Centres	Decline of local shopping centres, Lack of adequate provision.	June 2010	Local Development Framework Retail needs assessment	An audit will commence in January 2011 and the initial survey work will be completed by mid February. This information will then be presented to the Task and Result Group with some suggested actions which can be implemented. Area Committee will be updated at the next meeting.	Yes – £5,000 agreed at November 2010 meeting	Andrew Perkin, Business and Investment Team	
Child Poverty (CP)	High levels of children in families with low income	June 2010	Area Committee Draft Child Poverty strategy Child Poverty Area Profile Income data' Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2007	The Sunderland Partnership has agreed to lead on reducing child and family poverty in Sunderland. An important aspect of the partnership working necessary to take this agenda forward is to have an agreed strategy in place which will provide a single focus across the city. In order to provide a partnership response to the challenges that child and family poverty present to the city, a	No	Raj Singh, Children's Services	

				comprehensive Child and Family Poverty Needs Assessment was carried out. From this Needs Assessment, Phase 2 of the Child and Family Poverty Strategy has been developed, which will support the Council and its partners to work towards the aim of eradicating child and family poverty in the city and improve the life chances of Sunderland's children and young people.			
Unadopted Roads	Review the current policy and alternative options regarding unadopted roads	<i>September 2009</i>	Cabinet report LAP Area Committee	A significant amount of work has been carried out to determine a baseline position in regard to private streets. An extensive desktop study together with on site photography exercise to identifying all the unadopted streets in the Coalfield Area and across the city has been undertaken. An update report is being prepared and will be presented to the next Area Committee meeting.	No	Stephen Pickering/ Graham Carr, City Services	
Play Provision	Review Play and Urban Games Strategy	<i>July 2010</i>	Play and Urban Games Strategy (PUGS) strategy Community Consultation LAP	At the September 2010 meeting of Area Committee an update on the PUGS Review was given by an Officer from City Services. Members agreed the recommendations in the report but raised a number of queries which have now received a response. The results of the review are to be considered by Committee before any further actions are taken against this priority.	Possibly to a future Area Committee	Julie Gray, Head of Community Services	
	Receive more information on play provision services and activities in the Coalfield area	<i>July 2010</i>	Area Committee	An exercise to collect information on the types of play activities and services available is underway and will be further explored using local knowledge via the VCS network. An update will be provided at the March 2011 meeting.	No	Pauline Hopper, Area Officer Susan Brown, Community Co-ordinator	
Review of the Greenspace Strategy	Planning for open space, sport and recreation	<i>September 2010</i>	Local Development Framework	Initial workshops to identify open spaces were carried out in the Coalfield area in November 2010. Phase two of this exercise will be follow up workshops during January 2011 to assess what value to the community these areas are.	No	Clive Greenwood, Senior Planner	
Motor Cycle disorder	Provide information regarding	<i>November 2010</i>	LMAPS VCS Network Local Councillors	Information has been provided which has informed discussions with the Community Safety team within the Council, who have	No	LMAPs	

	'hotspots' to Inspector Finlay, Councillor Rolph or the Area Officer in order to prepare a strategy to tackle the issue across the Coalfield area		Residents Area Committee	agreed to refer this issue to the Business Support Group (BSG) of the Safer Sunderland Partnership. Once discussed by the BSG, a response will be provided to the Area Committee for consideration.			
Speeding or dangerous traffic	A co-ordinated approach/ response is required to dealing with traffic issues	<i>November 2010</i>	SIP/SIB applications Place survey LMAPS Area Committee	The interim Assistant Head of Traffic will provide information regarding a strategic approach to traffic related issues. Information on accident hotspots will form part of the information gathering exercise to inform next steps	Yes – a number of SIP and SIB applications approved or pending	Les Clark, Head of Street Scene	
Youth Disorder	The XL Youth village steering group will refocus and expand in order to take this issue forward. An initial meeting to be set up to identify and address key areas where youth disorder has been identified as a problem	<i>November 2010</i>	LMAPS Police/Councillor meetings Crime statistics	The XL youth village steering group will now have a wider remit and a more flexible agenda to include youth disorder hotspots. The next meeting will take place mid January 2011. Youth disorder in Easington Lane has been the focus since the last meeting and there is now mobile provision in place to engage young people in positive activity. The provision has been funded by Gentoo, Hetton Town Council, the Safer Sunderland Partnership, Diversity and Inclusion team and Phase 2 of the community planting project. Next steps for continuing to engage young people to be discussed in January 2011.	Short term funding provided by partners. A longer term solution is being explored by the steering group. An application for SIB funding for the Underground project is presented to this meeting	Kath Butchert, Youth Development Group	