

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 11th March, 2015 at 6:00pm

VENUE – Houghton Library, 74 Newbottle Street, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4AF

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, M. Turton and Wakefield.

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ELAINE WAUGH

Head of Law and Governance

3rd March, 2015

At a Meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held at HOUGHTON HOUSING OFFICE, THE SKYLINE CENTRE, 88 NEWBOTTLE STREET, HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, DH4 4AJ, on WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Scott in the Chair

Councillors Allen, Anderson, Blackburn, Ellis, Lawson, D. Smith, Speding, Taylor, W. Turton and Wakefield

Also in Attendance:-

Ron Barrass	Member of the Public	
Charlotte Burnham	Area Lead Executive for the Coalfield Area Committee and Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements	Sunderland City Council
Melanie Caldwell	Head of Operations Houghton/Hetton	Gentoo Ltd.
Debbie Hall	Area Response Manager	Sunderland City Council
Pauline Hopper	Area Community Officer, Coalfield	Sunderland City Council
Lisa Musgrove	Neighbourhood Inspector	Northumbria Police
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 the meeting and invited all those present to introduce themselves.

The Chairman highlighted that Mr. Ron Barrass had recently been awarded the Echo Newspaper award for Volunteering in the Community and that the Friends of Rectory Park had received the 'It's your Neighbourhood Award'. On behalf of the Committee the Chairman congratulated Mr. Barrass and Councillor Ellis as Chair of the Group.

Mr. Barrass thanked the Committee as did Councillor Ellis and advised that she would pass on the Committee's congratulations to the Group.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Kath Bailey (Locum Consultant in Public Health), Susan Brown (Area VCS Representative), Les Clark (Head of Street Scene), Wendy Cook (Youth and Community Co-Ordinator, Sunderland North Community Business Centre) and Councillor Julianna Heron (Hetton Town Council).

Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 15th October, 2014 (copy circulated), 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 update of progress against the current year's (2014/15) Place Board Work Plan and on performance.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Anderson thanked the Members of the Place Board for their commitment and the Officers for their support. She proceeded to brief the Committee on the key areas of influence/achievements of the Place Board to date and highlighted that the 'rock cams' were now ready to be used. Councillor Anderson invited Members to forward any locations where boulders would help to deter parking on the grass verges to Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield and/or Ms. Debbie Hall, Area Response Manager. She highlighted the 'Did You Know' fact sheet pointing out the consequences of fly tipping and dog fouling as well as the proposal to circulate a notice to be displayed in local off

licences advising of the fines that can be given out to persons purchasing alcohol for anyone under the age of 18.

Councillor Anderson drew attention to the Highways Capital Maintenance Programme and the invitation for Members to forward the details of any roads and footways for inclusion in the Programme for 2015/16.

With regards to the Local Shopping Centres project, Councillor Anderson stated that the Place Board was pleased to support the initiatives to make the shopping centres in the Coalfield more attractive and encourage people to 'Shop Local' and commented that she would like to see a Traders Association like the one at Houghton in place in all the Coalfield shopping areas. Councillor Anderson referred to the proposal for a bus stop to be located at the top end of Newbottle Street, outside the Library suggesting this might be something the Area Committee would like to support.

Moving on to the 'Love Where You Live and Community Involvement' campaign, Councillor Anderson pointed out the success of Easington Lane School in being awarded 'Best School Project' at the recent Sunderland in Bloom awards.

Councillor Anderson referred the Committee to the Greenspaces Project and invited Members to put forward any suggestions as to where a further set of goalposts which had become available could be located.

With regards to the additional football pitch at Success playing fields, Councillor Lawson enquired what measures were to be taken to reduce issues or nuisance to local residents.

Councillor Anderson advised that the Place Board had highlighted previous parking issues at the site and had agreed that a third pitch could be marked out if parking was marshalled and monitored in order to reduce the impact on local residents.

Ms. Debbie Hall, Area Response Manager referred to the section of the report on 'Deployment of Responsive Local Services' and advised that with regards to winter duties, three old vehicles had been replaced by three new ones and not a fleet of new vehicles as stated in the report.

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

2. RESOLVED that:-
 - (i) the progress and performance update with regards to the Coalfield Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 including recommendations for future delivery be approved and adopted;
 - (ii) Members of the Area Committee give consideration to suggestions for suitable locations for goalposts; and
 - (iii) Members of the Area Committee give consideration to suggestions for content for an environmental 'fact sheet'.

People Board Progress Report

The Chair of the People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update of progress against the current year's (2014/15) People Board Work Plan and on performance.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Lawson referred the Committee to paragraph 4.1 detailing the key areas of influence/achievements of the People Board to date. She highlighted the presentation given on LMAPS and that ways to improve communication with Elected Members and the referral of issues was discussed. She advised that the results from the consultation would be brought back to the Board.

With regards to the Health and Greenspaces Project, Councillor Lawson referred the Committee to the 15 actions which had been identified by the Working Group to develop initiatives to engage local people in using outdoor space to improve their health.

Councillor Lawson drew attention to the point raised in the report that Hetton ward showed the greatest number NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) young people in the Coalfield area and that it was third highest in the City. She advised that the February Board meeting would be looking at this issue and what was being done to discourage young people from becoming NEET, in particular in families where there were second and third generations who had not been employed.

Councillor Lawson highlighted the grants awarded to four groups of young people from the CAN DO fund as part of the Healthy Life Choices area priority. She thanked the Community Groups and Officers who support groups to develop and deliver the projects as she commented, that it would not happen without them.

In relation to the above, Councillor Blackburn offered praise to the young people who had come along and presented their applications. He advised that Springboard were not operating in Hetton now, however discussions were taking place looking into whether a training base could be set up in the Hetton area once again.

Ms. Melanie Caldwell, Head of Operations Houghton/Hetton, Gentoo Ltd. informed the Committee of the 'Work and Learn' agenda Gentoo had for Gentoo Tenants, which she explained was a whole family approach and as such included NEETS. She advised that she would provide information on the help and support Gentoo offers to support people for Member's information.

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

3. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update with regards to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 including proposals for future delivery be approved and adopted.

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 (VCS) Network.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield briefed the Committee on the report highlighting the 'Big Local' Programme.

Ms. Melanie Caldwell, Head of Operations Houghton/Hetton, Gentoo Ltd. provided a further update on the progress of the 'Big Local' Programme. She highlighted that Gentoo had come forward to become the trusted organisation for the Programme advising that discussions were underway to reconvene the decision making panel so that work could be progressed with the delivery plan and get residents back on board and money into the Easington Lane and Moorsley communities as the Programme had intended. Ms Caldwell advised that she would keep Members briefed on progress.

Members welcomed the update and prospect of progress with the Programme as outlined above and commented that they looked forward to receiving further updates in due course.

In respect of the changes to Gentoo Housing and Neighbourhood Management, Ms. Caldwell advised that recruitment was underway; the intention being to appoint an 'Art of Living Co-Ordinator' for each locality. There would therefore result in a total of 15 Art of Living Co-Ordinators who would be responsible on average for 350 properties each acting as a single point of contact for all issues for Gentoo tenants within a particular neighbourhood. They would speak with all tenants on their patch and work through a survey to identify what support they might require.

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 9% lower compared to the same period the previous year. There had been 132 fewer crimes. Youth antisocial behaviour incidents was down by 9%; there having been 57 fewer reports. There were however priority areas such as Market Street, Hetton where there were regular reports of youth antisocial behaviour which had been discussed at the LMAPS meetings and where the new Police dispersal powers, which came into force in October, had been used. Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove added that consideration had been given to putting the 3G

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cameras in the area but as there were no lampposts which were of sufficient height to prevent the cameras being reached, thought was being given to installing a new pole at a cost of £2,000.

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield added in respect of the above that it was hoped that funding could be secured from the Community Safety Fund.

Ms. Musgrove stated that there had been incidents of general disorder at the Brickgarth and Elemore Lane and incidents involving motorcycles and quad bikes churning up grassed areas. This had been discussed at the LMAPS meeting and it had been proposed to put fences up between the houses in order to block off the access and thereby reduce the problems being caused in the area.

Ms. Musgrove advised that there had also been incidents of disorder involving young people and motorcycles at the Broadway and Rectory Park areas. She informed that patrols focussing on vulnerable premises in shop areas including Off Licences, Betting Shops and pubs, which might be carrying more cash in the run up to Christmas, were being stepped up and the 3G cameras were being moved to those locations to assist with this.

In response to Councillor Lawson who asked about Community Impact Assessments, Ms. Musgrove advised that these were not done anymore and had been replaced by Community Tension Reports. She assured Councillor Lawson that Councillors would be contacted if it was felt there was information they needed to know about in their ward and added that she was happy for Councillors to email her direct if there was any information they needed or questions they wanted to ask.

In response to Councillor Blackburn, Ms. Musgrove advised that it was an offence to park on the footpaths but it was difficult to enforce and officers would deal with it when they could. If it was possible to get a mobility scooter or buggy through the space that was left, then the vehicle was not considered to be causing an obstruction. However, if a parked vehicle was causing a restriction or posing a danger then it would be dealt with.

Councillor Blackburn commented that local councillors were contacted numerous times regarding parking matters.

Councillor Wakefield added that indiscriminate parking was a major problem in Newbottle. He found the 101 Service very irritating as by the time it was reported and action was going to be taken, the problem had gone.

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 September to 19th November, 2014.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chairman advised that Mr. Jeff Wilkinson, Station Manager, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service had now retired and asked that any questions on the report be forwarded to Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield for onward submission to the Fire and Rescue Service.

Neighbourhood Inspector Lisa Musgrove updated the Committee regarding the recent incidents of stone throwing at the fire fighters and fire appliances at Easington Lane, advising that this had occurred in the two days leading up to Bonfire Night, however there had been no further incidents.

6. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be received and noted and any queries on the information submitted be forwarded as detailed above.

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 advising that a balance of £65,565 remained.

Ms. Hopper highlighted the application for SIB funding, which was a recommendation from the Area Place Board, detailed at paragraph 2.2, for the provision of a Bus Shelter at Blind Lane costing £5,500 and pointed out that should the proposal be approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be £60,065.

Ms. Hopper briefed the Committee on the application advising that it was being recommended subject to completion of resident consultation in the locality and confirmation from Nexus that there would be no future maintenance or financial liability to the City Council.

Ms. Hopper highlighted the allocation of £20,000 from the Green Spaces Funding advising that regular feedback would be given on how and where the money was being spent.

Ms. Hopper referred the Committee to the Community Chest approvals and current balances as at November 2014 detailed at paragraph 4 and as set out at Annex 2 of the report.

Consideration having been given to the report it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- a) the financial statements set out in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1 of the report be noted;
- b) the request for SIB funding of £5,500 as set out in paragraph 2.2 and Annex 1 of the report for the provision of a bus shelter at Blind Lane subject to the conditions detailed above and in the report, be approved; and
- c) the 9 Community Chest approvals supported from the 2014/15 budget as set out in Annex 2 be noted.

Current Planning Applications (Coalfields Area)

A schedule (copy circulated) of current planning applications lodged during the period September to October 2014 was submitted for Members' information only.

(For copy schedule – see original minutes).

8. RESOLVED that the schedule be received and noted.

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

(Signed) J. SCOTT,
Chairman.

11 March 2015

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, and provide an update on performance.

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 below, and in the Work Plan at **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 utilising 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 28 February 2015

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. Debbie Hall the ARM for the Coalfield area gave a service update at the February 2015 Board meeting including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Neglected land sites ○ Enforcement prosecution ○ Unauthorised parking ○ Issues with quad bikes
Influence: Environmental issues/ASB	
Support preventative measures to reduce negative impact on the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The piloting of ‘rock cams’ developed and supported by the Coalfield Place Board in partnership with LMAPs has resulted in a successful prosecution. In January 2015 a local businesswoman

environment	<p>was fined a total of £1356.57, by Sunderland Magistrates Court, after admitting depositing controlled waste on land without a license, and failing to produce waste transfer notes, after her van was used dump waste on the roadside at Foxcover Lane on New Year's Eve 2013.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board discussed the use of preventative measures to deter unauthorised parking at specific locations and consultation regarding the use of natural stone boulders is in progress. Coaley Lane and Hill View shows evidence of damage which is becoming worse and a scheme to introduce a border with appropriate plants and smaller stones is considered more appropriate for the site. Designs are being developed and a further update will be given to the Place Board in due course. Letters will be placed on the windscreen of vehicles parked at this location to deter them from parking there. • Following on from the issues regarding quad bikes at Easington Lane the site has been visited and a number of issues regarding access to the site have been identified. The missing gate at the aperture between the Flatts plantations was replaced and further solutions are being explored. The Customer Relationship Officer has been attending PACT meetings and is working with the Community Policing Teams and the Anti-Social Behaviour Team to establish a joint approach to identifying solutions to the problem and working collectively to address the issue. • Following a recent site visit it has been agreed to place two boulders to each side of a metal A frame at Peat Carr. It is hoped that this will deter the motorbikes going around the frame onto the golf course and down the line onto the flatts. Subject to there being no objections the boulders will be moved into position during the coming weeks. • Following concerns raised regarding the Market Street area, a column to deploy a 3G camera has been installed. Joint funding from LMAPS partners and Copt Hill Community Chest has been provided. There has been an increased Police presence in the area, and regular foot patrols are carried out by the local CSO and City Council ASB Officer. PACT meetings, held locally, are well attended and residents are encouraged to come along and speak to officers and partners regarding issues and concerns. Complaints have reduced significantly, and the situation continues to be monitored. One request has been to remove the two benches from Market Street, as they continue to attract unwelcome activity which has an impact on local residents. Consultation with residents and businesses in the area is currently underway.
Influence: Highways Capital Maintenance Programme	
Influence and prioritise the areas of capital maintenance works for 2015/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The board received information on the areas requiring capital maintenance works across the Coalfield area. The proposed areas were prioritised into high, medium and low priority to assist members. • Members were asked to consult with ward colleagues to agree which of the proposed programmes should be recommended to Area Committee for completion up to a value of £100,000 for the Coalfield area. • At the February Board members agreed recommendations to Area Committee for the completion of capital maintenance programmes in the Coalfield as described at Annex 2
Area Priority: Monitor and Maintain Improved Land	
Ensuring local improvements already made continue to succeed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure that improvements made in previous years are maintained, the Area Community Officer and Area Response Manager will continue to monitor and take action where necessary. Improvements made under the Neglected Land project were presented to the February 2015 Place Board for

	<p>information and consideration for further attention. The Board agreed that a schedule of work be drawn up. A list of sites to be prioritised for remedial action and further maintenance is attached at Annex 3. Any costs associated with this work will be funded from the existing Neglected Land SIB project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The improvements of the largest site in the Neglected Land programme, former Forest Estate, Easington Lane, have been delayed due to a number of technical and legal issues. All issues have now been resolved and the project is ready to move forward with the first phase on site expected in April 2015. Three phases involve, grazing plots, nature garden with Easington Lane School, and grassed informal area. • The Area Response Manager continues to work with Youth Offending Service, Probation Service and other agencies to support the delivery of land improvement, and also give work experience opportunities to local people.
Monitor and maintain the improvements made to allotment sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotment sites across the whole of the Coalfield area are now improved and continue to be maintained and more closely managed as a result of the SIB funded Allotment Improvement Programme and Allotment Working Group. Street Scene and Allotment Services have expressed their appreciation of the continued support of Area Committee and the Area Chair in driving this project forward. Sites improved as part of the programme are monitored regularly and any issues addressed directly with the relevant tenant. • Work is progressing well at Britannia Terrace with tenants installing raised beds and polytunnels in preparation for the growing season. Dubmire School has been allocated one of the plots which is now ready for cultivation. • Seaham Road allotments, leased to the Council from Lambton Estates, will be handed back to Lambton Estates in order to focus on the Council owned allotment sites. Confirmation has been received from the Government that the Allotments are not statutory and therefore the Council can proceed with the closure. Current tenants are being contacted to ask whether they still wish to retain an allotment for cultivation at another site, if they can be accommodated. It is proposed tenants are given notice in April 2015, to vacate the site by April 2016.
Area Priority: Local Shopping Centres	
Improving the environmental aspect of smaller shopping areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Shopping Centre SIB project includes environmental improvements in local centres including Fencehouses and Easington Lane. This will be managed as part of the overall project. • Improvements to a footpath at Front Street, Fencehouses will be complete by the end of March 2015. A new bin will also be installed on site.
Identifying areas for development to improve footfall and spending in local shopping centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the success of the Christmas event, local traders and ShARP are working together to deliver a 'Shiney Easter' event on Saturday 29 March 2015. Market stalls, Easter Bonnet competition and visit the Easter Bunny are amongst the activities developed to attract more people into the shopping area • A voucher scheme has been developed by Corporate Communications. Traders in Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row have been offered the opportunity to be included in a voucher booklet • Coalfield Community News continues to advertise and promote the 'Shop Local' brand. Window stickers carrying the 'Shop Local' message are available and have been distributed to local traders. • Houghton Traders Association continue to promote and develop the 'Dementia Friendly Shopping Centre' pilot.
Continue the retail support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BSupplied has been appointed to deliver the next phase of the

project led by the Business Investment Team	Retail Support programme commencing February 2015. One to one support for 20 independent retailers and mentoring support to 20 businesses will be provided, in addition to continued support for trader associations/forums in Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row.
Area Priority: Love Where You Live and Community Involvement	
Support local communities to improve and take pride in their neighbourhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Painting of street furniture in Hetton Lyons Country Park has taken place with Springboard Trainees • In partnership with Groundwork, a 'poo watch' project is underway. Local primary schools are involved in designing posters to remind people to pick up after their dogs • Work continues with key partners including Gentoo, Northumbria Police, schools and local community organisations to deliver the Love Where You Live message
Area Priority: Events, Celebrations and Heritage	
Support long standing historical events taking place in local communities and develop new ones to celebrate the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A blue plaque to commemorate the Wearside 160th Brigade was unveiled at Houghton Hall on 2 March 2015. • A Stage 1 application to Heritage Lottery Fund Parks for People for improvements to Houghton Rectory Park was submitted on 2 March 2015. Proposed timescales are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submission of Stage 1 application March 2015 ○ Decision from HLF June 2015 ○ Development and consultation phase 8 months ○ Stage 2 submission to HLF February 2016 ○ Decision from HLF August 2016 ○ Commence work on site March 2017 ○ Completion of capital works April 2018 • The launch of the Penshaw Village Atlas took place on Saturday 21 February at Penshaw CA. The Atlas is the final stage of the SIB funded project working in partnership with the local community to research the history and heritage of Old Penshaw.

4. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Coalfield Place Board's Work Plan for 2014/15 and agree proposals for future delivery
- Consider and agree the recommendations of the Place Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes for the Coalfield area for 2015/2016 attached at **Annex 2**

Annex 1 Work Plan
Annex 2 Highways Capital Maintenance programme
Annex 3 Neglected Land sites

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	Area Priority and suggested date for discussion by Place Board	Outcomes/Actions	Suggested Lead Agent (tbc with relevant service)	Comments/info/progress
1	<p>Support for local shopping centres</p> <p>July 2014</p>	<p>Building on the success of previous projects and sharing best practice across the local area.</p>	<p>Berni Whitaker</p>	<p>Using the results from an evaluation of the SIB funded Business Support programme, drawing on best practice, the Place Board made a recommendation to Area Committee at the October 2014 meeting. Committee approved a sum of £55,000 SIB to deliver a package of support including a) business mentoring support b) marketing campaign c) environmental improvements.</p> <p>Phase 2 of the Business Support project to offer 1-2-1 and mentoring advice to local traders is now under development.</p>
		<p>Identifying areas for development to improve footfall and spending in local shopping centres</p>	<p>Julie Heathcote</p>	<p>The Shop Local marketing campaign was further developed to encourage residents to support their local businesses during the Christmas period. Billboards in Shiney Row and Houghton le Spring and lamp post banners in Hetton advertised local shops. The Christmas market and switch on event at Shiney Row proved an outstanding success for local traders, who reported increased sales and a boost to the economic viability of the centre. Following this success, a Shiney Easter event is being organised by ShARP and the local traders with support of the business support programme.</p> <p>Ongoing dialogue between Houghton Traders Association, the City Council and Nexus have resulted in the option of an additional bus stop at the top of Newbottle Street (near library) being explored. A consultation exercise is underway and options for design etc.. are being developed.</p> <p>Proposed improvements to a footpath at Front Street, Fencehouses, was supported by the Place Board, subject to relevant consultation and future maintenance processes being followed. Statutory consultation has taken place, legal processes are now complete and work will commence on site during March 2015. A new litter bin will also be installed to complete the project.</p>
		<p>Supporting the dementia friendly shopping centres project</p>	<p>Pauline Hopper</p>	<p>This pilot project is part of the work of the Citywide Multi Agency Dementia Group. Houghton le Spring is working to become the North East's first Dementia Friendly Shopping Centre and the official launch of the project in September 2014 attracted media attention from a number of publications and BBC television. The Alzheimers Society delivered an awareness raising session to almost 30 local traders and organisations to help them understand more about dementia and how they can make their shops more welcoming for those who may need additional support. Businesses who have signed up to the Terms and Conditions can now display a sticker in their window to let people know they have an understanding of dementia. Next steps include the roll out of the awareness raising 'dementia friends' sessions and signing up more businesses to the project. A progress report has been submitted to the Alzheimers Society.</p>
		<p>Supporting local traders to develop initiatives to increase trade</p>	<p>Berni Whitaker/Julie Heathcote</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 developed in partnership with the Sunderland Echo. Phase 2 of the business support project, now under development, will continue to support the trader groups.</p>

2 Community involvement and Love Where You Live (LWYL) September 2014	Enhancing community cohesion and collective pride.	Pauline Hopper/VCS reps/Debbie Hall	<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> <p>The CRO is working with more schools, partners and community groups to deliver improvements, including painting of street furniture in Hetton Lyons Country Park with Springboard trainees and a Poo Watch project with local primary schools in partnership with Groundwork.</p>
	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 Place Board made a recommendation to October 2014 meeting of Area Committee, who approved £10,000 SIB funding to further develop the project.
	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)/Debbie Hall	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. An update on the projects was given in December 2014. An end of year report will be provided in April 2015.
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)	Project working group	Following approval of the Health and Greenspaces project and approval of £20,000 SIB to match the £20,000 public health allocation, a project steering group comprising all relevant officers and partners, chaired by Area committee Chair, met to develop the action plan. All partners were allocated actions which they would lead on and will report back at regular intervals. An updated action plan is attached as an Annex to the People Board report
	Identifying green space areas for development	Elected Members/project steering group	The Health and Greenspace project steering group will collect and collate information regarding spaces which can be incorporated into the project. Goalposts for informal play will be installed at Kier Hardie play field at Fenchouses. New 3-2-1 walks will be developed at Hetton Lyons and Herrington Country Parks and trim trails made from sustainable products will be installed.
	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	Julie Heathcote/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. A communications plan for the Health and Greenspaces project is being developed. The new Integrated Wellness service will be invited to join the VCS Network to improve joint working and share information.
	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. New signs will be installed in Herrington Country Park, Hetton Lyons Country Park and Hetton Park. Waymarkers on circular walks will also be installed at two locations.
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/Debbie Hall/VCS reps	A further programme of activity will be developed in conjunction with the Love Where You Live project. The November Place Board discussed areas of concern and any ideas put forward will be considered as part of the project.

	Supporting the education of residents to understand the consequences of environmental neglect	Debbie Hall/Carrie Stokoe	<p>Through community and school events a consistent message is being delivered regarding the impact of human behaviour on the environment. The work of the CRO also involves working with businesses and local residents regarding their responsibilities with regard to waste disposal and environmental maintenance. At the November meeting the Place Board agreed to support the education of residents by having a fact sheet produced including information on fly tipping, dog fouling etc..</p> <p>The installation of 'rock cams' during last year has resulted in a successful prosecution for fly tipping. This has been publicised and will be used to provide information and education on the penalties attached to environmental crimes and how individual's actions impact on the community</p>
	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. Updates on the projects were provided to the December Area Committee.
5 Monitor and maintain improved land January 2015	Ensuring local improvements already made continue to succeed	Debbie Hall/Pauline Hopper	<p>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. Improvements made under the Neglected Land project were presented to the February 2015 Place Board for information and consideration for further attention. The Board agreed that any sites requiring further attention should be priorities and improved using the remaining budget from the SIB Neglected Land project.</p> <p>The large Neglected Land project at Easington Lane has been delayed a number of times due to land ownership and licencing issues. Legal agreements are now being drawn up between the City Council and the other landowners, with work proposed to commence in April 2015. Two grazing plots and a nature garden will be created.</p> <p>Improved allotment sites continue to be monitored, and working in partnership with Street Scene and Allotment services the Area Committee are exploring options for future delivery on specific sites including Britannia Tce and Seaham Road.</p>
	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	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>An officer from Trading Standards attended the November Place Board to present information on the Licence Review process. Issues of most concern in the area are noise for residential neighbours of licenced premises, stolen and counterfeit goods being sold and adults purchasing alcohol from off licences on behalf of under 18s (proxy sales). The Board agreed to support a proposal to circulate a notice to be displayed in local off licences advising of fines that can be given to those purchasing alcohol for under 18s. A fact sheet has been prepared and was discussed at the February 2015 meeting. Trading Standards will be consulted before finalising the fact sheet for distribution within the community.</p>
	2. Re-consider how members can influence the allocation of S106 funding at an area level	Danielle Pearson	<p>In October all elected members were invited to take part in Member Training on the Planning System delivered by Planning Advisory Service. Further training opportunities have been made available to all members on the planning system and viability, which was delivered by the Planning advisory Service in January 2015</p>
	3. To influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme	Les Clark	<p>The November 2014 Place Board received an update of the current (2014/15) programme and was asked for proposals for 2015/16. All locations put forward were assessed and prioritised according to location, condition and traffic needs and brought back to the Board in February 2015. Recommendations from the Board are presented to the March 2015 Area Committee.</p>

Table B Identifies Streets for inclusion in the
Capital Programme 2015-2016 as recommended by the Place Board

Location	Ward	Estimate	Treatment	Engineer's Comments
Airedale Gardens – footway and road scheme Low Moorsley	Hetton	£21,000	Plane off and resurface road Overlay footway with specialist surfacing	Residential cul-de-sac Road potholes and pitted and very worn. Footway worn in places.
Bradley Avenue Houghton le Spring	Copt Hill	£7,000	Plane off and resurface road	First section only, road cracking and breaking up. Cul-de-sac.
Gillas Lane East – footways Houghton le Spring	Copt Hill	£4,000	Overlay footway with specialist surfacing	School route
Langdale Road - Phase 2 Penshaw	Shiney Row	£19,000	Plane off and resurface road	Residential street – Loop road – bus route – continuation of surfacing scheme
North Road - east footway & Hazard Lane - west footway Hetton	Hetton	£3,000	Overlay footway with specialist surfacing	School route
Pine – Briar Avenue Poplar – Hazel Avenue Beech – Oak Houghton	Houghton	£27,000	Plane and resurface roads	Surface potholing. Residential streets
Seaham Road footways Houghton le Spring	Copt Hill	£2,500	Overlay footway with specialist surfacing	Pedestrian route to bus stops.
St. Aidan's Terrace footway West Herrington	Shiney Row	£5,500	Overlay footway with specialist surfacing material	Main pedestrian route to access bus stops.
Success Road Shiney Row	Copt Hill	£11,000	Plane off and resurface road	Link road – outside Shiney Row college – road cracking
TOTAL		£100,000		

**Coalfield Area Committee
Monitor and Maintain Improved Land**

There were 36 Council owned sites identified by the original 2011/2012 Neglected Land project, the majority of which were given attention during the initial phase of the project. Improved sites have continued to have a positive impact on the local area. Place Board agreed that sites should be revisited, prioritised and maintained within the Neglected Land project. The sites listed below will be assessed and, where necessary and based on need, further improved using the existing Neglected Land SIB budget. An update report will be presented to the Place Board in April 2015.

Market Place Industrial Estate	Copt Hill
Percy Street Old Depot	Copt Hill
Hazard Lane	Hetton
Low Downs Hotel	Hetton
Hetton Lyons Industrial Estate	Hetton
Lyons Lane	Hetton
Phoenix Way	Hetton
Newburn Cres	Houghton
Abbey Drive	Houghton
Parnell Street	Houghton
Larkfield Cres	Shiney Row
Hunter St	Shiney Row
Langdale Road	Shiney Row
Golf Course Road	Shiney Row
Ferndale Road	Shiney Row
Cox Green	Shiney Row
Collingwood Drive	Shiney Row
Lanton Street/Railway Terrace	Shiney Row

Pauline Hopper
Area Community Officer
February 2015

11 March 2015

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, 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 utilising 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

4 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 28 February 2015.

Action Taken	Outcome
Influence : Safer Communities	
Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS) Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A short update is provided to members by the Area Community Officer after each LMAPS meeting. • Members are requested to forward any new issues to the Area Community Officer, or Chair of Area Committee, prior to each LMAPS meeting. • Members were forwarded a short briefing outlining the type of issues which could be referred to LMAPS.
Influence: Early Intervention and Locality Based Services	
Influence Youth Contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The September People Board meeting was presented with an update on the performance of the current commissioned youth contracts. Further information was presented to the January 2015 People Board when feedback was given regarding responses from members. The current provider is seen to be

	<p>meeting the needs of the young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All members want the 2 age groups to remain and the proposal for the BME contract to be part of the mainstream contract was positively received. It is anticipated that in order to keep provision, some hours may be reduced but members accepted this was a reasonable solution. Members are encouraged to attend the Youth Operational Group so they can feed in to decisions made locally regarding provision.
Area Priority: Healthy life choices	
Facilitate access to greenspace to support physical and mental wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The people board will focus on the health aspect of the Health and Greenspaces project and develop initiatives to engage local people in using outdoor space to improve their health Following approval of the Health and Greenspaces project actions at the December 2014 Area Committee, further development has taken place regarding each action. Attached at Annex 2 is further information about each element of the project which will all be delivered within the previously approved budget (£20,000 public health and £20,000 SIB). Although some of the elements of the plan will take a number of months or years to complete, it is proposed that the project will commence delivery and be launched in March 2015.
Improving local rates for accessing chlamydia screening, contraception clinics, sexual health clinics and reducing teenage conceptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The People Board received an update from Kath Bailey, Public Health Consultant, on the sexual health review and services under development Public Health colleagues will keep the Board updated with regard to any progress on the review The provision of services for young people was of particular interest to the Board and further information about local provision was circulated
Area Priority: Support opportunities for young people at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)	
Employer engagement and preparing young people for working life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The board agreed to focus on two things which could offer support to those at risk of becoming NEET a) employer engagement, and b) preparation for working life. An opportunity has arisen to be involved in the development of a project which addresses both of the issues above. Working Rite is a programme to bridge the gap between schools and work (further information at Annex 3) and matches young people with local employers for a 6 month paid training placement The Working Rite charity has secured funding to pilot the programme in the North East and the Coalfield area will be one of the target localities. The Board agreed to support the delivery of the Working Rite programme in the area and to invite the project co-ordinator to a future meeting. The Board received information about what type of careers advice and guidance is provided by schools and agreed to explore this further as part of the refresh of area priorities
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 (Clinical Commissioning Group) joint funded projects are continuing to deliver healthy lifestyle projects The balance of funding remaining was allocated to the 'CAN DO' fund available for young people to apply for directly. The February 2015 people board welcomed three groups of young people who gave presentations based on the applications they had submitted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fencehouses LDD group received £500 to work with Sunderland Empire on the development and delivery of their own version of Macbeth. They will perform at the Empire for a selected audience of family and friends.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Philadelphia Cricket and Community Club received £480 to support five young volunteers in the achievement of Level 1 UKCC and Level 2 UKCC Coaching Qualifications. This will enable 50 young people to benefit from coaching to develop their skills. ○ Mad Catz received £382 to organise and participate in a go- carting activity at Warden Law for 8 and a pizza night at Easington Lane Flatts for 20. The young people will organise the activities themselves and invite their peers who have regularly attended sessions at the Flatts Youth Club and show the rewards of positive behaviour. ● A balance of £9,907 remains in the CAN DO budget. The People Board recommend the project continues during 2015/16 utilising the remaining budget and further developing the skills of young people
Area Priority: Reduce social isolation for vulnerable and older people	
Improved opportunities for social participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Community Transport and Shopping Bus project funded via SIB is coming to the end of its first year. As requested by Area Committee, a 12 month monitoring review is underway. The review, to date, shows the project is overachieving on targets set, and continues to provide a valuable service to older and vulnerable adults. An end of year report will be provided by the project in April 2015. ● Sunderland CCG has allocated £20,000 to enable delivery of projects to support joint priorities for the area, specific to area need. Laura Hope, Coalfield Area CCG representative, updated the People Board in January and the Board agreed that the focus of the work should be around increasing social participation. The Board discussed the merits of supporting the development of a larger number of small projects, rather than one large project and the opportunity to allocate some area budget to maximise funding available. The finance report at Item 5 outlines the People Board recommendations on the way forward

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 and agree proposals for future delivery
- Agree to continue the CAN DO fund utilising the remaining balance of £9,907

Annex 1 Work Plan

Annex 2 Health and Greenspace projects

Annex 3 Support for young people at risk of becoming NEET

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PEOPLE

	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 commenced 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 and this will be considered during the refresh of area priorities for 2015.16.
		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'. A funding application to Comic Relief is being prepared by ShARP to provide funding to begin the project.

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	City Council Services and external partners have used the VCS Network in the area to promote local events and activities to support people into work. Further information regarding business connectors and other support programmes for employers and young people seeking employment has been provided.
		Supporting access to training, learning and volunteering, linking with Connexions, FACL and Children's Centres	Andrew Carton	The November Board meeting received a report and update on key statistics, and information regarding what is currently available to support young people (16-19) into education, training or employment. The Board agreed to further explore employer engagement, relationship with schools and employability skills. Information on the Working Rite programme was provided to members at the February 2015 meeting. The Board agreed to support the delivery of the Working Rite programme in the area and to invite the project co-ordinator to a future meeting. Information on careers advice in schools was provided to the Board. This will be further discussed during the development of area priorities for 2015/16 .
		Supporting the development of social media to enhance training and learning opportunities with training to enhance the digital skills required	Andrew Carton	A meeting to discuss specific issues for the area in was held in Easington Lane in November. One of the suggestions/actions was for partners to promote what is available for young people via facebook and other social media. IT skills and availability of IT equipment for community use was discussed by the VCS Network at their meeting in January 2015. To be explored further during the development of future area priorities.
		Contributing to the development of the community library service	Allison Clark/Jolene Dunbar	Regular meetings and communication with community library staff takes place. The lead community librarian for the Coalfield area attends the VCS Network and works with local vcs organisations to maximise the benefits of the service.

<p>2</p> <p>Healthy life choices for children, young people and adults with a focus on physical wellness and sexual health</p> <p>January 2015</p>	<p>Working in partnership with CCG and Public Health to deliver outcomes against shared priorities in the Coalfield</p>	<p>Public Health/CCG</p>	<p>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 by local VCS organisations. The Board received an update on projects in October. The Health and Greenspaces project (joint SIB and Public Health funding) will deliver shared outcomes</p>
	<p>Supporting local improvements that promote healthy weight for children and young people</p>	<p>Laura Cassidy/VCS Network</p>	<p>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. VCS representation on the Health and Greenspaces project group will ensure local issues are considered.</p>
	<p>Improving local rates for accessing chlamydia screening, contraception clinics, sexual health clinics and reducing teenage conceptions</p>	<p>Public Health/CCG</p>	<p>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. Locally available sexual health services were discussed by the People Board at the January 2015 meeting, and information was provided on services for young people.</p>
	<p>Ensuring the VCS are supported to deliver outcomes in partnership with council services</p>	<p>Pauline Hopper/VCS Network</p>	<p>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 the support to the Network to develop and deliver projects to contribute to area priorities. A number of VCS partners are delivering health related projects within the community. A report on these projects was presented to the October Area Committee, and a further update was presented to the November meeting of the People Board. The VCS Network members have highlighted the need for a co-ordinated and cohesive approach as there are lots of effective and successful services available but they need a more joined up approach. There will be a request for the new Integrated Wellness service to attend a future VCS Network meeting.</p>

4	<p>Local Events, celebrations and heritage</p> <p>February 2015</p>	Supporting long standing historical events and celebrations taking place in local communities		<p>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. An additional £10,000 of SIB funding was allocated for Heritage events and activities at the October Area Committee. £5,000 of this budget has been made available to VCS Network members via a call for projects (grants up to £500). An update on approved projects will be provided to the Board and Area Committee at the next meeting.</p>
5	<p>Support increased social participation for vulnerable and older people, including those with dementia, learning difficulties and physical disability</p> <p>January 2015</p>	Dementia friendly shopping centres project	Pauline Hopper/Multi Agency Dementia Group	<p>Houghton le Spring has been successfully registered with the Alzheimers Society to work towards becoming a 'Dementia Friendly Community'. In partnership with the Alzheimers Society and other key organisations, Sunderland City Council are working with Houghton Traders Association to implement the programme. A launch of the initiative took place in September 2014 and a progress report has been submitted to the Alzheimers Society . All traders in Newbottle Street will be invited to a meeting in April 2015 to further discuss and develop the pilot.</p>
		Supporting dementia awareness training		<p>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 beign explored as part of the Multi Agency Dementia Group.</p>
		Working with VCS partners to promote social and befriending opportunities for those with learning and/or physical disabilities	VCS Network	<p>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. The Essence Service is a joint initiative between Age UK Sunderland, Sunderland Carer's Centre and Sunderland CCG to provide ongoing support to people with Dementia and their Carers to enable them to have a full and active life in the community.</p>

		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. The January People Board discussed how this process could be developed further and recommend that £20,000 SIB be allocated to match £20,000 made available by the CCG.
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	Austin McNamara	<p>At its meeting of 5th November Cabinet approved the Policy Statement on the role of the Council in relation to schools and the wider education system. The Statement determines the role of the Council in improving educational outcomes and defines the key elements of the local authority's role.</p> <p>Additionally, next steps were agreed in order to develop the necessary relationships, systems and processes to reflect the changing education landscape, the educational priorities within the city's key strategies, the Council's Community Leadership role and its statutory duties.</p> <p>One of those key actions is to develop arrangements whereby Elected Members are enabled to play a role in strengthening the local accountability of schools and in sharing local intelligence. The Education and Skills Strategy was circulated to Board members in February and a written reponse from the Board will be fed into the Directorate early in March.</p>
		2. Improve access to green/open/blue space, to support further participation in physical activities.	Laura Bartlett/Laura Cassidy	£20k has been allocated from the Public Health budget and has been matched with £20,000 SIB funding. A project delivery group has been set up and met in November to finalise the action plan, which is attached at Annex 2.

3. Review of Museum Services	Trina Murphy	A cultural Strategy is being developed for the city which will help shape Museums and heritage in a way that Sunderland residents want. This will help to develop a vision that will determine the delivery plan of priorities for the next 3-5 years. The Strategy and the Museum vision are proposed to be discussed at a future People Board. Members will have the opportunity to contribute to how the service will be tailored to meet the needs of the community. Following that, the Heritage team will engage with local individuals and groups, such as the Area VCS Network, to discuss the new proposals.
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. Further information was presented to the January 2015 People Board when feedback was given regarding responses from members. The current provider is seen to be meeting the needs of the young people. All members want the 2 age groups to remain and the proposal for the BME contract to be part of the mainstream contract was positively received. It is anticipated that in order to keep provision, some hours may be reduced but members accepted this was a reasonable solution. Members are encouraged to attend the Youth Operational Group so they can feed in to decisions made locally regarding provision.

**Coalfield Area Committee
Health and Greenspaces project update**

Improve and develop cycleways/shared use paths to create the Coalfield Cycle Network – Sunderland City Council

The Cycle Network officer will implement a programme to improve and expand suitable paths across the area to create the Coalfield Cycle Network. Funding from core budgets and S106 contributions from Houghton Primary Care Centre will enable the network to be delivered.

Create a link between the ‘large parks’ in the area (Herrington/Hetton Lyons/Rainton Meadows/Elba) forming the ‘4 park route’ – Sunderland City Council

There are existing paths forming the majority of a suggested circular route connecting the four sites. Three gaps have been identified and will form a programme of works during the next few years, depending on planned developments and availability of funds.

Develop two new circular routes suitable for running, jogging and walking (in Herrington Country Park and Hetton Lyons Country Park) – Sunderland City Council

- 2 x 6k accessible marked out circular routes - distances will suit a new walker through to the more seasoned athlete
- Accessible routes - encourages a range of target audiences eg beginners, older adults , mums with pushchairs etc.
- Opportunity for users to walk / jog / run from 1k to up to 9 k within the circular routes - with the opportunity to build on the distance
- Detailed information signs at the start/finish of each circular route
- Way markers positioned along the route with arrows and distances

Train volunteers/instructors to deliver activity e.g. Nordic walking, family fit camps – Sunderland City Council

A programme will be developed for any new volunteers or staff in local VCS organisations wishing to undertake training

Engage with other volunteer programmes including health champions – all partners via VCS Network and other forums

There are a number of programmes in the Coalfield area, and across the City, working with volunteers and supporting champions for a number of programmes. Via public health colleagues, and the VCS network, communication will be strengthened and joint working will be improved

Further develop the Love Where You Live project to improve local green spaces – Sunderland City Council/VCS Network

Working with community groups and local schools an educational programme of activity will be developed. Schools will take part in practical sessions to understand the impact negative human behaviour (such as littering, dog fouling etc..) has on the environment. Pupils will have the opportunity to design a poster, the winning design will be used in venues around the local area.

Develop more conservation activity with local groups and volunteers – Groundwork North East

Clean, Green and Lean will give local people the opportunity to improve their health and wellbeing through practical environmental work at green spaces in the coalfields. Focusing on four local green spaces (to be decided on consultation with the area officer, VCS Network and local councillors), the project will:

- Engage local people in healthy ‘green’ activity designed to improve their health and wellbeing
- Make small-scale improvements to local green spaces and deliver small-scale maintenance tasks
- Create a sustainable group that can run independently after the project has ended to continue working on regular ‘green activity’ conservation tasks at green spaces in the coalfields area.

A group of interested local people will work alongside a project officer (with experience of

health projects and practical environmental work) to carry out small-scale environmental improvements increasing biodiversity and supporting the environmental management of local sites. As well as delivering environmental improvements, the project will also increase the health and wellbeing of participants through both challenging and gentle green activity. Participants will be able to take part in the scheme in two different ways: either through a structured 10-week physical activity programme or through one-off or short-term 'volunteering' opportunities.

Encourage the use and enjoyment of open space and outdoor play – ELCAP

The project will showcase local green spaces in the Coalfield that are not used to their best advantage. Sites will be identified by working with the local community and Area Committee. Pop up 'Positive Picnics' will engage local people and encourage better use of local green spaces. Games equipment such as ropes, hoops, balls etc.. according to the ability of the group will be used to encourage people to be active and have fun. Working with partners within the Heath and Greenspace project and the VCS Network a joined up approach will be adopted. Consultation has shown that the proposed method is effective during the summer months and therefore the project will take place during the six months from March 2015. The project will be promoted using various methods including posters on the community transport vehicle advertising 'What's on your doorstep'.

Install outdoor exercise equipment (trim trails) in Herrington Country Park and Hetton Lyons Country Park – Sunderland City Council/Springboard

Hetton Lyons Country Park

Springboard, as the managing organisation of the park, will support the development and management of design and installation of the trim trail. Four to six pieces of equipment constructed from pressure treated timber, with a life span of 15 years, will be installed. The total project costs will include an agreed amount of funding for essential repairs etc.. Should the equipment become damaged beyond repair, or stolen, there are no funds available for replacement.

Herrington Country Park

Working with colleagues and partners the design and location of four to six pieces of equipment will be agreed. The timber equipment has minimum maintenance requirements due to the robust nature of the equipment and the low level of vandalism and damage in Herrington Country Park. An agreed amount of funding will be made available for essential repairs etc.If the equipment is damaged beyond repair or stolen there are not funds available for replacement.

Install new and informative signage for Herrington Country Park, Hetton Park and Hetton Lyons Country Park – Sunderland City Council

New signage is required at parks across the city, as existing signs are out of date, damaged and/or uninformative. Existing signs don't highlight the activities, facilities and resources already available within the parks which residents could be taking advantage of, to improve their own wellbeing and enhance their lifestyles.

New signs will include information on play parks, walking routes, trim trails and other resources to inform and encourage usage.

Funding will be used for the production and installation of new signs at the three parks identified.

Support the development of walking/cycling maps and routes – Sunderland City Council

A Citywide cycling map will be available for all areas. Walking maps will be developed with colleagues in Sport and Leisure and Corporate Comms. Local information will feed into the maps via the walking and cycling networks. A pack will be developed which can be added to when new walks are created.

Promote existing and develop new heritage walks – Sunderland City Council/ELCAP

Working with heritage groups, volunteers and the VCS Network, existing walks will be promoted and new walks developed. There is a strong sense of community spirit around

heritage in the Coalfield area and this will be built upon with new and exciting projects to keep the interest going. Over a six month period groups and residents will carry out research to develop the walks and encourage participation. New volunteers will be recruited and encouraged to participate in walk leader training.

Those with limited mobility will be encouraged to visit open, green, heritage sites with the support of community transport and relevant volunteers.

Install goalposts on appropriate areas for 'informal play' – Sunderland City Council

Goalposts will be installed on Kier Hardie field, Fencehouses. Place Board has been consulted and agreed location. Residents have been consulted and are in support.

Develop and deliver a Communication Plan in March 2015 – Sunderland City Council

All of the above, and other projects and initiatives as they develop, will be promoted and marketed throughout the area

Co-ordination of volunteering activities– ELCAP/VCS Network

All of the above activities will include volunteers and volunteering opportunities. Led by the ELCAP Development Manager and VCS Network reps, a range of project activities will be delivered by existing and new volunteers in a co-ordinated way across the whole of the Coalfield area. The VCS Network meetings are attended by all colleagues and partners involved in the project.

Pauline Hopper
Area Community Officer
February 2015

Coalfield Area People Board February 2015

Work Plan - Local Priority: Services and support for young people who are, or are at risk of becoming, NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training)

Following discussions at the November 2014 People Board it was agreed to focus on two key areas of work. 1) Employer engagement, 2) Preparing young people for working life. Outlined below is information about a programme which addresses both of these issues.

Background to WorkingRite

Working Rite is a successful and sustainable solution to youth unemployment. It is borne from old-fashioned values, whereby young people experience a **working rite of passage** to help take them from adolescence to adulthood. WorkingRite believe that every young person deserves the opportunity to prove themselves in the workplace, regardless of their age, inexperience or qualifications. They give young people that chance.

Across Scotland and England, local Project Co-ordinators individually match a young person to a small business in their local community, where they learn valuable skills on-the-job, where it counts. The 'trainees' work with their placement employer for up to six months . during which they are guided by an older mentor in the workplace and supported by the Project Co-ordinator. They also earn a weekly training allowance. In Scotland travel expenses are also covered.

The programme bridges the gap between school and work. It gives young people essential work experience, provides good role models, builds their confidence and offers them a quality vocational alternative to academic learning.

Opportunity for Delivery in Coalfield Area

Funding has been secured by WorkingRite to deliver the programme in the North East, and a start up grant has been awarded by the Vardy Foundation to get the work off the ground in the outlying areas of Sunderland, and part of County Durham. The Coalfield area will be a 'pilot' or 'launch' area for the project and the recruitment process to appoint a local Project Co-ordinator will commence in March 2015, with a target date of August 2015 for young people to begin the placements.

For Consideration by People Board

Members are asked to add their support to the development and delivery of the WorkingRite programme in the Coalfield area and

- Agree to invite the Project Co-ordinator to a future People Board meeting
- Help to identify local employers who could be approached by the Project Co-ordinator
- Identify local organisations or services who may wish to refer young people to the scheme
- Promote the service to local young people
- Consider whether financial support could be given to the project for travelling costs and out of pocket employment related expenses.

Next steps recommended by People Board

To support the scheme for delivery in the area

To invite the Project Co-ordinator to a future People Board meeting once in post

11 March 2015

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 once since the last Area Committee in December 2014.

3.1 January 2015 Community Event

The group discussed the two large community events delivered last year, the first by Gentoo at Rainton Meadows, and the second by the VCS Network and Sunderland City Council at the Hetton Centre. The group agreed that this year there should be a joint approach and one large event. The event will be jointly organised and co-ordinated and will take place on Friday 10 April at Rainton Meadows Arena. All organisations were invited to go along to promote what they offer within the community and to support local residents to access services.

The VCS Network would like to invite partners to attend and bring along a display and a fun activity, and also would like to invite elected members and officers to come along and see the variety of services and support available. It is an opportunity to speak directly to local VCS organisations and members of the public.

Nomination of VCS Representatives

The group discussed the VCS Rep vacancy, left by Ann Owen from HRCAP who have now ceased to operate as a charity. The role and commitment of the VCS Reps was discussed and nomination forms were circulated. The group agreed that nominations should be forwarded to Susan Brown or Pauline Hopper by Friday 27 February, for consideration by the VCS Network at the next meeting in March 2015.

Area Annual Report and Area Priorities

It was highlighted that a great amount of work has been delivered via the VCS Network and partner members in support of the Area priorities. The Network would welcome an opportunity to highlight some examples within the Annual Report.

Priorities for the coming year were discussed briefly and a number of issues were raised, including Community IT provision and support in locally accessible venues. The Network members feel this is an increasing pressure on local organisations and volunteers who are experiencing larger numbers of people seeking help with on line forms and applications.

The Network members agreed they would like to hold a workshop to discuss key priorities for next year in order to feed them in to the refresh of Area Committee plans.

Information Sharing

There were 34 people in attendance at the meeting and each was given the opportunity to share some information relating to activities or services they are delivering in the area. The Network value this informal part of the agenda to develop partnership working and share ideas.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested

- To note the contents of the report
- To consider Network representation when discussing priorities for the coming year

Contact: Susan Brown, Area Network Representative
Sam Galilee, Area Network Representative.



Coalfields Area Committee Report 01/12/2014 -25/02/2015

Data and Information Team

26th February 2015

Data and Information Audit	
Data compiled by:	JB
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Data valid at:	26/02/2015
Approved for Publication	
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Date Approved by:	26/02/2015

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The following data set contains general information relating to fire incidents/ASB fires in this reporting area. This is for PUBLIC information and sharing for the purposes of reducing ASB and fire crime.

If in doubt about the level of security contact D&I team SHQ.

Coalfields Area Committee

The following report provides commentary on Coalfields area incidents from 1st December 2014 to 25th February 2015 (Copt Hill Ward, Hetton Ward, Houghton Ward, Shiney Row Ward)

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 in 2014/15 or 2013/14.

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

There were no LI 3 injuries in the Coalfields Area during the reporting period.

There was one injury in this area over the same period last year.

LI 8 Number of accidental fires in dwellings

There was two LI 8 incident during the reporting period.

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

Incident Ref	Date	Time	Ward	Property Level 4
42022969	25/12/2014	12:30	Shiney Row Ward	House - single occupancy
43002936	22/02/2015	18:35	Houghton Ward	House - single occupancy

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

There was one deliberate primary fire during the reporting period in the Coalfields Area.

There was one incident in this area during the same period last year.

Incident ref	Date	Time	Ward	Property Level 4
43002313	14/02/2015	07:51	Hetton Ward	House – single occupancy

LI 15 Number of deliberate primary road vehicle fires

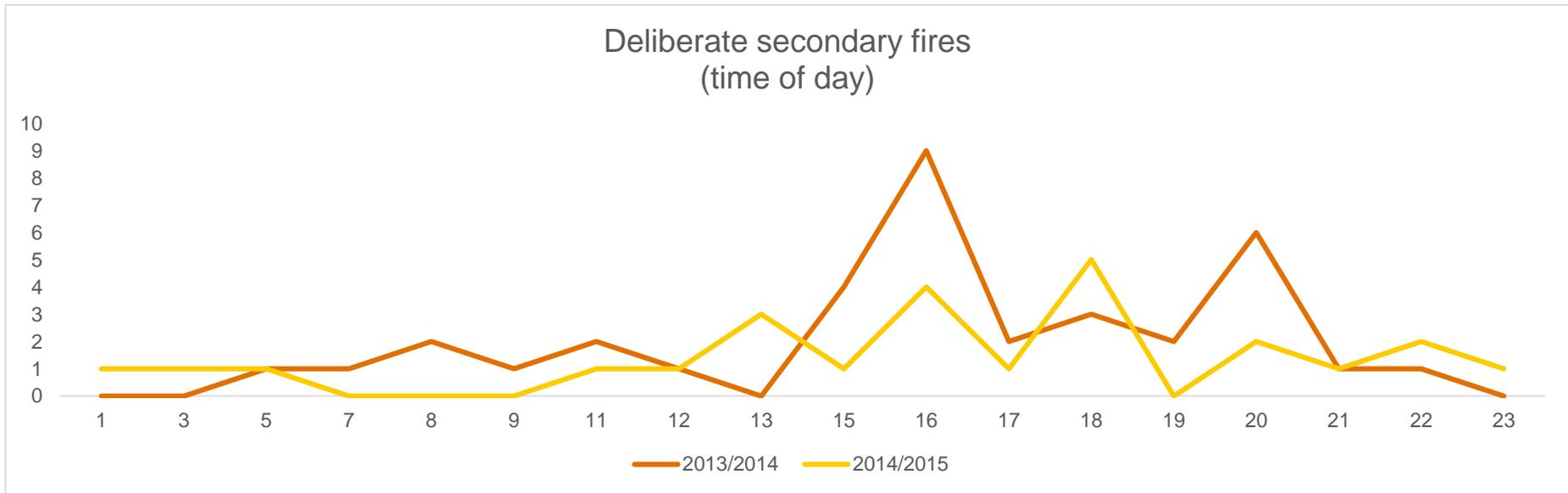
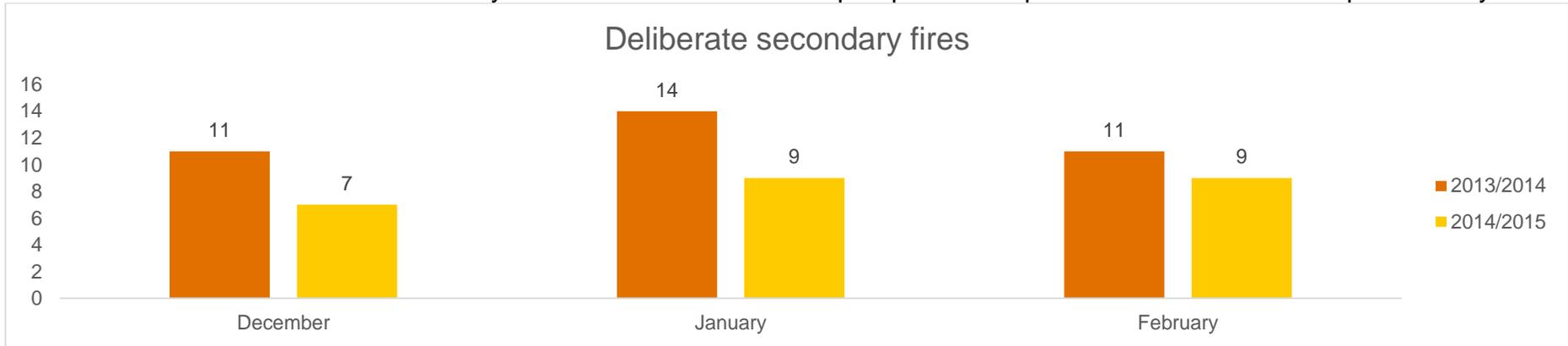
There was one deliberate vehicle fire in this area during the reporting period.

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

Incident Ref	Date Only	Time Only	Ward	Property Level 3
43001158	23/01/2015	23:25	Houghton Ward	Car

LI 16 Number of deliberate secondary fires

There have been 25 deliberate secondary fires in this area over the report period compared to 36 over the same period last year.

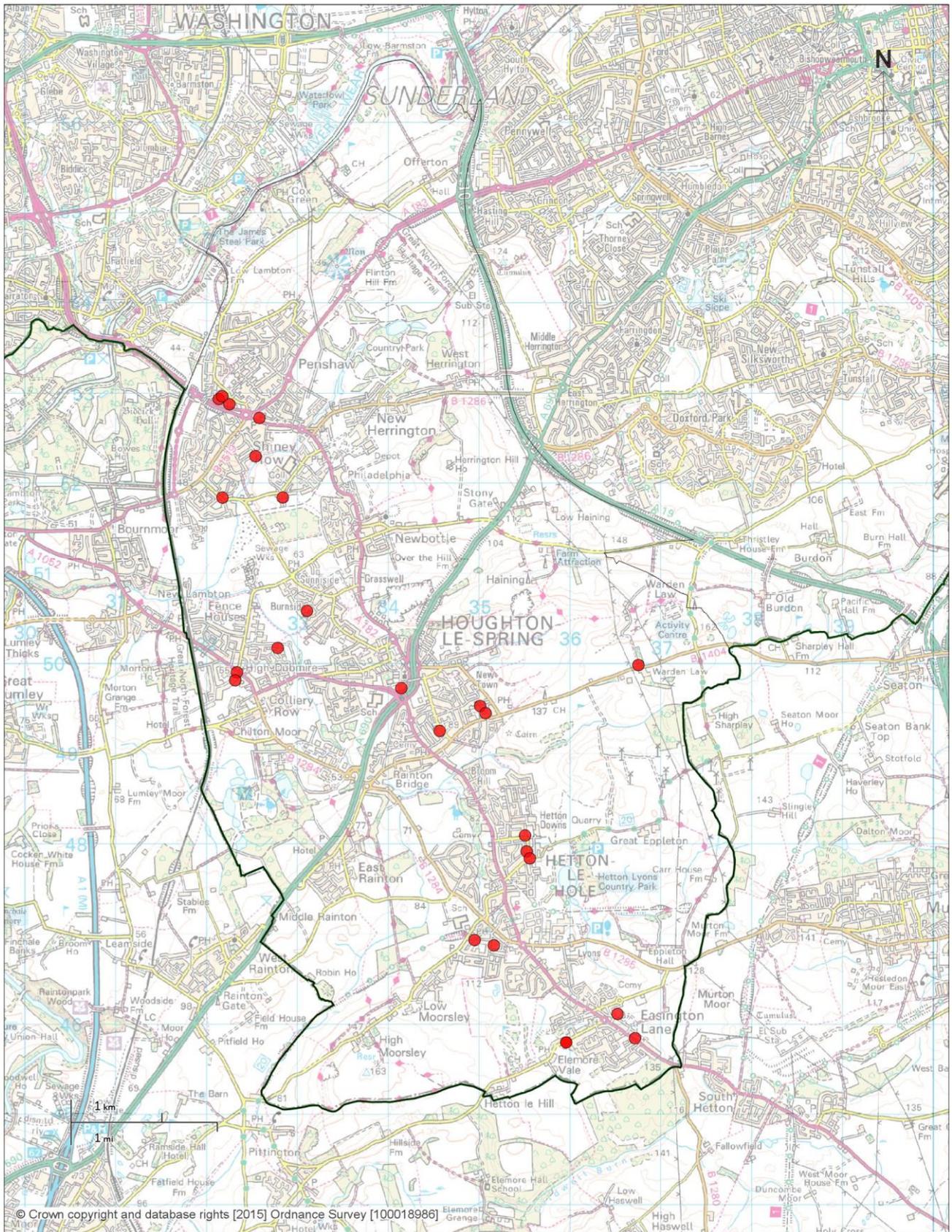


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Ward	2013/2014 Incidents	2014/2015 Incidents	% Change
Copt Hill Ward	7	3	-57.14%
Hetton Ward	14	9	-35.71%
Houghton Ward	10	6	-40.00%
Shiney Row Ward	9	7	-22.22%
Grand Total	40	25	-37.50%

Property Type	2013/2014 Incidents	2014/2015 Incidents	% change
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	22	17	-22.73%
Refuse/rubbish tip	2	2	0.00%
Scrub land	2	3	50.00%
Small refuse/rubbish/recycle container (excluding wheelie bin)	3	0	-100%
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc	3	0	-100%
Wheelie Bin	3	1	-66.67%
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)	1	0	-100%
Hedge	0	1	100%
Other outdoor items including roadside furniture	1	0	-100%
Grand Total	40	25	-37.50%

LI 16 Number of deliberate secondary fires



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Incident ref	Date	Time	Ward	Property level 4
42022139	08/12/2014	15:35	Shiney Row Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42022354	12/12/2014	21:10	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42022396	13/12/2014	16:44	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42022725	19/12/2014	18:15	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42022784	20/12/2014	23:20	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42023229	31/12/2014	12:00	Copt Hill Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
42023245	31/12/2014	17:54	Copt Hill Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
43000351	08/01/2015	01:09	Copt Hill Ward	Wheelie Bin
43000402	08/01/2015	18:07	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
43000476	09/01/2015	13:17	Shiney Row Ward	Scrub land
43001163	24/01/2015	05:06	Houghton Ward	Fence
43001299	26/01/2015	22:27	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
43001333	27/01/2015	16:07	Shiney Row Ward	Scrub land
43001339	27/01/2015	16:50	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
43001448	29/01/2015	18:57	Shiney Row Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
43001490	30/01/2015	13:29	Houghton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
43001902	07/02/2015	03:08	Shiney Row Ward	Hedge
43002108	10/02/2015	20:23	Shiney Row Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
43002201	12/02/2015	11:08	Shiney Row Ward	Refuse/rubbish tip
43002471	16/02/2015	16:15	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
43002733	19/02/2015	13:07	Houghton Ward	Scrub land
43002771	19/02/2015	18:11	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
43002783	19/02/2015	20:10	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
43002792	19/02/2015	22:21	Hetton Ward	Loose refuse (incl in garden)
43002979	23/02/2015	18:49	Hetton Ward	Refuse/rubbish tip

LI 21 Malicious false alarm calls attended

There have been no malicious false alarm calls during the reporting period.

There were 3 malicious false alarm calls over during the same period last year.

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE 11 March 2015 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Community Chest - Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources	
Author(s): Chief Executive	
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 updated position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.	
Description of Decision: <p style="text-align: center;">The Area Committee is requested to:-</p> <p>(a) Note the financial statement set out in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1 (b) Approve one request for SIB funding set out in 2.2 for £20,000 (c) Note the 11 approvals of Community Chest set out in Annex 1</p>	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? Yes	
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: The Area Committee has an allocation of £268,412 for 2014/2015 from the Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area 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?	

11 March 2015

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Community Chest – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 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:

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Total SIB for 2014/2015 is £268,412				
				£268,412
Project Name				
Advice Volunteer Co-ordinator - ShARP	09.04.14		£30,000	£238,412
Community Transport - ELCAP	09.04.14		£60,000	£178,412
Social Club – Houghton Centre for the Blind	09.04.14		£4,000	£174,412
Baulkham Hills Footpath - SCC	09.04.14		£4,289	£170,123
Houghton Feast 2014 community involvement and Friday evening opening programme	18.06.14		£10,000	£160,123
Returned Funding - Delivering the Heritage Action Plan			(£442)	£160,565
Health and Greenspaces	15.10.14		£20,000	£140,565
Shopping Centre Support	15.10.14		£55,000	£85,565
Local Events, Celebrations and Heritage	15.10.14		£10,000	£75,565
Love Where You Live (LWYL)	15.10.14		£10,000	£65,565
Provision of a bus shelter at Blind Lane stop number 28071	03.12.14		£5,500	£60,065
Total		-	£208,347	£60,065

2.2 There is one application for SIB funding for consideration as below and in **Annex 1**.

Social Inclusion and support for older and vulnerable adults £20,000

If approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be £40,065.

3 Green Spaces Funding:

3.1 The table below shows the financial position of Green Spaces following the April 2014 Area Committee meeting.

	Committee Date	Aligned	Approved	Balance
Green Spaces Fund (approved to AC to award)				£20,000
Project Name	-		-	-
Health and Greenspaces Area Committee match funding	15.10.14		£20,000	£0
New Balance			£20,000	£0

3.2 Annex 2 to the People Board report, at Item 3, shows progress made to date in developing a detailed action plan to deliver Health and Greenspace outcomes. The initiatives developed and agreed by the project working group have been priced by each lead agent and can all be delivered within the £40,000 total funds available, including funding for co-ordination of voluntary activity across all projects. Regular updates will be provided to ensure that all financial and project activity remains on track

4. Community Chest

4.1 The table below details the Community Chest Ward balances as at 28 February 2015, Item 5 Annex 2 shows the approvals between December 2014 – February 2015.

Ward	Starting Balance	Project Approvals since April 2014	Grant Returned	Balance
Copt Hill	£12,889.76	£7,318.41	£26.15	£5,597.50
Shiney Row	£11,859.00	£9,806.80	£1,066.15	£3,118.35
Houghton	£13,917.50	£7,643.80	£526.15	£6,799.85
Hetton	£13,088.00	£10,903.40	£26.15	£2,210.75
Total	£51,754.26	£35,672.41	£1,644.60	£17,726.45

5. Recommendations:

Members are requested to:

- Note the financial statement set out in sections 2.1, 3.1 and 4.1
- Approve one request for £20,000 SIB funding set out in 2.2 and Annex 1
- Agree the process and timescale for developing a Call for Projects set out in Annex 1
- Note the 11 approvals of Community Chest set out in Annex 2

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Reduce Social Isolation for Vulnerable Adults and Older People

CCG/SIB Joint Funding

Sunderland CCG has allocated £20,000 to each of the five areas in Sunderland, to enable delivery of projects to support joint priorities for the area. The People Board agreed that the focus of this work should be to support increased social participation for vulnerable adults and older people, and recommend that £20,000 SIB is approved to match the CCG contribution. This will give a total of £40,000 available to allocate against this priority.

The funding will provide an ideal opportunity to refine and repeat a process carried out during 2013/14 when Area Committee developed a call for projects via the VCS Network for grants of up to £5,000. The projects have proved beneficial for local people, and exceptionally good value for money in terms of the level of financial support given for the results achieved. It is recommended that the process below is followed.

March 2015	£20,000 SIB agreed by Coalfield Area Committee
March 2015	Project brief(s) designed
April 2015	Project brief(s) agreed by People Board
April 2015	Funding opportunity advertised via VCS Network
May 2015	Applications assessed and consultation carried out
June 2015	Recommendations to Area Committee

Members are requested to consider the options below and agree one option for development.

- a) Set a limit for requests for funding at £20,000 per project with a clear and detailed project brief. (two successful applicants)
- b) Set a limit for requests for funding at £5,000 (potentially 8 or more small projects could be approved)
- c) A combination of the two options above i.e. One project brief at £20,000 with one successful applicant, and one project brief at £5,000 maximum with a potential for 4 small projects.

Recommendation: The People Board recommended that **Option C** was developed

COMMUNITY CHEST 2014/2015 COALFIELD AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED December 2014 - February 2015

Copt Hill Ward	Project	Amount	Balance at February 2015	Project approvals	Grants returned	Balance Remaining
	Houghton Race Course CA - Cost of new tables	£1,887.68		£1,887.68		
	Houghton at its Best - Support for the cost of hosting a concert of music and dance held at the Bethany Centre on 7 March 2015	£500		£500		
	Sunderland Remembrance Day 2012 - Contribution towards Transport, food and administration costs for Remembrance Day on 11th November 2012 – grant remained unclaimed				£26.15	
	Eppleton Durham Gala Fund - Cost of band and transport for Durham Gala	£900		£900		
	Sunderland City Council - contribution to column for 3G camera in Market Street	£561.73		£561.73		
	Total	£3,849.41	£9,420.76	£3,849.41	£26.15	£5,597.50
Hetton Ward	Project	Amount	Balance at February 2015	Project approvals		Balance Remaining
	East Rainton Cricket Club - Contribution to costs of purchasing a boundary water remover machine	£530		£530		
	Sunderland Remembrance Day 2012 - Contribution towards Transport, food and administration costs for Remembrance Day on 11th November 2012 – grant remained unclaimed				£26.15	
	ELCAP- Contribution to costs of lift repairs	£1,000				
	Total	£1,530	£3,714.60	£1,530	£26.15	£2,210.75
Houghton Ward	Project	Amount	Balance at February 2015	Project approvals		Balance Remaining

	Houghton at its Best - Support for the cost of hosting a concert of music and dance held at the Bethany Centre on 7 March 2015	£500		£500		
	Sunderland Remembrance Day 2012 - Contribution towards Transport, food and administration costs for Remembrance Day on 11th November 2012 – grant remained unclaimed				£26.15	
	Grasswell House - Various activities for young people in care – awarded 13.07.11 activity did not take place and grant never claimed				£500	
	Total	£500	£6,773.70	£500	£526.15	£6,799.85
Shiney Row Ward	Project	Amount	Balance at February 2015	Project approvals		Balance Remaining
	St Oswald's Ladies Club - Cost of speakers and trips out during the year for members	£500		£500		
	SCC Property Services - Repairs to fencing linked to the Doorstep Green Scheme	£1,000		£1,000		
	Sunderland Remembrance Day 2012 - Contribution towards Transport, food and administration costs for Remembrance Day on 11th November 2012 – grant remained unclaimed				£26.15	
	City Services Remembrance Day PA system - To provide PA system for Shiney Row Remembrance Parade on 11 November 2012 - grant remained unclaimed				£150	
	New Penshaw Academy - Cost of new customised Childrens designed litter bins	£868				
	ShARP – Cost of activities for Shiney Easter event	£904.80				
	Total	£3,272.80	£6,215	£3,272.80	£176.15	£3,118.35
Overall Totals		£9,152.21	£26,124.06	£9,152.21	£754.60	£17,726.45

11 March 2014

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Area Committee Annual Report 2014-15

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To approve the Coalfield Committee's Annual Report as part of the combined Area Committee Annual Report 2014-15, to be presented to Full Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 This will be the fourth year that all Area Committee reports have been brought together in one combined report and presented to Full Council.
- 2.2 Area Committees are appointed by the Council to ensure improved service delivery at a local level in the context of best value and more efficient, transparent and accountable decision making. They deliver this role through:
- Monitoring the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the Council and other main providers in the area
 - Working in partnership to develop efficient and effective solutions to city-wide issues as well as supporting local area priorities
- 2.3 2014-15 has been an incredibly busy and challenging year for us all - a year when Sunderland, amongst many things, commemorated its WW1 heroes. The Annual Report for 2014/15 showcases some of the key achievements delivered this year through the dedicated work of the five Area Committees and their supporting Place and People Boards. It also highlights how we translate the principles of a community leadership council in practice and the central role played by local councillors in helping to strengthen our communities.

3. Annual Report 2014-2015

- 3.1 The Annual Report for Coalfield Area Committee 2014-2015 is attached as **Annex 1**.
- 3.2 It is important that the Annual Report is viewed as a collaborative achievement and the Coalfield Area Committee would like to thank everyone who has contributed towards the outcomes achieved through the work of the Area Committees and the supporting Place and People Boards.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider and approve the Coalfield Annual Report for inclusion in the combined Area Committee Annual Report for 2014-15.

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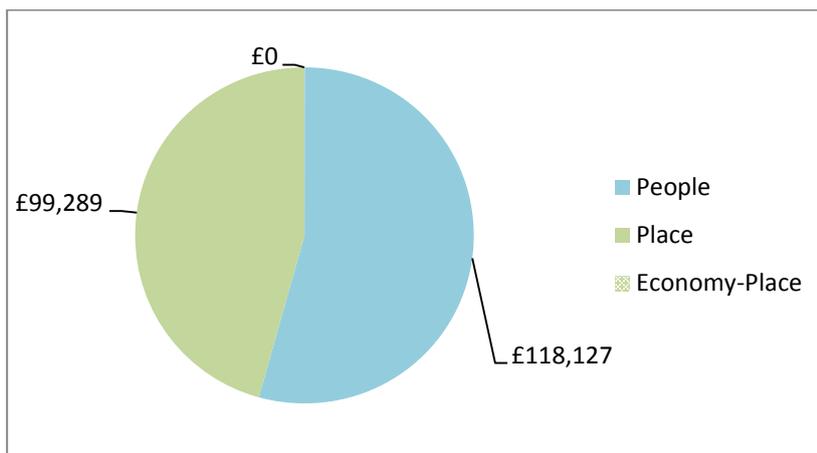
Coalfield Area Committee

Photo
Councillor John Scott
Chair of Coalfield Area Committee

During 2014/15 the Coalfield Area Committee has continued to support and deliver projects and activities to achieve the priorities set out at the beginning of the year. We wanted to focus our work on bringing real benefits to the community, so we chose areas such as local shopping centres, environmental improvements, healthy life choices, support for older and vulnerable adults and looking at ways to reduce the number of young people not in employment or education.

Working with partners has been crucial to ensuring we get the best possible services for our residents. We have worked closely with the Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network - a range of local organisations from the sector who come together to work in collaboration with Area Committee. This year, working with the Network has ensured that we have achieved more local delivery than ever and have addressed issues raised directly by the community.

By using our Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) in a more targeted way, we have been able to focus resources on things that are important to local people. A total of £xxx has been awarded to delivering projects within the area, all of which help to achieve our goals and aspirations set at the beginning of the year. In addition to funding larger projects, we have awarded xxx small grants through our Community Chest fund, supporting projects such as xxxxx



Breakdown of how SIB has been allocated in line with People, Place and Economy priorities during 2014/15

A lot of excellent work has taken place over 2014-2015 with yet more in the planning stage. Some of the highlights are:

Place

Work with local shopping centres including a retail support package for traders, has shown positive results. Over the course of the last year, 47 businesses in Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row have received one to one advice and mentoring support, 41 businesses have taken part in workshops and 32 have received a small grant to help with things such as signage and marketing. In total, 90 local traders have received business support. Traders have reported positive outcomes as a result of the support given, including increased sales and improved profits. By working with Shiney Row traders, and local volunteers from ShARP, a Christmas event, including market stalls, was arranged. Trading at the market was exceptional with thousands of pounds being taken and traders selling out of stock. Traders have reported that the event created a feel good factor that continued into the New Year.

We recognise the importance of supporting the local community to take action in their own neighbourhood and build a sense of pride and ownership of their environment. By providing resources and equipment such as paint, protective clothing, tools, plants and bulbs we have supported almost 20 environmental improvement schemes during this year involving Eppleton, Burnside, Easington Lane and Kepier Schools, Houghton Blind Centre, ELCAP and the Flatts youth project. Each year more local people are becoming involved with improving the physical environment in their own neighbourhood and helping to get the 'Love Where You Live' message across to others.

Although the majority of the community is working to support a clean neighbourhood, issues such as littering, dog fouling and fly tipping are created by a minority. Environmental education and enforcement work is being carried out to reduce these incidents. The installation of small cameras located in areas of concern has resulted in a successful prosecution for fly tipping. This has been publicised and will be used to highlight how an individual's actions impacts on the community and the penalty such action incurs.

A Health and Greenspaces project is underway to encourage people to make better use of the wealth of outdoor space across the area. In the summer of 2014, four organisations took part in a 'picnic and play' project, which provided healthy food and encouraged participants to try new outdoor games. We plan to build on this throughout the coming year. Young people from a local education programme made a short video about some of the greenspace improvements carried out.

As a result of concerns about empty homes, we have supported the housing renewal team in progressing two Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMOs) in the Hetton area. Under the Housing Act 2004 Local Authorities are given the power to take over the management of empty properties that meet the criteria. This improvement will make a significant difference to the residents and the area.

People

In addition to working with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Public Health colleagues to support health improvements for residents, we have been supporting a range of initiatives;

- St Aidans Team Sport delivered exercise sessions, fishing courses and healthy eating classes during three school holiday periods, engaging with over 150 young people;
- YMCA delivered healthy cooking workshops to 14 families through the Family Health project.;
- ELCAP engaged 47 young people and their families on a Food and Ceramics project using art, making salad bowls & plates and developing healthy eating recipes;
- SAFC delivered Tackle It Health to over 90 primary school children and;
- Groundwork installed a trim trail in Elba Park consisting of 4 pieces of wooden climbing/balancing apparatus and 4 sets of thermoplastic markings. Feedback from park users has been very positive, especially about the Woodland Olympics event where family teams took part in a series of three activities against the clock.

We developed an 'opportunity fund' to encourage young people to design and deliver small projects themselves. The 'CAN DO' fund requires young people (11-19) to complete and submit an application form, then present their idea to the People Board who decide whether the project receives funding. To date xx successful awards have been made.

ShARP has recruited and trained volunteers to work alongside benefit advisers assisting people who are seeking debt and benefit advice. The advisers help to complete forms on line, access information on money management, savings and loans and join a credit union. The volunteers are learning new skills, gaining confidence and feel they are giving something back to the community by helping and supporting others,

In supporting vulnerable and older people we have worked with partners to deliver: 'IPad Engage' training to 24 older people, providing practical help in using iPads for activities. Anecdotal evidence and observations showed that the course increased social interaction and improved wellbeing. 'Sit n B Fit' activities, including therapeutic exercise, reminiscing & laughter therapy has been delivered to 38 people over the age of 65, the oldest being 93. These sessions took part in a number of sheltered accommodation venues in groups or with one to one support.

The ELCAP Coalfield Community Transport project continues to provide a valuable shopping service across the Coalfields to many older and vulnerable people. Some report it as their lifeline and is sometimes the only time they see other people within a week. The service has been further promoted through leaflets and visits to care homes and GP surgeries.

Houghton Traders Association, the local neighbourhood police team, Gentoo and St Michael's and All Angels parish church are participating in the Dementia Friendly Community pilot in Houghton le Spring shopping centre, which is supported by the Alzheimers Society. 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. A workshop for traders and other local organisations was attended by 27 people.

IMAGE HERE : Dementia Friendly Shopping Centre Project

Alongside the local Connexions service and other partners, we are working with a youth employment charity to deliver a work placement training programme to young people. The young people will be matched to a small business in their local community where they can learn valuable skills on-the-job for up to six months, during which they are guided by a mentor in the workplace and earn a weekly training allowance.

To support long standing historical events and new events and celebrations, miners banner parades in five localities across the Coalfield area have been supported, a WW1 project involving 32 local VCS Network groups has been delivered and remembrance parades in three neighbourhoods have taken place. We also gave support to the historic Houghton Feast, one of the most important events in the local calendar, when six schools and six community groups were involved in music and art workshops to prepare for the opening event. The local pipe, brass, youth and school bands, along with a school choir and dance school, also took part and a life size soldier was produced to form the 'centrepiece' of the opening ceremony.

IMAGE HERE : WW1 Soldier

Moving Forward

This report provides only a snapshot of the work carried out across the last year and the key highlights of what has been achieved. We're committed to building on the successes we have seen this year and will continue to keep local communities at the heart of everything we do. We are pleased to have worked extensively with our VCS partners and look forward to working further in the future. I would like to thank all members of Area Committee, partners, officers and residents, for their hard work and support throughout the year in helping to achieve such encouraging results and better services for local people. 1558 words

Current Planning Applications Between 01/01/2015 and 16/02/2015 (Coalfields)

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
14/02401/FUL	Land Adjacent 143 Sunderland Street Houghton-le-Spring	Erection of a three storey detached building to provide 3 no. two bedroom apartments with associated parking and hard/soft landscaping.	05/01/2015	02/03/2015
14/02592/LP4	Land At Henry Street Hetton Downs Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring	Erection of 27no. two-storey 2 and 3 bedroom dwellings with associated works.	05/01/2015	06/04/2015
14/02864/FUL	70 Queensway Houghton-le-Spring DH5 8EN	Erection of a two storey extension to the side and rear and a single storey extension to the rear. (Amended Description)	09/01/2015	06/03/2015
14/02835/FUL	Springfield House Bunker Hill Houghton-le-Spring DH4 4TN	Installation of solar panels (Retrospective).	15/01/2015	12/03/2015
14/02731/FUL	16 Bridle Way Houghton-le-Spring DH5 8NQ	Change of use of grassed area to hard standing/driveway constructed of block paving. (Retrospective).	23/01/2015	20/03/2015
14/02752/FUL	14 Mews Court Houghton-le-Spring DH5 8GB	Erection of a boundary fence (Retrospective).	30/01/2015	27/03/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/00162/FUL	75 Trinity ParkHoughton-le-SpringDH4 4UN	Erection of first floor extension above existing garage to side and single storey extension to rear.	30/01/2015	27/03/2015
15/00129/FUL	19 Heath GrangeHoughton-le-SpringDH5 8BQ	Erection of single storey extension to side/rear of property and alterations to vehicle hardstanding to front to accommodate 3 cars (currently 2 cars).	02/02/2015	30/03/2015
15/00144/SUB	Barn/Garage To Rear 1- 3Doxford AvenueHetton-le-HoleHoughton-le-Spring	Change of use of barn/garage to residential property with erection of single storey extension to western elevation, erection of a first floor extension above existing building and associated access and hard and soft landscaping (Resubmission).	03/02/2015	31/03/2015
15/00196/PRI	63 Trinity ParkHoughton-le-SpringDH4 4UN	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 3.5m from the original dwelling, 2.725m in height and 3.73m to the eaves)	04/02/2015	18/03/2015
15/00199/DEM	92 93 94 And 95 Broomhill EstateHetton-le-HoleHoughton-le-SpringDH5 9QB	Demolish buildings to ground level. Site then to be tracked level, top soiled and seeded.	05/02/2015	05/03/2015
14/02343/FUL	F G LonsdaleElemore ValeLorne StreetEasington LaneHoughton-le-SpringDH5 0QT	Replacement of 3no. antennas, plus works within the existing equipment cabin and development ancillary thereto.	07/01/2015	04/03/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
14/02344/LBC	F G Lonsdale Street Easington Lane Houghton-le-Spring DH5 0QT	Replacement of 3no. antennas, plus works within the existing equipment cabin and development ancillary thereto.	07/01/2015	04/03/2015
14/02796/FUL	Southern House Mill Terrace Rainton Bridge Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9NR	Demolition and replacement of existing dwelling.	08/01/2015	05/03/2015
14/02719/LP4	TRW Transportation Electronics Ltd Mercantile Road Rainton Bridge Industrial Estate Houghton-le-Spring DH4 5PH	Installation of 2 no filter units with cap roof structure and installation of louvre with integral double doors.	12/01/2015	09/03/2015
14/01710/FUL	March Cottage Park Road Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9NA	Erection of single storey extension to rear (north elevation) and porch and first floor extension to side (south west elevation).	23/01/2015	20/03/2015
15/00184/PRI	4 Grasmere Avenue Easington Lane Houghton-le-Spring DH5 0PW	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 5m from the original dwelling, 3.75m in height and 2.45m to the eaves)	03/02/2015	17/03/2015
15/00157/FUL	29 Springwell Terrace Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 0BB	Erection of a single storey extension to rear elevation. (Retrospective)	03/02/2015	31/03/2015
14/02841/FUL	Land Adjacent 8 Saint Michaels Fence Houses Houghton-le-Spring DH4 5NR	Change of use of open space to private garden and erection of a 1.8m high timber boarded fence. (Retrospective).	20/01/2015	17/03/2015

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14/02833/FUL	Land At Former Homelands Estate - Incorporating Chestnut Crescent, Coronation Crescent And Part Of Beechwood Terrace.	78 dwellings with associated garages and landscaping, construction of new estate roads and site access from Coaley Lane and demolition of 2 existing dwellings, and associated stopping up of highway.	21/01/2015	22/04/2015
14/02600/FUL	Satchi Hair Care4 Imperial BuildingsHoughton-le-SpringDH4 4DJ	Change of use from hairdressers to dog grooming salon.	22/01/2015	19/03/2015
15/00024/FUL	2 Highfield GrangeHoughton-le-SpringDH4 6TZ	Erection of single storey garage, utility and sun lounge extension to side/rear of property, single storey extension to bedroom at rear and bay window to front.	28/01/2015	25/03/2015
15/00001/FUL	7 Office Row (also Known As 7 Herrington Pit Houses)Houghton-le-SpringDH4 4NF	Erection of a conservatory to front, single storey extension to rear and the raising of roof to existing rear offshoot	05/01/2015	02/03/2015