

At a meeting of the SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on TUESDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2010 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor S. Watson in the Chair

Councillors M. Dixon, Essl, Foster, Maddison, I. Richardson, Rolph and A. Wilson.

Also Present:-

Councillor Tate	-	Chairman of Management Scrutiny Committee
Councillor Trueman	-	Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Communities

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Errington, Kay and McClennan.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 15th June, 2010

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June, 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

Item 8 – Empire Theatre Annual Report

Councillors S. Watson and Tate declared personal interests in the item as Council appointed Members of the Sunderland Empire Theatre Trust.

Response from Cabinet – 24th June, 2010 – Policy Review – Access to Housing

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with feedback from the Cabinet meeting held on 24th June, 2010 where consideration was given to the Committees policy review into Access to Housing in Sunderland.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Members were advised that Cabinet had approved the recommendations from the review in their entirety and the Committee's attention was drawn to Appendix A which provided an action plan in respect of each recommendation.

Councillor Trueman, Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Communities, presented the feedback in relation to the Action Plan and in relation to Recommendation 8 urged Members that if they received a query from a constituent regarding homelessness they should be directed to contact Mr. Caddick's team as soon as possible. It was essential in trying to reduce the risk of homelessness that any problem was addressed at the earliest possible opportunity.

Alan Caddick, Head of Housing, together with Peter Smith, Housing Advice Manager, were present to address any comments or questions from Members. In response to an enquiry from Councillor Rolph, Mr. Caddick advised that following the change of Government there had been no contra-indications regarding the future of Choice Based Lettings. He believed the system was all about ensuring what was best for the customer and that it was something that the Council should be doing in any case. If the legislation changed, he felt the Council would still need to have some form of customer focused approach. With regard to a further enquiry from Councillor Rolph, Mr. Smith advised that the issue could become the subject of an e-consultation. Initial consultations had been extremely positive and the second round of consultations with regard to specific issues was about to commence. The service had been working closely with Gentoo in this regard.

Councillor Maddison referred to the 'progress commentary' in respect of Recommendation 1 and asked for clarification of the term 'IT issues'. Mr. Smith replied that this referred to negotiations with the supplier to ensure that the system would be able to adapt to the development of the sub regional CBL scheme and that the Council would not have to pay again for any modifications.

The Chairman having thanked Councillor Trueman, Mr. Smith and Mr. Caddick for their attendance it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the actions contained within the Action Plan as detailed in Appendix A to the report be received and noted.

Performance Report 2009/2010

The Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive, Executive Director of City Services, Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with a performance update relating to services within the purview of the Committee for the period April 2009 to March 2010, namely Housing, Culture, Sustainability and Community Cohesion.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Gillian Robinson, Corporate Performance Monitoring Manager, presented the report which provided:-

- i) relevant extracts from the Council's annual report;
- ii) an overview of consultation exercises undertaken during the period;
- iii) progress in relation to the LAA targets and other national indicators.

With regard to Housing, Members were advised that homelessness was reducing. Housing advice had prevented 714 homeless cases during 2009/2010, an improvement on the previous year when 684 cases were prevented – 9 households were living in temporary accommodation at the end of 2009/2010 compared to 10 households the previous year.

Despite the economic downturn and the detrimental effect on the housing market, 384 additional homes were provided during 2009/2010, this was an improvement on the previous year when 299 additional homes were provided – 191 affordable homes were provided during 2009/2010 compared with 230 the previous year.

Performance against NI 159 'Supply of ready to develop housing sites' had exceeded the target of 100%. The supply of ready to develop housing sites had reduced when compared to the previous year as a consequence of the economic climate and targets for 2009/10 were set to anticipate this.

Fuel poverty was reducing, only 4.14% of households claiming income based benefits were living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating improving from 4.7 in 2008/09 – 38.8% of these households had high energy efficiency ratings (compared to 33.7% in 2008/09).

The number of housing prevention cases (715) exceeded its target of 695 cases for 2009/10, which provided evidence that the Council implemented a more pro-active preventative strategy. The number of private sector dwellings that had been either demolished or returned to use by the Council decreased from 387 to 332 between 2008/09 and 2009/10. The 2009/10 target was therefore not achieved but the number of such dwellings demolished/returned to use increased to 115 for the period April – June 2010, on course to meet the 2010/11 target.

With regard to Culture, visits to museums had increased to 1527 per 1000 population compared to 1437 per 1000 the previous year – 54% of respondents stated that had used museums/galleries within the last year, with 54% also stating that they had used theatres/concert halls. Satisfaction amongst service users with all facilities was high with 71% satisfied with museums/galleries and 72% satisfied with theatres/concert halls.

With regard to Sustainability Performance Indicators, the percentage CO₂ reduction from LA operations against a set baseline (2008/09 emissions) (NI 185) was an increase of 0.18% which had improved from an increase of 4.00% the previous year. Through the Carbon Plan, the Council was aiming to reduce its carbon emissions by 10% by 2012, based on the 2006/07 baseline year. After the first 3 years, the Council's carbon emissions had shown an increase of 3%. The main increase had come from the electricity consumption in buildings. However, since the baseline

year, major new buildings have been built, buildings have joined the energy contract and changes in the use of buildings have led to this increase.

To further help reduce the Council's energy consumption, Automatic Meter Reading was being installed to better monitor energy consumption. The Energy Conservation Team were currently developing energy reduction targets for individual buildings and developing a Carbon Policy that would help influence the building specific reduction targets.

As a measure of community cohesion all residents were asked to what extent they agreed or disagreed that their local area was a place where people from different backgrounds got on well together. 65% of respondents agreed that their local area was a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together. This compared to 67% recorded in 2008. The remaining 35% gave the opposing view.

When considering respect and consideration in their local area, 40% of respondents perceived people not treating one another with respect and consideration to be a problem in their area. This included 12% who felt this was a very big problem. Three fifths (60%) of respondents felt that this was not a problem. There had been very little movement over time on this issue when comparing the results with the 2008 survey (39%). The percentage of people who felt that they could influence decisions was improving from 26.3% to 27.4%.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Rolph, Mr. Craddock advised that developers were in general banking land rather than bringing it to the market. The Council's Local Investment Plan would look to bring forward focused sites for development linked to the Economic Masterplan. There would, however, need to be a churn in the housing market.

Councillor Rolph asked if the Council would be prepared to look at the self build option. Mr. Caddick advised that the service would not be closed to anything however it would depend on developers coming forward with ideas. There was currently a need to think more creatively.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Rolph, Ms. Robinson advised that she would provide her with information in respect of the Community Cohesion work undertaken in the Coalfields area.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Dixon, Mr. Caddick advised that he was developing a hostel strategy which he would bring before the Committee in due course. He was conscious of the number of businesses based in Sunnyside which housed a number of vulnerable people. The service was looking at a variety of different options to try and stop referrals to the accommodation and were also talking to the business owners in respect of their safeguarding responsibilities. He advised that as they were classed as houses in multiple occupation, they should be licensed and therefore subject to inspection. Inspections were due to start soon.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor I. Richardson, Mr. Caddick advised that he would provide him with the figures for the number of private rented properties in the City and the number of landlords in the Private Landlords Accreditation Scheme.

Councillor Maddison referred to the hostel strategy and asked if it would make provision for the 16 to 18 year old age group. Mr. Caddick advised that it would not as that age group was covered by different legislation with regard to safeguarding and looked after children.

The Chairman having thanked Ms. Robinson, Mr. Caddick, Mr. Smith and Councillor Trueman for their attendance, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the continued good progress made by the Council and the Sunderland Partnership and those areas requiring further development to ensure that performance is actively managed, be noted.

Role of Culture in Supporting Sustainable Communities – Policy Review 2010/11: Scoping and Baseline Report

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which set out the remit, scope and background to the Committee's forthcoming policy review into the role of Culture in supporting Sustainable Communities.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

In response to an enquiry from Jane Hall, Assistant Head of Culture and Tourism, Members confirmed that they were happy with the terms of reference as set out in the report. In addition Councillor Rolph advised that the Coalfield Area Committee had a Task and Finish Group looking into Heritage in the Coalfield from which support could be drawn. With regard to potential areas of enquiry she suggested Tourism and Culture bodies in the City together with National Bodies and Specialist Heritage Bodies.

Members were advised that if they wished to sit on any of the Task and Finish Groups, expressions of interest should be submitted to Mr. Diamond or Ms. Lancaster. Councillor Rolph stated that meetings of Task and Finish Groups tended to be held during the day which was often inconvenient for many Members. Ms. Hall advised that she would have no problems if meetings were arranged for the evenings.

The Chairman having advised that the first evidence gathering report would be submitted to the next meeting, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that approval be given to the remit, scope and terms of reference of the Policy Review as detailed in the report.

Extra Care Accommodation – Management Guide

The Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which appended a copy of the Extra Care Accommodation – Management Guide which outlined:-

- i) good practice relating to developing a scheme, project management arrangements, information for providers and information required for residents;
- ii) the Council's aspirations relating to the management standards expected within future extra care housing developments;
- iii) the Council's expectations relating to the programme management and subsequent operational management of an extra care scheme, with the main focus being upon positive customer outcomes.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Alan Caddick, Head of Housing, presented the report and addressed comments and questions from Members. Councillor Foster offered his congratulations to Mr. Caddick and his team on what he believed was an excellent guide, particularly in relation to its clarity.

Councillor Rolph asked how often the Guide would be reviewed. She referred to paragraphs 2.2/2.3 and the references to the Enduring Power of Attorney which she advised had now been replaced by the Lasting Power of Attorney. Mr. Caddick confirmed that the Guide would be reviewed every 6 months and that any significant changes would be brought before the Committee.

In response to a further enquiry from Councillor Rolph, Mr. Caddick advised that the Guide was about ensuring a mixed community approach and there would be no two tier service structure. Services would be the same, with the same outcomes whether premises were bought or rented. Mr. Caddick advised that he wanted the developments to be seen as homes for life able to accommodate the care needs of people across the whole spectrum, especially as people became more frail.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Dixon, Mr. Caddick confirmed that the properties would be subject to a service charge.

The Chairman referred to paragraph 3.3 regarding Office Accommodation and asked how the Council would respond if a developer indicated that it was not interested in providing the accommodation. Mr. Caddick replied it was not optional. The Council required a consistent approach and wouldn't accept second best. Developers would be told what the Council would expect.

Members having welcomed the Guide, the Chairman thanked Mr. Caddick for his attendance and it was:-

- 5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Empire Theatre Annual Report

The Executive Director of City Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which updated Members of the work ongoing within the Sunderland Empire Theatre,

together with the monitoring systems currently in place to ensure the highest quality of service was achieved within the Theatre.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Jane Hall, Head of Culture and Tourism, together with Andrew Rawlinson, Theatre General Manager, presented the report and addressed comments and questions from Members.

Ms. Hall referred to Appendix II and advised that a number of the capacity figures were incorrect. She would ensure that a revised schedule was emailed to Members.

Ms. Hall and Mr. Rawlinson, having addressed questions in relation to:-

- outreach work with disadvantaged groups;
- stage craft qualifications;
- the Theatre's remit to provide a balanced programme ranging from large scale popular shows to those without a wide appeal;
- a desire to see visits from the RSC Touring Group;
- the dearth of shows for children over the summer period

it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

World Heritage Status

The Executive Director of City Services submitted a report (copy circulated) which updated the Committee on the progress of the Wearmouth-Jarrow partnership in its pursuit of World Heritage Status for the twin Anglo Saxon Monastery prior to the submission of the Nomination File to the Department for Culture Media and Sport.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

To compliment the report, Michael King, Project Manager, provided the Committee with a comprehensive Powerpoint presentation which:-

- highlight what World Heritage Status was and its significance;
- what marked Wearmouth-Jarrow out as World Class;
- the key components of the nomination;
- how work was progressing on the ground in support of the nomination.

Councillor I. Richardson applauded the work undertaken by Ms. Hall, Mr. King and their team. He stated that it was a wonderful project, especially with regard to the legacy it would provide. He wished the team all the luck in the world with their bid.

Councillor Rolph stated that it was essential that the sites were enhanced with depiction and interpretation boards as there was currently nothing of this kind at St. Peter's. This would also tie in with the legible City project. She also pointed out

that the links with other Anglo Saxon sites in the City, such as those in Houghton, should be promoted. It was also disappointing that the sites, if they were so unique, did not feature in the recent 'How to read a Church' television programme.

7. RESOLVED that the report and presentation be received and noted.

Forward Plan – Key Decisions for the Period 1st September – 31st December, 2010

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide Members with an opportunity to consider those items on the Executive's Forward Plan for the period 1st September – 31st December, 2010 which related to the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Rolph welcomed that Mr. Caddick had agreed to bring the Local Investment Plan to the Committee but noted that according to the Forward Plan it was scheduled to be considered by Cabinet on 6th October, which was prior to the date of the next Committee.

8. RESOLVED that the contents of the Forward Plan be noted.

Work Programme 2010-11

The Chief executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which attached for Members' information, the current Work Programme for the Committee's work during the 2010-11 Council year.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

9. RESOLVED that the Committee's Work Programme for 2010-11 be received and noted.

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance.

(Signed) S. WATSON,
Chairman.

RESPONSE FROM CABINET – 24 JUNE 2010

POLICY REVIEW – Local Studies Provision in Sunderland

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES AND THE
PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR SAFER CITY AND CULTURE**

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP: Prosperous City.

**CORPORATE PRIORITIES: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services,
CIO4: Improving Partnership Working to Deliver ‘One City’.**

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide feedback from the Cabinet meeting held on 24 June 2010, which considered the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee’s policy report into local studies provision in Sunderland.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The policy review into Local Studies Provision in Sunderland conducted by the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee falls under the remit of the Executive Director of City Services and is within the service area covered by the Portfolio Holder for Safer City and Culture.
- 2.2 On 24 June 2010, Cabinet considered the Final Report of the Committee. This report provides feedback from the Portfolio Holder for Safer City and Culture following the Cabinet’s consideration of, and decisions in relation to this Committee’s recommendations.
- 2.3 The purpose of the review was to explore current service provision in the city, considering how further to promote local history in a joined up way and help provide a strategy for development.
- 2.4 Following on from this report, progress towards completion of the actions will be monitored through the Action Plan, with standardised six monthly monitoring reports to be presented to the Committee.

3.0 RESPONSE FROM CABINET TO THE POLICY REVIEW

- 3.1 Following consideration of the Final Report, Cabinet approved the recommendations in their entirety. Details of each recommendation and proposed actions to be taken following approval by Cabinet are provided in the Action Plan attached at **Appendix A**.

3.2 Cabinet commended and congratulated the Committee and its officers for their hard work in undertaking the policy review and additional work.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 That Members note the proposed actions detailed within the Action Plan, appended to this report (**Appendix A**) and seek clarification on its content where felt appropriate.

5.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

5.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (i) Cabinet Agenda, 24 June 2010.

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Appendix A

Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee Local Studies Policy Review Recommendations 09/10

Recommendation	Action	Owner	Cost Implication?	Due Date	Progress Commentary	Progress Aug 2010
That marketing of the local studies provision is undertaken across Council services to promote the unique collections it holds and its contribution to the key priorities for the City within the Sunderland Strategy	Action Plan to be devised for a marketing and communication strategy in relation to Local Studies services within the City, working within budget restrictions.	JFH/VM/Corp Comms	Marketing plan to be devised as part of current Library service provision. Enhanced targeted approach to Local studies would require additional funding (estimated £2,000 - £4,000 per annum) which is not achievable within the current budget.	June - Oct 2010	Discussions with Corporate Communications to work towards delivery plan for promotion of services	Although no dedicated budget for marketing of Local Studies is currently available, services continue to be marketed as part of the Library Service. The Library Service is currently undertaking a major review which will look to improve future service delivery.
That the City Council's Principal Librarian duties include a strategic overview of local studies provision in Sunderland	Job Description for Local Studies Manager to be revised to include strategic overview and outreach work	JFH/VM	No	July/Aug 10	Job Description revised and post to be circulated via Internal Jobs Market, with interviews to be scheduled for July 2010.	Currently working through the City Council's Internal Jobs Market. Those at risk have now been interviewed with next stage applications to be interviewed September 2010.
That an assessment of the feasibility of a research facility being established as a means of generating income and increasing capacity within the Local Studies service be undertaken, and links be made with the City's Registrars service to develop closer partnership working	Investigations to be undertaken to establish the feasibility of a research facility service. Further links and partnership work to be established with City's Registrars to build on previous	JFH/VM	No - Work to be developed as part of the role of the newly appointed manager.	Sept - Dec 10	Previous work undertaken as part of fees and charges policy will assist in the development of the project. Partnership working already established with City Registrars to	This aspect of the review will be addressed as part of the library service review and delivered via appointment of the Local Studies Manager. Continuing to work with the City Registrars to ensure lines of

	partnership working, following appointment of Local Studies Manager				ensure a more joined up approach to service delivery.	communication and best practice are achieved where possible.
That partnership working with other cultural organisations across the region such as the archiving bodies, records offices, museums and other local authorities be further increased	To build on existing working relations with partners across the region to raise the profile of Local Studies services within the City and the region and develop further projects	JFH/VM	No	To commence July 2010 following appointment of Local Studies Manager	Regional Local Studies Working Group already established with all North East Authorities, as well as partnership agreements in place for Archives and Museum services in Tyne and Wear.	Society of Chief Librarians (Heritage Working Group) has been established in recent years, and works to delivering joint projects and shared levels of best practice. Continue to work in partnership with TWAM, English Heritage and regional partners to deliver projects including Heritage Open Days
That the regular users of the Local Studies provision, who are currently providing informal support and advice to ad hoc users, be formally acknowledged as volunteers and co-ordinated through the introduction of Family History Champions and Family History Surgeries and supported through training and development opportunities	Programme to commence which will enable volunteers to work alongside Local Studies Staff to provide advice and support to service users, as well as supporting training and development.	JFH/VM/Local Studies Manager	Initial project to be delivered as part of role of newly identified manager.	To commence July 2010 following the appointment of Local Studies Manager	Appointment of Local Studies Manager will enable project to be taken forward, working with regular users and supporters of the service.	Currently looking to establish focus group/Friends of group, in preparation for the appointment of the Local Studies Manager who will take forward and work alongside the group. Discussions to continue with Sunderland Heritage Forum to ensure input from relevant groups, individuals and

						organisations.
That a guide be produced and widely distributed that summarises the key cultural / heritage organisations across the region and includes specific information on the type of information held by each organisation, their location and accessibility, and advice be sought as to whether this could be coordinated regionally through the Society of Chief Librarians (North East) Local Studies Group	To work with the SCLNE to build on existing electronic resource, which could be promoted as a tool for the region to promote services and activities.	JFH/VM/Local Studies Manager	To be funded from existing budgets.	Ongoing partnership working – specific action will be a key priority for the Local Studies Manager – July 2010	Work on this project has already commenced with a electronic directory of local studies services devised and available throughout the north east.	Ongoing discussions with regional partners to continue to develop electronic directory. Funding issues will need to be investigated for the development and ongoing maintenance of any materials developed as part of the project.
That consideration be given to increasing access to Local Studies resources in the Coalfields area, subject to resources, and in the longer term any plans for future developments for the local studies service to include the Coalfields area	Work with Coalfields area committee to look at future development plans in relation to the heritage agenda within the Coalfield area, working within existing budgets and resources.	JFH/VM	Minor works to be developed within current budget. Large scale developments are not achievable within the current budget	July to March 2011	Discussions ongoing to address/investigate heritage priorities for the Coalfields, along with Houghton Library looking at addressing Local Studies collection space. Work also developing in Washington and	Heritage projects currently ongoing and funded through outside sources include Washington Heritage Feasibility Study, Washington Heritage Mining Project, The Coalfields area committee are also looking to fund future heritage projects (now in progress), working

					East End area to establish heritage priorities for the area.	with voluntary and community groups. The Battle of Hylton Castle was also recently funded mainly through SIB funding. East Area Committee have recently funded a heritage project which will allow for Heritage consultants to develop the heritage agenda, whilst looking to secure external funding to support further future projects. Continued support to area committees within limited resources.
That new local studies and heritage projects be undertaken on a regular basis to attract a wider range of public involvement and that appropriate funding opportunities be explored	New projects to be devised as funding opportunities become available, working within existing staffing and resources	JFH/VM	Projects delivered on the basis of securing appropriate funding.	April 10 - April 11	Current projects include Herrington Hall Stones, Washington Education Mining Project, Washington Heritage Festival, Washington Heritage Feasibility Study and Hylton Castle Re-enactment Event. All projects funded through SIB.	See above.

That the existing Family History and Ancestry Website Taster Sessions currently delivered by the Local Studies service be extended to evenings and weekends to attract and enable a wider range of people to attend	Sessions to be extended to include hard to reach groups, incorporating evenings and weekends.	JFH/VM	Delivered within existing budgets.	Extended throughout 2010 – led by Cultural Heritage Manager	Sessions now available at a variety of locations/times across the City, including promotion at outside events such as Sunderland Friendship Festival and History Fairs across the region.	Ongoing – continue to deliver sessions, including evenings, weekends and outside events.
That there is increased consultation with the users of the Local Studies service through the introduction of a 'Friends' group or through other means of regular consultation	Friends of Local Studies Group to be created	VM/Local Studies Manager	No - Work to be developed as part of the role of the newly appointed manager.	01/10/2010	The appointment of the Local Studies Manager will enable this project to be taken forward, working closely with regular users of the facility.	See above – Group to be established and Local Studies Manager to be appointed to take forward work plan, in partnership with group.
That links continue to be developed with local historical societies and 'Friends' Groups as an additional means of increasing consultation and widening participation in the Local Studies service	Sunderland Heritage Forum to continue through the support of the City Council	JFH/VM	No - As part of current role	Cultural Heritage Manager – July onwards	SHF is an established group of local and voluntary heritage organisations who work to promote and support the City's Heritage and History. Sunderland City Council support and co-ordinate the delivery of the Forum.	Ongoing – Sunderland Heritage Forum meets on a regular basis supported through the City Council. City Council Staff from Culture and Tourism and the City's conservation team support the delivery of the Forum, and its agenda.

That in order to make on-going improvements to the current Local Studies provision, funding opportunities continue to be explored pro-actively and accessed wherever possible	Work to continue to investigate opportunities for funding to support Local Studies Development, including areas such as digitisation and preservation and development of services	JFH/VM/Local Studies Manager	Initial works delivered as part of role of the newly appointed manager. Any future developments for local studies would need to consider additional potential costs which may not be achievable within the current budget.	July 2010 onwards - Dependant upon funding opportunities and subject to successful appointment of Local Studies Manager	Funding opportunities for development of services continue to be investigated and included in any considerations for future city centre developments. Internal programme of digitisation will continue within current available resources.	Funding sources continue to be investigated. Work continues to digitise the City Council's non copyright materials and discussions ongoing corporately with regard to the City's document/records management system. Continue to monitor national funding programmes and initiatives.
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Play and Urban Games Review

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES

Strategic Priority : Healthy City, Learning City

Corporate Improvement Objectives: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services, CIO3: Efficient and Effective Council

1. Why has this report come to the Committee?

- 1.1 This report has been proposed as an addendum to the Play and Urban Games Strategy (PUGS) – Moving Forward 2007-2012, as a result of the accelerated delivery of priorities.
- 1.2 The report also highlights the Council's achievements to date and progress made in relation to the six objectives of the PUGS.

2. Background

- 2.1 Since the PUGS was produced in 2007 and endorsed by Cabinet, the Children's Trust and the Sunderland Partnership, substantial progress has been made, primarily due to the success in achieving Play Pathfinder status and the additional financial support available from the City Council and from developer contributions
- 2.2 In January 2008, Sunderland was one of 20 authorities to be awarded Play Pathfinder status, a £2.1million capital investment accompanied by revenue support. The award has resulted in an 18 month play transformation programme and subsequently, the over achievement against key actions identified within the PUGS in 2007, necessitating an update to the Strategy.
- 2.3 Members will recall that the PUGS strategic vision is;

"Sunderland will work in partnership to provide, support and sustain a variety of high quality and accessible play environments and opportunities for all children and young people (C&YP) up to 19 years. The city aspires to a core offer of free provision citywide, which may be supported by affordable supervised provision".
- 2.4 The Strategy recognises six main priorities:
 - i. Ensure play is strategically planned and resourced in partnership
 - ii. Involve children and young people in the development of their play opportunities and services
 - iii. Work in partnership to develop, support and promote high standards for play
 - iv. Create, improve and develop free and inclusive play spaces
 - v. Seek greater innovation in the development of sustainable play opportunities
 - vi. Ensure that in partnership, the city monitors and evaluates the impact of play developments citywide to deliver this Strategy
- 2.5 Members may additionally recall receiving reports at Area Committees consulting on the city's play provision in March and September 2010. The reports requested members to provide feedback on locations they considered would benefit from future investment in play provision.

3. Performance to Date

3.1 The key achievements include:

Objective 1: Ensure that that play is strategically planned and resourced in partnership

- Play developments have been undertaken in line with the priorities identified in the PUGS. Investment for the development of play has totalled £6m and been achieved through successful attraction of external and internal funding.

Objective 2: Create, improve and develop free and inclusive play spaces

- Since 2004, £6million has been invested in the development of play and urban games facilities. Within the lifespan of the current PUGS there has been £4.9 million invested since 2007.
- The development of new or significant refurbishment of 58 plays areas since 2004. Within 34 being completed between 2007 and spring/summer 2010.
- The PUGS updated in 2007, indicated that just 19% (12,856) of C&YP had access to high quality play 1km from their door. By the end of March 2010, 70% (47,366) C&YP have access to high quality play facilities.
- Wheeled sports provision has risen from three facilities in 2004, to six facilities in 2010, which has provided increased access for C&YP. The standard being to develop one wheeled sports facility in each regeneration area of the city.

Objective 3: Seek greater innovation in the development of varied and sustainable play opportunities

- Developments have included the city Adventure Play Park which provides a challenging and exciting play environment with facilitated play sessions. The development features of the new provision include indoor, sensory and outdoor play facilities.
- The design and development of play spaces has developed significantly, by using more natural features mixed with traditional fixed play.

Objective 4: Involve children and young people in the development of their play opportunities and services

- Elected Member involvement at ward level has been actively encouraged throughout the consultation process, with a main focus to provide links with residents at neighbourhood level.
- Almost 6,000 people have been involved in the consultation and engagement process, including C&YP, their families, residents and local communities. Over 500 disabled children, their families and carers have participated in play consultation. 25 schools, community organisations and youth groups involved in delivering consultation arrangements for neighbourhood facilities.

Objective 5: Work in partnership to develop, support and promote high standards for play

- A range of services have been commissioned from the voluntary sector to support play eg. neighbourhood consultation, direct delivery of play activities.
- Launch of the 'Lets Play' campaign, to inspire families to enjoy their local play spaces and to challenge negative perceptions of children playing.

Objective 6: Ensure that in partnership, the city monitors and evaluates the impact of play developments citywide to deliver the strategy

- The developments have led to an improvement in resident satisfaction levels. Since 2003, annual resident satisfaction levels have risen from 26% to 50% in 2008. The 2008 measure was taken prior to the Pathfinder investment and it is hoped that satisfaction levels will increase following the next resident survey which will be published late in 2010.
- The PUGS updated in 2007, indicated that just 19% of C&YP had access to high quality play 1km from their door. By the end of March 2010, 70% C&YP in the city have access to high quality play.

3.2 Significant progress has been made citywide and this is evidenced in the performance table below.

Citywide	2004-2006	2007-spring/summer 2010	Total
Number of new play areas	12	15	27
Number of refurbished play areas	7	24	31
	As at April 2007	As at April 2010	
Percentage of C&YP with access to high quality play 1km	19%	70%	
Investment	£1,003,700	£4,996,300	£6,000,000
Number of C&YP consulted		5851	5851
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4. Review Process – An Addendum

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- 4.6 This PUGS review is being presented Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee and for endorsement by Cabinet in December 2010, as an addendum to the existing PUGS.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 Members of the Scrutiny Committee are requested to note the content of this report and provide feedback on the addendum to the existing PUGS.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 The following background papers were relied upon to compile this report.
 - i. Play and Urban Games Strategy 2007-2012
 - ii. Children and Young People’s Plan 2010-2025
 - iii. Children and Young People’s Three Year Delivery Plan 2010-2013
 - iv. Play England - Design for Play 2008
 - v. Play England - Managing Risk in Play Provision 2008
 - vi. Play Pathfinder Programme Guidance 2008
 - vii. Area Committee Reports September 2010

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Addendum – Play and Urban Games Strategy – Moving Forward 2007-2012

Moving Forward

Sunderland's Play and Urban Games Strategy 2007-2012

(Addendum 2010)

All children and young people have a right to play. In Sunderland, we recognise that play is an important part of a child's life and we are committed to ensuring high quality provision.

Moving Forward is our Play and Urban Games Strategy for Sunderland, built upon the success and excellent work of all partners to deliver previous strategies since 1991. It was recognised that there was, however, more work to be done and the 2007 -2012 strategy took the opportunity to reflect on progress and barriers to date and ensure that the newly produced Play England advice was embedded.

Moving Forward is the foundation document and common reference point for all organisations, agencies and groups that have or should have an interest in children and young people's play within Sunderland.

Since the Strategy was produced in 2007 and endorsed by Cabinet, the Children's Trust and the Sunderland Partnership, substantial progress has been made, primarily due to the success in achieving Play Pathfinder status and the additional financial support available from the City Council and from developer contributions.

In January 2008, Sunderland City Council was one of 20 authorities to be awarded Play Pathfinder status, a £2.1million capital investment accompanied by revenue support. The award has resulted in an 18 month transformation programme in the delivery of play and urban games city wide and subsequently, the over achievement against key actions identified within the PUGS in 2007, necessitating the update to the Strategy in the form of this addendum.

1. Introduction

Strong vibrant communities have at their heart a variety of appropriate places to play, where children and young people can feel confident and safe. Regular enjoyment of time, space and opportunity to play is an essential part of the lives of children and young people. Through play children develop physically, intellectually, emotionally, spiritually and socially. Children and young people playing, signifies a healthy community and a public realm that is meeting the needs of its people.

The Play and Urban Games Strategy (PUGS) 2007-2012 sets out a clear vision for play and recognises key principles which demonstrate a commitment to ensuring that children and young people are able to enjoy their free time and play freely. It is proposed that the six key objectives remain unchanged, but the priority actions are being reviewed in light of achievements since 2007. The challenge within the review is to maintain the vision and principles whilst taking into consideration the rapidly changing environment, including for example, national policy and guidance documents which have emerged since 2007. The addendum will set out the revised national, regional and local context for play.

The case for play remains valid and the importance play makes to 'improving life chances and aspirations for each child and young person in Sunderland' (Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2010-2025). The CYPP delivery plan for 2010-2013, highlights the priority 10 outcome as being 'to have locally accessible and affordable fun, play and physical activities'.

Consultation has and will remain key to the development of play facilities and a clear framework for consultation is proposed within the addendum which, will ensure that all Elected Members, stakeholders and partners have an opportunity to be informed of and importantly influences play developments.

Since 2007, Play England have provided through their national support and challenge guidance, new approaches to play in terms of design guidance and managing risk. As a Play Pathfinder, these guidance documents have been considered and moving forward play development will include these frameworks related to design principles and risk benefit.

One of the main priorities in the PUGS is to 'Create, improve and develop free and inclusive play spaces'. Our progress to date demonstrates significant achievements and this document details for the proposed new priorities for 2010 – 2012.

2 The Purpose of the Document

The purpose of this document is to build on the excellent work citywide since 2007, to ensure that the city has one comprehensive play strategy, which continues to be embedded within strategic plans and initiatives

The strategy aims to:

- Provide a consistent approach to play – one set of priorities, one journey for Sunderland;
- Provide a focus on the needs of children and young people and ensure these remain paramount in determining provision;
- Harness local commitment from key partners;
- Offer transparency and reasoning to direction and decisions;
- Raise the profile and importance of play;
- Make effective use of the city resource's and funding;
- Encourage a city wide measurement of play and its positive impact;
- Endeavour to sustain play provision over the long term;
- Improve children and young people's access to safe and challenging play opportunities;
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The document will be a foundation document and common reference point for all organisations, agencies and groups that have or should have an impact on children and young people's play within Sunderland. It will guide the work of the Active Sunderland Board Play. It will act as a tool to empower the key partners in the delivery of effective, essential play.

The City Services (Community Services) Directorate within the City Council will act as guide and coordinator and will support the capacity building of the Active Sunderland Board to ensure it harnesses its collective talents and strength.

3. Definition and Scope of Play

What is Play?

Since 2007 the value of play has become more widely recognised and embedded. However, it is worth reminding ourselves of what play is, how and where children play and the value that play provides for children and young people

‘Play is what children and young people do in their own time, for their own reasons. When playing children choose what to do, how to do it and who to do it with’

Play England – Design for Play (2008)

Children play in many different ways according to their own interests and abilities, and enjoy play different forms of play at different times and places.

Play takes many forms: doing nothing in particular; being boisterous and just ‘letting off steam’ it can be quiet and contemplative. Play can be about being alone; being social; being challenged; taking risks.

All children and young people, including those who are disabled or have specific needs, should have opportunities to experience challenge and take risks while playing.

Through play, children explore the world and learn to take responsibility for their own choices.

Where Children Play

Where ever they live all children and young people should have easy access to spaces and facilities where they can play freely, and free of charge, coming and going as they please

This supports the work by Else (2005) who suggests play should **primarily adhere** to the **3 Frees Test**:

*That is: ‘Where the provision is **free** of charge, where young people are **free** to come and go and **free** to choose what they do whilst there’.*

‘Primarily adhere’ acknowledges that exceptions will exist such as the need for some disabled children and young people to have support, or for supervised services to charge an affordable or low cost fee that can potentially be funded from external sources.

The provision of designated play spaces is important for children but so it the opportunity to play in other public open spaces

‘Children being seen and heard in shared public spaces is the hallmark of vital community’
(Free Play Network and PLAYLINK 2006)

The Value of Play

Play is essential to the healthy development of children and young people – not just their physical development, but their social and cognitive development too.

Playing allows children to develop a sense of well being, develops their emotional responses and improves their interpersonal skills. Through play children explore creativity, language skills and problem solving.

Within the scope of play, the strategy recognises the importance of ‘high quality’ play opportunities which contribute to the essential enjoyment of childhood.

Figure One – The features of high quality play

- *Exploring the physical environment - earth, air, fire and water, secret spaces and open spaces;*
- *Challenge and taking risks – running, jumping, climbing, rolling, balancing;*
- *Emotions – the chance to validate a range of feelings;*
- *Stimulate all the senses – hearing, taste, smell, touch, sight;*
- *Being creative and imaginative – drama, dressing up, role-play, masks, face painting, arts and crafts;*
- *Opportunities for social interaction – enjoy cultural differences, co-operating, resolving conflict, chatting, negotiating, sharing;*
- *Building, demolishing and transforming environments.*

Adapted from: Play England Guidance (2006)

4. Principles of Play

It is clear from the introduction, definition and scope that play is an exciting but diverse area. On this basis, whilst individual priorities for play and urban games may change with time through ongoing consultation and research, the following principles have been established which can be seen to underpin the work of the city long term.

Key Principles

In Sunderland we are committed to ensuring that children and young people are able to enjoy their free time and to play freely.

To achieve this, we recognise that:

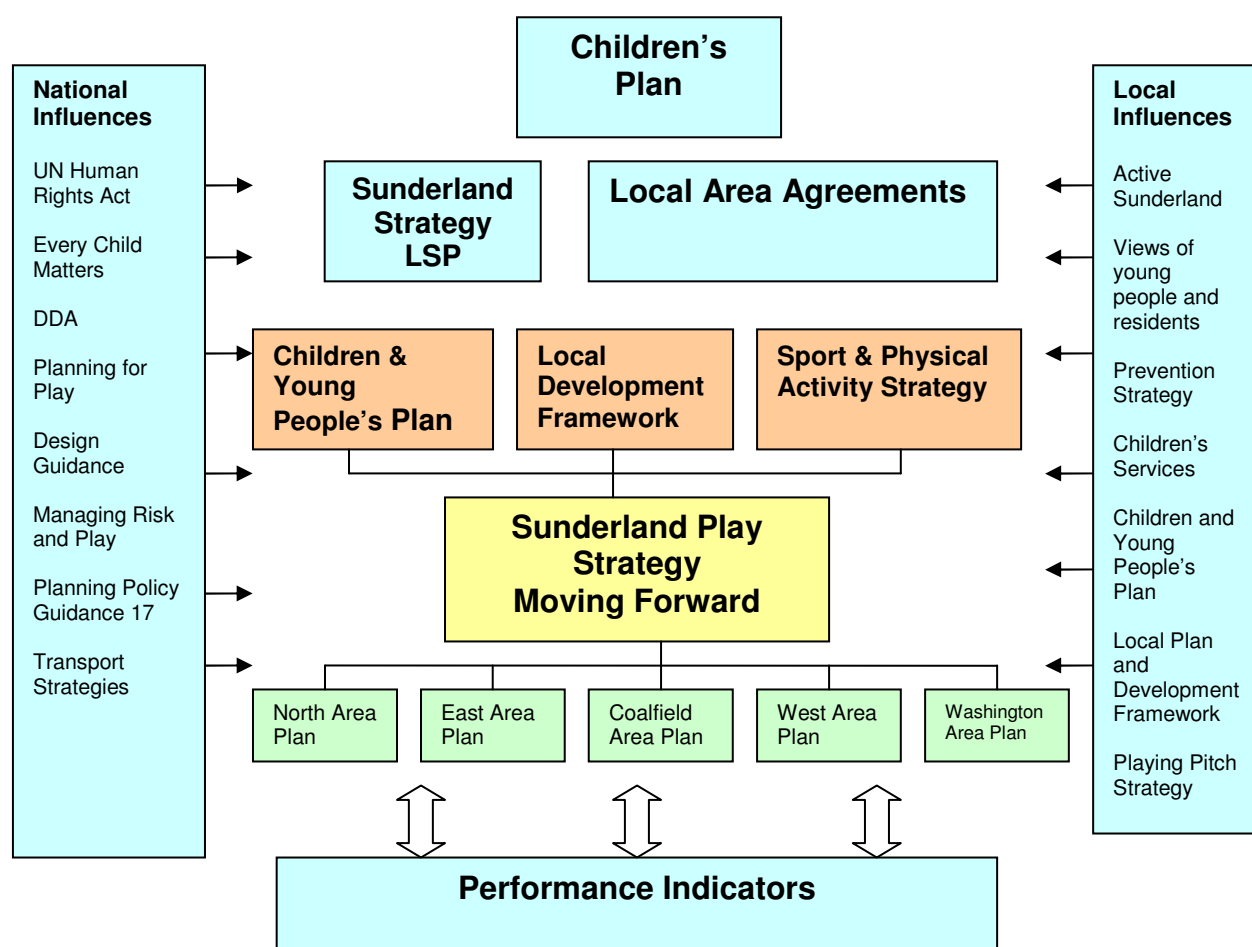
- Play is essential to children and young people's well-being both now and in the future;
- Children and young people have the right to play, as set out in article 31 of the United Nations Charter for Human Rights;
- The views of children and young people should be sought and listened to, meeting their individual needs in an inclusive way;
- Play needs to be fun and enjoyable.... free, accessible and inclusive;
- Children and young people's 'right to play' does not come without responsibilities to themselves and others;
- Children and young people deserve a balanced range of play opportunities. Within well-design environments, risk is essential to play;
- Sharing resources and skills will help make play more sustainable.

5. National, Regional and Local Context

Overview

Progress in the development of play, is within the context of a rapidly changing environment, in which government policy and changing user expectations demand new approaches to the provision of play for children and young people.

There are a plethora of documents and strategies that inform and influence play development, many of which informed the previous Young People's Play and Urban Games Strategy. A summary diagram of the key national influences, together with more localised influences, is detailed below in Figure Two.



5a. National and Regional Context

In the next section a brief summary is given on some key National and regional drivers for change.

Government Policy

The addendum is being developed during a significant period of change. Play has experienced unprecedented growth and change since 2007 with the Big Lottery Fund (BLF) Children's Play initiative and the Play Pathfinder programme.

The responsibility for play was previously under the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DSCF) this replaced in May 2010 by the new Department for Education (DfE)

The outcome of the Treasury's Spending review in October 2010 is awaited. However, the Government identified in June 2010 a Childhood and Families Task Force to inform the spending review and shape policy. The task force has 5 priority areas; parental leave, disabled children, strengthening families, commercialisation of childhood and *Playful communities*

Playful Communities is described as; secure environments for children that bring people together with a focus on how local communities can be empowered to deliver changes in their own neighbourhoods.

Every Child Matters – Chance for Change

The legislation 'Every Child Matters – Chance for Change' (2005), aims to support every child to have the chance to fulfil their potential. The following five key outcomes were identified;

- Being healthy: enjoying good physical and mental health and living a healthy lifestyle;
- Staying safe: being protected from harm and neglect;
- Enjoying and achieving; getting the most out of life and developing the skills for adulthood;
- Making a positive contribution – being involved with the community and society and not engaging in anti-social or offending behaviour;
- Economic well-being: not being prevented by economic disadvantage from achieving their full potential.

A number of previous schemes have also helped build foundations to this work such as Surestart Children's Centres, full service extended schools and the young people's fund. There is however clearly more to do. The benefits of children's play are closely linked to the five outcomes for children and young people.

United Nations Convention on Rights of the Child (1991)

People across the world agree that every child has the right to play. Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child which was ratified by the UK Government in 1991 makes this quite explicit. This fundamental right was expressed in more detail in the Charter for Children's Play

'All children need to play and have the right to play. Children of all ages should be able to play freely and confidently on their own and with other children (Children's Play Council, 1998)

Play England

Play England aims for all children and young people in England to have regular access to and opportunity for free, inclusive, local play provision and play space. The organisation was formed in 2008 as part of the National Children's Bureau (NCB), funded by the Big Lottery to promote local play strategies, build partnerships for play, research and demonstrate the benefits of play, promote equality and diversity in play provision, raise awareness and promote standards. As the government's national delivery partner their scope of work extended to being responsible for the support and challenge role as part of the Pathfinder programme.

In June 2010 Play England commenced discussions to finalise details of a new government's contract (as a result of reductions in funding) aimed at supporting communities to manage and sustain local play provision. In response to this Play England will undergo re-organisation which will see the organisation without regional offices, however the north east will benefit from a continued presence.

Play England have produced significant guidance documents including Design for Play and Managing Risk in Play provision, Better Places to Play through Planning, in addition to regular practice briefings and policy statements.

Through the manifesto for Play launched in spring 2010 Play England asks; the government, MPs, councillors - as well as individuals and organisations - to make three simple pledges for all children and young people to have the freedom and space to play enjoyed by previous generations:

1. To make all residential neighbourhoods child-friendly places where children can play outside
2. To give all children the time and opportunity to play throughout childhood
3. To give all children somewhere to play – in freedom and safety – after school and in the holidays

Play England are currently reviewing their objectives and priorities and will continue to offer support to promote play as an integral part of every community.

Planning for Open Space Sport and Recreation (planning policy Guidance note PPG17 DETR 2002)

This document places a requirement on Local Authorities to commit to ensuring adequate and good quality open spaces, sport and recreation facilities which are available to whole communities. The guidance exhorts Local Planning Authorities to undertake robust assessment of existing and future needs of their communities for open space, sports and recreational facilities, developing with the community a vision for open space in the future. Assessment should be used to inform development of locally derived standards for provision of open space, sports and recreation. Local standards should include quantitative, qualitative and accessibility elements.

Improving Urban Design

Urban design goes beyond building design. It is about the relationships between different buildings; the relationships between buildings and streets, squares, parks, waterways and other spaces that make up the public domain. Good urban design involves making places for people and has an important role to play in terms of ensuring new developments provide, and are appropriately integrated with, play spaces.

Good design of public space means creating spaces in which people want to spend time and that they enjoy using. Above all, good design takes advantage of the opportunity to create environments that are truly inspirational.

The *Better Places to Play through Planning* Guidance from Play England supports planning and transport authorities to ensure children and young people can access high quality, local play spaces and playable public space. It also shows how provision for better play opportunities can be promoted in planning policies and processes. Giving detail of how local development frameworks and planning control can be utilised in favour of child-friendly communities.

National Performance Measurement

The Play Council's research (2006) identified that if other sectors are to 'take play seriously' we needed to develop a balanced set of indicators to measure the 'play offer' to children and young people across an authority area. Pilot play indicator project was established and evaluated in 2007.

The pilot indicators seek to measure the extent to which, wherever children and young people live or spend the majority of their free time, they have access to spaces and facilities for play and informal recreation which:

The focus of the indicators being; participation, satisfaction, quality and access. The model emphasises the importance of considering how the variety of facilities and spaces is accessible to specific social groups, and of including equity measures within the performance indicators.

Participation Indicator

The percentage of children and young people aged birth to 16 from all social and ethnic groups, including those who are disabled, who play out for at least four hours each week.

Satisfaction Indicator

The percentage of children and young people from all social and ethnic groups, including those who are disabled, who think that the range and quality of play facilities and spaces they are able to access in their local neighbourhood is good/very good.

Quality Indicator

The proportion of facilities and spaces meeting the quality criteria for "excellent" and "good" ratings

Access Indicator

The percentage of children and young people aged from birth to 16 that have access to at least three different types (type A, type B and type C) of space or facility, at least one of which is a dedicated place for play and informal recreation, which are all within easy walking or cycling distance

The evaluation of the pilot considered the cost effectiveness, feasibility and practicality of gathering the data. Consideration of the value of the indicator to support local management and improvement and its value to provide valuable benchmarking at national /regional levels. It is understood that the evaluation would have helped informed the Comprehensive Area assessments (CAA) and the satisfaction indicator is included as NI199.

The future of the NI 199 'children's levels of satisfaction with parks and play areas' is unclear at present the collection of the data for the Tellus survey has been halted and has scrapped the CAA work.

5b. Local Context - Sunderland

Sunderland is the largest city in England's North East region, with a population of 280,600 based on the 2006 Office for national Statistics mid year estimates. Whilst enjoying economic benefits associated with its size has significant deprivation, with 82 out of 188 the city's Super Output Areas (SOA) being within the most 20% deprived SOA in England and 41 of these being within the 10% most deprived areas based on the 2007 Indices of Multiple Deprivation

The city has 68,300 children and young people aged 0-19 years living in Sunderland (Census 2001). 13,000 of these children and young people will require some form of additional help to enable them to be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution and achieve economic well being.

The Sunderland Partnership, Local Strategies and Plans

The Sunderland Partnership has a shared vision to create a better future for everyone in Sunderland, the shared vision;

A welcoming, internationally recognised city where people have the opportunity to fulfil their aspirations for a healthy, safe and prosperous future.

This long-term vision for Sunderland is set out in the Sunderland Strategy 2008-2025. Play makes a significant contribution to the supporting the strategic priorities of; Prosperous Healthy, Safe, Attractive and Inclusive and Learning City.

A key milestone for 2012 is identified within the Healthy City priority

The percentage of children and young people aged between 0-19 yrs with access to high quality equipped play provision, 1km from their door, will increase from 15% to 55%.

Through the significant investment since 2007 this has been exceeded with 70% of Children and Young People having access to high quality play by March 2010.

However, it is recognised that there is still work to be done and revised and new priorities are detailed in our action plans.

Children and Young People's Plan

Children and young people are a vital part of Sunderland's aspirations to be the UK's most liveable city. The aim is to make Sunderland a city that children and young people want to invest their life in, a city that provides the lifestyle and the opportunities that they want for their future.

The Children's Trust Board are currently driving forward the Children and Young People's Plan 2010-2025. The document endeavours to set out, in clear, accessible terms what everybody in the Children's Trust is doing to improve the outcomes and quality of life for all children and young people in Sunderland.

'improving life chances and aspirations for each child and young person in Sunderland'
(Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) 2010-2025).

The CYPP delivery plan for 2010-2013 extract;

<p>Priority Outcome 10 - Have locally accessible and affordable fun play and physical activities</p> <p>The vision for play and physical activities is Sunderland will work in partnership to provide, support and sustain a variety of high quality and accessible play and physical activity environments and opportunities, for all children and young people.</p> <p>Who is responsible? The aligned partnership responsible for play, sport and physical activity is the Active Sunderland Board. The board consists of a range of sector partners who both commission and at times are commissioned.</p> <p>The identified commissioning lead is the Head of Positive Contribution and Economic Well-being, Children's Services.</p> <p>Current picture High quality play has been identified as a national priority and locally play has already been identified as a key priority for the city.</p> <p>MORI surveys have shown increased satisfaction in children's playgrounds with 17% being satisfied in 2002 and 32% in 2008. It has also been recognised that more facilities for young people are needed.</p> <p>To address the challenges the city has been actively engaged in a national programme to encourage more children and young people to play outside. Play helps to address child obesity, physical activity and overall health and well-being.</p> <p>Children and young people can use a lifecard, which offers them substantially reduced access to most core activities, and free swimming to all those under 16 years old.</p>	<p>Plans to improve outcomes The Active Sunderland Board currently works to meet objectives set out in key partner strategy's, including the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy (2005-2010), and the Play and Urban Games Strategy – Moving Forward (2007-2012) each of which set out overarching priorities, including detailed actions, milestones and impact measures to improve this outcome.</p> <p>At the time of publication, the Active Sunderland Board was developing its own strategy, which aimed to build on the Board's current priorities and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing effective partnership working between all providers: public, private and third sector • Developing clear pathways for volunteers into play, sport and physical activity • Attracting funding and develop a range of promotional campaigns and information tools. • Attracting and prioritising funding to deliver key city needs • Working with regeneration providers to ensure that child friendly neighbourhoods exists to support play and physical activity and green transport • Commissioning preventative activities and specific training to all staff working in play, sport and physical activity with children and young people. • Commissioning more play and positive activities for children aged 5-13 <div data-bbox="798 1254 1340 1411">  <p>In school holidays there are not enough activities in Sunderland to keep us occupied</p>  </div>
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Sunderland's Local Development Framework

The Local Development Framework is an emerging document which sets out in the form of a portfolio, the local development documents which will collectively deliver the spatial planning strategy for the City. It will therefore play a major role in shaping the future of the built and natural environment, which so often either enhances or restricts young people's ability to access play provision.

The Framework will shape the overall development of the City and will include policies that will aim to enhance housing, retail, employment, green space, schools and transport infrastructure, all of which inform where people live, work, enjoy recreation, learn and study, and how they travel safely between them.

The policies contained in the Unitary Development Plan, which was formally adopted in 1998, have been saved and will gradually be replaced by the Local Development Framework. The timetable for this revision is set out in the City Council's Local Development Scheme. A schematic diagram illustrating the relationship between this play strategy and a range of emerging documents is illustrated in appendix one.

Current Unitary Development Plan policy (Policy H21 and Policy R3) allows the City Council to place an obligation on developers to contribute towards the provision of infrastructure, including play, to meet the needs of future residents within the development or to lessen any adverse off-site effects. Contributions from developers are negotiated by way of a planning obligation made under section 106 of the Planning Act 1990 and are built into a legal agreement between the developer and the City Council. At present, a standard capital charge of £701 per house of 2 bedrooms or more is requested for play provision. Alternatively, particularly on large developments, a planning condition is placed on the developer to provide play provision of an appropriate standard within the new development.

The current Unitary Development Plan recognises the need for a hierarchy of both open space (Policy L5) and dedicated play space provision (Policy L6)

In terms of dedicated play space Policy L6 requires

- i) A minimum of 4 district play areas
- ii) Satellite play areas to be provided within 1km of every child in the city;

The policy L6 also suggested that local doorstep provision where practicable would be provided within pocket parks. However, it should be noted that since the policy creation, increasing challenges around community safety of hidden or poorly designed areas means that such small open spaces or pocket areas would not be prioritised or preferred as equipped sites. A number of equipped site removals to enhance liveability have been completed over recent years. The areas generally remain important green play space.

Policy L6 aims to achieve a standard for dedicated children's play space of 0.6-0.8ha per thousand population, which will be reasonably distributed across the city. In areas where it is impossible to approach this standard, consideration is given to the more flexible use of space provided for educational or other purposes.

The City Council is currently working towards a review of these policies. In July 2002, the Government published Planning Policy Guidance 17: Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation (PPG17). PPG17 describes the role of the planning system in assessing opportunities and needs for sport and recreation provision and safeguarding open space. An audit of green spaces will be developed in the context of national planning guidance, and this will lead to a Green Infrastructure Strategy Framework for the city, that will ensure provision on a local and area basis is properly planned and that it is appropriate for all the community. Council officers leading on this Framework have been involved in the development of this addendum to the play strategy and it is recognised that in order to facilitate play there is a strong need for higher quality and well designed open spaces within housing estates.

Sport and Physical Activity 2005-2010

This strategy was adopted by the Sunderland Partnership in 2005 and illustrates a wide range of actions to enhance physical activity levels of the population. There are clear benefits of designing public spaces such as parks, communal areas and 'green lungs' with the needs of all ages, to ensure a cohesive and vibrant space which encourages active living and transport solutions. By ensuring every child and young person has access to a

core offer of play provision which is free and accessible, we are maximising our chances of encouraging young people to be active.

Active Sunderland Board

The Active Sunderland Board provides supports the governance arrangements for play is ensure that there are strong links with the Children's Trust and Sunderland Partnership. As and when needed specific play related working groups are established to undertake specific tasks e.g. Prevention Strategy – Play and Positive Activities work stream.

In summary this is a time of change which will influence and impact on Play. Being aware of the changing policy directions and strategic priorities at national, regional and local level will ensure that play can both benefit and continue its unique ability to contribute to a wide ranging cross cutting areas.

6. Moving Forward - The Journey since 2007

Sunderland has exceeded against many of the agreed strategic priorities within the Play and Urban Game Strategy. The key achievements against the six priority objectives are outlined below.

Objective 1: Ensure that that play is strategically planned and resourced in partnership

Play developments have been undertaken in line with the priorities identified in the PUGS. Investment for the development of play has totalled £6m and been achieved through successful attraction of external and internal funding.

Objective 2: Create, improve and develop free and inclusive play spaces

Since 2004, £6million has been invested in the development of play and urban games facilities. Within the lifespan of the current PUGS there has been £4.9 million invested since 2007.

The development of new or significant refurbishment of 58 plays areas since 2004. Within 34 being completed between 2007 and spring/summer 2010.

The PUGS updated in 2007, indicated that just 19% (12,856) of C&YP had access to high quality play 1km from their door. By the end of March 2010, 70% (47,366) C&YP have access to high quality play facilities.

Wheeled sports provision has risen from three facilities in 2004, to six facilities in 2010, which has provided increased access for C&YP. The standard being to develop one wheeled sports facility in each regeneration area of the city.

Objective 3: Seek greater innovation in the development of varied and sustainable play opportunities

Developments have included the city Adventure Play Park which provides a challenging and exciting play environment with facilitated play sessions. The development features of the new provision include indoor, sensory and outdoor play facilities.

The design and development of play spaces has developed significantly, by using more natural features mixed with traditional fixed play.

Objective 4: Involve children and young people in the development of their play opportunities and services

Elected Member involvement at ward level has been actively encouraged throughout the consultation process, with a main focus to provide links with residents at neighbourhood level.

Almost 6,000 people have been involved in the consultation and engagement process, including C&YP, their families, residents and local communities. Over 500 disabled children, their families and carers have participated in play consultation. 25 schools, community organisations and youth groups involved in delivering consultation arrangements for neighbourhood facilities.

Objective 5: Work in partnership to develop, support and promote high standards for play

A range of services have been commissioned from the voluntary sector to support play e.g. neighbourhood consultation, direct delivery of play activities.

Launch of the 'Lets Play' campaign, to inspire families to enjoy their local play spaces and to challenge negative perceptions of children playing.

Objective 6: Ensure that in partnership, the city monitors and evaluates the impact of play developments citywide to deliver the strategy

The developments have led to an improvement in resident satisfaction levels. Since 2003, annual resident satisfaction levels have risen from 26% to 50% in 2008. The 2008 measure was taken prior to the Pathfinder investment and it is hoped that satisfaction levels will increase following the next resident survey which will be published late in 2010.

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Citywide	2004-2006	2007-spring/summer 2010	Total
Number of new play areas	12	15	27
Number of refurbished play areas	7	24	31
	As at April 2007	As at April 2010	
Percentage of C&YP with access to high quality play 1km	19%	70%	
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7. SWOT Analysis

A review of the SWOT from 2007 shows a significant direction of travel for play throughout the city.

The achievements, ongoing strengths and challenges and new strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats are highlighted.

SWOT 2007	Direction of travel
Strengths Young people are at the heart of consultation for new play developments, Examples of shared resources and partnership projects. Wheeled skate park provision – one per area almost achieved. Sustained City Council capital contribution to play areas External funding opportunities for play parks. £1.1 Million attracted in last 3 years. Section 106 policy for play in action. Play Together with 50 voluntary and community sector members. Training and development courses for Play workers. 50 places each year. Innovative citywide scrap store. GIS mapping of city equipped play provision City Council inspection regime of resources to meet European safety standards. Toy library and scrap store	Strengths ☺ ongoing. ☺ ongoing ☺ ongoing ☺ ongoing ☺ ongoing. New Threat ☺ ongoing ☺ ongoing Status of the Network in certain due to VCS funding changes. New opportunity. Lack of coordinated training; new opportunity ☺ ongoing ☺ ongoing Library available but limited access due to VCS funding changes. New opportunity
Weaknesses Access to high quality equipped places for play (Baseline estimated at 15%) Much provision is of low 'play quality'. Access to supported inclusive provision for disabled children and young people Joined up work in prioritising resources for play citywide Playwork qualifications confused with Childcare qualifications. The positive profile of play as a positive solution to a range of agendas Performance management framework to measure the impact of play 'Locked up' quality places for play on formal sites.	Weaknesses ☺ 70% of C & YP have access to high quality play. ☺ Specialist provision for disabled children at city Adventure Play Centre. Examples of good practice e.g. Aiming High, Prevention Strategy. National profile improved, still work to be done, Some improvement, key area of outstanding work. New Opportunity. National pilot scheme undertaken. Limited success, work to be done. New Opportunity.

<p>Limited facilitated provision which meet the 3-Frees test. Little or no mainstreamed funds for facilitated play opportunities.</p> <p>Poor usable green space for Play</p>	<p>Adventure Play Park and 'lets Play' events. Scope to increase and improve. No change, all funded through external funding sources. Business model for the Adventure Play operation developed to help support sustained services. Green Spaces Audit underway.</p>
<p>Opportunities Play and young people's facilities are high resident priorities. Extending our mindset of what 'play provision may include'. Ensuring quality space for play exists in the Local Development Framework as it emerges. A formal City Play Partnership</p> <p>Greater partnership working on area basis between City Council, community sector, schools and Gentoo Big Lottery funding for Sunderland for injection to sustainable provision. Building Schools for the Future Continued efforts by young people to raise funds from their projects. The Play England infrastructure.</p> <p>Introduction of new technology for inspection of play resources citywide</p> <p>GIS mapping and intelligence of services.</p> <p>Use of mobile resources to support play</p> <p>Increased inclusion awareness.</p>	<p>😊 ongoing</p> <p>😊 ongoing, Play Pathfinder has resulted in significant progress</p> <p>😊 ongoing, City Services linked into the processes.</p> <p>😊 superseded by Active Sunderland Board governance arrangements.</p> <p>😊 ongoing</p> <p>😊 6 BLF projects delivered successfully Suspended due to change to BSF programme.</p> <p>😊 have made strong links at National & Regional levels with Play England</p> <p>Not achieved, review of operations underway.</p> <p>😊 ongoing</p> <p>😊 ongoing, appointed of Play workers.</p> <p>😊 partnership working with Aiming for Disabled children and Parent-cares VCS organisation.</p>
<p>Threats Maintenance requirements of current play provision citywide.</p> <p>Poorly located local area play sites requiring removal.</p> <p>Protection of dedicated play space whilst accepting some essential equipped removals required.</p> <p>Short term funded schemes.</p> <p>The lack of tolerance amongst adults around teenage play</p>	<p>😊 increased mainstream budget secured through MTFP.</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

Developers unwillingness to support the ethos of quality play	Ongoing
Over reliance on developers contributions to restore the city play offer.	Ongoing and increased due to current pressures on public sector.
Diminishing green space in some urban areas	Ongoing

8. The Way Forward...

If play provision is to continue to be improved into 2012 then there needs to be a balance of building on strengths and recent progress, remedying weaknesses and seizing opportunities. This will continually need to be achieved in a period of significant challenges and changes at national, regional and local levels.

Building upon the current circumstances which are summarised within the SWOT analysis and our principles for play, the following strategic vision, objectives within the PUGS remain valid. An updated action plan with our next key priorities have been developed.

Strategic Vision is:

Sunderland will work in partnership to provide, support and sustain a variety of high quality and accessible play environments and opportunities, for all children and young people up to 19 years. The city aspires to a core offer of free provision citywide, which may be supported by affordable facilitated provision as appropriate.

Priority Objectives

- **Ensure that play is strategically planned and resourced in partnership**
- **Involve children and young people in the development of their play opportunities and services**
- **Work in partnership to develop, support and promote high standards for play**
- **Create, improve and develop free and inclusive play spaces**
- **Seek greater innovation in the development of varied and sustainable play opportunities**
- **Ensure that, in partnership, the city monitors and evaluates the impact of play developments citywide to deliver this strategy**

The detailed action plans are highlighted in Section 9

Places for Play

The PUGS includes Sunderland model of play distribution standards. The city standards are based on a combination of the Play England Typology, NPFA standard and the City Councils UDP. The key measure being that children and young people should have access to high quality play space within 1km of home.

The national performance indicator pilot recommended the introduction of monitoring the access by children and young people to 3 types of play space. As the city's Green Spaces work is completed the ability to measure children and young peoples access to differing play opportunities will be available.

Consultation Framework

Consultation is a key part of developing high quality play provision and in the spirit of the Principles of Play (within the existing Play and Urban Games Strategy), with children and young people at the heart of consultation. What does this mean to children and young people? From our research they describe participation as 'working together, having fun,

sharing ideas, communicating, making decisions, being asked, solving problems, needing some support, giving an opinion, being listened to, and having a choice.

However, it is recognised that the whole community must be engaged and have the opportunity to participate in play consultation. The wider community must be encouraged to understand the value of play space and where reservations are evident, these need to be resolved.

Consultation and community engagement are therefore essential pre-requisites for good play space design. In order to ensure an inclusive approach a consultation framework will be applied. The framework shall be used for all play refurbishments /developments valued at £20,000 and over.

Stage 1

Elected Members* advised of project plan and requested to make suggestions of local partners, organisations, children and young people (C&YP), and residents who should be included in consultation.

* Local projects shall consult Ward Members, Area Chair, Vice Chair and the Portfolio Holder for Attractive and Inclusive City. Area provisions shall consult the Area Chair, Vice Chair, all area Elected Area Members and the Portfolio Holder for Attractive and Inclusive City.

Stage 2

To advise partners, organisations, C&YP, residents of the project plan, including 'when', 'how' and 'on what' they will be consulted about. The numbers of C&YP involved will be proportionate to the catchments area and the value of the project. For example, play area developments may engage 20 C&YP and larger wheeled sports parks may involve 50 C&YP. As a minimum, residents whose properties directly overlook or adjoin the area will be consulted. Planning applications for new provisions (where required), will be coordinated by the Council's Planning Section and will be informed by statutory planning obligations.

Stage 3

Participation and engagement with C&YP to develop ideas and a design brief. Design developed by appointed designers. Design developed and checked with C&YP to ensure that it matches their design brief.

Stage 4

Elected Members, local partners including the Local Area Multi Problem Solving Group (LMAPS), organisations and residents consulted on design. Feedback captured and design refined.

Stage 5

Final design provided to Elected Members prior to the release to, local partners, C&YP and residents. The project plan for development widely communicated.

Stage 6

Elected Members advised of progress on developments.

The methods of consultation will be appropriate to scope of the project and may consist of, meetings, letter drops, open days, workshops, surveys, media releases, and on-line activities.

Design for Play

Thinking on how outdoor play provision should be developed has been evolving and moving in new directions since 2007. In Sunderland the city has embraced new thinking through developing more adventurous, challenging and natural play spaces. This move to a new direction is demonstrated over the short term, the move to more creative thinking in play space design.

Sunderland has moved along way from the KFC play area (Kit, Fence, Carpet) by embracing the Play England Design Guidance. Creating inspiring play spaces which excite, challenge needs to consider the 10 principles of good design.



Design for Play: A guide to creating successful play spaces

Risk Benefit Policy

There is growing awareness of the value of play provision that gives children and young people active, challenging play opportunities. Play provision does present risks, to children and adults through accidents and injuries and also providers through the risk of liability. However, play grounds of all types, by any measure, comparatively safe places and have been so for some years if not decades.

In Sunderland our approach to safety in respect of play includes:

- The Appointment of Construction, design and management Coordinator (CDM-C) at design stage for all play areas.
- Formal traditional play equipment is installed to meet EN standards.
- Non- standard equipment is assessed where practicable for compliance with the EN standards.
- Independent post installation reports undertaken prior to opening of play areas.
- Regular inspections of all sites by qualified play inspectors.
- Responsive maintenance service based on risk assessment.

Sunderland has a good history safety record in relation to play. Since 2007, with over 100 play spaces city wide a total of just 18 insurance claims relating to accidents have been of which 88% have been repudiated.

It is clear that within well-designed environments, risk is essential for play. This has been established in Sunderland's principles for play.

During 2010 the City Council piloted the use of a 'Risk Benefit' approach to play in conjunction with the traditional risk assessments. This approach was undertaken within the guidance of the Play England 'Managing Risk in Play Provision' published in 2008. This approach advocates the need to take a balanced approach: one that takes into account the benefits the provision offers as well as the risks.

Play provision brings many benefits to children and young people as described within the PUGS. It supports their well being and development through offering activities which stretch their abilities, foster their imagination and build their confidence and resilience, allowing them to learn how to evaluate and manage risk.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE), and Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) both recognise the importance of play in children's lives and endorse the Play England guidance.

The risk management process identifies four key levels; Policy Framework, Risk – Benefit assessment, technical inspection and Dynamic risk benefit (relevant where staff supervise play activity).

The Policy Framework underpins and our approach through establishing values, clear objectives and sets the context. This strategy provides the foundations of our risk benefit Policy.

9. Action Plans

Strategic Objective 1

Ensure that play is strategically planned and resourced in partnership.

Action	Milestones	Key Partners	Resources	Outcomes	Current Status Sept 2010
Develop and maintain a Citywide Play Partnership embedded in the city's planning process.	Representatives agreed Terms of reference agreed Quarterly updates of progress in Children and Young People's Plan. Annual report to Leisure and Culture Review and Children's Trust Board.	Community & Cultural Services Play England	Staff time	Regular Play Partnership established. Clearly communicated performance data	Play Partnership superseded by Active Sunderland Board. Milestones achieved and ongoing action .
Team of 'Play Champions' established.	Partnership identify possible champions across sectors Inclusion champion established	Play Partnership Youth Parliament	Staff time	Increased positive promotion of Play	Portfolio Holder for Culture and Leisure. Play shaper training pilot undertaken.
Liaise with ward members for each regeneration area on an annual basis	Review the previous years progress in their area against the Play strategy. Discuss planned actions for forthcoming year.	Community & Cultural Services and partners. Portfolio Holder.	Staff time Councillor time	Improved communication on priorities. Agreed prioritisation of resources and funds.	Milestone achieved and ongoing action .
Work to identify further funds to maintain successful provision piloted by the Children's Fund	Identify successful projects which reach children and young people with poor access. Consider funding opportunities including key partners who benefit from the provision.	Play Partnership	Staff time	Increased ongoing funding or income generation for selected projects.	Children's Fund work superseded by Intervention Strategy – Play & Positive Activities work stream. VCS organisations commissioned Ongoing action; to identify funding

					opportunities.
Prioritise external investment to maximise impact and reach	Partnership agree prioritised approach to external bids Clear use of GIS and performance data to inform partnership decisions.	Play Partnership	Staff time	Focused funding to continue strategy.	Achieved through BLF, Play Pathfinder, City Capital. Ongoing action; to identify funding
To prioritise the projects in line with the strategy for the city's allocated Big Lottery funding.	Establish priorities from Play strategy which have greatest impact and best match the funding criteria Develop bids Submit portfolio	Community & Cultural Services	Staff time	Bid successful Greater access to high quality play opportunities citywide.	Completed 2008.
To encourage and prioritise suitable priority projects for the Big Lottery Playful Ideas fund.	Establish priorities from Play strategy which have greatest impact and best match the funding criteria Develop bids Submit portfolio	Play Partnership	Staff time	Funding achieved	Completed 2008. Bids submitted by VCS unsuccessful to support scrapstore & toy library.
To ensure that the city's 106 contributions are strategically placed to maximise their impact against the deficits of provision identified in this strategy	Maintain current audit of play spaces on GIS Inform planning decisions in line with GIS mapping and gaps in provision.	Community & Cultural Services Planning and Regeneration	Staff time	106 sums focused towards priority play sites. Increased access to play provision citywide.	Ongoing action
Establish formal supplementary guidance to improve current planning policy for both equipped and quality natural play environments and encourage those	Establish project team. Consider guidance in line with LDF. Monitor completed housing schemes Prepare design guidance to encourage developers to create well designed play	Development and Regeneration -Development Control -Planning Implementation -Planning Policy Community &	Staff time	Guidance to encourage both revenue and capital contributions to development of play.	Play is linked into the LDF, Green spaces, Seafront Strategy's. Reference Play England Guidance in respect of Design for Play and Better

involved in the regeneration process to improve play spaces.	spaces	Cultural Services			Places to Play Ongoing action
Review the city's approach to inspections to improve efficiency and planning approach.	Consider best use of resources Standard template for assessment established Use of ICT to monitor Full condition surveys of current play assets to support asset planning.	SCC SHG	Staff time Funding required	Full asset plan for repair and replacement of city play provisions	Revision of inspection regime undertaken. Ongoing action

Strategic Objective 2

Involve children and young people in the development of their play opportunities and services

Action	Milestones	Key Partners	Resources allocated	Outcomes	Current Status
Involvement of children and young people in the development of the play workforce.	<p>Include the views of children and young people in the job descriptions.</p> <p>Children and young people involved in the appointment</p> <p>Children and young people involved in the training.</p>	Youth Development Group Youth Parliament	Staff time	Involvement of children and young people is illustrated in evaluation documents	<p>6000 C& YP involved in consultation by 2010.</p> <p>C & YP involve in recruitment of play and engagement workers 2010.</p> <p>Ongoing action</p>
To ensure that all play projects are led and developed by young people's focus groups, with support from carers or key workers where appropriate.	<p>Representatives from all children and young people participate when play is developed.</p> <p>Research is child led – and in varying formats.</p>	Community & Cultural Services Youth Development group Etec	Staff time	<p>Number of children and young people involved.</p> <p>Child led research and consultation approach to developments</p>	<p>Consultation Framework embeds the process.</p> <p>Ongoing action</p>
To involve young people in review and assessment of the strategy progress.	<p>Design and delivery of annual survey</p> <p>Annual convention to review strategy progress</p>	Play Partnership Youth Parliament Youth Development Group	Staff time	<p>Survey results</p> <p>Convention feedback forms.</p>	<p>Annual survey via MORI.</p> <p>NI199 Performance Indicator.</p> <p>Revised action: To consider the most appropriate and effective way in which C & YP can inform play on an annual basis.</p>

Objective 3

Work in partnership to develop, support and promote high standards for play

Action	Milestones	Key Partners	Resources allocated?	Outcomes	Current Status
Establish a consistent standard for Quality Play based upon the principles of play established within this strategy.	<p>Identify national standards</p> <p>Liaise with Play England.</p> <p>Develop a Sunderland standard for all play opportunities</p> <p>Consult on new standards and reach agreement.</p>	<p>Community & Cultural Services</p> <p>Children Services</p> <p>Play Partnership</p>	Staff time	A common standard for quality play in Sunderland.	<p>Play England Design, Managing Risk in Play guidance has been considered and applied as appropriate to the city.</p> <p>Ongoing action; with the addition of consistent standards for the delivery of supervised play to be established.</p>
<p>To identify training needs through a workforce analysis with the play sector.</p> <p>Address training needs – particularly for supporting older young people and those children and young people with special needs</p> <p>.</p>	<p>Review current information and conduct audit</p> <p>Use audit to plan training programme</p> <p>Identify funding to support training programme</p> <p>Publicise and offer training opportunities</p> <p>Range of infrastructure support developed</p>	<p>Children's Services</p> <p>Etec</p> <p>Play Partnership</p>	<p>Staff time</p> <p>Children's fund resource</p>	<p>Known staff and volunteers have their training needs assessed</p> <p>Comprehensive training programme on offer</p> <p>Take up is monitored</p>	<p>Play Shaper training delivered. In-house training delivered for Play workers.</p> <p>Ongoing action</p>
To specifically offer play training and information to residential children homes, young parents, children homes and foster carers as well as to social workers.	<p>Establish funding</p> <p>Sustained outreach playworker in post</p>	<p>Play Partnership</p> <p>Children Services</p>	Staff time	<p>Post secured</p> <p>Number of contacts and training opportunities transferred</p>	<p>Training opportunities have been offered in relation to the Adventure Play in partnership with Disabled Children's Services.</p>

					VCS organisations have accessed in-house play worker training. Ongoing action
Sustain the city's Toy Libraries network in supporting supervised play provisions in the home and the community.	Establish annual funding required Seek funding Secure toy library service and improve networked capability	Etec Play Partnership	Children's Fund & Etec until 2008	Number of members using the resource Number of resources purchased	ETEC unsuccessful with Playful Ideas Bid, end of Children's Fund and reduction of play and positive activities funding through Prevention Strategy has reduced this service. Revised Action; To establish and evaluate current status of Toy
Support, promote and sustain the city's Scrap store	Establish annual funding required Seek funding	Etec Play Partnership	Children's Fund & Etec until 2008	Number of members using the resource Number of resources purchased	Revised Action; To establish and evaluate current status of Scrap Store.
To deliver an annual play convention in Sunderland to celebrate success and gather key professionals and volunteers.	Annual play convention	Etec Play Partnership	Staff time	Number of attendees	National Play Day supported since 2008. Revised Action; To establish and evaluate current status of Play Together Network & annual convention
High profile marketing campaign to promote the positive value of play.	Establish funds Agree messages	Play Partnership	None	Positive profile of play increased	National Play Day supported and events organised since 2008.

	Develop marketing campaign including: -Website -Posters -Leaflets			Reduced complaints for 'positive play' Number of press releases	Programme of 'Lets Play' events in local play areas throughout the year since 2009. Articles in Community News. Continue to host 'Lets Play' celebration events & National Play Day. Ongoing action
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Strategic Objective 4
Create, improve and develop free and inclusive play spaces

Action	Milestones	Key Partners	Resources allocated?	Outcomes	Current Status
Create, improve and develop over 35 children and young people's free local spaces citywide which tackle deficits in provision as a priority (see detailed list in appendix 4).	<p>Maintain clear audit of provision</p> <p>Continually review in light of citywide regeneration plans and developments</p> <p>Prioritise funding to achieve developments.</p> <p>Involve CYP in design and developments</p>	<p>Community & Cultural Services</p> <p>Children Services Development and Regeneration</p> <p>Gentoo</p> <p>School governors</p>	Various as detailed in appendix 6	25% more children and young people with access to high quality play spaces 1km from home.	<p>Achieved by 2010.</p> <p>New action: Revised priorities identified for 2010-2012. Detailed in Appendix 4</p>
Assess the quality of the city play sites to include the play opportunities for children and young people with disabilities.	<p>Develop a children and young people's scrutiny group to include children with disabilities</p> <p>Develop a clear understanding and knowledge of what play opportunities may be possible in order to present choice and influence play developments</p> <p>Establish a quality assessment tool to use citywide</p> <p>Ensure findings of assessments feed into ongoing play site developments and proposals.</p>	<p>Community & Cultural Services</p> <p>Gentoo</p> <p>Oxclose Community School</p> <p>Youth Development Group</p>	Staff time Unknown	<p>A clear record of the fully accessible and high quality, play sites</p> <p>Non disabled and disabled children are able to play together</p>	<p>City Adventure Play Park included outdoor, indoor and sensory provision with changing places facilities. for disabled C & YP. Partnership working with Disabled children Services supports this achievement.</p> <p>Barnes Park Play developed and supported by accessible toilets and changing.</p> <p>Ongoing action; to ensure that inclusive play opportunities are considered in all lay developments.</p>
Increase the number of provisions which maximise the use of informal	Establish where such access would be beneficial	<p>Community & Cultural Services</p> <p>Children's Services</p>	Funds allocated with	Shared resources	Since 2007 play developments at 8 sites have been undertaken

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oversight through close proximity to schools, youth provisions, children's centres.	Work with extended schools team and youth service to develop relationships	Gentoo Youth Providers Schools	projects below.	Greater usage of play resource	near to school, community or youth facilities. Ongoing action
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Strategic Objective 5

Seek greater innovation in the development of varied and sustainable play opportunities.

Action	Milestones	Key Partners	Resources allocated	Outcomes	Current Status
To increase the opportunities to seek innovation in play through good design, natural play.	<p>Involve CYP in investigating alternative approaches to play</p> <p>Establish case studies</p> <p>Explore use of natural resources and/or public art</p> <p>Increase access to current resources through the use of creative access points, safer routes and safer neighbourhood zones.</p>	<p>Community and Cultural Services Development and Regeneration</p> <p>Private play designers</p> <p>Gentoo</p> <p>Transport</p>	Staff time	Greater variety and challenge for CYP	<p>Direction of travel through play design is evident in the city.</p> <p>Ongoing action</p>
Investigate the opportunities to develop mobile resources (potentially combined with other functions) to support seasonal demands or where permanent play services cannot be sustained.	Mobile resources considered. This could include mobile staff resources of mobile equipment resources.	Play Partnership	Staff time	Increased sustainability Greater access to supervised play opportunities	<p>'Lets Play' events have taken play workers to local play areas to support supervised play opportunities.</p> <p>New action; see below</p>
Feasibility study into the location and 'mode of operation' of a supervised adventure play ground to particularly provide support for those with individual needs.	<p>Feasibility funding established</p> <p>Feasibility study completed</p>	Play Partnership	Staff time	Demand and viability (or not) established for resource	<p>Achieved – City Adventure Pay provision opened at Silksworth April 2010.</p> <p>Revised action; to monitor the business plan to support sustainability.</p>
Investigate the	Research opportunities with CYP	Community and	Staff time	Demand and	'Lets Play' and taster

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opportunities to extend creatively supervised play provision for the youth market (street games, chill out provisions)	Develop proposals Seek funding for proposals	Cultural Services Play Partnership		viability (or not) established for resource	sports sessions linked. New action; see below
NEW ACTION					
To identify how best to manage, coordinate and deliver supervised play opportunities in the city.	Mapping of current provision. Monitoring and evaluation of Adventure Play supervised sessions Submit expression of Interest for Play England ' Playful Communities' programme. Feasibility of establishing local play volunteers. Linking with Volunteering Strategy.	City Services – Community Services Active Sunderland Board VCS	Staff time	Demand and viability (or not) established	2012

Strategic Objective 6

Ensure that in partnership, the City monitors and evaluates the impact of play developments citywide to deliver this strategy

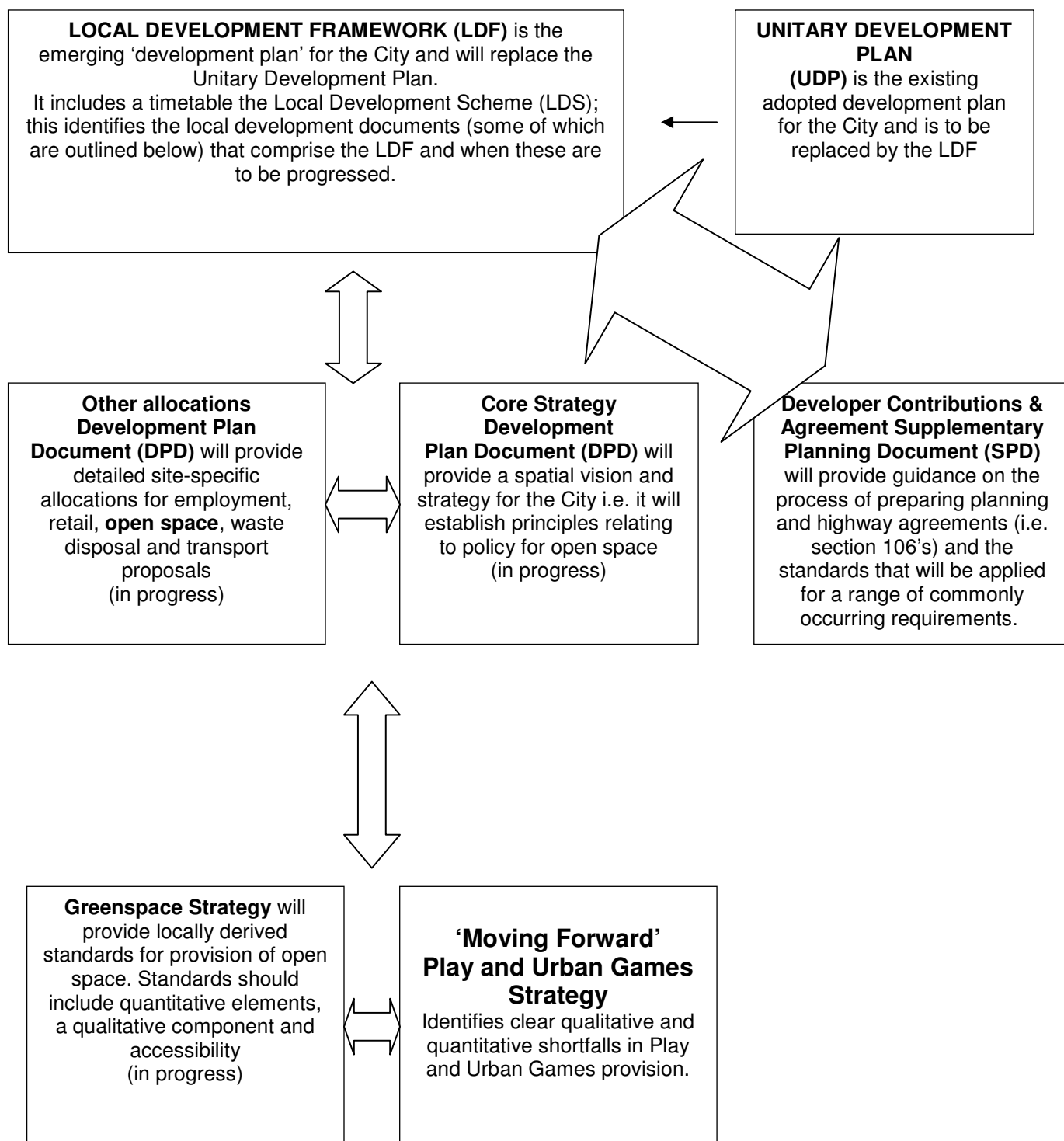
Action	Milestones	Key Partners	Resources allocated	Outcomes	Current Status
To measure and monitor performance against the number of children and young people with access to equipped dedicated play space 1km from home	Clear GIS baselines established Regular monitoring.	Community and Cultural Services Gentoo	Staff time Cost of GIS reporting	Clear measure of number of CYP with access to high quality play. Clear ability to justify further resource	Updated GIS maps created for Addendum. Featured in appendix 3 Ongoing action
To report on the strategy progress.	Annual report produced and presented.	Community and Cultural Services. Play Partnership members	Staff time		Ongoing action
To consider the recommendations of the current national indicator pilot and consider the development of a suite of indicators to measure the impact of this strategy and performance against the every child matters outcomes.	Review national pilot Identify indicators suitable for Sunderland's strategy Involve CYP in selection and adoption of indicators. Clear performance management framework implemented.	Play Partnership GIS Team	Staff time	Ability to justify resource from non-traditional funding sources into Play	National Pilot completed. Status of PI's to be established in light of changes to CAA. Revised action; Consideration to be given to application of the PI's at local level
To develop consistent standards citywide in the inspection and maintenance of dedicated play spaces.	Consistent approach to play inspection and risk management developed Consideration of ICT use citywide All play areas inspected consistently.	Community and Cultural Services Gentoo Schools	Staff time	Clear	Revision of inspection regime undertaken. Ongoing action

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Appendix 1

Flow Diagram to show how Moving forward fits into the LDF System suite of documents.



Appendix 2

Active Sunderland Board

The Active Sunderland Board consists of partners from all sectors, which contribute to the development and delivery of sport and physical activity within the city. Together the Board aspires to:

- Lead development of a citywide strategy for increasing participation in physical activity
- Coordinate and exploit the sport and physical activity facilities in the city
- Increase the number and improve the quality and skills of the workforce
- Capitalise on major events including the Olympics and Paralympics
- Use research and evaluation to understand the physical activity sector
- Identify and maximise potential funding to support and extend the provision of physical activity
- Prepare a collective, citywide response to national sport or physical activity initiatives
- Act as an advocate for physical activity in the city
- Monitor and evaluate achievement against outcomes.

The Board is represented by the following partners.

Local Authority Sport and Leisure

Children's Services

Community Safety

Local Strategic Partnership

Tyne and Wear County Sports Partnership

Sunderland AFC Foundation

Sunderland Sports Council

Specialist Sports Colleges

Gentoo

Sunderland CVS

Sunderland College

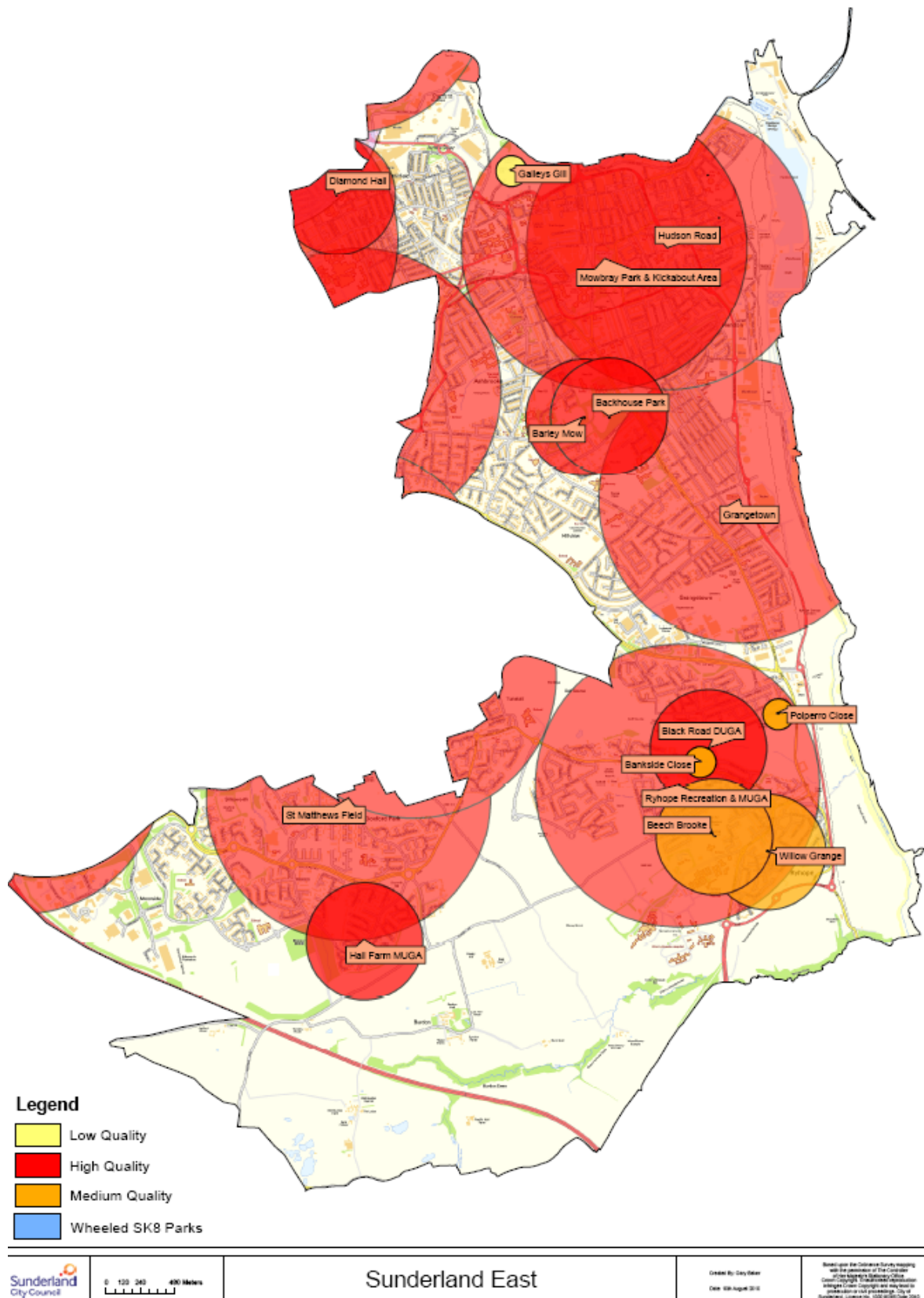
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Adult Services

Teaching Primary Care Trust

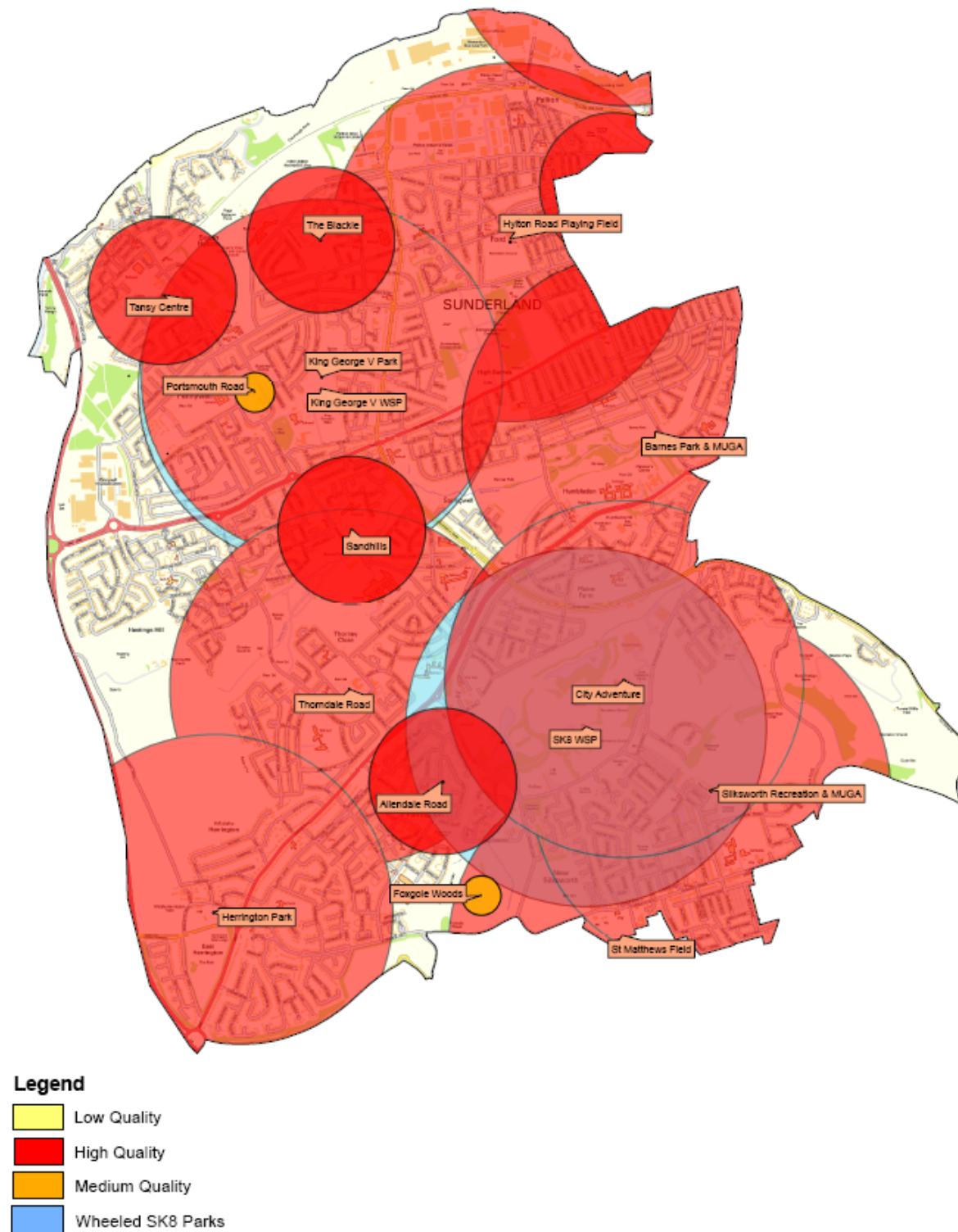
3c. East Area – Audit of Provision

Within the East area GIS sampling illustrated that 76% children and young people currently have access to at least one high quality dedicated play space or facility within easy walking or cycling distance (GIS audits)



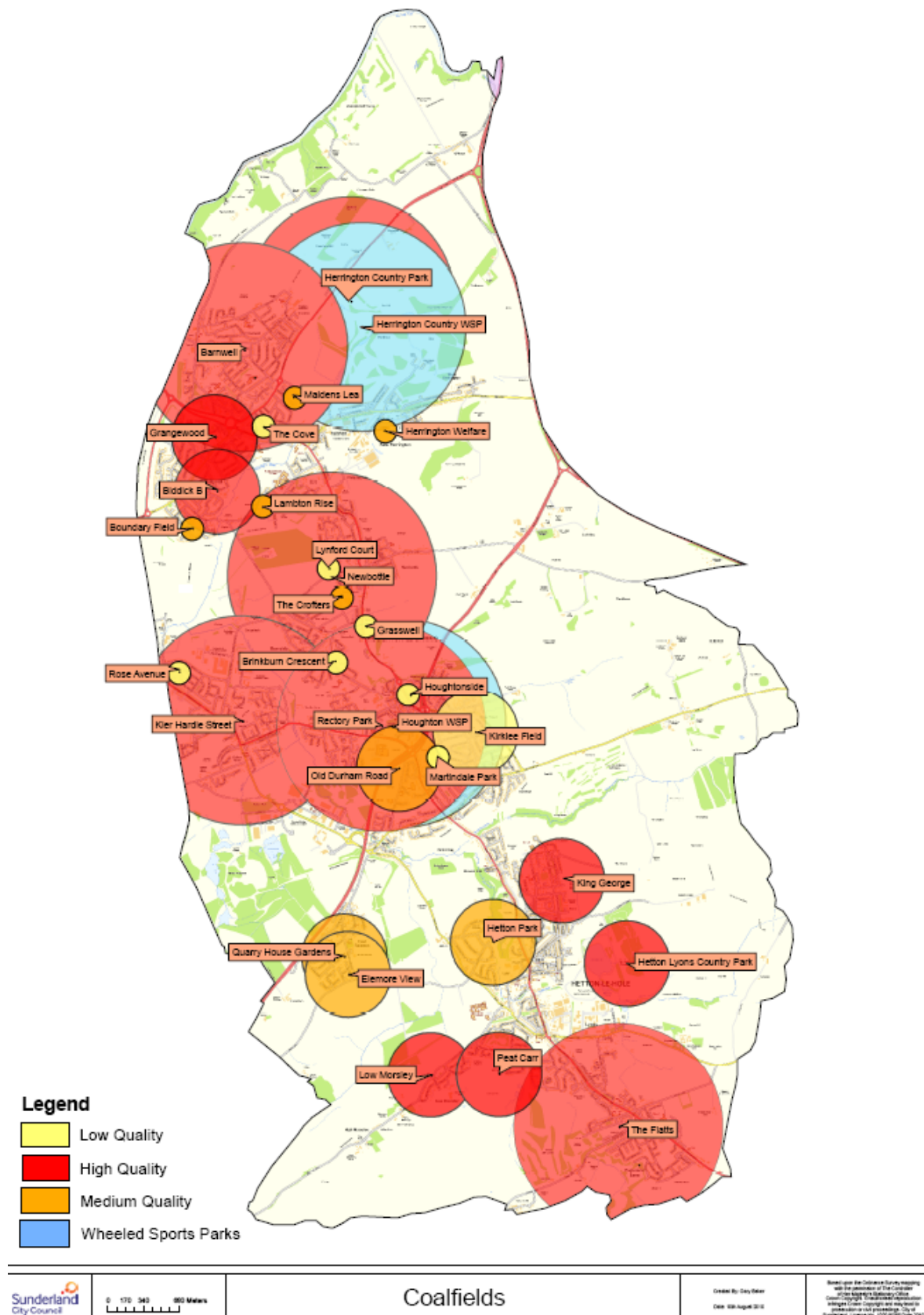
3d. West Area – Audit of Provision

Within the West area GIS sampling estimated that 72% children and young people currently have access to at least one high quality dedicated play space or facility within easy walking or cycling distance (GIS audits)

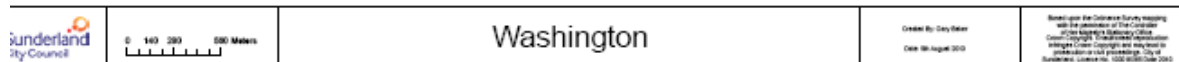


3e. Coalfields Area – Audit of Provision

Within the Coalfields area GIS sampling estimated that 83% children and young people currently have access to at least one high quality dedicated play space or facility within easy walking or cycling distance (GIS audits)








Within Washington GIS sampling estimated 72% children and young people currently have access to one at least medium - high quality dedicated play space or facility within easy walking or cycling distance (GIS audits)




Appendix 4

Detailed action plans to create, improve and develop children and young people's free local spaces.



North Area



	Action	Target/Outcome	Estimated Resources allocated?	Status Sept 2010
1	Full refurbishment of Thompson Park provision.	High quality sub-area resource (estimated NPFA play value 50+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home.	106 sums of £7,378 £16065	2008 
2	Full refurbishment of Roker Park play provision.	High quality sub-area resource (estimated NPFA play value 50+owners) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home.	106 sums of £21,794 with a further £46,986 expected	2009 
3	Development of Southwick extended school site and subsequent removal of Grosvenor Street site.	High quality new local area resource (estimated play value 35+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home.	None	2010  Removal of Grosvenor ongoing.
4	Consideration of play improvements as part of the Castletown master plan. Revised Priority agreed Sept 2010; Identify the preferred location for play development in the Castletown area.	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home.	£101,645	2012
5	Work with the new academy owners of Hylton Redhouse Primary School to consider open access play provision on site. Revised Priority; Review current status.	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home.	None	2010 ongoing
6	Removal of Rothley Court equipped play area into a green play area.	Reduced maintenance burden of low play value sites.	None	2009 
7	Review and seek to improve the outdoor Downhill provision to encourage greater access.	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home.	None	2009 
8	Review and seek to improve the	Increase in children and young	£25, 740	2012

	outdoor Marley Potts play location with Gentoo Neighbourhood renewal assessment. Revised Priority agreed Sept 2010; To review the regeneration of the Witherwack area (Marley Potts/Carley Hill) and identify preferred location for play.	people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home.		
9	Removal of Seaburn Worm Garden.	Reduced maintenance burden of low play value sites	None	2008 
10	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Consider the refurbishment of facilities at Seaburn to extend the lifespan of the provision in the context of the Seafront Strategy master planning.	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home.	None	2012
11	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Consider the refurbishment of facilities at Roker Foreshore to extend the lifespan of the provision in the context of the Seafront Strategy master planning.	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	£22,432	2012

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Create, improve and develop children and young people's free local spaces in East Sunderland.



	Action	Target/Outcome	Estimated Resources allocated	Status Sept 2010
12	A new development of a play site on the edge of Hudson Road School.	A high quality sub-area resource (estimated NPFA play value 50+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home.	106 sums: £29,486 £15,384 Also £7,992 possible	2008 
13	A new development of a play site in close proximity to Grangetown Primary School.	A high quality sub-area resource (estimated NPFA play value 50+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home.	None	2009 
14	The consideration of development of a local play site near to St Josephs Primary School or Diamond Hall Junior School	A high quality local-area resource (estimated NPFA play value 35+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home.	None	2010 Works commenced and ongoing

15	Development of Mowbray Park wheeled sports park. <i>Play area and kick about developed as a result of consultation in preference to WSP</i>	Improvements to meet the standards of the other area based wheeled sports park. Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home.	106 sums: £14,712 £31,535 £14,102 £16,666 With a further £25,640 expected	2009 
16	Encouraging open access to Hendon Young People's Project Multi-use games area.	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	In house inspection service offered to provider.	2008-09. Option explored unable to reach agreement.
17	Development of new provision as part of the Vaux/ARC development site and removal of the current low quality Gill provisions. Revised Priority; Review current status and monitor developments with Planning.	A high quality sub-area resource (estimated NPFA play value 50+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	Developer contribution	2010-2012 ongoing
18	Development of new high provision as part of the Burdon Lane and Cherry Knowle site Revised Priority Sept 2010; To provide details of potential green spaces to area committee to agree locations to undergo detailed assessment and consultation prior to site selection.	A high quality sub-area resource (estimated NPFA play value 50+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	£60,000	Report to Area committee Oct 2010. 2012
19	Development of a new provision on the Ryhope Grammar school site Revised Priority; Review current status and monitor developments with Planning.	A high quality local-area resource (estimated NPFA play value 35+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	Developer contribution	2010-2012 ongoing
20	Full development of St Matthews Field provision.	High quality sub-area resource (estimated NPFA play value 50+). Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	£61,524	2010 
21	Allocation of suitable land and development of a new site as part of the Chapelgarth framework and Master plan.	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	Developer contribution anticipated.	2010-2012 ongoing

	Revised Priority; Review current status and monitor developments with Planning.			
22	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Backhouse park – to advise members of possible types of development which can be achieved with differing levels of funding and impact of spend on Mowbray & Hudson rd play areas	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	S106	Report to Area Committee October 2010.

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	Action	Target/outcome	Estimated Resources allocated	Status Sept 2010
23	Development of new provision on site as part of the Pennywell master plan. Revised Priority; Review current status and monitor developments with Planning.	A high quality local-area resources (estimated NPFA value 50+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	Fully funded by SHG	2010 ongoing
24	Medium term enhancements to the Blackie play site, and then consideration of its enhancement as part of the Gentoo renewal plan.	A high quality local area resource (estimated value 35+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	None	2008 
25	The redevelopment of the two Thorndale Road sites into one sub-area site.	A high quality sub-area resources (estimated NPFA value 50+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	106 sums: £13,090 £13,090	2009 
26	Development of a new provision on South Hylton Playing Field.	A high quality local-area resource at (estimated NPFA play value 50+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	106 sums : £19,871 £38,391 £48,132	2010 – Tansey Centre Ongoing work at Ford Oval & SH Playing fields
27	The redevelopment of local play facility at King George V	A high quality local play facility (estimated play value 35+)	106 sums £126,788 £76,920	2010

		Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	With a further £19,230 expected	✓
28	Development of new high quality sub-area resource on the Groves development site Revised Priority; Review current status and monitor developments with Planning.	A high quality sub-area resource at (estimated NPFA play value 50+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	Developer funded	2009 ongoing
29	To work in partnership with the lead officers on the development of play site within the overall master plan for Barnes Park.	A high quality city resource. (estimated NPFA play value 50+) with specialist support for children and young people with disabilities.	Heritage Lottery Fund – Parks for People	2010 ✓
30	Full refurbishment of Herrington Park provision.	High quality local area resource (estimated NPFA play value 50+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home.	None	2008 ✓
31	Review of outdoor play provision as part of the Silksworth master plan and developing swimming pool provision.	Potential removal of Puma based outdoor site	None	2010 – Adventure Play ✓
32	Consideration of a new additional local area for play within the Farringdon area <i>Allendale Road play area extended and redeveloped</i>	High quality local area resource (estimated NPFA play value 35+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	None	2010 ✓
33	Refurbishment of Silksworth recreation site to remedy condition and improve play value <i>MUGA & Play area developed</i>	High quality local area resource (estimated NPFA play value 35+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home .	None	2009 & 2010 ✓
34	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Undertake consultation on need and possible location for play in the Hastings Hill/Grindon area	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	None	2012
35	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Consult with Gentoo on play provision and longer term developments to identify gaps and agree how these will be narrowed	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	None	2012

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Create, improve and develop children and young people's free local spaces in Coalfields area.


	Action	Measure of success	Estimated Resources allocated	Status Sept 2010
36	The development of Newbottle (rear Melrose gardens)	A high quality local area site (estimated NPFA play value 35+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	None	2008 
37	The development of a play site on the outskirts of Barnwell Primary School <i>Existing location in Barnwell redeveloped.</i>	A high quality local area site (estimated NPFA play value 35+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	Partially 106 sums: £67,235 £1,282 £20,628 With further £12,820 expected	2010 
38	The refurbishment of Kier Hardie site and development of a site next to Dubmire School to complement each other. <i>Kier Hardie Play area redeveloped. No useable land identified near to Dubmire School to date.</i>	Two high quality local area play facilities which compliment each other (each with an estimated NPFA play value of 35+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	Partially 106 sums: £25,640 £72,266 £8,022	2009 
39	The new development of a play site on the Biddick site B	High quality local area resource (estimated NPFA play value 35+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	Fully – developer built	2010 
40	The new development of a play site on the Biddick site A or enhancing Grangewood. <i>Grangewood Play Area redeveloped.</i>	A high quality local area resources (estimated play value 35+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	Fully	2010 
41	The development of a new sub-area provision as part of the Easington Lane development. Revised Priority; Review current status and monitor developments with Planning.	High quality on-site provision by the developer (estimated NPFA play value 50+). Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	Fully – developer build S106 agreement finalised 2010	2012 ongoing
42	The development of the quality of the Flatts site	High quality sub-area site resource (estimated NPFA play value 50+) which has informal oversight by a youth provider. Increase in children and young	Partially	2010 

		people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home		
43	The removal of Hetton Park site in line with the Hetton Downs (Eppleton) Area Action Plan currently at 'Consultation on preferred option' stage. This could be subject to change. Alternative provision could be alongside the newly planned swimming pool. Revised priority agreed Sept 2010; Redevelopment of Hetton Park/Bogs play provision	A high quality local area resources (estimated play value 35+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	£38,786	2012
44	The development of a large sub-area site as part of Lambton Cokeworks development. Revised Priority; Review current status and monitor developments with Planning.	High quality on-site provision by the developer (estimated NPFA play value 50+). Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	Fully. – developer contributions	2012 ongoing
45	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Undertake consultation on need and possible location for play in Chiltern Moor area	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	£21,153	2012
46	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Refurbishment of Kirklee Field Play Area.	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	£19,040	2012
47	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Refurbishment of Boundary Field Play Area	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	none	2012
48	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Undertake consultation on preferred location for play in the East Rainton area. (Elemore/Quarry House View)	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	none	2012
49	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Consult with Gentoo on play provision and longer term developments to identify further gaps how these will be narrowed	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	none	2012
50	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Consultation on the need and potential upgrade of Old Durham Road Play Area	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	none	2012

Funding options and opportunities will be explored to identify appropriate levels of finance to deliver actions. Options may include City Council, external funding bids, partnership approaches.

Create, improve and develop children and young people's free local spaces in Washington area.

	Action	Measure of success	Estimated Resources allocated	Status Sept 2010
51	The development of play provision in Barmston Village on a newly agreed site.	A high quality sub-area resource at (estimated NPFA play value 50+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	None	2008 
52	The development of a teenage multi use games area in Sulgrave.	A high quality local area resource. Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	None	2010 
53	The development of a new local play area provision at Rickleton Park	A high quality local area resources (estimated play value 35+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	Fully	2007 
54	The full removal of Swirrel Edge, Hexhm and Simonsburn, and replacement with landscaped areas.	Reduced burden on current inspection systems with low play value.	Fully	2007 
55	Gentoo to review the cluster of small equipped sites of low play value in consideration of larger higher quality sites.	Reduced burden on current inspection systems with low play value.	Unknown	2009 Ongoing
56	The development of a sub-area site in Albany Park.	A high quality sub-area resource (estimated NPFA play value 50+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	Partially 106 sums: £57,120 £24,639 £16,025 With a further £69,228 expected	2009 
57	The full refurbishment of play provision in Glebe Park in line with the Glebe renewal plan.	A high quality sub-area resource (estimated NPFA play value 50+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	Partially 106 sums: £13,900 £24,395 £6,410 £13,900 £34,045	2010 
58	The full refurbishment and relocation of a play site in Princess Anne Park Revised priority agreed Sept 2010; To refurbish play provision to	A high quality local area resource (estimated play value 35+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	None	2012

	compliment the Wheeled Sports Provision developed in 2010.			
59	Development of a local area play provision in Holly Park to counteract the current removals nearby	A high quality local area resource (estimated play value 35+) Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	None	2010 
60	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Undertake consultation on possible location for play un the Upper Oxclose area.	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	None	2012
61	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Undertake consultation on need and potential for improved provision in Lumley Close area	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	None	2012
62	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Upgrading of Blackfell Play Area	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	None	2012
63	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Refurbishment of Ayton Park Play Area	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	None	2012
64	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Undertake consultation on need and potential for provision at Penshaw Park	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	None	2012
65	New priority agreed Sept 2010; Undertake consultation on need and possible location for play at Roseberry Court.	Increase in children and young people with access to dedicated high quality play space 1km from home	None	2012

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Appendix 5

List of Key Consultees for the Addendum

**Elected Members through the Area Committee process
Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee
Planning Policy**

Proposed further consultees

**Children's Services
Sunderland Community Network Members
Gentoo
Health and Safety Section
Sunderland's Local Multi Agency Partnerships, chaired by the area police
inspectors**

Approval at Cabinet in December 2010

ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

**REPORT BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND THE EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, HOUSING AND ADULT SERVICES**

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report informs Committee of the findings of a study which considers the economic viability of securing affordable housing in the city. The report will form part of the evidence base of the emerging Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Government Guidance on the preparation of LDF's (Planning Policy Statement 12; Local Spatial Planning) places significant emphasis on local planning authorities to prepare robust evidence to understand the local area and help inform proactive plan-making and decision-making.
- 2.2 In relation to housing, one of the main evidence bases is the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA), which provides a five-year assessment of housing requirements in Sunderland, including the type, size and locality of housing, as well as identifying gross levels of affordable housing need.
- 2.3 This SHMA was undertaken in 2007/8 by specialist consultants. It considered a wide range of housing issues to gain an insight into the city's housing market, such as the current and future housing market within the city, affordability and household requirements. The assessment involved a survey of households (over 7,000 postal questionnaires were completed) and interviews with stakeholders including estate agents and local authority representatives.
- 2.4 The SHMA was reported to the then Regeneration and Community Review Committee in February 2009. With regards to affordable housing, it concluded that from 2007/8 to 2011/12 the city has an annual gross shortfall of 388 affordable dwellings which could be met through registered social landlord activity in the city, as well as the private sector via the planning process.
- 2.5 However, for appropriate policies to be set out within the LDF, National Planning Policy Statement 3 – Housing (PPS3) (2006) requires an assessment of the likely economic viability of delivering affordable housing. This takes into account risks to delivery, likely levels of finance

available for affordable housing, including public subsidy and the level of developer contribution that can reasonably be secured.

- 2.6 The requirement for assessing the economic viability of affordable housing is a relatively new piece of evidence that is now required to support the LDF. This follows from the Court of Appeal's judgment in July 2008 in the case of Blyth Valley Borough Council v Persimmon Homes (North East) Limited and others, where for the first time in the country failure to meet this requirement of PPS3 has been challenged. The court held that Blyth Valley's Core Strategy had not been properly informed by an economic viability study as required by PPS3. In effect, completion of the economic viability assessment has now become a 'quasi- statutory' piece of work required to support the LDF.
- 2.7 No clear formula exists to assess economic viability. Therefore, the same consultants who prepared the SHMA were re-appointed in early 2010 to undertake the Economic Viability Assessment. They have recently completed assessments that have been subject to scrutiny and endorsement at other LDF inquiries.

3.0 THE REPORT METHODOLOGY

- 3.1 The study which was complete in July 2010, considered the economic viability of 12 'beacon' sites which were selected by the Local Authority to ensure consideration of a range of different sites with development potential throughout the city in terms of their potential house types, land values and market appeal. (The site name and location was removed from the process to enable appraisals to be undertaken without site specific issues arising). Arc4 undertook individual development appraisals on each of the sites, which included details such as open market property valuations (these were based on 2009 July –September 2009 values), build costs, developer profit, finance charges and rate of sale.
- 3.2 A consultation exercise with all the house builders and Registered Social Landlord (RSL) providers operating in the city was also undertaken as part of the study to gain views on the study's methodology, the definition of the beacon sites as well as all the key data and assumptions applied. The five responses received informed the development of the document.

KEY FINDINGS OF THE REPORT

- 3.3 The Economic Viability Report has reached a number of conclusions and as such the following recommendations have been suggested:
- An initial target of 10% provision of affordable housing should be sought on all housing sites and applied city-wide. (National planning guidance as set out in Planning Policy Statement 3 - Housing, recommends a minimum site size of 15 dwellings as a site threshold). Of this provision 75% should be affordable units for

social rent and 25% for intermediate tenures (e.g shared ownership).

- This 10% target may not be achievable on all sites and as such a flexible approach should be adopted to allow the viability of affordable housing to be reviewed where the developer submits evidence that the target is not deliverable.
- Due to current market weaknesses, agreement may not be reached between the Local Planning Authority and developers on larger sites which are to be phased. As such, there should be provision to enable a review of the scheme prior to the commencement of future phases of development.
- If there are significant house price rises of more than 10% from a base date of September 2009, consideration should be given to reviewing the policy with a view to increasing the target for affordable housing provision to 15%.
- Consideration should be given to time-limiting planning obligations for any scheme that allow substantial reductions from the targets to avoid a developer banking a consent with a reduced affordable housing target until the market recovers.

4.0 NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 As part of taking this document forward, this report was presented to the Planning and Highways Committee on 28th September 2010 given that the study will inform land use planning decisions (in terms of both formulating land use policy and determining housing related planning applications).
- 4.2 The recommendations from the report will be used to produce an affordable housing policy, which will form part of the revised Preferred Options of the Core Strategy. The Core Strategy document is programmed for public consultation in January 2011 and as such comments will be sought on the affordable housing policy at that time.
- 4.3 Until the Core Strategy is adopted it is now possible to implement Policy H16 of the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) which seeks affordable housing on new housing sites of 50 dwellings or more given that it is now supported by a demonstrable need for affordable housing and supported by this viability assessment.
- 4.4 Due to the complex nature of delivering affordable housing a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which will provide more detailed information on the mechanisms for delivering affordable housing is also in preparation. It is anticipated that a draft of this SPD will be available for consultation at the same time as the Core Strategy Preferred Options document (January 2011).

- 4.5 The Economic Viability report will be made available on the Planning Policy website. Copies of the full report have been placed in the member's room.

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Committee is recommended to note the contents of the Economic Viability of Affordable Housing study.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Sunderland 2008 Strategic Housing Market Assessment, December 2008
Report of the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services to the
Regeneration and Community Review Committee on the Local Housing
Market Assessment (2008) update, 18 February 2009
Economic Viability of Affordable Housing Requirements, July 2010

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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

FORWARD PLAN – KEY DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER – 31 JANUARY 2010

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

19 October 2010

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide Members with an opportunity to consider those items on the Executive's Forward Plan for the period 1 September – 31 December 2010.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 Holding the Executive to account is one of the main functions of Scrutiny. One of the ways that this can be achieved is by considering the forthcoming decisions of the Executive (as outlined in the Forward Plan) and deciding whether Scrutiny can add value in advance of the decision being made. This does not negate Non-Executive Members ability to call-in a decision after it has been made.
- 2.3 To this end, it has been agreed that, on a pilot basis, the most recent version of the Executive's Forward Plan should be included on the agenda of each of the Council's Scrutiny Committees. The Forward Plan for the period 1 September – 31 December 2010 is attached marked **Appendix 1**.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 Following member's comments on the suitability of the Forward Plan being presented in its entirety to each committee it should be noted that only issues relating to the specific remit of the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee are presented for information and comment. Due to agenda and publication deadlines a revised copy of this information will be circulated at the meeting reflecting any amendments.
- 3.2 For members information the remit of the Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee is as follows:-

Major Projects; Sustainability Overview; Creating Inclusive Communities Overview; Housing overview; Housing Strategy; Private Housing; Housing Associations; Culture overview; Art Development; Museums; and Heritage.
- 3.3 In the event of Members having any queries that cannot be dealt with directly in the meeting, a response will be sought from the relevant Directorate.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 To consider the Executive's Forward Plan for the period 1 September– 31 December 2010.

5. Background Papers
None

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**Forward Plan -
Key Decisions
01/Oct/2010 –
31/Jan/2011**



**R.C. Rayner,
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14 September 2010

Forward Plan: Key Decisions for the next four months - 01/Oct/2010 to 31/Jan/2011

No.	Description of Decision	Decision Taker	Anticipated Date of Decision	Principal Consultees	Means of Consultation	When and how to make representations and appropriate Scrutiny Committee	Documents to be considered	Contact Officer	Tel No
01090	To approve submission document & sustainability appraisal for development in the Hetton Downs area to form part of the Council's Local Development Framework.	Cabinet	06/Oct/2010	Local residents, stakeholders, service providers, community reference group, Members	Meetings, briefings, letters, email, public exhibition, sunderland.gov.uk	Via Contact Officer by 20 September 2010 - Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet report, report on preferred option consultation responses, submission document for Hetton Downs Area Action Plan, formal sustainability report.	Keith Lowes	5611564
01379	To approve a capital equipment grant to Company B to support economic development and job creation.	Cabinet	06/Oct/2010	Portfolio holder	correspondence	Via the Contact Officer by 20 September 2010- Prosperity and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet Report	Janet Snaith	5611166
01428	To consider the Review of Job Linkage, including the options for the ongoing provision of a Council-led Employability Service. To agree the preferred option.	Cabinet	06/Oct/2010	Council officers, LSP partners and relevant stakeholders, delivery providers, service users.	Meetings, briefings, emails	Via Contact Officer by 20 September 2010 - Prosperity and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee.	Cabinet report and Review of Job Linkage	Karen Alexander	5611339

Forward Plan: Key Decisions for the next four months - 01/Oct/2010 to 31/Jan/2011

No.	Description of Decision	Decision Taker	Anticipated Date of Decision	Principal Consultees	Means of Consultation	When and how to make representations and appropriate Scrutiny Committee	Documents to be considered	Contact Officer	Tel No
01430	To formally endorse the Wearmouth-Jarrow World Heritage Site Nomination file prior to presentation to the Secretary of State (DCMS)	Cabinet	06/Oct/2010	Portfolio Holder Safer City	Report to Portfolio Holder/EMT	Via the contact officer by 20 September 2010 □ Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee	Submission Draft Nomination File	Michael King	5618474
01437	To agree the Sunderland Local Investment Plan	Cabinet	06/Oct/2010	Cabinet, Service Users and Ward Members, Portfolio Holders	Briefings and/or meetings with interested parties	Via the Contact Officer by 20 September 2010 - Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee.	Full Report	Alan Caddick	5662690
01416	To consider any key decisions arising from the Revenue Budget Second Quarterly Review 2010/2011	Cabinet	06/Oct/2010	Directors and third parties affected by the virement proposals	Report will be made available on the Intranet and e-mailed to Directors	Via the Contact Officer by 20 September 2010 - Management Scrutiny Committee	None	Sonia Tognarelli	5611851

Forward Plan: Key Decisions for the next four months - 01/Oct/2010 to 31/Jan/2011

No.	Description of Decision	Decision Taker	Anticipated Date of Decision	Principal Consultees	Means of Consultation	When and how to make representations and appropriate Scrutiny Committee	Documents to be considered	Contact Officer	Tel No
01417	To consider any key decisions arising from the Capital Programme and Treasury Management Second Quarterly Review 2010/2011	Cabinet	06/Oct/2010	Directors and third parties affected by the virement proposals	Report will be made available on the Intranet and e-mailed to Directors	Via the Contact Officer by 20 September 2010 - Management Scrutiny Committee	None	Sonia Tognarelli	5611851
01431	To consider and approve the draft Seaburn Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document for the purposes of consultation.	Cabinet	06/Oct/2010	Local residents, stakeholders and statutory consultees	Website, public exhibitions and letters.	Via the Contact Officer by 20 September 2010 - Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee.	Draft seaburn masterplan report and draft sustainability appraisal and appropriate assessment	Ben Winter	5612549
01442	Agree to tender for the procurement of repairs and maintenance of public buildings from a range of third party contractors.	Cabinet	06/Oct/2010	Executive Director of City Services, Head of Land and Property	Face to face meetings	Via the Contact Officer by 20 September 2010 - Management Scrutiny Committee	Report	Paul Davies	5642825

Forward Plan: Key Decisions for the next four months - 01/Oct/2010 to 31/Jan/2011

No.	Description of Decision	Decision Taker	Anticipated Date of Decision	Principal Consultees	Means of Consultation	When and how to make representations and appropriate Scrutiny Committee	Documents to be considered	Contact Officer	Tel No
01447	To note the review and evaluation of the Boosting Enterprise Programme and agree the preferred option for delivery of enterprise support.	Cabinet	06/Oct/2010	Council Officers, LSP partners, stakeholders, delivery providers and service users	Meetings, briefings, emails, interviews /focus groups	Via the Contact Officer by 20 September 2010 - Prosperity and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet Report and review/ evaluation of Boosting Enterprise Programme	Berni Whitaker	5611205
01452	To agree the New Financial Assistance Policy	Cabinet	06/Oct/2010	Cabinet, Service Users and Ward Members, Portfolio Holders	Briefings and/or meetings with interested parties	Via the contact officer by 20 September 2011 - Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Officer	Report	Alan Caddick	5662690
01456	To approve the procurement process for the development of Washington Managed Workspace, and agree the proposals for funding.	Cabinet	06/Oct/2010	Cabinet, Service Users, Stakeholders,	Briefings and/or meetings with interested parties	Via the Contact Officer by 20 September 2010 - Prosperity and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet Report	Janet Snaith	5611166

Forward Plan: Key Decisions for the next four months - 01/Oct/2010 to 31/Jan/2011

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01451	To agree the Affordable Warmth Strategy	Cabinet	03/Nov/2010	Cabinet, Service Users and Ward Members, Portfolio Holders	Briefings and/or meetings with interested parties	Via the contact officer by 20 October 2010 - Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee	Full Report	Alan Caddick	5662690
01455	To award the contract and to agree to delegate actions and decisions required to finalise and execute all relevant documentation associated with the PFI supported long-term Strategic Waste Solution for the purpose of securing financial close.	Cabinet	03/Nov/2010	Cabinet Member with Portfolio for Sustainable Communities; Chief Solicitor; Director of Financial Resources; Gateshead MBC; South Tyneside MBC	Report; Briefings ; Meetings	Via the Contact Officer by 20 October 2010 - Sustainable Communities Scrutiny	Report	Peter High, 561 Project Director Strategic Waste	4550
01436	To agree for the Council to assist with and facilitate the transfer of NTW's learning disability homes to a Registered Social Landlord.	Cabinet	03/Nov/2010	Cabinet, Service Users and Carer Groups, Portfolio Holder, Adult Services Staff, Health Partners	Briefings and/or meetings with interested parties.	Via the Contact Officer by 20 October 2010 - Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	Full Report	John Fisher	5661876

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01433	To approve the Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal Enforcement Policy	Cabinet	03/Nov/2010	Cabinet, Service Users, Ward Members and Portfolio holders	Briefings / meetings	Via the contact Officer by 20 October 2010 - Sustainable Communities Scrutiny committee	Report	Alan Caddick	5662690
01438	To agree the Contributions Policy	Cabinet	03/Nov/2010	Cabinet, Service Users and Ward Members, Portfolio Holders	Briefings and/or meetings with interested parties	via the Contact Officer by 20 October 2010 - Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	Report	Neil Revely	5661880
01426	To agree Moving from Contracting to Personalised Budgets (Day Care Services - OP)	Cabinet	03/Nov/2010	Cabinet Service Users and Carer Groups, Portfolio Holder, Adult Services Staff, Health Partners	Briefings and/or meetings with interested parties	Via the Contact Officer by 20 October 2010 - Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	Full Report	John Fisher	5661876

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01412	To approve the procurement of specialist vehicles to be used in the waste and cleaning service.	Cabinet	03/Nov/2010	Corporate Procurement; Director of Financial Services; Chief Solicitor; Member with Portfolio for Attractive and Inclusive City	Report; Briefings	Via Contact Officer by 20 October 2010 - Environment and Attractive City	Report	Les Clark, Head of Street Scene	5614540
01403	To consider the outcome of Public Consultation (March - June 2010) in relation to the Accessible Bus Network Design Project	Cabinet	03/Nov/2010	Portfolio Holder for Attractive and Inclusive City; Nexus; Chief Solicitor; Director of Financial Resources	Briefings; Meetings; e-mails	Via the contact officer by 20 October 2010 - Environmental and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet Report	Bob Donaldson	5611517
01423	To agree Neighbourhood Renewal Block Improvements in Hetton Downs	Cabinet	03/Nov/2010	Housing Portfolio Holder, Ward Members, Residents and Owners of Property	Briefings and/or meetings with interested parties	Via the Contact Officer by 21 October 2010 - Sustainable Scrutiny Committee	Full Report	Alan Caddick	5662690

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01424	To agree the Review of the Sunderland Private Landlords Self Accreditation Scheme	Cabinet	03/Nov/2010	Housing Portfolio Holder, Ward Members, Residents and Owners of property	Briefings and/or meetings with interested parties	Via the Contact Officer by 20 October 2010 - Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee	Full Report	Alan Caddick	5662690
01418	To approve the Sustainable Modes of Transport Strategy (SMOTS) for travel to schools.	Cabinet	03/Nov/2010	Portfolio Holders; Children's Services; Nexus; Scrutiny Committee	Workshops; Briefings; Report	Via Contact Officer by 20 October 2010- Attractive & Inclusive, Children, Young People & Learning	Report	Andrew Jackman	5611569
01434	To review to Council's Licensing Policy Statement	Cabinet	03/Nov/2010	Scrutiny Committee; Northumbria Police; Tyne and Wear Fire & Rescue Service; Local Businesses & Residents; Reps of the Licensing Trade and Members Clubs	Written requests to principal consultees; internet	Via the Contact Officer by 20 October 2010 - Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee	Report	Tom Terrett	5611715

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01400	To agree the Access to Housing Project - Allocations Policy	Cabinet	01/Dec/2010	Cabinet, Service Users and Carer Groups, Portfolio Holder, Adult Services Staff and Partners	Briefings and/or meetings with interested parties	Via the Contact Officer by 19 November 2010 - Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee	Full Report	Alan Caddick	5662690
01398	To agree the Re-procurement of Advocacy (Mental Health) Services	Cabinet	12/Jan/2011	Cabinet, Service Users and Carer Groups, Portfolio Holder, Adult Services Staff and Health Partners	Briefings and/or meetings with interested parties	Via the Contact Officer by 19 December 2010 - Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee	Full Report	Graham King	5661894
01409	To approve the Employment Strategy.	Cabinet	12/Jan/2011	Stakeholders will include Working Neighbourhoods Board LSP partners, Portfolio Holder and Delivery Partners.	Series of Stakeholders events Council's Consultation Website, Working Neighbourhoods Board.	Via Contact Officer by 19 December 2010 - Prosperity and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee.	Cabinet Report and Employment Strategy	Allison Patterson	5611474

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01449	To consider any key decisions arising from the Revenue Budget Third Quarterly Review	Cabinet	12/Jan/2011	Directors and third parties affected by the virement proposals	Report will be made available on the Intranet and emailed to Directors	Via the Contact Officer by 19 November 2010 - Management Scrutiny Committee	None	Sonia Tognarelli	5611851
01450	To recommend to Council the level of Council Tax Base to be included in the 2011/2012 Budget	Cabinet	12/Jan/2011	None	N/A	Via the Contact Officer 19 November 2010 - Management Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet Report	Fiona Brown	5611811
01448	To consider any key decisions arising from the Capital Programme and Treasury Management Third Quarterly Review	Cabinet	12/Jan/2011	Directors and third parties affected by the virement proposals	Report will be made available on the Intranet and emailed to Directors	Via the Contact Officer by 19 December 2010 - Management Scrutiny Committee	None	Sonia Tognarelli	5611851

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01454	To seek approval to adopt the Sunderland Partnership Volunteering Strategy for Sunderland City Council.	Cabinet	12/Jan/2011	All Heads of Service; Corporate Communities Group; Voluntary & Community Sector; Elected Members; Area Committees; Scrutiny Committees; Sunderland Partnership Organisations; Inclusive Communities Thematic Group	Draft Volunteering Strategy and Action Plan including consultation questions circulated via Consultation Database; e-newsletters and distributions lists; reports; Websites; printed copies; face to face contact	Via the Contact Officer by 19 December 2010 - Management Scrutiny Committee	Report and Strategy	Julie Gray Head of Community Services	561 7574

WORK PROGRAMME 2010-11

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Priorities: SP1 Prosperous City, SP5 Attractive City

Corporate Priorities: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services, CIO4: Improving partnership working to deliver 'One City'.

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The report attaches, for Members' information, the current work programme for the Committee's work during the 2010-11 Council year.
- 1.2 The work of the Committee in delivering its work programme will support the Council in achieving its Strategic Priorities of Safer City, support delivery of the related themes of the Local Area Agreement, and, through monitoring the performance of the Council's services, help the Council achieve its Corporate Improvement Objectives CIO1 (delivering customer focussed services) and C104 (improving partnership working to deliver 'One City').

2. Background

- 2.1 The work programme is a working document which the Committee can develop throughout the year. The work programme allows Members and officers to maintain an overview of work planned and undertaken during the Council year.

3. Current position

- 3.1 The work programme reflects discussions that have taken place at the 8 June 2010 Scrutiny Committee meeting. The current work programme is attached as an appendix to this report.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The work programme developed from the meeting will form a flexible mechanism for managing the work of the Committee in 2010-11.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 That Members note the information contained in the work programme and consider the inclusion of proposals for the Committee into the work programme.

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	JUNE 15.06.10	JULY (REARRANGED) 13.07.10	SEPTEMBER 21.09.10	OCTOBER 19.10.10	NOVEMBER 16.11.10	DECEMBER 14.12.10	JANUARY 18.01.11	FEBRUARY 15.02.11	MARCH 15.03.11	APRIL 12.04.11
Cabinet referrals and responses			Progress on Policy Review - Access to Housing (Cllr Truman/Alan Caddick)	Progress on Policy Review – Local Studies (Cllr D Wilson/Jane Hall)						
Policy Review	Proposals for policy review (Scrutiny Officer)	Scope of review (Scrutiny Officer)	Scope and approach to review (Scrutiny Officer)	Progress on Review (Scrutiny Officer/Jane Hall)	Progress on Review (Scrutiny Officer)	Progress on Review (Scrutiny Officer)	Progress on Review (Scrutiny Officer)	Progress on Review (Scrutiny Officer)	Draft report (Scrutiny Officer)	Final Report (Scrutiny Officer)
Performance			Performance & VFM Assessment (Gillian Robinson)				Performance Framework Q2 including Progress on policy reviews			Performance Framework Q3 including progress on policy reviews
Scrutiny	Work Programme 2010/11 (Review Coord) Forward Plan	Economic Masterplan (Janet Johnson) Work Programme 2010/11 (Review Coord) Forward Plan	Empire Theatre Annual Report (Jane Hall) World Heritage Bid Update (Michael King) Extra Care Accommodation Management Guide (Alan Caddick) Work Programme 2010/11 (Review Coord) Forward Plan	Play and Urban Games Strategy (Carol Lewis) Affordable Housing (Neil Cole) Sunderland Local Investment Plan (Alan Caddick) Work Programme 2010/11 (Review Coord) Forward Plan	Affordable Warmth Strategy (Alan Caddick) Access to Housing Project (Alan Caddick) Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal Enforcement Policy (Alan Caddick) Sunderland Private Landlord Self Accreditation (Alan Caddick) Work Programme 2010/11 (Review Coord) Forward Plan	Weather and Climate Risk Management Strategy (Neil Cole) Sunderland Volunteering Strategy (Sarah Gray) Neighbourhood Renewal – Hetton Downs (Alan Caddick) Work Programme 2010/11 (Review Coord) Forward Plan	Work Programme 2010/11 (Review Coord) Forward Plan	Annual Sport and Leisure Report (RL) Work Programme 2010/11 (Review Coord) Forward Plan	Work Programme 2010/11 (Review Coord) Forward Plan	Annual Report (Review Coord) Work Programme 2010/11 (Review Coord) Forward Plan

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