

North Sunderland Area Committee Work Plan 2015 – 2016

Place

Actions 2015/16			Due for Completion/ Implementation
1	Environment and Green space	Progress Update	
1.1	<p>Sites identified as priorities last year c/fwd for action in this year include:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Southwick Social Club Victoriana Building 2nd phase of tree thinning at Baltimore/Riverdale Fencing - Land to rear of Johnstone Villas (Funding request to June Area Committee) Pilot wild meadow planting 1 location in the North. Influence the development of the site of the former Tyre Services Building. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southwick Social Club. Draft Schedule of repairs sent to leaseholder May 2015. Owner advised if works complete and maintained no further action required. Demolition is the next step and would be a suitable solution if the funding cannot be found to both action and remain on top of the repairs. Section 215 Notice was proposed to be served in June, affording the owner 2 months to comply with the repairs outlined in the notice, failure to comply resulting in a fine of £1000 which will rise by £100 per day until works carried out. Meeting held wc 22nd June with leaseholder to discuss proposals to carry out repairs prior to Notice being issued. Leaseholder considering surrender of the property – terms to be agreed. Demolition costs in the region of £150k. SCC Valuation manager seeking financial approval. Finance approval confirmed 23rd September 2015. 24th September notice served on owner requesting decision on surrender of lease to Sunderland City Council. Victoriana Building. Letter issued in 21st May 2015 It reminded the owner of the letter sent on 10th June 2014 re state of disrepair after which shop fronts were painted so formal action was held off anticipating redevelopment. No further improvement or 	

		<p>redevelopment has taken place, and planning consent to convert the building into student accommodation expired unimplemented in November 2014. As such the owner was advised of the intention to serve a Notice under Section 215 of the T&C Planning Act. Notice served on 25th July with a period of 3 months compliance to repair or demolish (unless an appeal made beforehand). Owner has advised that he is actively marketing the property and no longer wishes to develop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Thinning at Riverdale is now going through procurement, who have received a number of interested contractors. Site visits with those interested parties due to take place. • Funding for fencing on land behind Johnstone Villas, approved at June Area Committee. Delegated Decision has now been signed off and order placed. Contractor advises should be complete by end of October. • Wild Meadow Pilot. Representative of B Lines Project attended September Place Board members proposed two areas for planting as pilot within the B Lines funding with further proposals to come to future Place Board for consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almond Drive • Johnston Villas 	
1.2	Identify sites as part of annual tour and determine approaches to work alongside communities to deal with neglected land, housing, shopping parades, industrial estates etc. Develop a programme of initiatives to be developed throughout the year ahead.	Tour took place 10 th July 2015. Discussed further at September Place Board.	Tour July 2015

1.3	Local shopping parades. Targeted engagement with traders at Southwick and Sea Road Shopping Parades in relation to explore the possibility of traders working together to encourage trade and look and feel of the area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits held to Sea Road Traders and interest in forming Traders Association identified. Developing support for group to form. • Visit to Southwick Traders to commence end of September. 	
1.4	Consider specific opportunities to influence RLS delivery as they arise. (E.g. annual reminder to shops re responsibilities for keeping frontage clear of litter, dog fouling education and enforcement)	<p>Specific Issues raised at June Area Committee (links to 1.3 above):-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Enforcement. – Remains as a priority for members. b. Shakespeare Street & Southwick Green Shops. Craig Wilson (Customer Relations Officer Street scene) to arrange for letters to go out to traders to remind them of their responsibilities for keeping frontage clear of litter. End September/early October. c. DeVito's in Fulwell Ward – litter and parking. Litter - Craig Wilson (CRO Street scene) visited DeVito's re litter. Issue and is monitoring the situation. Parking - Cllr Beck has picked this up directly with SCC's Network Parking Manager (Julie Tunstall). The area is visited on a regular basis, however, finding that when they arrive any vehicles that are parked are being removed from the area therefore do not issue many PCN's. Eventually this problem should be greatly reduced as motorists get the message. However it is difficult to eliminate it altogether as there is always the chance that the people doing this are different and there are always the people who will take the chance. d. Beach House Development on Roker Park – 	During 2015/16

		Double Yellow Lines - concerns over eligibility for parking. Issue referred to a meeting held on 26.6.15 with Cllrs Speding, Mordey, Jackson and Curran, Paul Lewins and Dan Hattle. Agreed to introduce a loading ban on Marine Walk to tackle the parking issues. Ban now in place and allows instant tickets to be issued by traffic wardens and prevent blue badge holders parking.	
1.5	Improved partnership working RLS and G2.	Being progressed by Andy Old and Michael Donachie. Team Leaders and Customer Relations Officer (CRO) from Street scene are in contact with Gentoo Officers in specific areas. Meetings are set up with Michael Donachie to review how RLS/G2 work together. Next meeting 24.9.15 at Cornhill Centre.	During 2015/16
1.6	Continue to identify priorities for Highways Maintenance Programme: a. Discuss initial options b. Final recommendations agreed	Initial options to come to board in November 2015.	a. November 2015 b. March 2016
1.7	Continue to influence the development of Core Strategy, and future land use in the North.	For discussion at a future board meeting.	
1.8	Consider influence and added value to Coastal Communities Programme at the Seafront including:- a. Purchasing a Surf Rake b. Influencing improved access to toilet provision.	a. Surf Rake delivered in July 2015. Initial rock pick took place in advance of daily beach cleaning being implemented on part of Roker Beach and Seaburn Beach (summer season only). Further discussions taking place re using surf rake at 'Harbour Beach' at Roker. b. Harbour beach rock pick actioned 8 th September 2015 c. Toilet Provision – update on rolling programme of refurbishment/replacement:-	a. July 2015 b. On-going.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seaburn Shelter - new public toilets to be provided as part of the redevelopment (including Adult Change Place Facility). Seaburn Centre toilets are open to the public in the meantime • Tram Shelter Toilets - remain closed due to structural damage. No funding at present to repair/refurbish. • Cat & Dogs Steps Toilet Block - Refurbished in recent years. • Marine Walk Toilet Block - Options being considered to carry out some refurbishment as part of Marine Walk phase 3 improvements. • Bungalow Cafe Block - Future plans include this block is to close and be replaced with a new block (including Adult Change Place Facility) in the car park adjacent to Sue's Cafe. 	
1.9	Thompson Park House Development as a multi-purpose facility to provide a community amenity for local residents: - funded first phase including Feasibility Study.	SIB awarded to enable the commencement of the development of the derelict property at the entrance of Thompson Park into a multi-purpose facility to provide a community amenity to local residents. Feasibility study and business plan complete, engaged with local residents re proposals for the building, planning application agreed, shutters installed to ground floor windows and doors. Working on a conditional agreement re the lease with SCC, funding application submitted to Biffa for capital costs, working on a funding application to Reaching Communities. Biffa funding application unsuccessful project lead working on further funding options.	Completion March 2016
1.10	Thompson Park Phase 2 – further development including paths, fitness trail and equipment to encourage further visitor activity. Design Services currently developing proposals to deliver part	June 2016. Area Committee approved an extension to this project and agreed to implement the SIB element of the project. Design proposals currently in development.	Entire Project due for completion 2017

	project within SIB funds available whilst awaiting confirmation of match funding		
1.11	Chair to progress discussion with Portfolio Holders re policy on Tree Felling in the city and potential opportunity to influence.	Discussions on-going.	
1.12	20mph Zones - discussion to take place at a future meeting to understand what will be delivered in the North.	<p>Pilot project of 20mph traffic zones around schools. Scheme agreed by cabinet. 3 North area-wide schemes to be introduced in each year. The 3 are chosen based on worst collision problems. Priorities for the North area for 2015/16 include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clovelly Road Area – scheme being developed and consultations to commence summer 2015. Implementation early 2016. • Northern Saints Primary School – consultations completed and legal process being progressed. Implementation late summer 2015. • Town End Farm – to be developed later in 2015 and implementation 2015/16. <p>Timely updates/consultation to take place with relevant ward members.</p>	Members to be updated on scheme over next 2 financial years.
1.13	Redhouse Academy – Wall Refurbishment	In June 2015 Area Committee Approved £1,679	
1.14	Problem Parking at Ferryboat Lane	The Place Board proposed that action be taken at Ferryboat Lane to alleviate problem parking in that area. A request to fund and implement a Resident's Permit Parking Scheme at Ferryboat Lane is to be considered at October Area Committee.	
2	Heritage		
2.1	Signage linked to local heritage – Spottee's Cave and Roman Stones. Project to be developed linking local schools, family adult and community learning and Cultural Spring. To deliver a project which includes heritage, arts, leaflet/booklet and	Project in development. Apextra Training have received funding from FACL to develop the project with Dame Dorothy Primary School. Discussions are ongoing with the School to engage with the project and deliver signage and submit funding bid to Cultural Spring to add to SIB	June – Nov 2015

	signage at Spottee's Cave and Roman Stones with involvement of young people.	and FACL investment	
2.2	Battle re-enactment to take place 2016	SNCBC are in discussions with the Sealed Knot re delivery arrangements. Request for additional funding to be considered by October Area Committee in order to deliver a 2 day event instead of the 1 day event already approved. Request for additional funding to be considered at October Area Committee.	May 2016
2.3	Members are currently looking at further options to develop the site housing the clock at Monkwearmouth in preparation for the centenary of the bombing in April 2016.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2015 Area Committee approved designs and funding for Phase 2 of the Wheatsheaf Clock Project. To include hard standing and planting at the site around the clock. • As part of the Area Tour in July members met with a SCC Adoption Engineer (Graeme Hurst) to consider a solution to damage being caused to the grass verge adj. the clock. Agreed to the location and installation of a footpath. Highways Ops to commence work in October. • Once pathway installed ARM (AO) has agreed to look into the possibility of additional wild meadow planting at the site, to try to keep pedestrians to the pathway. Will look into it being carried out as part of the B Line project or funding will be required. 	Due for completion by April 2016
2.4	Southwick Community Christmas. Consider enhancement of scheme through to 2016/17, including opportunities for fundraising and sponsorship (linked to engagement with traders 1.3 above)	June 2015 Area Committee approved funding for a 2 year illumination programme building on existing illumination and community engagement.	Completion 2016/17
2.5	The Cultural Strategy to come to a future Area Committee/Board to consider how members can influence its delivery and add value.	For discussion at a future board meeting.	

2.6	Continue to influence the Heritage Lottery Bid for Hylton Castle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward Members continue to attend the Hylton Castle Steering Group. Project Manager provides an update as a standard item at each Place Board meeting. Bid submitted 6th August 2015. Outcome anticipated in November 2015 • SIB application being developed to support the project. For further consideration and decision at October Area Committee. 	<p>Bid due for submission August 2015</p> <p>SIB application October 2015</p>
2.7	Hylton Dene Cabin – proposal to put on hold until after outcome of Heritage Lottery Bid.	June 2015 Area Committee approved the proposal to put the project on hold subject to the outcome of the HLF as if successful cabin will not be required.	
2.8	<p>Members to consider where they can influence and add value to Tall Ships 2018 e.g. :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highlighting Heritage offer around the seafront and river. ○ Legacy opportunities – i.e. possibility of installing permanent pontoons to encourage a commercial ferry operation on the river. 	Executive Director of Enterprise Development attended Place Board meeting 1.7.15.	
2.9	Heritage Lottery Bid for Roker Pier. Consider where members can influence and do they want to add value.	For discussion at future board meeting.	
2.10	Lease transfer of Fulwell Mill to local VCS organisation. Consider where members can influence and do they want to add value.	Briefing Note provided by Cllr Kelly May 2015. Current position Lease in place with SNCBC for the lease of the Visitor Centre. (3 years initially). The Council has secured £150k to carry out a first phase of urgent repair and part restoration. Further funding being sought from external sources. Some emergency works to commence wc 18 May or 1 June 2015 on health and safety grounds. First phase of repairs and restoration likely to commence on site in Spring 2016.	