

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 9th March, 2016 at 6:00pm

**VENUE – Houghton Housing Office, The Skyline Centre, 88
Newbottle Street, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4AJ**

Please note access is by the rear of the building

Membership

Cllrs Allen, Blackburn, Cummings (Alternate Vice Chair of the Area Committee and Chair of the Place Board), Ellis, Heron, Lawson (Chair), D. Smith, Speding, Turner, M. Turton, W. Turton (Vice Chair of the Area Committee and Chair of the People Board) and G. Walker.

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ELAINE WAUGH

Head of Law and Governance

1st March, 2016

At a Meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held in HOUGHTON LIBRARY, 74 NEWBOTTLE STREET, HOUGHTON LE SPRING, DH4 4AF, on WEDNESDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 2015 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Lawson in the Chair

Councillors Allen, Blackburn, Cummings, Ellis, D. Smith, Speding, M. Turton, W. Turton and G. Walker.

Also in Attendance:-

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| Ron Barrass | Member of the Public | |
| Wendy Cook | VCS Representative, Youth and Community Co-Ordinator | Sunderland North Community Business Centre |
| Paul Finch | VCS Representative | Hetton New Dawn |
| Debbie Hall | Area Response Manager Coalfields | Sunderland City Council |
| Pauline Hopper | Area Community Officer, Coalfield | Sunderland City Council |
| Dave McCreedy | VCS Representative | Fence Houses YMCA |
| Steve Pescod | Inspector | Northumbria Police |
| Claire Rowntree | Member of the Public | |
| Lesley Stobbart | Art of Living Manager | Gentoo Ltd. |
| Christine Tilley | Community Governance Services Team Leader | Sunderland City Council |
| Gill Wake | Area Co-ordinator | Sunderland City Council |

Chairman's Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular Inspector Steve Pescod who was attending his first meeting of the Committee as Neighbourhood Inspector for the area. The Chairman invited everyone to introduce themselves.

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Retirement

The Chairman referred to the impending retirement of Ms. Gill Wake, Area Co-ordinator for the Coalfield Area after 35 years of service at the Council, the last 2 and a half of which she had worked in her present role.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked Gill for her contribution to the work of the Area Committee and her support to Members and wished her a happy retirement.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Heron and Turner, Councillor Glenis Wallace, Hetton Town Council, Steve Burdis, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, Charlotte Burnham, Sunderland City Council and Melanie Caldwell, Gentoo Ltd.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 14th October, 2015 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Place Board Progress Report

The Chair of the Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update of progress against the current year's 2015/16 Place Board Work Plan and provided an update on performance.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor John Cummings, Chair of the Coalfield Area Place Board briefed the Committee on the report drawing attention to:-

- The imminent installation of the seats at King George V play area, Eppleton from Market Street, Hetton;
- The extended consultation to be held on the review of Demand Responsive Transport to ensure current users of the service are fully involved and informed of the proposals and provided with alternative service information;
- The consultation being undertaken with Members to influence the Highways Maintenance Programme for 2016/17 by making suggestions as to which roads in their ward are in need of repair;

- The review being undertaken by the working Group of Houghton Town Centre traffic and parking restrictions;
- The resurfacing work carried out in Hetton Cemetery and the positive feedback received from Members of the Public;
- The work being carried out at the former Forest Estate, Easington Lane which was to be cleared and levelled in preparation for wild flower planting with the involvement of pupils from Easington Lane Primary School;
- The programme of local events and activity which included the Christmas celebrations, switch on of the Christmas lights and Christmas market at Shiney Row and the heritage related ideas which have resulted in a proposal to design a life-size model of a miner to be displayed at various locations in the area and the Heritage Lottery Fund application to develop a project including a Houghton le Spring Village Atlas.

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

3. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update with regard to the Coalfield Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2015/16 be noted and the proposals for future delivery be approved.

People Board Progress Report

The Chair of the People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update of progress against the current year's 2015/16 People Board Work Plan.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Billy Turton, Chair of the Coalfield Area People Board briefed the Committee on the report drawing attention to:-

- the scheme to help families who have children in receipt of free school meals to combat holiday hunger during the school summer break;
- the WorkingRite Programme aimed at increasing opportunities for those Not in Education, Employment or Training by providing essential work experience and offering a quality vocational alternative to academic learning to be delivered in the Coalfield Area commencing April 2016;
- the CAN DO Fund applications received and supported at the November meeting of the Board from 'Connect Young Mums' and 'The Underground Project'; and
- the Call for Projects to deliver a Youth Social Action project and the development of a SIB project brief for volunteer and community support.

Councillor Speding referred to the Work Plan for the People Board highlighting the intention for the February meeting to concentrate on emotional and mental wellbeing. He advised that the Youth Parliament had debated the issue of mental health and transport problems and suggested that representatives be invited to the February Board meeting to share their thoughts on the issue.

4. RESOLVED that the progress and performance update with regard to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2015/16 be noted, the proposals for future delivery be approved and representatives from the Youth Parliament be invited to attend the February Board meeting as detailed above.

Partner Agency Reports – Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network Progress Update

Ms. Wendy Cook, Mr Dave McCreedy and Mr Paul Finch, Area Network Representatives submitted a report (copy circulated), providing an update with regard to the Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr Dave McCreedy, Area Network Representative briefed the Committee on the report highlighting that the November meeting of the Coalfield Area VCSN had been dedicated to consultation on the Council Budget when a number of Council officers had attended to inform the network of the difficult decisions to be taken during the budget setting process and had gathered the views of Network members.

Mr McCreedy referred to the information leaflet which had been produced to promote the purpose and value of the Coalfield Area VCSN and circulated a copy at the meeting for Members' information. He advised that the three Network representatives would use the leaflet to engage new groups and encourage them to attend the meetings, which continued to be well attended and regarded as a way for local organisations to receive and share information with the Council, statutory and voluntary partners and each other.

The Chairman conveyed her thanks for all the work the VCS groups did in the Coalfield Area.

5. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the contents of the report be received and noted; and
- (ii) the Area Committee continue to support the Sector when developing and implementing actions against local priorities.

Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police

Inspector Steve Pescod submitted a report (copy circulated) setting out the priorities for the Northumbria Police Force and providing details of Crime overall as well as the number of offences committed by crime type in the Coalfield area.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Inspector Steve Pescod advised that there had been a rise of 24% in crime overall in the Coalfield. The Force's overall crime had risen by 20%. He advised that

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there were various explanations for this, one being that there were new national recording standards being used which might be contributing to the increase.

Inspector Pescod explained the detail of the crime statistics to Members of the Committee and added that whilst the new recoding mechanism was having an effect, it was his view that the number of burglary offences had increased. The Police had made targeted arrests recently who had been operating locally.

Full consideration having being given to the information presented, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that the update be received and noted.

Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Station Manager Steve Burdis, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service submitted a report (copy circulated) providing Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for the Coalfield Area Committee area from 1st September, 2015 to 31st October, 2015 compared with the same period in 2014.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chairman referred Members to the report and advised that Mr Burdis was not able to be present at the meeting as he was attending another Council Area Committee meeting at that time. Any questions Members might have on the report would be forwarded to Mr Burdis who would provide a written reply.

7. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be received and noted.

Area Budgets Report

The Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements submitted a report (copy circulated) providing a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest funding and presenting proposals for further funding requests.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield presented the report drawing the Committee's attention to the financial position as set out in paragraph 2.1 advising that the SIB balance was at that time standing at £139,792.

Ms. Hopper highlighted two recommendations for SIB funding from the previously approved £115,000 allocated at the Committee's December meeting in respect of the Community and Volunteer Support Project – Increasing Capacity in the Coalfield as set out at Annex I to the report and the Youth Social Action Project – Youth Social Action in Coalfield as set out at Annex 2.

Ms. Hopper also drew attention to the two applications for SIB funding being presented to the Committee from Houghton Village Atlas and Underground Project.

In response to Councillor Speding's enquiry in relation to the Rock School, Ms. Hopper advised she would check the status of the organisation and whether it was eligible to apply for SIB funding and if not look at other ways in which it could be looked at, possibly through the youth group.

Ms. Hopper referred Members to the approvals for Community Chest funding from October to November 2015 at paragraph 3 of the report.

The Chairman encouraged Members and the representatives from the VCS to promote the Community Chest Fund to local groups in the area.

Consideration having been given to the report it was:-

8. RESOLVED that:-

- a) the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be noted;
 - b) the following recommendations from the People Board from the previously approved total of £115,000 SIB funding as set out in paragraph 2.2 and Annexes 1 and 2 of the report, be approved:-
 - Increasing Capacity in the Coalfield - SNCBC - £100,000;
 - Youth and Social Action in Coalfield - SNCBC - £15,000;
 - c) approval be given to SIB funding being allocated to the following:-
 - Houghton le Spring Village Atlas - £4,000
 - Underground Project - £8,798
- and
- d) the 8 Community Chest approvals supported from the 2015/16 budget as set out in Annex 4 be noted.

Current Planning Applications (Coalfields Area)

A schedule (copy circulated) of current planning applications lodged during the period 1st October and 19th November 2015 was submitted for Members' information only.

(For copy schedule – see original minutes).

9. RESOLVED that the schedule be received and noted.

The Chairman, having thanked everyone for their attendance and wished them a Happy Christmas, closed the meeting.

(Signed) A. LAWSON,

Chairman.

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9 March 2016

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Coalfield Area Committee Annual Report 2015-16

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To approve the Coalfield Area Committee's Annual Report as part of the combined Area Committee Annual Report 2015-16 to be presented to Full Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 This will be the fifth year that all Area Committee reports have been brought together in one combined report and presented to Full Council.
- 2.2 Area Committees are appointed by the Council to ensure improved service delivery at a local level in the context of best value and more efficient, transparent and accountable decision making. They deliver this role through:
- Monitoring the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the Council and other main providers in the area
 - Working in partnership to develop efficient and effective solutions to city-wide issues as well as supporting local area priorities
- 2.3 2015-16 has been an incredibly busy and challenging year for us all. The Annual Report for 2015/16 showcases some of the key achievements delivered this year through the dedicated work of the five Area Committees and their supporting Place and People Boards. It also highlights how we translate the principles of a community leadership council in practice and the central role played by local councillors in helping to strengthen our communities.

3. Annual Report 2015-2016

- 3.1 The Annual Report for Coalfield Area Committee 2015-2016 is attached as **Annex 1**
- 3.2 It is important that the Annual Report is viewed as a collaborative achievement and the Coalfield Area Committee would like to thank everyone who has contributed towards the outcomes achieved through the work of the Area Committees and the supporting Place and People Boards.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider and approve the Coalfield Annual Report for inclusion in the combined Area Committee Annual Report for 2015-16.

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Coalfield Area of Sunderland - How we made a difference – highlights from 2015 / 2016

Our local priorities for Coalfield Area were

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| Support for Local Shopping Centres |
| Environmental Improvement & Education |
| Make better use of land and green space |
| Celebrate Local events & heritage |
| Physical Health & Well being |
| Emotional & Mental Wellbeing |
| Training & Learning opportunities to meet skills gaps |
| Support/Enable Local delivery of Services |

Our year in numbers

We approved £xx of projects to implement specific local priorities and supporting our own council departments and supplementing funding of partner agencies to improve services to the local community.

% Council led?

% Third sector led?

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| Support to develop and support vulnerable or social isolated people into volunteering opportunities | £5,000 |
| Houghton Feast Community Programme | £10,000 |
| A pilot to tackle hunger during school holidays | £1,787 |
| Coalfield Activity Programme to support local events and celebrate heritage | £10,000 |
| Volunteering and Community Support project to work with all local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations across the area to develop and grow their delivery and volunteering offer | £100,000 |
| Youth Social Action project to support young people in developing and taking part in activities to develop their own skills and confidence, while making a positive contribution within their local community | £15,000 |
| Funding to work with local people to develop a village atlas for Houghton le Spring | £4,000 |
| Support to the Underground Youth Music Project to continue and further grow within the local community | £8,798 |
| Social Activity Navigator project to reduce social isolation and increase social integration by delivering tailored therapeutic activities and supporting people into activities being delivered within their local area | £20,000 (joint funded with CCG) |
| Funding to six local organisations to deliver a range of social and healthy lifestyle activities aimed at those who are lonely or socially isolated. | £20,000 (joint funded with CCG) |
| March 2016 approvals to be added | |

We have also awarded xx grants to the value of xx to xx organisations. The average grant value is xx

Highlights (examples of outputs)

Over 250 children from 10 local schools took part in activities and workshops in the weeks leading up to the 2015 Houghton Feast. Over 100 children, and a similar number of adults, performed at the opening ceremony, watched by an audience of over 1000 people.

The Can Do project has awarded grants to 7 groups of young people. The project aims to develop the skills of young people who have to complete an application and present their idea to the Area People Board.

Two grazing plots have been created at Easington Lane, to improve an area of neglected land subject to persistent fly tipping. The plots are now occupied legitimately and have paying tenants. Fly tipping has reduced significantly around the location.

Houghton Traders Association has been supported to implement a review of traffic and parking restrictions in, and around, Newbottle Street.

The Love Where You Live project continues to engage local residents and school groups of all ages from nursery school through to older volunteers. Hetton Primary and East Rainton Primary both took part in a poster competition resulting in the winning entries being displayed in Ad Bins across the area.

The Green, Green Grass of Home project delivered 4 outdoor health and greenspace events during July 2015. A wide range of partners attended the events to promote healthy cooking, eating and fun ways to exercise including team games, dance and kickboxing. A total of 272 people attended.

The Community Transport and Shopping bus service continued to provide a valuable service to those who find it difficult to access mainstream services and need additional support. A total of 64 shopping trips, supported transport to 65 lunch clubs, and 26 social outings were delivered to 415 local residents (need to add Q4)

The Health and Greenspaces programme delivered a number of projects including installation of trim trails in Hetton Lyons and Herrington Country Parks, assisted walks and outings for people with limited mobility, new 3-2-1 running, walking cycling routes in major parks and development of an outdoor space for therapeutic sessions with young people.

Support for local shopping centres has continued and provided one to one and mentoring support to 12 traders in Shiney Row, 5 in Houghton le Spring and 21 in Hetton. Traders have worked with retail experts and the local community to deliver schemes such as Shiney Christmas and Shop Local to improve footfall in their local shopping centres (need to add Q4)

An advice volunteer project has recruited and trained 15 volunteers, enabling an additional 154 residents to access information and support regarding welfare and benefit issues.

A Social Navigator project which aims to reduce social isolation and increase social integration has contacted 251 people identified as needing support. Of those contacted 55 have received 1-2-1 support in person, 61 have received telephone support and 12 people have been assisted to access other services within the community. (need to add Q4)

A total of 12 health and greenspace sessions were delivered to 126 older residents, many who have limited mobility and little opportunity for social interaction. Trips covering a total of 241 miles travelling between local venues such as Herrington, Hetton Lyons Country Parks and Elba Park were arranged. Care homes, lunch clubs and other local projects encouraged users of their services to take part.

14 local people identified as socially isolated, older or vulnerable adults are now engaged as active volunteers in a local project. They are currently being trained and supported to undertake a valuable role within their own community, increasing skills and confidence. Three have attended anxiety and stress management courses, 2 have completed debt buddies training and 1 has now become self employed.

A 'Summer in the Park' project delivered 13 local heritage tours to 77 people who would not normally have access to such venues. Elba Park and ELCAP Heritage garden and museum were amongst the popular places visited.

Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network meetings continue to be well attended and a valuable forum for local groups and organisations to come together to share information with the Council, relevant partners and each other. Over 120 different organisations are signed up to receive invitations and information, average attendance at meetings is 30-35. A leaflet to promote the network has been produced by the three VCS representatives who are all proactive in offering support to the Coalfield area and its groups.

The Underground Youth Music project has been supported to find a new venue. The project was left at risk of closure following the expiry of the lease on their premises in Newbottle Street. SIB, CAN DO and LMAPS funding has enabled the project to continue and grow at their new home in Houghton Blind Centre building. SNCBC are providing the project management and administration as in-kind support.

9 March 2016

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

Place Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year’s (2015/16) Place Board Work Plan, and provide an update on performance.

2. Background

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan priorities associated with Place were referred to the Coalfield Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board continue to initiate action on those priorities. Progress to date is outlined below, and in the Work Plan at **Annex 1.**

3. Area Governance Arrangements

3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council’s Executive Function and have two key roles:-

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council’s Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.

3.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities.

3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the Place Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

| Ward | Place Board Membership |
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| Chair/Hetton | Cllr John Cummings |
| Copt Hill | Cllr Anthony Allen Cllr Mary Turton |
| Houghton | Cllr Juliana Heron Cllr Sheila Ellis |
| Shiney Row | Cllr Mel Speding |

4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to February 2016

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Coalfield Place Board to date.

| Action Taken | Outcome |
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| Influence: Responsive Local Services Streetscene | |
| Influence operational deployment of RLS Streetscene | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Area Response Manager (ARM) ensures that regular communication with all elected members can influence street scene service delivery to meet local need. • Debbie Hall the ARM for the Coalfield area gave a service update at the January and February 2016 Board meetings. Debbie gave an update on flooding which had occurred in various areas and residential streets during the recent heavy rain and also gave an overview on the winter maintenance programme. • Measures to restrict vehicular access to graveyards are being considered in order to reduce damage to grassed areas beside graves. Debbie will bring back any proposals to a future meeting. • Shrub beds which cause issues with regard to litter traps, asb and hindering sight lines for motorists were discussed. Debbie will bring further information to the next Board meeting to keep |

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| | <p>members updated on any proposals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A special Place Board meeting was held on 23 February to outline the new operating model for RLS and how input from members is vital in order to shape future service delivery. It is an important piece of work which requires input from all members of the Coalfield Area Committee. Further meetings/workshops (the first one 3 March 2016) will be held to gain input from all members to determine the future service specification. A verbal update will be given at the Area Committee meeting. All members are urged to attend and contribute to the meetings (further dates tbc). |
| Influence: Local Transport | |
| Changes to the Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) Scheme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following consultation with members via the Place Board, an extended consultation period took place to ensure that current users of the service are fully involved and informed of the proposals and to offer alternative service information. • Nexus attended the January 2016 Board meeting to give an update. The current DRT arrangements will be withdrawn on 27 February 2016 and be replaced by two alternative services. Nexus will promote the new service amongst DRT users and also households close to the revised bus routes. Nexus will continue to liaise closely with those DRT users who are eligible for Taxi Card and group travel. Community Relations Officers are available to assist with any queries which may arise. |
| Influence: Highways Maintenance Programme | |
| Influence the Highways Maintenance Programme for 2016/17 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The November Board received an update on the 2015 – 2016 highway maintenance programme and the process for members to influence and prioritise the areas of capital maintenance works for 2016 – 2017. • Locations for consideration identified by elected members, residents and highways maintenance staff were presented to the Board in February 2016. • Board members agreed recommendations to Area Committee for the completion of capital maintenance programmes in the Coalfield as described at Annex 2 |
| Area Priority: Support for Local Shopping Centres | |
| Review of Houghton town centre traffic and parking restrictions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A working group consisting Elected Members, Council Officers, Houghton Traders Association members and the Neighbourhood Police Team has been set up to look at current and suggested traffic and parking restrictions in and around Newbottle Street. • The first meeting of the working group discussed the legal and budgetary constraints of reviewing regulations. The group met again to map out suggested improvements to the regulations. • The working group, led by Houghton Traders Association, developed a draft proposal as a first step in consulting with all traders in and around Newbottle street. Following a trader consultation, plans have been revised. • A further meeting with Highways Officers is to be arranged to discuss next steps. |
| Retail and Business Support for Independent Traders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berni Whitaker, lead on the retail support project, attended the February Board meeting to give an update on the SIB funded programme. The current phase of the project, due to end in May 2016, is delivering support to 12 traders in Shiney Row, 5 in Houghton le Spring, and 21 in Hetton. • Trading continues to be difficult for independent retailers and the support given is extremely valued. The Board discussed continued support via further SIB allocation, and agreed that this would remain a priority for the coming year. The Board also requested that an independent evaluation of the current project be carried out to assist members in their recommendations. • An evaluation will be carried out and presented to members in |

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| | <p>April/May 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members agreed that support for local shopping centres should remain a priority for 2016/17. |
| Increase Footfall in Local Shopping Centres | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Shiny Christmas event and market has proved to be a successful way to attract more shoppers to the area and boost local trade. Traders are working more closely with the local community to develop similar activities and events using the shopping centre as a focus. Traders in Houghton have expressed a desire to hold a market. It is suggested that a working group is set up by Houghton Traders Association (HTA) to take this idea forward. Traders in Hetton are working with retail support experts BSupplied to develop a marketing campaign in order to raise awareness of what is on offer at Hetton (including Market Street). |
| Area Priority: Celebrate Local Events and Heritage | |
| Support long standing historical events and celebrations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of important events and celebrations delivered by the local community continue to be supported by Area Committee and SIB funding. Events including Miners Banner Parades, Remembrance Services and Parades, Christmas and Easter celebrations and Houghton Feast have been delivered throughout the year. A proposal for SIB funding towards the 'Community Programme' for Houghton Feast 2016 is included in Item 6 finance report. |
| Develop and promote a programme of local activity with VCS Network members | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of heritage related ideas have been explored and the Board agreed that a community art project to celebrate the mining heritage of the area would be delivered in early 2016. A full sized sculpture of a miner will be produced using plaster, wire and steel netting. The miner will stand on a steel base containing the names of each former pit in the area. A total of 17 community workshops have been arranged to allow residents and groups to take part in the project by producing ceramic 'pit tokens' which will form part of the finished model. Over 300 local people will contribute to the project. Phase 2 of the project will invite a smaller number of participants (up to 20) to take part in follow on workshops delivered jointly with Sunderland Empire Creative Learning. This second part of the project will develop through performing art and link into the Billy Elliott story showing at the Sunderland Empire in April 2016. All participants of the workshops will be invited to an event on 12 May 2016, where there will be a short performance and the miner will be 'unveiled'. The VCS Network is planning a 'Summer Activity' programme which will work across all wards in the area to provide a range of themed activities and events running from June to September. A proposal for SIB funding is included in Item 6, Finance Report. VCS Representatives will provide an update to the Board in April. |

5. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to Coalfield Place Board's Work Plan for 2015/16 and agree proposals for future delivery
- Consider and agree the recommendations of the Place Board regarding the Highways Capital Maintenance programmes for the Coalfield area for 2016/2017 attached at **Annex 2**

Annex 1 2015/16 Work plan

Annex 2 Highways Capital Maintenance Programme 2016/17

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PLACE BOARD

| | Area Priority | Outcomes/Actions | Suggested Actions/Projects | Progress/Updates |
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| 1 | <p>Support for local shopping centres</p> <p>Feb 2016</p> | <p>Improve physical environment in local centres</p> | <p>Develop physical improvement schemes in local shopping areas</p> <p>Work with Network Management to develop a 'town centre review' on the traffic management in Newbottle Street</p> | <p>A number of suggestions such as decorating shop fronts and decorative street signage were explored and discussed by the Place Board in February 2016. It was felt that the current Retail Support project funded via SIB was the best way to engage with individual independent traders to support them with small grants to make external improvements to the premises where relevant. A pilot programme will extend this offer to Easington Lane and Fencehouses.</p> <p>A Town Centre Review Working Group consisting Houghton Traders Association (HTA), elected members, Northumbria Police and Sunderland City Council Highways team has been set up to look at current and suggested traffic and parking restrictions in and around Newbottle Street.</p> <p>A draft proposal has been developed and consultation with traders in Houghton has taken place. A further meeting with Highways officers is to be arranged to discuss next steps.</p> |
| | | <p>Continue retail and business support for local independent traders</p> | <p>Develop Phase 2 of the Retail Support project to deliver one to one support to 20 new businesses and continued mentoring support to a further 20</p> | <p>An update on Phase 2 of the project was presented to the Board in February 2016. This phase is due to end in May 2016. Members requested an independent evaluation be carried utilising SIB from the existing allocation to assist members in their recommendations for further support. Members agreed this should remain a priority for 2016/17.</p> |

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| <p>Support for local shopping centres</p> <p>Feb 2016</p> | <p>Develop initiatives/activities to increase footfall in local shopping centres</p> | <p>Support local traders and traders Associations/Forums to develop local events and take part in existing events (e.g. Houghton Feast)</p> <p>Explore the feasibility of holding 'market days' in Houghton le Spring</p> | <p>Houghton Traders Association now have representation on the Houghton Feast Steering Group.</p> <p>Shiney Row traders forum has again taken an active role in the development of a the Shiney Christmas switch on event including entertainment and market stalls. Traders are working more closely with the local community to develop similar activities and events using the shopping centre as a focus.</p> <p>Traders in Market Street, Hetton, are working with retail support experts BSupplied to develop a marketing campaign in order to raise awareness of what is on offer in Hetton (including Market Street).</p> <p>It is suggested that a working group is set up by Houghton Traders Association (HTA) to take this idea forward. Support will be available from Members and Officers.</p> |
| | <p>Extend Dementia Friendly Shopping Centre initiative</p> | <p>Further develop the current project within Houghton le Spring with Houghton Traders Association (HTA) and the Alzheimers Society</p> | <p>Colleagues from the Alzheimers Society have produced an information leaflet for HTA and provided additional literature including tips for employers.</p> <p>The Dementia Friendly Recognition Process was launched two years ago and Houghton le Spring is one of 100 communities signed up. The process is now being reviewed and feedback from the Houghton project will be given to the central Dementia Friendly Communities team in London.</p> |
| | <p>Increase awareness of the 'Shop Local' brand</p> | <p>Support the delivery of marketing campaigns including social media</p> | <p>Market Street traders are being supported to develop a marketing programme. This is being discussed with BSupplied, who are delivering the Retail Support project.</p> |

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| 2 | Environmental improvement and education Jan 2016 | Continue delivery of the Love Where You Live (LWYL) Campaign | Produce a 'did you know....' fact sheet in partnership with Responsive Local Services (RLS) | In partnership with Groundwork North East, a litter awareness programme has been delivered at Hetton Primary School. The winning poster from the educational competition has been displayed across the area. |
| | | | Build on current projects such as 'Poo Watch' to develop further initiatives such as 'Litter Watch' and a recycling project | Shiney Row Childcare has taken part in a 'grow and eat' initiative, teaching children about plants and vegetables. The next phase of the project will focus on keeping the community clean and free of litter and will involve parents in activities. |
| | | Increase partnership working with Responsive Local Services) RLS to improve local sites and maintain improvements | Area Response Manager to attend Place Boards and Area Committee when relevant to keep members and partners updated on Street Scene issues | The Area Response Manager (ARM) presents update reports to each Place Board meeting. An update was given to the January and February Board meetings including flooding and winter maintenance. |
| | | Encourage residents to participate in maintaining the local natural environment and develop associated skills | Develop projects through the Health and Greenspaces programme | A 'Clean, Green and Lean' project to encourage the community to improve their wellbeing through practical environmental works on local greenspace commenced in October 2015. A number of sites have been identified in consultation with RLS colleagues. Residents and local schools will take part in 'green activity' small scale tasks to help keep local spaces accessible and tidy. |
| 3 | Make better use of land and greenspace Nov 2015 | Improve areas of vacant land | Maintain sites cleaned up as part of the Neglected Land project | In partnership with RLS colleagues the Council owned sites cleared as part of the Neglected Land project continue to be monitored and maintenance works carried out where necessary. Colleagues in RLS are working in partnership with the Youth Offending Team and Probation to provide opportunities for meaningful community payback projects |

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| <p>Make better use of land and greenspace</p> <p>Nov 2015</p> | Promote availability of greenspace for recreation and play | Install trim trails in Hetton Lyons and Herrington Country Parks | A selection of equipment was installed at both parks during December 2015. |
| | Support people to access greenspace for health benefits | Support the training of volunteers and instructors to deliver activities | In partnership with Active Sunderland, training opportunities are offered to local organisations and volunteers via the VCS Network. |
| | | Engage with volunteer programmes and community health provision e.g. Health Champions and Health Trainers | The Live Life Well Service mentor for the Coalfield area is engaged with local groups and the VCS Network to promote |
| | | Deliver Community and Family events in each ward. | As part of the local events programme, events will be developed throughout 2016 in partnership with the VCS Network. |
| | Deliver the Health and Greenspaces Project | Develop the Coalfield Cycle Network Design and Deliver the 25k Four Parks Route (Herrington/Hetton Lyons/Elba/Rainton Meadows) | An update on Health and Greenspace was provided to Area Committee in December 2015. The cycle network and 4PR are longer term projects which are under development. A further update will be provided in June 2016. |
| Influence Core Strategy development | Invite Planning Policy Officers to consult with Place Board/Area Committee members at relevant stages during development of Core Strategy and allocation documents | | |
| Complete Neglected Land and Allotments Working Group actions | Termination of Seaham Rd allotment lease Phase 2 of Britannia Tce allotments Complete former Forest Estate scheme | Negotiations are under way with the Landowner. Consultation is taking place with current tenants to establish a way forward. The final phase has now begun with the installation of boulders to the area adjacent Easington Lane Primary School. The site has been cleared and levelled in preparation for wild flower planting in Spring 2016. An environmental education programme will also be delivered in the community to encourage people to take care of their local area. | |

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| 4 Celebrate local events and heritage Sept 2015 | Support long standing historical events and celebrations taking place in local communities | Develop SIB funding request to support regular events for 2015/16 (including Remembrance Parades, Miners Banner Parades and Christmas Events) | <p>The October Area Committee allocated £10,000 SIB and a core programme of activity has been developed by the Board.</p> <p>Costs associated with November 2015 remembrance parades in Shiney Row, Easington Lane, Houghton and Fencehouses have been met by this project. Shiney Christmas market and switch on event on 3 December organised by ShARP has been supported and a Christmas tree has been provided for Fencehouses Christmas festivities being arranged by Fencehouses YMCA.</p> <p>A Summer Celebration activity programme has been designed by VCS Network members. A request for funding is contained within Item 6 finance report.</p> |
| | Develop and promote a programme of local activity with VCS Network members | Develop a community heritage project with local schools and groups to celebrate the mining heritage of the local area. | A community art project to celebrate the mining heritage of the area is underway. Over 300 local residents are currently taking part in 17 workshops. They will discuss the history of local mining and make 'pit tokens' from clay which will be added to the life-size model of a miner being made by the artist delivering the project. |
| | | Recognise the 500th Anniversary of Bernard Gilpin in 2017 | |
| | | Develop a calendar of events which can be shared with the local community | Information on local events and activities is circulated by individual organisations via the VCS Network and the VCAS weekly information sharing. The VCS Network is developing a Summer Celebration programme (see Item 5a) |

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| 5 | Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee | Influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2016/2017 | An update on the 2015/16 Highway Maintenance Programme was given to the Place Board in November 2015. The meeting also received information on the development of the 2016/17 programme. Locations for consideration in the 2016/17 programme were presented to the February 2016 Board meeting and recommendations are contained in Item 3 Annex 2 of the Place Board report. |
| | | Public Protection and Regulatory Services (PPRS) - ensure Councillors can access Licensing and PPRS awareness training and are introduced to the Area Rep from PPRS for the Coalfield (Colin Rudd) | Update on PPRS presented to Place Board in July 2015. Board discussed illegal tattooists and the profile of food hygiene ratings across Sunderland's food establishments, encouraging communities to 'check the scores on the doors' before purchasing food to encourage food premises to increase their food hygiene standards through local competition. |

Highways Capital Maintenance Programme

Streets (in Bold) recommended for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2016-2017

| STREET NAME | WARD | Area (m2) | Actual Treatment | Estimate Footway £ | Estimate Road £ |
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| Bailey Way | Hetton | 1367 | Resurface road | | 19,000 |
| Coniston Avenue | Hetton | 429 | Resurface road and relay kerbline | 7,000 | 2,500 |
| Durham Road - Rainton Bridge | Hetton | 1216 | Specialist surfacing - footway | | 4,000 |
| Herford/Lincoln Crescent | Hetton | 1,000 | Resurface road | | 8,500 |
| Suffolk Street (off North Rd) | Hetton | 767 | Resurface road | | 6,500 |
| Tamar Street | Hetton | 586 | Resurface road | | 5,500 |
| Wear Street (part) and gable end | Hetton | 700 | Resurface road | | 6,000 |
| The Green | Copt Hill | 906 | Resurface Road | | 12,500 |
| Gillas Lane Phase 2 | Copt Hill | | Resurface Road | | 25,000 |
| Lindsay Street (part) | Copt Hill | | Resurface Road | | 11,500 |
| Church Street joint | Copt Hill | 150 | Specialist Joint repair | | 6,000 |
| Woodland Terrace (rear) | Shiney Row | 314 | Resurface road | | 3,000 |
| Tynedale Crescent (part) | Shiney Row | 897 | Resurface road | | 7,500 |
| A183 Chester Road - Patching (Offerton Lane to Penshaw Monument rbt) | Shiney Row | | Patching road | | 5,000 |
| Percy Terrace - footway works | Shiney Row | 186 | Specialist surfacing - footway | | 3,000 |
| B1519 Chester Road (part) - footways | Shiney Row | 1,082 | Specialist surfacing - footway | | 3,500 |
| B1286 Fenton Terrace - Freezemoor Junction | Shiney Row | 830 | Resurface road | | 12,000 |
| Claremount Drive and Craighill | Shiney Row | 607 | Specialist surfacing - footway | | 2,000 |
| A1052 Dairy Lane | Houghton | | Patching road | | 5,000 |
| Sedgeleth Road (part) - Gregory Terrace | Houghton | 1,071 | Resurface road | | 15,000 |
| Disraeli Street and Churchill Square | Houghton | 1,488 | Specialist Surfacing of road | | 9,000 |
| | | | TOTAL | 7,000 | 172,000 |
| | | | Options estimate | | 100,000 |

9 March 2016

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD

People Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide an update of progress against the current year's (2015/16) People Board Work Plan.

2. Background

2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan priorities associated with People were referred to the Coalfield People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board continue to initiate action on those priorities. Progress to date is outlined below, in the Work Plan at **Annex 1**.

3. Area Governance Arrangements

3.1 Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-

- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
- b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.

3.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities.

3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the People Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

| Ward | People Board Membership |
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| Chair/Houghton | Cllr Billy Turton |
| Copt Hill | Cllr Derrick Smith |
| Hetton | Cllr James Blackburn Cllr Doris Turner |
| Shiney Row | Cllr Geoffrey Walker |

4 Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to date

4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Coalfield People Board up to February 2016.

| Influence: Safer Communities | |
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| Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS) Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A short update is provided to members by the Area Community Officer after each LMAPS meeting. • Members are requested to forward any new issues to the Area Community Officer, or Chair of Area Committee, prior to each LMAPS meeting. |
| Area Priority: Physical Health and Wellbeing | |
| Health issues in Coalfield area | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Parker Walton, Public Health, attended the January 2016 People Board meeting to give an update on the health and wellbeing of people who live in the Coalfield locality. The Board noted and discussed the health information for the wards in the area and the health priorities which had been identified for the Coalfield which are as follows:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strengthen NHS Stop Smoking Service provision to support people to quit smoking - there are high numbers of new lung |

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| | <p>cancer cases and emergency hospital admissions due to respiratory diseases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enhance the support available for women who smoke throughout pregnancy - rates of smoking during pregnancy and the percentage of low birth weight births are particularly high in Copt Hill and Hetton wards. ○ Support people to better manage their long-term conditions in Hetton ward - there is a high proportion of the population with a limiting long-term illness or disability. ○ Reducing social isolation and improving mental wellbeing. <p>These issues will be added to the People Work Plan and discussed further at the April meeting of the Board.</p> |
| Improve physical wellbeing and increase physical activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Board were given an update on Active Sunderland, a joint venture between Sunderland City Council and Everyone Active to manage sport and leisure services in the City. The partnership has increased gym memberships in Houghton and Hetton sports centres and swim schemes at Hetton pool since it began in June 2015. A recruitment programme in both centres has been completed and includes recruitment of apprentices. |
| Improve partnership working with CCG/Public Health on joint priorities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Colleagues from CCG and Public Health attended January and February 2016 people board meetings to discuss health issues and priorities for the Coalfield area. Further discussions will take place during April and May 2016 to determine health related priorities for 2016/17 ● Penny Davison, CCG, gave a presentation on 'Better Health and Care for Sunderland', the main features being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A City-wide Recovery at Home Service ○ Community Integrated Teams ● During January – March 2016 the top 1% of those most at risk (elderly/frail) will be reviewed and case loads reorganised as part of care planning. The Better Care Fund (joint CCG/Local Authority) is investing £160m to improve patient care and experience. Penny will provide an update to the Board in around 6 months time. |
| Area Priority: Emotional and Mental Wellbeing | |
| Reduce stress caused by financial concerns | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shiney Advice and Resource Project (ShARP) is commissioned by Sunderland City Council to provide a range of FREE advice services, including telephone and face to face at Shiney Row, and outreach advice sessions at other venues on an appointment basis. ● A new Comic Relief funded project is about to commence in all GP practices in the Coalfield area. Advice on Prescription (AOP) practitioners will be located in GP surgeries for 2 x half days per week to give patients experiencing financial stress information and support. GP practices will be able to refer or signpost patients to the service. Self-referral is also an option. ShARP has recruited two members of staff to deliver the service. ● A range of community based advice and support is available within the local area. Information on these services is shared via the VCS Network, VCAS weekly round up, Sunderland City Council Community Directory, the Live Life Well Service and wellbeinginfo.org. |
| Improve mental wellbeing and self respect in young people | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lorraine Hughes, Public Health, gave an overview of the main mental health issues in Sunderland and the Coalfield area. A Community Mental Health Profile was presented and discussed in detail. One of the main areas of concern is self harm. The Board expressed a wish to find out more about what support is available for people of all ages suffering from mental health disorders. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) commission services for young people and adults. The People Board has requested a meeting with commissioners to better understand the services (for people of all ages) and how they are delivered. • Commissioned youth provider, SNCBC, deliver issue based workshops to encourage young people to make healthy lifestyle choices including eat well – feel better, sexual health, benefits of exercise to mental health/well-being, believing in yourself and minimising risk taking behaviours including drugs, legal highs and alcohol information. The sessions consist of whole group and individual discussions with staff. SNCBC have utilised guest speakers from YDAP within sessions and have signposted young people for support where necessary • The Board wish to explore in more detail what local provision is available and what support is given in schools and other organisations in the area. This piece of work will commence following a meeting with CCG commissioners. • The Board reconsidered a proposal for SIB, originally submitted as a result of a call for projects, to deliver 'Wellbeing Challenge Days' promoting awareness of emotional wellbeing and mental health with young people and the local community. Further information and recommendation is presented at Item 6 finance report. |
| Reduce social isolation and improve social participation amongst older and vulnerable adults | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of SIB and joint SIB/CCG funded projects continue to be delivered. An update was provided to the December Area Committee and the projects were further discussed by the People Board at the February meeting. • People Board members felt that this issue remained a high priority to the Coalfield area and wish to continue to support delivery of locally based projects to address social isolation. The Board recommend that £20,000 SIB is allocated to this priority from 2015/16 budget (see Item 6, Finance Report). This will be discussed with CCG colleagues to ascertain whether there is potential for a joint funded approach. • The People Board requested that a 'light touch' evaluation of a selection of the projects was carried out in order to gather qualitative data to guide their future discussions and recommendations. This will be carried out during April/May 2016. |
| Area Priority: Training and Learning Opportunities | |
| Increase opportunities for those who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Working Rite project is due to commence in April 2016. The project will individually match young people to local businesses for work placements lasting up to six months. Trainees learn in a proper workplace, receive one-to-one mentoring, earn a weekly allowance and are given the chance to prove themselves in the real world of work. The charity, based in Edinburgh, is developing a North East delivery base and is in the process of recruiting a local co-ordinator to deliver this project. |
| CAN DO Fund | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One application was presented to the January 2016 Board for consideration. The Board approved the project which aimed to further develop the Youth Enterprise at Monument View by installing concrete paths to the garden area to make the area accessible to all young people. The Board was presented with a framed 'thank you' made from recycled wood. • The next funding round will open in March 2016 and be presented to the April 2016 Board. The project provides the opportunity for young people to develop team working, problem solving, project development and presentation skills. |

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| Improve Life Skills and Employability Skills for Young People | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board considered and discussed a new initiative being developed by Fencehouses YMCA. The Craft Academy will provide an opportunity for people to gain a range of skills and training to improve their employability, making up-cycled products from locally sourced materials. Further details and a proposal for SIB support is contained in Item 6, finance report. |
| Area Priority: Support and Enable Local Delivery of Services | |
| Increase support for existing and new groups to deliver services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SNCBC posts of Youth Social Action Project Worker and Volunteer and Community Support Officer funded via SIB were advertised with a closing date for applications 1st February 2016. There has been a huge interest in both posts and shortlisting has taken place for both positions. The Youth Social Action Worker interviews will be held on 1st and 2nd of March 2016. The Volunteer and Community Support Officer interviews are scheduled for the 10th March 2016 and the interview panel will include representation from Sunderland City Council. Following the closure of the Underground Youth Music Project premises, members attending the Youth Operational meeting offered support to enable the project to continue. SIB funding was approved at the December 2015 Area Committee meeting to support 12 months costs to deliver from the Houghton Blind Centre. SNCBC is providing management support as an in-kind contribution. Two sessions per week are now being delivered from the Blind Centre. A Face Book page for the Underground is being administered by SNCBC and further funding for continuation of the project is being sought. This valuable project can now continue to provide young people with an opportunity to develop their interest and talent. In December 2015 young people were supported by staff to attend Spark FM to discuss how the youth music sessions have impacted on their lives and what the individual benefits to them have been. The young people also made a music video whilst at the station. |
| Increase support and co-ordination of volunteers | The Volunteer and Community Support Officer (see above), once appointed, will support local groups and organisations to recruit, develop and retain volunteers to support their service delivery. A 'bank' or 'pool' of volunteers will also be developed and supported to volunteer at one off or individual events and activities which benefit the area as a whole. |

5. Recommendations

5.1 Members are requested to:

- Consider the progress and performance update with regard to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2015/16 and agree proposals for future delivery

Annex 1 2015/16 Work plan

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PEOPLE BOARD

| | Area Priority | Outcomes/Actions | Suggested Actions/Projects | Progress/Updates |
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| 1 | Physical Health and Wellbeing Jan 2016 | Increase healthy eating (families) | Promote a healthy eating campaign. Highlight calories etc.. In take away food Utilise the Health Champion programme to promote healthy life choices | A new Health Champion network has been set up to support people who are trained health champions. Washington Mind will facilitate the Network and will work with the Live Life Well service and VCS Network to engage with current and potential Health Champions to offer support and guidance within the community. |
| | | Improve healthy weight in children | Promote and raise awareness of the Lifestyle, Activity and Food programme (LAF). LAF is a weight management programme for children and families which includes a variety of fun activities to encourage the whole family to get involved in healthier lifestyles. | Sunderland's LAF programme consists of healthy lifestyle sessions aimed at encouraging and supporting families to eat well, move more and live longer. The LAF referral programme is for families with children aged five to 15 years who have been identified as overweight; live in Sunderland and registered with a Sunderland GP. There are programmes for children aged five to ten years and their families and separate programmes for teenagers (11 to 15 years). |
| | | Improve physical wellbeing and increase physical activity | Work with the Live Life Well (LLW) service and Active Sunderland to promote services available and support local people to access information | The Live Life Well service attends VCS Network meetings and has links with local groups across the area. |
| | | Improve partnership working with CCG/Public Health on joint priorities | Identify joint priorities and invite CCG and Public Health colleagues to attend People Board and other relevant groups when appropriate | Colleagues from CCG and Public Health attended January and February 2016 people board meetings to discuss health issues and priorities for the Coalfield area. Further discussions will take place during March and April 2016 to determine health related priorities for 2016/17 |

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| 2 | Emotional and Mental Wellbeing Feb 2016 | Reduce stress caused by financial concerns | <p>Work with VCS organisations to help prepare and support residents for changes ahead e.g. Universal Credit etc</p> <p>Work with health providers to promote financial advice and guidance available</p> | <p>The Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network discussed this issue and their concerns about the impact on individuals and families. A series of workshops and support sessions have been delivered by ShARP who are providing ongoing support for people affected by the changes. Colleagues from ShARP and Sunderland City Council welfare team will attend the February 2016 meeting of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network to give a presentation on benefits and what support is available via various services.</p> <p>Local GP Practices and community health initiatives will promote the services available in the area. ShARP and Gentoo are amongst those who can provide advice and guidance to local residents. Information sharing will be encouraged through the VCS Network and Voluntary and Community Action Sunderland (VCAS).</p> <p>A new Comic Relief funded project is due to commence (Feb 2016) in all GP practices in the Coalfield area. Advice on Prescription (AoP) practitioners will be located in GP surgeries for 2 x half days per week to give patients experiencing financial stress information and support. ShARP is the lead on the project and has recruited two members of staff to deliver the service.</p> |
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| Emotional and Mental Wellbeing Feb 2016 | Improve mental wellbeing and self respect in young people | Gather data and local intelligence regarding key issues to discuss at February People Board meeting. Gather information regarding services available. | Members are keen to ensure that young people are consulted, and have input, on mental health services. Colleagues from Public Health attended the February People Board meeting to update members on the key mental health issues for young people. Sunderland CCG provided an overview of emotional mental health and wellbeing services they commission including Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and Children and Young Peoples Service (CYPS). Members requested a special People Board meeting with the CCG to discuss in more detail the services available. This is being arranged for March 2016. A scrutiny review on CAMHS is also underway with results expected in March/April 2016. |
| | Increase awareness amongst service providers about what is available (promotion, communication, referral) | Develop Community Directory and Community Connectors Support VCS organisations to help residents access community IT provision | Information sharing via Area Committee members and VCS Network members takes place on an ongoing basis. The Community Directory is available on Sunderland City Council website and key organisations and individuals are encouraged to share information regarding the range of support and services available. |
| | Reduce isolation and improve social participation in older and vulnerable adults | Consider findings of Tackling Loneliness and Social Isolation Scrutiny policy review when developing future initiatives. Continue to monitor and co-ordinate SIB funded projects including Social Navigator project. Promote services available via VCS Network and local organisations. | The February 2016 meeting of the People Board received an update on SIB funded projects and discussed the importance of this Area Committee priority. The Board requested an evaluation was carried out on a selection of the current projects in order to gather qualitative data to guide their future discussions and recommendations. The Board recommends that this remains a priority for 2016/17 and that a sum of £20,000 from this year's budget be aligned to the priority. Once the evaluation is complete the Board will discuss how the funding is to be allocated. |

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| 3 | Training and Learning Opportunities to Meet Skills Gaps/Needs Nov 2015 | Increase opportunities for those who are, or at risk of becoming, NEET. | Support the development of the 'Working Rite' programme in the Coalfield area | The Working Rite programme will be piloted in the Coalfield area commencing April 2016. Working Rite are carrying out a recruitment process to appoint a local project co-ordinator. |
| | | Influence development of training to meet the needs of employers via Education and Skills strategy | | |
| | | Improve life skills and employability skills for young people | Extend CAN DO fund | The CAN DO fund will continue throughout the coming financial year. The latest round of funding granted Monument View Youth Enterprise Scheme £440 to install footpaths around their outside space to provide more accessible areas to all residents and staff. The project presented members with a picture they had made from recycled wood. The next round of CAN DO will open in March 2016 and be presented to the April 2016 People Board meeting. |
| | | | Develop further initiatives | A new 'Craft Academy' being developed by Fencehouses YMCA will be delivered at Harvester House, a new venture for the organisation. A proposal for SIB funding is presented to Area Committee at Item 6, finance report. |

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| 4 Support/Enable Local Delivery of Services Sept 2015 | Improve use of existing community venues | Promote to all service deliverers the range of local venues available for use | Local venues are used and promoted for meetings and events. The emerging issue is that some locality focused services do not have funding for room hire to deliver outreach sessions across the whole area. This will be further explored via the VCS Network and the new 'Increasing Capacity' project. |
| | Increase local partnership working | Promote the Community Directory | |
| | Increase support for existing and new groups to deliver services | <p>Provide support to local groups via Area Community Officer, Area Networks, VCAS and other relevant organisations.</p> <p>Promote commissioning and procurement opportunities to local organisations</p> | <p>The new 'Increasing Capacity' project will provide support to local groups. The recruitment process is underway and the successful applicant will be invited to attend the next available VCS Network.</p> <p>Procurement opportunities from Sunderland, and other North East Councils, are promoted to members of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network on a weekly basis.</p> <p>Area Community Officers have access to GrantFinder, a useful resource giving up to date information on current funding opportunities. Relevant information will be shared with local organisations.</p> |
| | Increase support and co-ordination of volunteers | <p>Consider available support and develop options for a local Coalfield project</p> <p>Support the development of volunteering programmes including Health Champions and Community Connectors</p> | <p>Following a Call for Projects to deliver a community and volunteer support project, the People Board made a recommendation to Area Committee in December, which was approved. The project 'Increasing Capacity in Coalfield' will specifically focus on proactive support to retain and develop small organisations and co-ordinate and develop volunteers.</p> <p>The above project, once operational, will ensure all volunteering programmes delivered in the Coalfield area are developed and work in partnership.</p> |

9 March 2015

REPORT OF COALFIELD AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the Coalfield Area Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network

2. Background

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent the Networks at Area Committee taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.
- 2.2 Coalfield Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

3. Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN) Progress Report

The Coalfield VCSN has met twice since the last Area Committee in December 2015.

3.1 January 2016

Devolution/Combined Authority

The Deputy Leader of Sunderland City Council, Cllr Harry Trueman, gave a presentation regarding the Combined Authority. The North East Combined Authority (NECA) comprising Durham, Northumberland and the five Tyne & Wear councils - was formed in April 2014 to drive economic growth in the area.

In exchange for devolved powers and funds, Government requires an Elected Mayor to be established. The Mayor would be elected in 2017 and chair a Cabinet (of the Combined Authority) made up of the constituent council leaders. The Cabinet would make decisions about spending on the issues and functions within the Combined Authority's remit

Cllr Trueman asked for feedback and views from people within the voluntary sector as it is one of the most important sectors.

Universal Credit

Information regarding Universal Credit was circulated to the group and a brief discussion took place regarding what the changes mean for local people. Issues were also raised regarding other benefits/issues and the effects of sanctioning on individuals and families. Members felt it would be helpful to find out what support was available to understand this and other welfare issues. Network members requested that the Welfare Rights team from Sunderland City Council, and the benefits advice service from ShARP attend the next meeting to inform members about the services they provide.

February 2016

Coalfield Summer Activity Programme

Members of the Network discussed a programme of activity over the summer months from June to September 2016. Ideas included:

- Outdoor and healthy play/activities
- Healthy cooking/eating activities to provide meals during school holidays
- Celebration events and street parties to mark the Queen's Birthday
- 2016 Olympics and Paralympics themed activities

Network members proposed that there would be two ways to deliver the programme, giving all groups and partners the opportunity to become involved. If funding should be made available, the three VCS representatives will co-ordinate and manage a programme of activity, with the support of the Area Community Officer. Further information is contained within the finance report at Item 6.

Welfare and Benefits Advice in Coalfield Area

Colleagues from ShARP and Sunderland City Council Benefits Advice team attended the February meeting to discuss what support is available in the Coalfield area.

ShARP provide 1st tier welfare advice and can be contacted to offer information, advice and guidance on all welfare or finance related issues. They have begun to deliver in a number of local settings, including foodbanks. Clients can access face to face or telephone appointments in a range of locations. Help with budgeting or savings can also be given. A new service is providing advice in GP surgeries with effect from April 2016.

Sunderland City Council Welfare Rights Officers work closely with ShARP and can offer support to help residents to receive their correct benefits entitlements, receive assistance with benefits and other support before starting work and while working, challenge benefit decisions through mandatory reconsiderations and tribunal appeals, representation at Employment Tribunals and also deal with debt problems

Mining Heritage Programme

The mining heritage workshops, arranged as part of this project have generated lots of interest from local groups/residents. Network members were offered the opportunity to take part in developing the sculpture being created as part of this work. A total of 17 workshops are taking place across groups of all ages.

The Coalfield VCS Network meetings continue to be well attended and are seen as the recognised route for local organisations to receive and share information with Sunderland City Council, statutory and voluntary sector partners and each other. On average 30 – 35 people attend the meetings and over 100 are on the mailing list.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Members are requested

- To note the contents of the report
- To continue to support the Sector when developing and implementing actions against local priorities
- To consider the proposal for Summer Activity Programme

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Paul Finch, Area Network Representative

9 March 2016

REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for Coalfield Area Committee area from 01 November 2015 to 01 February 2016 compared with the same period in 2014/15.

2 Background

2.1 Area Committee agreed that regular updates on Crime and Community Safety would be presented to each Committee meeting.

3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update

LI 2 Number of Deaths from all fires

No Deaths were recorded during the time frame of this report

LI 03 Number of injuries from accidental fires in dwellings.

1 incident where injuries were sufficient for casualty to attend Hospital

| Date | Time | Ward | Motive | Property |
|------------|-------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 21/11/2015 | 20:13 | Shiney Row ward | Accidental | House - single occupancy |

This is an increase of 1 from last year

LI 08 - Number of accidental fires in dwellings.

| Date | Time | Ward | Area of property | Property |
|----------|-------|------------|------------------|----------|
| 21/11/15 | 20:13 | Shiney Row | Kitchen | House – |
| 13/12/15 | 08:17 | Hetton | Living room | House |
| 13/12/15 | 10:04 | Houghton | Living room | House - |

This compares to 2 incidents in the previous year for this period.

LI 14 Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles

| Date | Time | Ward | Motive | Property level 4 |
|----------|-------|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 05/11/15 | 17:14 | Houghton | Deliberate - others property | Outhouse |
| 05/11/15 | 21:31 | Shiney row | Deliberate-others property | Fire work placed through letterbox |
| 29/11/15 | 04:47 | Houghton | Deliberate-others property | Insulation boards within compound |
| 10/01/16 | 15:39 | Copt Hill | Deliberate - others property | Shed |

This compares to 1 incidents in the previous year for this period,

LI 15 Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fires

| Date | Time | Ward | Motive | Property |
|----------|-------|----------|--------------|----------|
| 1/11/15 | 22:15 | Hetton | Deliberate - | Car |
| 16/11/15 | 15:22 | Houghton | Deliberate - | Caravan |
| 18/11/15 | 15:55 | Hetton | Deliberate - | Van |
| 07/12/15 | 19:40 | Hetton | Deliberate - | Car |
| 23/12/15 | 03:19 | Hetton | Deliberate - | Car |
| 23/12/15 | 03:37 | Hetton | Deliberate - | Van |
| 03/01/16 | 18:07 | Hetton | Deliberate - | Car |
| 25/01/16 | 00:15 | Houghton | Deliberate - | Caravan |

8 deliberate vehicle fires this compares to 2 incidents in the previous year for this period.

LI 16 Number of Deliberate secondary fires

Incidents by Ward and by Month:

| Date | Copt Hill Ward | Hetton Ward | Houghton Ward | Shiney Row Ward | Grand Total |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| November | 1 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| December | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| January | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Grand Total | 2 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 20 |

Type of items deliberately set on fire by ward area:

| Property level 4 | Copt Hill Ward | Hetton Ward | Houghton Ward | Shiney Row Ward | Grand Total |
|--|----------------|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Loose refuse (incl in garden) | 1 | 8 | | 2 | 11 |
| Grassland, pasture, grazing etc | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Scrub land | | | | | |
| Refuse/rubbish tip | 1 | 1 | | | 2 |
| Fence | | | | | |
| Wheelie Bin | | | | | |
| Education | | | | | |
| Straw/stubble burning | | | | | |
| Animal Boarding / kennels | | | | | |
| Other outdoor items including roadside furniture | | 1 | | 2 | 3 |
| Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden) | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Common external bin storage area | | | | | |
| Golf Course | | | | | |
| Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip) | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Small refuse container | | | 1 | | 1 |
| Cycle path , bridle way , public footpath | | | | | |
| Grand Total | 2 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 20 |

This is a reduction of 12 incidents recorded from same period last year.

In 2014 the following ward count was:

Copt Hill 7, Hetton 5, Houghton 12 and Shiney Row 8. As can be seen Houghton has seen the largest decrease in incidents, with Hetton Ward having a large increase.

By time of day the deliberate fire incidents follow the national trend for this type of incident, with the majority of them taking place between 16:00 – 23:00.

During this reporting period and leading up to this reporting period Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service in conjunction with our partners from the Police, Sunderland Council, Gentoo and voluntary groups took part in our Darker Nights campaign.

This campaign targets Anti- Social Behaviour fires and activities across the Sunderland District we used Historical data to target hotspot areas, when these areas were identified we carried out litter picks, wheelie bin stickering and attended schools that were identified as being in the locality of the Hotspot Area and spoke in assemblies showing a DVD of the injuries that can be caused by playing with fireworks.

In the Coalfields Area the data shows that recorded and attended Fires were down 37% on last year's figures and across Sunderland down 22%.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service would like to thank all our partners and people that assisted during this period and hopefully the same partners and more will assist in our Lighter Nights campaign that starts from 21st March until 31st May.

Myself personally would like to thank Gentoo for their assistance in allowing TWFRS to use one of their properties in the Avenue Vivian area to test out new firefighting technology this was invaluable to ourselves in evaluating new equipment that will allow the Fire Service to reduce the amount of damage to a property through fire and firefighting actions and reduce the risk to people living within that property.

4. Recommendations

4.1 Note the content of the report.

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COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE
9 March 2016
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

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|---|-------------------------------|---|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|--|---------|---|--------|---|---------|
| Title of Report: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Area Budgets Report | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Author(s): | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Purpose of Report: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and note allocations awarded from the Community Chest grant. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Description of Decision: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">The Area Committee is requested to:</p> <p>a) Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1</p> <p>b) Approve 5 projects (below) totalling £70,406 set out in 2.2 and Annex 1</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Houghton Feast 2016 – Community Programme</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">£10,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">The Craft Academy, Fencehouses YMCA</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">£19,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Wellbeing Challenge Days, Youth Focus North East</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">£14,406</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Coalfield Summer Celebration (Activity Programme)</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">£7,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Social Isolation priority (allocate budget)</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding-right: 20px;">£20,000</td> </tr> </table> <p>c) Note the 16 Community Chest approvals as set out in Annex 2</p> | | Houghton Feast 2016 – Community Programme | £10,000 | The Craft Academy, Fencehouses YMCA | £19,000 | Wellbeing Challenge Days, Youth Focus North East | £14,406 | Coalfield Summer Celebration (Activity Programme) | £7,000 | Social Isolation priority (allocate budget) | £20,000 |
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| Coalfield Summer Celebration (Activity Programme) | £7,000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social Isolation priority (allocate budget) | £20,000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? | Yes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Suggested reason(s) for Decision: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The Area Committee has been allocated Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Work Plan and to attract other funding into the area. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No | Relevant Scrutiny Committees: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Is it included in the Forward Plan? No | | | | | | | | | | | |

9 March 2016

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SCRUTINY AND AREA ARRANGEMENTS

Area Budgets Report

1 Purpose of Report

Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Local Area Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB and Community Chest and presents proposals for further funding requests.

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

2.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIB for 2015/2016:

| Total SIB for 2015/2016 is £281,579 (£40,065 from 2014/15 budget and £241,514 for 2015/16) | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Project Name | Committee Date | Allocated (not yet assessed) | Approvals | Balance |
| Volunteering Support Shiney Row Advice and Resource Project (ShARP) | 10/06/15 | | £5,000 | £276,579 |
| Houghton Feast 2015 Community Programme | 10/06/15 | | £10,000 | £266,579 |
| Holiday Hunger Pilot | (DD) | | £1,787 | £264,792 |
| Coalfield Activities Programme | 14/10/15 | | £10,000 | £254,792 |
| Volunteering and Community Support | 14/10/15 | | £100,000 | £154,792 |
| Youth Social Action | 14/10/15 | | £15,000 | £139,792 |
| Houghton le Spring Village Atlas | 02/12/15 | | £4,000 | £135,792 |
| Underground project | 02/12/15 | | £8,798 | £126,994 |
| Return to budget (various projects) | | | £13,737 | £140,731 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Balance | | | | £140,731 |

2.2 There are five recommendations for SIB funding presented to Committee for consideration as below and at **Annex 1**.

| | |
|--|---------|
| Houghton Feast 2016 – Community Programme | £10,000 |
| The Craft Academy, Fencehouses YMCA | £19,000 |
| Wellbeing Challenge Days, Youth Focus North East | £14,406 |
| Coalfield Summer Celebration, VCS Network | £7,000 |
| Social Isolation priority (allocate budget) | £20,000 |

The total additional budget being requested is £70,406. Should the proposal be approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be **£70,325**

3 Community Chest

3.1 The table below details the starting balances for 2015/2016 and totals approved to date. **Annex 2** shows the approvals for December 2015 to February 2016.

| Ward | Start Balance (From March 2015) | Approvals since March 2015 | Returned Grant | Balance |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Copt Hill | £15,597.50 | £9,625.25 | | £5,972.25 |
| Hetton | £12,210.75 | £11,671.50 | | £539.25 |
| Houghton | £16,799.85 | £10,898.26 | | £5,901.59 |
| Shiney Row | £13,118.35 | £6,579.40 | | £6,538.95 |
| Total | £57,726.45 | £38,774.41 | £0.00 | £18,952.04 |

4. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1
- Approve 5 projects totalling £70,406 set out in 2.2 and Annex 1
- Note the 16 Community Chest approvals as set out in Annex 2

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Annex 1 SIB Proposals
Annex 2 Community Chest

Houghton Feast 2016 Community Programme**£10,000**

Sunderland Live has been commissioned by Sunderland City Council to deliver a number of core events across the City during 2016, Houghton Feast being one of the core events. The services provided by Sunderland Live include Infrastructure, marketing, site and event management for all aspects of the Feast, fireworks and civic arrangements.

In addition to the core programme, and in line with previous years, a community element for the Friday evening opening event, along with a Carnival parade on the Saturday is proposed. This additional element would include involvement of, and engagement with, local schools and community groups in the lead up to the Feast and performances at the Friday evening event and Saturday parade developed and managed by the Houghton Feast Steering Group.

The theme of the 2016 Houghton Feast is 'Hollywood and Moving Pictures' and the community events and displays will be focused around the theme of Film, incorporating Hollywood features wherever possible.

A total of £10,000 is requested to deliver the programme. This will be utilised to engage local groups and organisations including schools to participate in all aspects of the Friday and Saturday events and provide on street entertainment such as face painting, balloon modelling, story-telling, circus skills and relevant film characters. The Steering Group will agree the detail of the project spend, the budget will be managed by the Area Community Officer on behalf of Houghton Feast Steering Group and Area Committee.

Recommendation: Approve**The Craft Academy
Fencehouses YMCA****£19,000**

The Craft Academy (TCA) is a new and exciting project that will operate as a fully functional working shop and work with individuals who struggle to find employment in the formal labour sector. The Craft Academy will be based in Harvester House, Front Street, Fencehouses. The Harvester House will be in addition to current services and the top two floors will operate as an accommodation project for young people leaving care. The Craft Academy will operate on the ground floor level and will teach individuals how to make handmade, eco-friendly products, whilst providing opportunities to gain experience in operating a business and other skills necessary for employment.

Products from The Craft Academy will be from locally sourced, up-cycled fabric using simple techniques. This service will result in increased employment opportunities for participants of the programme. The Craft Academy mission would be to impart the necessary skills for the long-term unemployed to gain future employment or set up their own businesses, through developing confidence, creativity and capital. The Craft Academy is dedicated to supporting social change with an affinity for handmade and locally sourced products.

Tackling unemployment issues will be an integral part of this project. Whilst gaining invaluable work experience the participants will also undertake an employability course that will support them in looking for future employment. The project will be working with local employers with the aim of supporting the participants into work interviews with prospective employers. There will be the opportunity for local people to gain employment skills that they may not access elsewhere. It will bring about a positive change to people and the local community. The project will promote an increased sense of wellbeing, confidence and belonging in the community and will allow new skills such as communication and self-worth to be taught.

Sustainability

Due to Fencehouses YMCA's experience and extensive knowledge they aim to make this project last for many years after the initial funding has finished. Creating a sustainable project is a major goal for the YMCA. They will make sure that there is continuation of the project's goals, principles, and efforts to achieve desired outcomes. Ensuring sustainability means making sure that the goals of the project

continue to be met through activities that are consistent with the current conditions and workforce development needs of the area, including the needs of workers and industry.

To help support this project going forward a sustainability plan to assist in the overall development of the project will be developed. Measurable outcomes will be identified and performance will be tracked. The data collected during and after the life of the grant will be used to improve the project and services over time, as well as to communicate the project's successes.

To support the progress of the project it will seek local "Champions" to identify and develop and assist the organisation in gaining the recognition and resources needed to achieve short- and long-term goals.

Funding (April 2016 – March 2017)

Funding for refurbishment and remodelling of the building is being sought from other sources. A contribution of £19,000 SIB would allow the project to employ a worker (25 hours per week) who will develop and co-ordinate the TCA and its objectives and most importantly to make sure the project is sustainable. Equipment including craft materials, paint and tools will also be purchased from the budget.

Recommendation: Approve

Wellbeing Challenge Days

£14,406

Youth Focus North East (April 2016 – October 2017)

The project is a series of Wellbeing Challenge Projects (WCP) promoting awareness of emotional wellbeing and mental health with young people and local communities using the 5-A-Day for Wellbeing self-help tool to build resilience.

Wellbeing Challenge Days offer local people the opportunity to plan and develop an initiative, event activity or campaign in their local area to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing inspired by one of the 5-A-Day for Wellbeing themes (stay connected, physical activity, giving something back, keep learning and take notice).

Young volunteers from Change Ur Mind (North East Mental Health Youth Board) will lead the project, and will recruit, train and develop local intergenerational groups to lead and run community initiatives raising awareness and support locally for emotional wellbeing and mental health.

Each local intergenerational group will undertake a programme of team building and problem solving activities, building cohesion within the group. They will undertake an introduction to mental health and emotional wellbeing workshop and a series of planning meetings to develop a project idea. They will then "pitch" their idea to Change Ur Mind young volunteers and put their project idea into practice.

The project will work with local groups to engage younger and older clients they work with to form intergenerational steering groups, which could then exist beyond the project's duration and address needs within the local community.

The project will take place across the Coalfields areas, with one challenge taking place in each of the four wards. Each challenge will engage 12 volunteers and 50 participants.

For the last four years, Youth Focus: North East has been supporting young people to address issues around mental health and have discovered that having a mental health issues at a young age can be a very isolating experience. They have worked with young people who are going through these issues currently who tell them the things that make a difference to them are doing something positive, meeting new people, and knowing that although they have issues they can still be young people. Youth Focus: North East also has extensive experience of delivering intergenerational activities including tea dances, intergenerational challenge days, intergenerational residentials, intergenerational history projects, intergenerational films, and intergenerational sports days.

Recommendation: Approve

Coalfield Summer Celebration (Activity Programme)**£7,000****VCS Network**

Coalfield Summer Celebration will enable the local community to support delivery of the Coalfield Area Committee priorities via the VCS Network.

The programme will be delivered in two ways:

- 1 Organisations will be invited to submit proposals for funding to delivery activities or events which celebrate either 'The Queen's Birthday' or '2016 Olympics and Paralympics'.
Activities must support one or both of the following:
 - Encourage children, young people and families to take part in exercise and encourage healthy lifestyles
 - Provide social opportunities to encourage social interaction, especially for older people and vulnerable adults.
- 2 Events and activities for children and families will be arranged throughout the school summer holidays in each ward across the Coalfield area. VCS Network Representatives will set up a working group to identify locations and organise activities in each of the four wards which would provide the best results in terms of attendance and outcomes.

Recommendation: Approve

Social Isolation priority**£20,000**

Members of the People Board discussed the importance of this priority and wish to allocate £20,000 SIB to develop projects to reduce social isolation. The detail of projects and how they will be developed will be discussed at the April meeting of the Board. Discussions are being held with the CCG to explore opportunities for joint funding.

Recommendation: Approve

COMMUNITY CHEST 2015/2016 COALFIELD AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED December 2015 – February 2016

| Copt Hill Ward | Project | Balance at Dec 2015 | Project Approvals | Grants returned | Balance Remaining |
|------------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | St Aidans Luncheon Club - Cost of a Christmas outing and meal | | £450 | | |
| | Houghton Racecourse CA Bowls Club - Cost of a 2 mat handling unit and a laser printer | | £1,145 | | |
| | St Matthews Youth & Community Centre - Cost of fitting shelving in the Community Room for the Book Shop project | | £1,532.90 | | |
| | 1st Newbottle Brownies - Cost of a projector and screen for presentations | | £559.98 | | |
| | 1st Newbottle Rainbows - Cost of new equipment including a laptop and printer | | £766.37 | | |
| | Total | £10,426.50 | £4,454.25 | 0 | £5,972.25 |
| Hetton Ward | Project | Balance at Dec 2015 | Project Approvals | Grants returned | Balance Remaining |
| | Hetton Primary School - Contribution towards transport costs for a Christmas trip to the cinema | | £500 | | |
| | Hetton New Dawn Crisis Fund - Crisis fund for those using the food bank | | £500 | | |
| | SCC - Plinth - Contribution towards the cost of installing a plinth at Easington Lane for the Christmas tree | | £1,500 | | |
| | Union Street Methodist Church - Contribution towards costs of performance of Haydn's The Creation by Bishop Auckland's Choral Society on May 20 | | £400 | | |
| | Total | £3,439.25 | £2,900 | | £539.25 |
| Houghton Ward | Project | Balance at Dec 2015 | Project Approvals | Grants returned | Balance Remaining |
| | St John's Methodist Church Toddlers - Contribution towards a Christmas Party for the Mother & Toddler Group plus a trip to the pantomime | | £305 | | |
| | Groundwork NE - Cost of a marquee for a Christmas Fun Day at Elba Park | | £276 | | |
| | Dubmire Milan FC - Cost of new equipment for a children's football team | | £344.96 | | |
| | St John's Methodist Church - Cost of installing a ramp to comply with health & safety advice. | | £685 | | |
| | Total | £7,512.55 | £1,610.96 | | £5,901.60 |
| Shiney Row Ward | Project | Balance at Dec 2015 | Project Approvals | Grants returned | Balance Remaining |
| | Groundwork NE - Cost of a marquee for a Christmas Fun Day at Elba Park | | £276 | | |

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|-----------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| | Friends of West Herrington - Cost of seasonal plants | | £225 | | |
| | New Herrington St Aidans Team Sport - Cost of Level 1 & 2 coaching fees for volunteers | | £550 | | |
| | Total | £7,589.95 | £1,051 | | £6,538.95 |
| Overall Totals | | £28,968.25 | £10,016.21 | | £18,952.04 |

Current Planning Applications Between 01/01/2016 and 16/02/2016 (Coalfields)

| Reference | Address | Proposal | Date Valid | Target Date for Decision |
|--------------|---|--|------------|--------------------------|
| 15/02148/OUT | Land At Saint Aidans Terrace Houghton-le-Spring | Erection of single dwelling. | 11/01/2016 | 07/03/2016 |
| 15/02559/FUL | Plot 10 Spring Meadows Southern House Mill Terrace Rainton Bridge Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9NR | Erection of new dwelling. | 14/01/2016 | 10/03/2016 |
| 15/02054/FUL | Land To The Side Of Highfield Hotel 101 Durham Road East Rainton Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9QT | Erection of 4 no semi detached bungalows. | 21/01/2016 | 17/03/2016 |
| 16/00170/FUL | The Apostolic Church Brick Garth Easington Lane Houghton- le-Spring DH5 0LE | Erection of kitchen extension to side. | 04/02/2016 | 31/03/2016 |
| 16/00103/PE1 | 27 Melrose Gardens Newbottle Houghton-le- Spring DH4 4SG | Single storey extension to rear. | 28/01/2016 | 18/02/2016 |
| 16/00227/PE1 | 25 Moorsfield Houghton-le- Spring DH4 5PF | Garage to rear yard and new driveway | 11/02/2016 | 03/03/2016 |

| Reference | Address | Proposal | Date Valid | Target Date for Decision |
|--------------|--|--|------------|--------------------------|
| 16/00051/P13 | New Herrington Workmens Club Langley Street Houghton-le-Spring DH4 4LJ | Housing development and new sports and social club. | 20/01/2016 | 24/02/2016 |
| 16/00141/PE1 | 40 Cricklewood Drive Houghton-le-Spring DH4 7EA | Rear single storey extension to extend kitchen into rear garden | 22/01/2016 | 12/02/2016 |
| 16/00160/P20 | Land And Buildings To The South Of Surrey Street New Herrington DH4 7AA | To renew building with larger wood building to create a cattery business housing 10-20 cats. | 02/02/2016 | 23/02/2016 |
| 16/00221/PE1 | 11 Chigwell Close Houghton-le-Spring DH4 7EB | Erection of a car port to side of property | 05/02/2016 | 26/02/2016 |