

14th NOVEMBER 2011

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION: REVIEWING PROGRESS AND AGREEING NEXT STEPS

TACKLING CRIME

1.0 Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 The report provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) Work Plan, see annex 1, on behalf of the Crime Task and Finish Group.

2.0 Background

2.1 In May 2011, Area Committee identified the key crimes for East Sunderland area as: Speeding and dangerous driving; Burglary; Car crime; Criminal damage; Anti Social Behaviour (ASB); Most serious violent crime; Violent crime; Primary and secondary fire; Hate and victimisation.

2.2 The Committee aligned £74,599 against this priority and agreed to continue the joint meetings between Northumbria Police and East Sunderland elected members, renaming the group, 'Crime Task and Finish group'.

3.0 Crime Statistics: Northumbria Police

3.1 Local Neighbourhood Police Inspectors to provide an update on crime statistics and Operation X, which was funded from July 2011 to June 2012 to reduce key crimes by 2%, these include speeding and dangerous driving, burglary, car crime, criminal damage, ASB most serious violent crime, violent crime, hate and victimisation.

3.2 Operation X has performed well during its first quarter (July – September 2011) with a decrease in the majority of crimes in the East.

	Sunderland Central (City Centre, Millfield and St Michaels ward)	Sunderland East (Ryhope and Hendon)	Sunderland South (Doxford)
Burglary	11.9% decrease	3.3% decrease	6.5% decrease
Criminal Damage	27.9% decrease	20.3% decrease	10.4% decrease
Anti Social Behaviour	20.3% decrease	4.6% increase	49.1% decrease
Most Serious Violent Crime	12.2% decrease	22.6% decrease	8% decrease

4.0 Fire Statistics: Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

4.1 Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue to provide an update on fire statistics and on Championing the East project, which was funded from July 2011 to June 2013 to reduce secondary fires by 2%, engaging with 60 volunteering and 40 community groups.

Figures are from 16th August 2011 to date – 23rd October 2011 (previous year in brackets)

<u>Ward LI's</u>	Hendon	Millfield	St Michaels	Ryhope	Doxford	YTD Total	YTD %Change (compared to the previous year)
LI 16 Deliberate secondary fires (including derelict road vehicles and property)	37 (27)	26 (24)	3 (4)	9 (12)	11 (21)	266(354)	24.8% reduction
LI 14 Deliberate property fires	4 (1)	1 (0)	1 (2)	2 (1)	0 (0)	15 (28)	46.4% reduction
LI 15 Deliberate vehicle fires	4 (1)	2 (0)	0 (0)	0 (1)	0 (1)	19 (22)	13.6% reduction

4.2 **LI16 Number of secondary fires not involving property or road vehicles started deliberately**

Sunderland East Area recorded 86 deliberate Secondary fires – (16th August to 23rd October) compared to 88 over the same period last year – a slight reduction of 2.3%. However ASB Fires in Hendon have increased from 27 last year to 37 this. The largest reduction was in Doxford which fell from 21 ASB fires last year to 11 this year.

4.3 **LI14 Deliberate Property Fires**

Sunderland East Area recorded 8 deliberate property fires over this period. Four property fires occurred in Hendon Ward over this time period, (compared to 3 over the same period last year).

4.4 **LI15 Number of vehicle fires started deliberately**

Sunderland East Area recorded 6 deliberate vehicle fires, (compared to 3 over the same period last year). Four vehicle fires occurred in Hendon Ward over this time period.

5.0 Recommendation

Committee is requested to:

Note the update provided by Northumbria Police and Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue.

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14th NOVEMBER 2011**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, HOUSING AND ADULT SERVICES****COMMUNITY ACTION: REVIEWING PROGRESS AND AGREEING NEXT STEPS****SELECTIVE LICENSING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT****1.0 Why has it come to Committee?**

- 1.1 The report provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) Work Plan, under the priority 'Cleaner and Greener Streets', action 6, see annex 1.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Since selective licensing was launched in July 2010, it has been a requirement for all landlords who have private rented property in Middle Hendon and the 'Long Streets' to apply for a licence and demonstrate they are 'fit and proper' to hold the licence. Once granted, the licence has conditions relating to property management, vetting of tenants and property maintenance and it is these conditions that a licence holder must adhere to or face possible prosecution or ultimately the licence could be revoked.
- 2.2 Selective Licensing is an important part of the wider Neighbourhood Management approach to improving services for the people of Hendon. This is a 5 year partnership between the council and Back on the Map.

3.0 Progress

- 3.1 The following information provides the key outputs from July 2010 which this report will then explore in further detail:

Number of applications	576
Number of licences issued	384
Number of property inspections	660
Number of improved properties	151
Number of empty properties brought back to use	111
Number of vettings carried out for potential tenants	113

3.2 Applications

It was originally thought that there were approximately 550 potentially licensable properties. It is now confirmed that the private rented sector in Hendon is much larger with around 670 properties rented out and requiring a licence. This initial underestimate is due to several factors including empty properties being returned to use which are now required to be licensed and the housing benefit data which is now available to the Neighbourhood Management Team updated on a monthly basis. This allows the team to accurately track properties which go in and out of occupation. Since May 2011 all of the owners of properties where there has been no application or licence granted have been contacted by letter and given a final deadline to make applications before formal proceedings are taken. This time period has now expired and owners will now be requested to attend an Interview under Caution in order to start producing a prosecution file. This will undoubtedly result in applications being made when owners realise that they cannot continue to disregard the

licensing requirement. The number of properties left where the council will have to prosecute the owner for failure to obtain a licence will reduce in the forthcoming weeks. Over the last 4 months there have been applications received for 91 properties.

3.3 Licences issued

The team are continuing to process the applications and make decisions on the licence application to grant or refuse the licence. To date licences have been granted to 127 licence holders covering 384 properties, leaving a further 192 applications requiring a decision which will be processed over the next few months. Once a licence is granted, there are conditions that a licence holder must comply with and compliance with these conditions will be monitored throughout the term of the licence. These conditions relate to the management of the property, health and safety, reference checking and tackling anti social behaviour. Once the majority of the licences have been granted, the Scheme will change its emphasis from seeking applications and granting licences to monitoring and enforcement when breaches of condition have occurred. This is how the Scheme will aim to drive up standards in the private rented sector and make tangible improvements across the whole community.

3.4 Property inspections and improvements

Selective Licensing is focused on raising standards in the management of the private rented sector and is not specifically focused on improving property conditions although the two are intrinsically linked. Notwithstanding this all of the private rented sector will be inspected during the 5 year Scheme and schedules of works issued where a property falls short of the minimum standard. To date 660 dwellings have been inspected with re-inspections and contact with owners resulting in 151 properties improved by the owner through compliance with schedules of works. The majority of this programme has been through informal contact and negotiation which has negated the need to serve notice allowing such good results during year one of the Scheme. However there have been occasions where formal action and the service of notice have been necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of tenants living in the area.

3.5 Empty Properties

The following table shows how the number of long term (over 6 months) empty properties has changed since July 2010 and demonstrates that since the introduction of licensing the number of empty properties has decreased within the Licensing Area.

	Jul-10	Jan-11	Jun-11	Sep-11	Difference since S/L
Selective Licensing Area	132	142	130	117	-15
Long Streets	34	42	34	31	-3
Middle Hendon	98	100	96	86	-12

Note:- In 3.1 above there have been 111 premises brought back into use across the whole of the Back On The Map, NDC Area (91 within the Licensing Area) . The table above indicates that overall there are 15 less long term empty properties in the Selective Licensing Area than at the start of the project.

3.6 Vetting of tenants

One of the conditions attached to a licence once granted is the requirement that a licence holder must adequately reference check all potential tenants in order to make an informed decision before granting a tenancy in the Licensing Area. The licence holder must provide evidence upon request to the council how such a reference check was carried out. One of the main benefits to landlords through becoming accredited through the council's voluntary accreditation scheme is access to the vetting scheme which focuses on anti social behaviour and criminal activity. All vettings are carried out by the Anti Social Behaviour Officer who is based at Vilette Road. It is worth noting that the council cannot force licence holders to utilise the council's vetting scheme but the Scheme is positively promoted to all landlords as a way of satisfying the licence condition. The number of vettings being carried out in the Licensing area has been steadily increasing. In total 113 vettings have been carried out – 51 were suitable, 26 unsuitable, 26 insufficient information and 10 no further action (cases where the vetting did not go ahead either due to landlord or tenant withdrawing application).

3.7 Anti-social Behaviour Requests for Service

Since the Scheme started in July 2010 there have been 113 requests for service to deal with anti-social behaviour in the Hendon area of which 70 cases have been resolved and 43 are being actively pursued.

There is a dedicated Anti-social Behaviour Officer working on the project, who is working closely with partners such as the police, the community and Gentoo to tackle all cases of anti-social behaviour and work proactively in the community. Examples of proactive work include joint patrols with the police, walkabouts with the community and partners and attending PACT meetings.

4.0 Next Steps

4.1 Neighbourhood Plans

The Neighbourhood Action Plans continue to be developed with Back on the Map taking a lead in the coordination of the plans with input by all partners and agencies. In order to pilot this approach it was felt to select two of the four areas to develop plans for the 2011/12 and concentrate on these initially as part of the overall Neighbourhood Management approach to the project under the themes of Environment, Housing, Community Safety and Community Involvement. The two pilot areas are Middle Hendon and the East End. It is intended that once these action plans are drafted then effective community consultation will be organised in order to ensure the action plans fully reflect what is needed by the community.

4.2 Prosecutions for failure to licence

The Neighbourhood Manager is currently preparing the first batch of prosecutions for the offence of failure to licence which carries a maximum fine of £20,000 on summary conviction. Files on 6 landlords which in total own 29 properties are currently being prepared. Each property if taken to its conclusion in court could be subject to the maximum fine penalty.

4.3 Landlord training

Two training events for licence holders were held in August to reinforce the requirements of the licence conditions and the importance of compliance throughout the term of the licence. The training was well received by the licence holders and further sessions will be organised in the next couple of months.

5.0 Recommendations

Committee is requested to:

Note the excellent progress being made by the Neighbourhood Management Team resulting in all targets being exceeded in the first year of the Scheme and to agree to receive further progress reports during the course of the project.

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COASTAL PATH

1.0 Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 The report provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) Work Plan, see annex 1, on behalf of the Coastal Task and Finish Group.

2.0 Background

2.1 Marine Coastal Access Act will ensure, that by no later than 2015, a pedestrian coastal path will run from Seaton Carew to South Bents, into Ryhope and onto Hendon and Roker. Under the MACA Natural England is the lead with statutory implementation duties. To do so, Natural England is working in partnership with Durham, Hartlepool, Sunderland Councils and Durham Heritage Partnership Coast.

2.2 There is no budget allocated against this priority. The Committee have established a Task and Finish Group. The purpose of the Group is to consider how 'we' can connect the path to the community and vice versa.

3.0 Progress

3.1 Since the last meeting, a ground survey has been carried out with land owners to identify the route and associated boundaries. Members of the Task and Finish Group walked a section of the route from Hendon Grange to the City Centre. Progress updates are:

- Produced and shared the draft mapped route of the English Coast Path with the Sunderland East VCS Area Network.
- Improvements to the river corridor: Agreed to arrange a site visit to identify options and costs for improvements to be made in area. Propose a budget to work within. Option report to come back to next task and finish group.
- Bring suggestions forward for exploring 'better than basic' signage through Ryhope and Hendon, including added value/connections to heritage sites, services, transport, etc.
- Update was received from Durham Heritage Partnership regarding their bid due to be submitted to the Heritage Lottery. The bid will be submitted in December 2011, with an outcome of the decision being known in Easter 2012. It includes: physical improvements to develop access points from the community onto the beach/path; develop the path into a multi user path (walkers, horse riders, cyclists); includes revenue costs for two Rangers who will provide guided walks, working with local schools, groups and the community to promote the coast, history and wildlife interests.

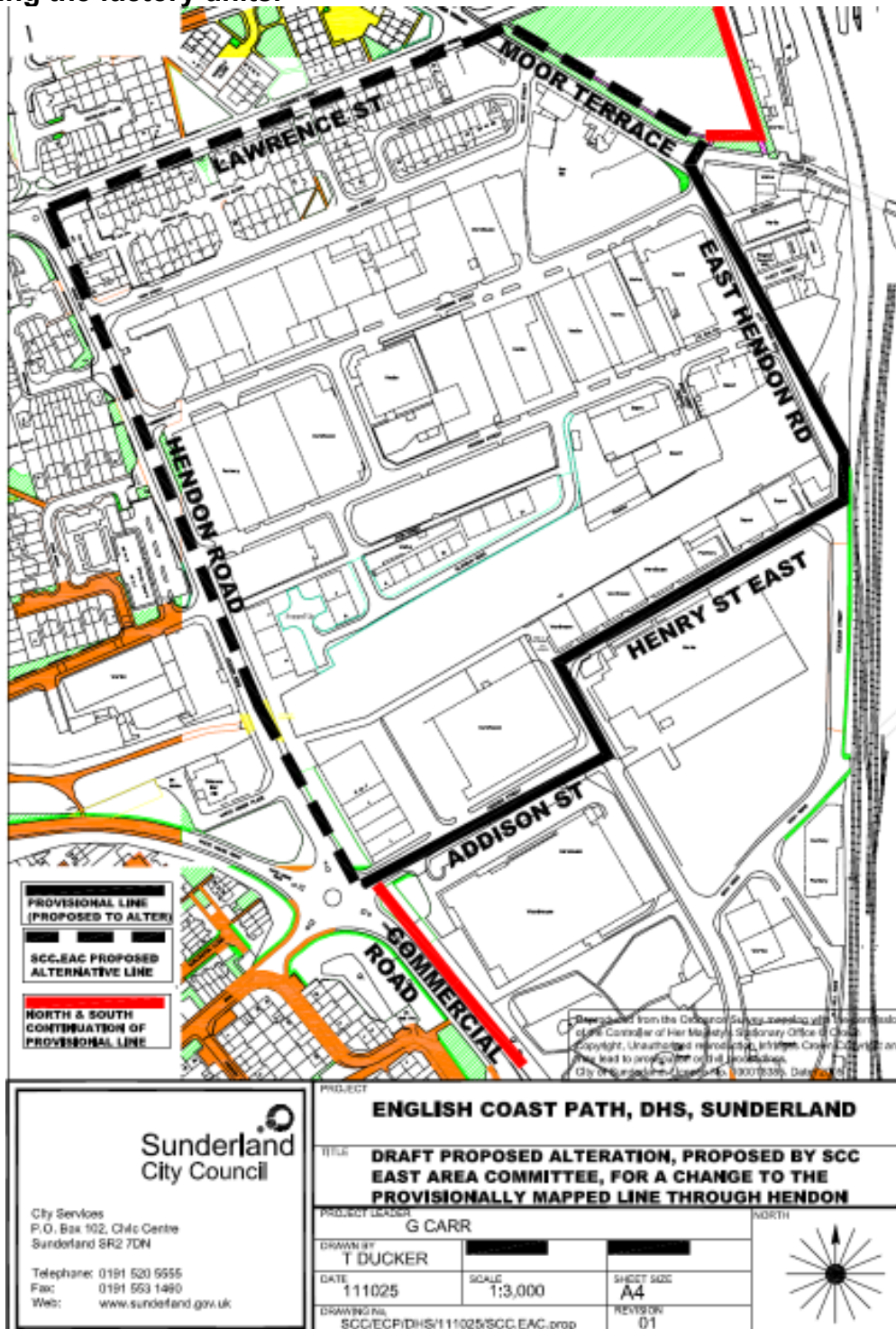
4.0 Discuss proposed modifications to coastal path

4.1 Members of Area Committee expressed concerns at the last meeting on the draft mapped route of the coastal path, in the Hendon area, specifically the route that would take visitors

through commercial properties (Stanfield Business Park). Concerns related to heavy vehicles using the road to transport goods to and from the factory units and the perception that crime is an issue in the area. It was agreed that the Task and Finish Group would discuss alternative routes and recommend modifications to the route.

4.2 The Task and Finish Group discussed different routes and the recommended modification for Committee to consider is shown below:

‘To continue along Commercial Road, onto Hendon Road, turn right at the roundabout down into Lawrence Street, bringing you out at The Orphanage, Moor Terrace, avoiding the factory units.’



4.3 It was agreed that the group would consult members of Sunderland East VCS Area Network, Northumbria Police and City Services, Streetscene on the proposed ‘new’ route.

This information would then help inform the positive reasons behind the proposed modification route.

- 4.4 If Area Committee agreed to the proposed modification outlined under section 4.2. a letter would be sent on behalf of the Committee to Natural England outlining the proposed changes, with reasons.

5.0 Recommendations

Committee is requested to:

- i. Note the updates for the Coastal Path priority.
- ii. Agree the proposed modification to the draft mapped route, as outlined under section 4.2, and ask the Lead Agent to write on behalf of Committee to Natural England outlining the reasons behind the changes and the proposed 'new' route.

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REPORT OF THE CITY SERVICES

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EMPLOYMENT, ENTERPRISE AND WELFARE RIGHTS

1.0 Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 The report provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) Work Plan, see annex 1.

2.0 Background

2.1 In May 2011, Area Committee identified that the demand for welfare rights advice has continued to rise and is projected to rise further due to the impact of ongoing welfare reform and personal debt levels. The Committee had agreed to continue with the 'employment and enterprise' priority, therefore it proposed to merge increasing access to welfare advice with this priority.

2.2 The Committee aligned £125,000 against this priority and since have commissioned two organisations, Sustainable Enterprise Strategies (SES) and Sunderland North Community Business Centre (SNCBC) to deliver two projects, Working with Families and delivering employability support to individuals not eligible for support under mainstream provision via the Work Programme.

2.3 Therefore it is suggested that rather than forming a task and finish group Committee would embark on a short programme of updates and discussions over the next year which will allow Committee members to receive information and influence developments at key points within the service improvement activity. In addition, performance reports will be presented from the two commissioned projects in November 2011 and April 2012, being delivered on behalf of Area Committee, which will increase opportunities to employment, enterprise and welfare advice. The performance reports are shown below:

Green: Target reached Amber: under 10% difference Red: over 10% difference

Employment Support for people 'not in receipt of benefits' SES	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of community or education events held	0	1	G	£2,368	£2,335	A
No. of people going into employment FTE	6	7	G			
No. of businesses established or current businesses supported	0	7	G			
No. of people accessing improved advice and support	40	12	R			
Revenue funding was awarded to provide Employment, Enterprise and In-work Money Advice support to residents of the East Area who are unemployed and not in receipt of benefits but who would be better off in work or enterprise. This will include all aspects of: Business start-up advice						

and business planning, employment information, advice and guidance including all aspects of job search, job applications and interview techniques and in-work benefit and money advice.

SES has been working with Fiscus and Sunderland North Community Business Centre to develop common reporting systems on a timely basis. Regular meeting between partners have been scheduled to monitor and evaluate the project. 7 business starts have been achieved to date.

The output shown in red is due to new monitoring systems being introduced bringing along technical difficulties when gathering information on performance. This has resulted in the output showing well below the target. However, the Lead Agent has provided re-assurances that the target will be reach in quarter 3.

Sunderland North Community Business Centre: Working with Families	Output Target	Output Actual	RAG	Spend Target	Spend Actual	RAG
No. of jobs safeguarded	0	0	G	0	0	G
No. of people accessing improved advice and support	0	0	G			

Revenue funding was awarded to provide a Family Initiative (FI). The project will provide a 'whole family' approach progressing from unemployment and benefit dependency towards work or self employment. It is modelled on the Family Employment Initiative that S.N.C.B.C. has delivered successfully in the Coalfields area of Sunderland since 2008.

The Project has commenced initial engagement activities to enable recruitment for the revised start date of the Project as 01.10.11. The Project commencement date was revised to avoid duplication with alternative worklessness programmes that are operating in the East Area to 30th September, 2011. As a result the milestone achievements have been re-profiled however the Project Implementation Plan has been documented which has included the documentation of the Job Description, development meetings and discussions have taken place to enable the introduction of Hanlon for the SIB project, partner planning meetings have commenced and dates have been timetabled across the next year.

SNCVC have been working closely with Sunderland Council to develop an agreed referral pathway into this worklessness support service for families who are receiving support through the Common Assessment Framework, Family Intervention Programmes and through the locality Child Poverty work and whose next progression step would be to gain skills relevant to looking for work and seeking employment.

3.0 Recommendation

Committee is request to:

- i. Note the performance reports delivered by SES and SNCBC.

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REPORT OF THE NEXUS AND EAST VCS AREA NETWORK

COMMUNITY ACTION: REVIEWING PROGRESS AND AGREEING NEXT STEPS

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

1.0 Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 The report provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) Work Plan, see annex 1.

2.0 Background

2.1 Committee are aware that Nexus are working with Sunderland City Council's on the Accessible Bus Network Design Project. It was agreed that Nexus become a member of Area Committee and the Committee would establish a structure in which local residents and Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups can feed concerns about public transport through to Sunderland East Area Committee.

2.2 The Committee aligned and has allocated £500 against this priority. The Committee have established a Task and Finish Group, with support from Nexus and East VCS Area Network. The purpose of the Group is to complete a mapping exercise of the area, identifying main bus routes, services and buildings, what the issues are and solutions, considering times, fees and target audiences and present a report to Committee with options on a way forward.

3.0 Current Position

3.1 Since the pilot consultation event was held at Ryhope Community Centre, four further events have taken place as detailed below.

30 th September 2011	St Michael's Ward – Grangetown Community Association
5 th October 2011	Hendon Ward – Hendon Young Peoples Project
12 th October 2011	Millfield Ward – St Mary Magdalen Church
17 th October 2011	Doxford Ward – Doxford Park Community Association

The findings of these meetings are detailed on the following page. These meetings were advertised using the following streams:

- Sunderland East VCS Area Network – promotion within network and VCS meetings
- Sunderland East Area Forum meetings
- Exposure to Sunderland Echo, Sun FM, Spark FM
- Sunderland City Council twitter feed
- Prominent bus stops in each ward area (at least 10 in each ward area).
- Millfield and University Metro stations for Millfield ward

3.2 Data Capture / Public Meeting arrangements

Meetings were chaired by the Sunderland East VCS Area Network Chair and Co-Chair, with the Sunderland City Council Area Officer and Area Community Co-ordinator for the Sunderland East being in attendance along with the Network Planning Manager and Community Relations Officer.

The consultation form used as part of the process is available as an annex to this report. In addition a ward-level map was produced for each meeting for those taking part to highlight where they lived. The meetings held in each ward area set out to gather information of where people lived in relation to existing bus routes, the bus services they mainly used and the top five locations in which they travelled to. There was also provision to capture general comments outside of the mapping exercise which was well received.

From the data below, it was found that:

- a) the majority of people taking part in the consultation were regular users of public transport, i.e. 3-4 times per week or daily
- b) primarily issues were found in the Hendon ward (evening / Sunday services serving the Docks / Commercial Rd area) and in the Ryhope wards (service 38 route changes)
- c) the majority of people taking part in the consultation were over the age of 65 and travelled for leisure purposes.

Ward Area	Completed Consultations	Frequency of travel using public transport	Reason for Travel	Age
Ryhope ***	33	Mainly 3-4 times per week or daily	Mainly Leisure	Mainly Over 65
St Michaels	3	Rarely 33% 3-4 times per week 66%	Leisure 100%	Over 65 33% 45-65 66%
Hendon	27	Rarely 10% < 2 per week 5% 3-4 times per week 28% Daily 57%	Work 5% Leisure 62% Both 33%	18-30 3% 30-45 3% 45-65 41% Over 65 53%
Millfield	0			
Doxford	6	3-4 times per week 33% Daily 66%	Leisure 100%	45-65 17% Over 65 83%

*** Trial consultation – format of questionnaire differs to other wards, some information not originally requested but above data based upon conversations with attendees.

3.2 Data Capture / Public Meeting arrangements, continued

Ward Area	Locations most visited	Services used most	General comments received	Options / Solutions
Ryhope ***	Ryhope St South / Black Road Silksworth Morrison / Doxford Shops Asda, Leechmere Tunstall Bank Estate	38 42	1.Re-route service 38 to serve Ryhope St South / Black Road as this section was withdrawn in October 2008 2.Restore service 37 and service 38 re-establishing a link from Tunstall – Houghton - Washington	1 Petition for service 38 re-routing to be presented to ITA in November 2011. 2. In October 2008 Go North East took the commercial decision to significantly changed service 38 to operate as two services numbered 37 and 38 with significant route extensions from Ryhope to Washington and to Houghton le Spring. In June 2010 Go North East reversed this decision and restored service back to a single 38 service operating from Sunderland City Centre to Tunstall Bank Estate only (with the withdrawal of previous route extensions to Washington and Houghton). These were commercial decisions taken by Go North East and as such Nexus had no control over the decisions to extend then withdraw the extensions to Service 38. Nexus cannot easily replace these lost links. At present the budget for Nexus funded services is fully committed to maintaining current levels of service (including evening and Sunday journeys on Service 38). Secondly this is a significant extension to the route of Service 38 and there are sections of the extension route over which the need to travel is already being met by commercial services (e.g. service 35) and services Nexus already fund (e.g. services 37 and 79).
St Michaels	Royal Hospital / GP	50%	38 50%	1.Commercial service 18/19 1. Three additional buses would be

	<p>City Centre 38%</p> <p>Asda, Leechmere 12%</p>	<p>10/11 17%</p> <p>18/19 17%</p> <p>35 16%</p>	<p>does not run Eve/Sun</p> <p>2.Leechmere Rd / Greystoke Ave direct link to Grangetown does not exist</p> <p>3. Redress the balance between over 60 free travel and subsidy for 16-19yr olds.</p>	<p>required for the evening and Sunday service to be reinstated following withdrawal in 2002.</p> <p>2. Following commercial changes to Service 18/19 some while ago this direct link was lost.</p> <p>1+2 Nexus budget for secured bus services is fully committed maintaining existing services with no budget available to reinstate service 18/19 funded by Nexus.</p> <p>3. Free travel for the elderly is a national scheme and Nexus are legally required to abide by the concessions set out for that scheme.</p>
Hendon	<p>City Centre 25%</p> <p>Asda, Leechmere 25%</p> <p>Seaburn & Morrisons 15%</p> <p>Grindon walk-in centre 10%</p> <p>Royal Hospital 8%</p> <p>Grangetown shops 8%</p> <p>Other 19%</p> <p>(Pallion, Docks, Washington)</p>	<p>18/19 38%</p> <p>5 37%</p> <p>10/11 18%</p> <p>42 4%</p> <p>39 3%</p>	<p>1.Commercial service 18/19 does not run Eve/Sun</p> <p>2.Commercial service 5 (with Nexus funding for Docks operations) is infrequent for public demand</p> <p>3.Reliability issues with service 5</p> <p>4.No direct link from Docks area to Southmoor and Thornhill schools</p>	<p>1. Three additional buses would be required for the evening and Sunday service to be reinstated following withdrawal in 2002.</p> <p>2. All journeys on service 5/5A are subsidised by Nexus.</p> <p>1+2 Nexus budget for secured bus services is fully committed maintaining existing services with no budget available to reinstate service 18/19 or increase the frequency of 5/5A funded by Nexus. Discussions will be held with Stagecoach seeking to get a service to Hendon Road.</p> <p>3. As a service subsidised by Nexus discussions will be held with Stagecoach on this issue.</p> <p>4. Nexus budget for secured bus services (including school buses) is fully committed maintaining existing services with no budget available to introduce</p>

				new scholars services.
Millfield				
Doxford	Hospital 30% City Centre 26% Morrisons / Doxford Shops 26% Other 18% (Silksworth, Farringdon and S/Shields)	13 4 5 35 39 37	40% 14% 13% 13% 13% 7%	1. Terminus point of service 13 means 10 minute wait until it continues to next stop. 1. Nexus have raised issue with Stagecoach, operator for service 13. Change was made two years ago in respect of complaints from original terminus. Service now uses designated bus bay to terminate rather than normal stop.

*** Trial consultation – format of questionnaire differs to other wards, some information not originally requested.

Map depicting level of residents taking part - Ryhope ward

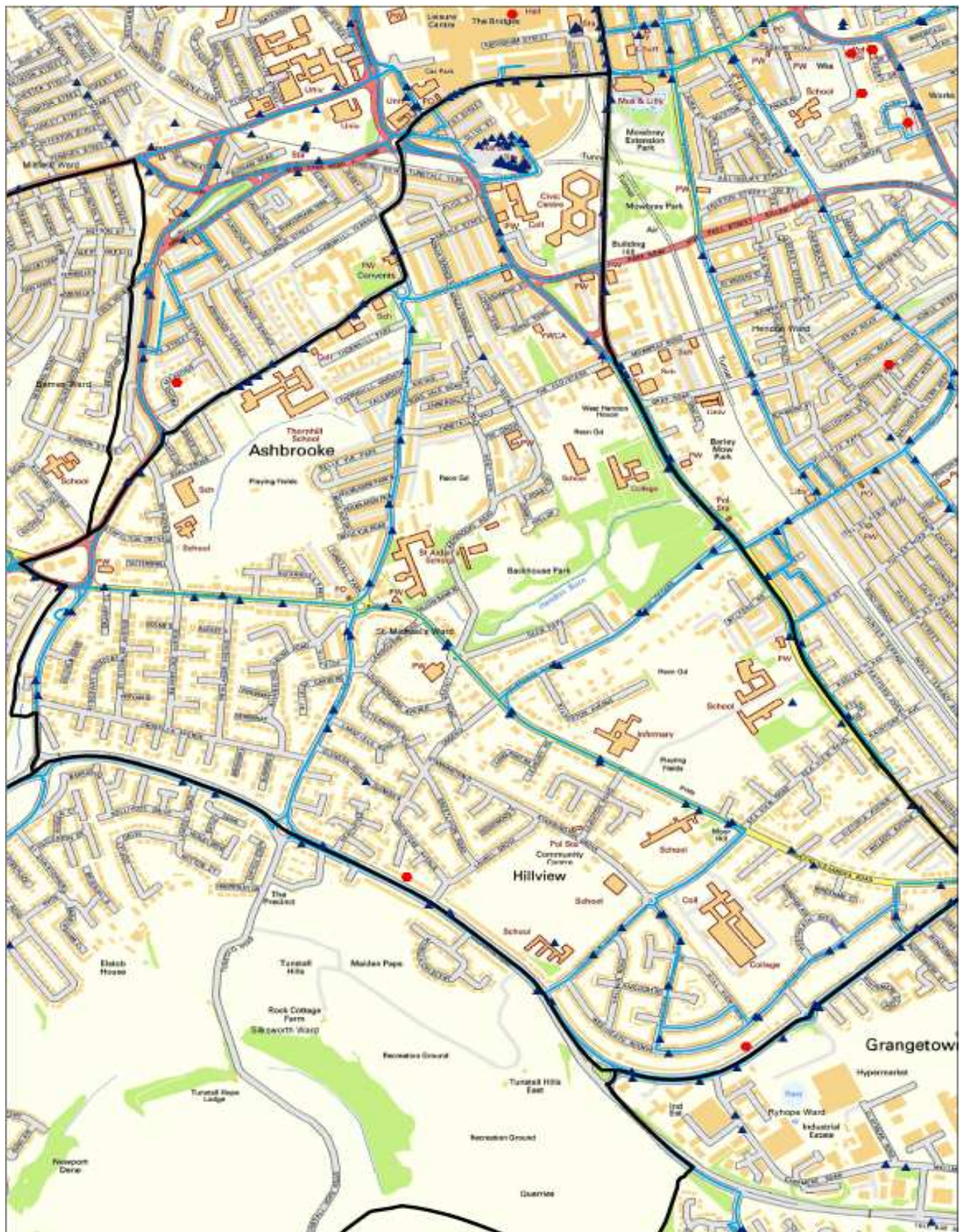


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● Resident input
▲ Bus Stop

— Bus route
— Ward boundary

Map depicting level of residents taking part - St Michaels ward



LEGEND

- Resident input
- ▲ Bus Stop

- Bus route
- Ward boundary

Map depicting level of residents taking part – Hendon ward



LEGEND

- Resident input
- ▲ Bus Stop

- Bus route
- Ward boundary

Map depicting level of residents taking part – Doxford Park ward



LEGEND

- Resident input
- ▲ Bus Stop

- Bus route
- Ward boundary

3.0 Current Position, continued

3.3 Information, Advice and Guidance Support

Further to the consultation and mapping exercise undertaken, the 2011/12 workplan also details the need for a connection between advice centres and Nexus to promote information and products. This has been established through Job Linkage / Sunderland North Community Business Centres and the Community Link Shop in Hendon. There are already important links created by the Nexus Community Relations Officer with the employment agencies and VCS Network city-wide.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 Committee is requested to:

- i) Note the content of the report
- ii) Consider and provide feedback on the figures and information provided
- iii) Discuss and agree preferred options/solutions, as detailed in 3.2
- iv) Offer where appropriate to nominate any organisations that may have specific needs outside the scope of this consultation which may benefit from developing further relationships with Nexus
- v) Agree to review the findings after one year

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Annex 2: Nexus Consultation Form

Background papers

- Nexus Bus Strategy, March 2009
<http://www.nexus.org.uk/busstrategy>
- Local Bus Links Consultation, March – August 2010
<http://apps.nexus.org.uk/busstrategy/lmapDistrictDetails.aspx?action=showDistrict&value=sunderland>
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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION: REVIEWING PROGRESS AND AGREEING NEXT STEPS

YOUTH AND TEENAGERS

1.0 Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 The report provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) Work Plan, see annex 1.

2.0 Background

2.1 The Committee agreed to continue with the Task and Finish Group from 2010 into 2011/12 and aligned and combined £50,000 of SIB with £25,000 from Children Services Area budget and called for projects to deliver activities during school holidays and establish junior youth clubs.

2.2 The Task and Finish Group will discuss and consider the issues and actions outlined in the work plan and provide Committee with relevant updates, and where necessary make recommendations or provide options for consideration against the following key issues: Focus on delivering positive activities in the East, particularly, activities during school holidays and establishing Junior Youth Clubs; Deliver joint surgeries between elected members and young people; Opening up school facilities to the wider communities on an evening and weekend; Support and share good practices funded by the authority to encourage continuous service improvements; Raise awareness of the City Council's Life Card scheme; Plan and consider the outcomes of ongoing national and local reviews of working with children and young people with disabilities (Aiming High); Publicise services across Sunderland East available to young people, families, carers and professionals; Pupil Premium and Free School Meals; Evaluate the impact of recent changes regarding young people Not In Education, Employment or Training (NEET) and other issues which may be brought to the attention of Committee.

2.3 The Deputy Executive Director of Children Services will provide an update on school facilities being opened up to the wider community, followed by the Head of Safeguarding providing Committee with an update on planning and considering the outcomes of the ongoing national and local reviews of working with children and young people with disabilities, ending with performance updates from the Lead Agents on the commissioned work delivered under this priority.

3.0 Progress Update: Action 4: Opening up school facilities to the wider community

3.1 Schools and governors manage their own school facilities and have a standardised Lettings Policy. The standard policy provides information on the schools charges (room hire, lighting, heating, staffing, etc), safeguarding, insurances, etc. Currently schools in the East area 'let' facilities to provide structured and co-ordinated provision, for example, local karate club.

3.2 In opening up school facilities beyond the school day, governors need to give consideration to:

- Safeguarding: it is their responsibility to ensure that any provider delivering activities has robust safeguarding and safer recruitment policies and procedures in place.
- Public liability: to ensure that this is not the responsibility of the Governing Body, all schools must have Transfer of Control agreements in place with external providers delivering from the site and must ensure that there is adequate risk management for any activity delivered by the school.
- Finance: there should be a charging policy in place with external providers to ensure that the school budget does not subsidise community access. However schools may choose to use their budget to deliver out of school activities for the benefit of their own pupils as this supports attainment and achievement.

3.3 The most common reasons for schools not opening up facilities beyond 5.00 pm and at weekends are:

- There was adequate provision for the community, including young people in the local area which was run by groups in the voluntary and community sector.
- The cost of employing site management staff to cover the extended hours and conditions of employment for site management staff.
- Site security.

3.4 As a way forward the Task and Finish Group are recommending that a general meeting is held with Headteachers from Primary and Secondary schools across the East to:

1. Find out what facilities schools have, for example, recording studios, swimming pools, etc.
2. Highlight the advantages of opening up facilities on an evening and weekend, providing case studies.
3. Discuss ways extended school arrangements can work collaboratively to deliver planned activities for members of the community.

4.0 Progress Update: Action 7: Working with children and young people with disabilities (Aiming High)

4.1 The Aiming High for Disabled Children Programme (AHDC) came to an end on 31st March 2011. This was a high profile Government initiative in which Sunderland played a national role as a short break Pathfinder and Change Champion. During the three year programme £2.23m revenue funding and £410,000 capital funding was available and enabled significant progress to be achieved.

4.2 A Statutory Short Break Duty came into force from April 2011, which made it a requirement for Local Authorities to provide short breaks for disabled children and to publish a short break statement, see Annex 3. The intention of this new duty is to embed the progress achieved through AHDC in core funding beyond 2011. The Aiming High grant was replaced with the Early Intervention Grant, and in Sunderland £480,000 was allocated to Services for Disabled Children to continue to provide short breaks. This funding has been used to provide families with individual packages of care through Direct Payments, and to extend the contracts with external short break providers to continue to run clubs after school, at the weekend and in the holidays. These contracts have been extended until 31st March 2013, and will provide up to 35,663 hours of group based short breaks per year. In 2010-11, 27,256 hours of group based short breaks were provided.

4.3 Sunderland Council is required, from 1 October 2011, to place a statement on the council website explaining how short breaks will be provided for disabled children. The

Short Breaks Statement is published on the Sunderland City Council website. It will be reviewed annually in consultation with partners.

5.0 Progress Update: Activities during school holidays and establishing junior youth clubs

- 5.1 Sunderland East Area Committee's work plan includes an action in relation to delivering positive activities during school holidays and establishing Junior Youth Clubs in each of the five wards.
- 5.2 It was agreed that Area Committee would receive a performance report on the four commissioned projects being delivered on behalf of Area Committee, which will provide options for children and young people and improve local access to information, advice and guidance. The performance reports are shown below:

Green: Target reached Amber: under 10% difference Red: over 10% difference

E-Clusive Hendon Youth Initiative	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of community or educational events held	1	1	G	£3,500	nil	R
No. of young people engaged and participating in youth provision	75	93	G			
No. of new youth play services provided	2	2	G			
No. of jobs safeguarded	6	6	G			
No. of people employed in voluntary work	2	2	G			

Revenue funding was awarded with the main aim of providing intervention strategies to engage young people aged 8-19yrs in order to reduce the risk of them participating in anti-social behaviour. The list of activities on offer will include both formal and informal indoor sports like archery, pool, tablet-tennis, wii fit plus, outdoor sports and activities like football coaching basketball coaching, Netball coaching. It will also deliver a range of activities like Expressive arts, music, leadership training, cultural games, relationship building, health related training and volunteering opportunities. Young people will also be given the opportunity of gaining qualifications by working towards a number of accredited and non-accredited courses.

The project has carried out a successful summer holidays programme, with 93 new young people from the Hendon and St. Michael's wards taking part and 7 young people attending four or more sessions. The term time programme has had 18 young people participate from Hendon ward and 2 young people participate from St. Michael's ward. The outcomes from the activities have enabled young people to experience new environments, maintain old friendships and create new friendships with other young people. The programme also encourages the development of personal and social skills with the support of the youth workers.

The funds have not yet been claimed by the project for the work they have completed, that is why the progress indicator is shown as red.

St. Mark's Activity Zone St. Mark's Community Association	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of young people engaged and participating in youth provision	39	48	G	£1,986	£1,986	G
No. of new youth play services provided	12	17	G			
<p>Revenue funding was awarded to offer a new initiative and create a new provision a holiday programme throughout the year for 5-13 yr olds in Millfield and the surrounding areas in the East of Sunderland. The main purpose of the project is to provide an enjoyable and safe environment where children can meet during school holidays to participate in healthy physical and sociable activities.</p> <p>The first phase of the project which took place over the summer holidays was completed successfully. 17 sessions were held over the six week holiday period, all of which were attended by 20 young people or more. The project offered a range of activities including sports, computing, dance and music. The project has exceeded its targets and is confident it can continue to do so throughout the lifetime of the project.</p>						

Positive Activities Programme: Doxford The Box Youth Project	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of people engaged in sport activities	30	32	G	£1,625	£1,625	G
No. of new youth play services provided	1	1	G			
No. of people employed in voluntary work	1	3	G			
No. of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary activities	60	67	G			
<p>Revenue funding was awarded to increase the number of children and young people accessing positive activities in the Doxford Ward. The project will organise and deliver a weekly junior youth club (Friday evening) for 8-12 year olds and activities during the school holidays (2 days/wk) for 8-18 year olds. Children and young people will also have access to support and information spanning a range of issues, for example, accessing other activities within the locality, accessing training/employment opportunities, health issues etc.</p> <p>The Box Youth Project has successfully recruited staff and established a new Friday evening Kids Club which runs from 4.30-6.30pm each week, targeted at young people aged 8-12. The club is advertised via local primary schools and local press. The project has successfully recruited three adult volunteers and are currently in the process of inducting four more volunteers. Young people have actively engaged in the youth project and have participated in arts and crafts, team building skills, problem solving, ICT, music, console games and sporting activities such as football and street hockey.</p>						

Positive Activities Programme: Ryhope Blue Watch Youth Centre	Output Target	Output Actual	Progress Indicator	Spend Target	Spend Actual	Progress Indicator
No. of people engaged in sport activity	52	53	G	£1,625	£1,645	G
No. of new youth play services provided	1	1	G			
No. of people employed in voluntary work	2	2	G			
No. of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary activities	77	81	G			

Revenue funding was awarded to increase the number of children and young people accessing positive activities in the Ryhope & St Michaels Wards. The project will address the identified gaps in current youth and play work provision by organising and delivering a weekly junior youth club session for 8-12 year olds at Bluewatch Youth Centre (Ryhope Ward), weekly activity sessions for 8-12 year olds at community venues (St Michaels Ward) and a school holiday activity programme (12 weeks of the year) for 8-19 year olds.

The positive activities programme has delivered junior youth club sessions during term time commencing July 2011. The sessions are predominantly for children aged 8 to 11 years of age. The project has also delivered school holiday activity programmes at a variety of venues with a particular focus on promoting the many positive and attractive facilities Sunderland has to offer. The overall programme has increased the number of children and young people accessing positive activities in Ryhope in response to priorities identified by Sunderland East Area Committee.

The project has delivered quality activities to children and young people that are accessible affordable and take place in a safe and nurturing environment. In evaluation from participants they have indicated that if these activities were not in place some of them would be more likely to be congregating on the streets or other locations without supervision or structured guidance.

The holiday activity programme has had the added benefit of enabling 6 young people to achieve a national accredited award and 2 young people to volunteer within the sessions. The project is currently benefitting from young people aged 16 and over who are regarded as positive role models within the community, volunteering and supporting younger children from the area to commence their engagement in structured activities and programmes as a positive alternative to existing lifestyles of some other young people in the area.

An innovative element of the programme has been the approach to include children and young people in centre based activities giving them a sense of belonging and then having the facilities to take them out during the session to venues such as bowling.

As part of the summer activity programme young people participated in the Great North Bike Ride which is 50 miles from Seahouses to Tynemouth. The group took part in the bike ride with disabled young people from another Youth Provision to raise funds to support the Chris Lucas Trust to find a cure for Rhabdomyosarcoma Cancer. In preparation for the bike ride youth workers and cycle leaders from the project voluntarily took young people out to do some additional training. The young people enjoyed the bike ride so much that they have taken part in another bike ride on a voluntary basis.

The project is currently receiving enquiries from local parents and carers and also family members requesting information about opportunities which may exist for their Children and Young people in engaging positive activities programme.

7.0 Recommendations

Committee is requested to:

- i) Authorise the Task and Finish Group to host a general meeting with Primary and Secondary Headteachers, to discuss extended school arrangements, as outlined in Section 3.4.
- ii) Note the progress update relating to Short Breaks, working with children and young people with disabilities.
- iii) Note the performance reports delivered by Box Youth Project, Blue Watch Youth Centre, St Marks Community Association and Hendon Youth Initiative.

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Annex 1: Sunderland East Area Committee: Work Plan 2011-2012

Annex 3: Short Breaks Statement