

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Monday, 7th December, 2015 at 5.30pm

VENUE – Committee Room No. 1, Civic Centre

Membership

Cllrs E. Ball (Chair), C. Marshall (Vice Chair – People), E. Gibson (Vice Chair – Place), C. English, M. Mordey, V. O'Neil, B. McClennan, L. Scanlan, I. Kay, B Price, A. Emerson, A. Farr, P. Wood, M. Forbes and M. Dixon.

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Head of Law and Governance

27th November, 2015

At a meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 5th OCTOBER, 2015 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Ball in the Chair

Councillors Emerson, English, Forbes, E. Gibson, Kay, Marshall, McClennan, Mordey, O'Neil, Price and Scanlan

Also Present:-

Hazel Clark	- East Area VCS Network Representative
Alan Duffy	- Head of Operations, Gentoo
David Groark	- Area Response Manager, Sunderland City Council
Adrian Jackson	- Station Manager, Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service
Matthew Jackson	- Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Sarah Reed	- Assistant Chief Executive & Area Lead Executive, Sunderland City Council
Gillian Robinson	- Area Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council
Nicky Rowland	- Area Response Manager, Sunderland City Council
Beverley Scanlon	- Head of Educational Attainment & Lifelong Learning, Sunderland City Council
Jamie Southwell	- Neighbourhood Inspector, Northumbria Police
Nicol Trueman	- Area Community Officer, Sunderland City Council
Jeremy Wicking	- Senior Media Officer, Sunderland City Council

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Councillors M. Dixon, Farr and Wood together with Paula Hunt, Jen McKevitt and Alan Pitchford

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 8th June, 2015

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th June, 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

VCS Area Network Progress Report

Hazel Clark provided the Committee with a verbal update on the work of the VCS Network since the last meeting of the Area Committee. She advised that there had been presentations delivered in relation to the Raich Carter Centre, the Live Life Well project, ICOS, and Make Your Way. The youth development team had been on visits to identify best practice and how to operate the service from a centralised location. There were concerns over this as there had been a lot of work done in the local area and moving to a centralised location could damage the relationship which had been developed with young people in the area. There were also concerns that Members had not been made aware of the visits.

Beverley Scanlon advised that there was consultation being undertaken. There were three questionnaires available; one aimed at providers; one for young people; and a third aimed at adults including parents, Members and local residents. The plans were to look at the future of youth services. The services on offer from other organisations including churches, schools and uniformed groups would be looked at and any gaps in provision would be identified. Over recent years there had been changes in the way that youth providers were funded and there was a need to look at how to support the organisations.

The consultation would last for 4 weeks and then a report would be taken to Cabinet in November. The best practice visits had been undertaken to allow officers to see how other places were working well. There had not been any decisions made yet. The consultation had gone live earlier in the day and she agreed to ensure that Members were informed in advance in the future.

The Chairman asked all Members to go online and complete the consultation questionnaire.

Sarah Reed stated that it was not satisfactory that Members had not been informed of the consultation in advance and she agreed to look into this to ensure that it did not happen again. With regard to the reorganisation of services she advised that there would be a reduction in the Council budget of around £120million over the next five years; there would be difficult choices to make around the organisation of services as the Council would still need to provide statutory services.

Ms Clark then stated that now that the VCS network was aware of the questionnaire they were asking people to complete it.

The Chairman thanked Ms Clark for her report and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the VCS Network progress report be noted.

Northumbria Police Update

Jamie Southwell introduced the crime figures for the area. Within the city centre and Millfield sector there had been an increase in crime of 4 percent; the majority of the additional offences being acquisitive crime such as shoplifting, thefts and low level assaults. Across the force area command there had been an increase in crime of 15 percent so although there had been an increase in the area it was still performing better than other areas were.

At the start of August there had been a spate of burglaries of dwellings; some had been sneak-in burglaries during the day while others had seen UPVC doors and windows being forced open. There had been a number of arrests including the arrest of a suspect inside of a property and the arrests of 3 people who were in possession of stolen items. Despite this spate of offences the number of burglaries on dwellings had reduced by 26 percent which was 20 fewer offences than last year. Burglaries of properties other than dwellings had reduced by 33 percent, which was 34 fewer offences.

Shoplifting had reduced by 11 percent which was 49 fewer offences; this area was the only area in the wider force area which had seen a reduction in shoplifting offences during this period.

Adult Antisocial behaviour had reduced by 7 percent while youth antisocial behaviour had reduced by 13 percent. There had been some issues in Mowbray Park however there had been work done with youth workers and with the Council's Responsive Local Services team to reduce the issue.

The use of mountain bikes by officers had increased and had been beneficial in helping officers to get around the area. There was also work being done with students to help ensure their safety following a couple of assaults on students; it was not known whether these were random assaults or whether the victims had been targeted because they were students.

Inspector Southwell then presented the crime figures for the East Area. Total crime had increased by 30 percent which was 97 additional incidents. This was a similar level of performance to other sectors in the force area. Violent crime had increased by 33 percent; in most of these incidents the offender was known to the victim. Alcohol played a part in a number of the incidents and a lot of the offences were related to domestic violence.

Theft from motor vehicles had reduced by 14 percent however there was still a problem with people leaving items on display which then led to opportunist thieves smashing windows.

Burglary of dwellings had reduced by 13 percent; there had been some issues in the long streets area of Hendon and there were now regular police patrols in this area. Burglary of properties other than dwellings had increased by 11 percent which was 5 more crimes.

Antisocial behaviour had increased with there being an 11 percent increase in adult antisocial behaviour.

Councillor McClennan queried whether Inspector Southwell was aware of an incident of racist verbal abuse against a family living in Hendon. Inspector Southwell confirmed that he was aware of the family and the abuse they had been suffering; he agreed to look into the matter further.

Councillor McClennan then referred to concerns which had been raised at the PACT meetings relating to the police's inability to chase motorcycles and the problems that antisocial motorcyclists were causing in the long streets area; she queried whether it would be possible for the Area Committee to support the provision of motorcycles to the police. Inspector Southwell advised that it was a force policy not to pursue motorcycles unless air support was available due to the dangers involved. Air support was not as readily available as it used to be as the force did not have its own helicopter anymore. Alternative techniques such as identifying riders using CCTV footage from petrol stations were used instead.

Councillor Mordey referred to complaints from residents of the long streets regarding people walking along the streets knocking over the front boundary walls of the houses. Nicky Rowland agreed to look into this.

Councillor Mordey then asked what was happening with regard to the police patrols in Mowbray Park. Inspector Southwell advised that there were PCSOs in Mowbray Park every day and that dispersal notices were issued to clear people out of the park who should not be there.

Councillor Scanlan queried whether the gates in Mowbray Park were now being locked on a night. David Groark advised that there had been a communication failure between the Council and the security contractor ISS. The gate closest to the museum was a bespoke gate with a bespoke locking system which suffered from reliability issues; after the gate had been fixed the guard employed by ISS had not been informed that the gate was now lockable and needed to be locked on a night. Steps had been taken to ensure that these failings would not happen again.

Councillor Emerson stated that he had attended a meeting between residents and Durham Police relating to the Coast Watch scheme they were operating which had seen engagement with residents and a phone number provided so that any issues such as antisocial motorcyclists or flytipping on the coast could be reported. He asked whether Northumbria Police had any plans to implement such an initiative in the East Area. Inspector Southwell agreed to find out; he asked that any issues be reported and advised that there were

some cameras which could be installed should a problem hotspot be identified.

3. RESOLVED that the update from Northumbria Police be noted.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

Adrian Jackson introduced the update from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service. He advised that during the period 1st July to 30th September there had been no fatalities in the Tyne and Wear area. There had been 7 accidental dwelling fires in the East Area during the reporting period; this was a reduction of 1 fire when compared with last year. There had been 9 deliberate primary fires which was an increase of 6 over last year; 5 of these had been within the Hendon ward and were mostly related to bin fires spreading to properties and also fires in Houses in Multiple Occupation.

There had been 5 deliberate vehicle fires, 4 in Hendon and 1 in Ryhope. This was a reduction of 1 compared with last year. It was believed that the fires were linked and there was a likely perpetrator who had previously been imprisoned; at this time there was no proof that it was this offender who was responsible.

There had been 53 secondary fires; this was a reduction of 9 compared with last year. There had been 21 fewer wheelie bin fires than last year.

Since the targeted response vehicle had been introduced in September there had been a 60 percent reduction in the number of secondary fires. There was a focus on antisocial behaviour related fires and it was hoped that this downward trend would continue.

Councillor Emerson referred to the fact that there had been a house fire in Thomas Street which had left residents feeling concerned; he asked whether the cause of the fire was known. Mr Jackson agreed to find out this information.

Councillor Mordey stated that there had been a fire at his home. He thanked the fire service for their quick response and also for the work they had done following the fire which had included fire prevention advice for neighbours.

4. RESOLVED that the update from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service be noted.

Gentoo Update

Alan Duffy introduced the update from Gentoo. He advised that the last of the properties in Doxford Park had now been demolished, bringing the total number of demolished properties to 860. There had been £51.3million spent in the area and a number of the schemes had now been completed. The extra

care scheme at Addington Vale had been completed and the supported housing and bungalows at Knightwood were also completed; the final 12 residents had now moved from Croftside House to Knightwood and Aldi were now on the site of Croftside House to construct their new supermarket. The phase of development which Gentoo were currently constructing would be made available for sale.

In Ryhope there had been 143 new houses completed and £16.3million had been spent. The majority of the houses were available as affordable rents. There had been two houses had not been demolished and these had been refurbished. The work was now completed and all of the new homes had been let.

The modernisation works were continuing on the high rise blocks in Hendon. There were 50 properties available for decanting residents into during the works; the 1st floor of Darcey Court had been completed and handed back to residents. It was expected that the block would be completed by March 2016.

Councillor Ball queried whether the 14 bungalows in Doxford Park had been taken; she was advised that all of the bungalows had either been let or sold in the summer.

5. RESOLVED that the update from Gentoo be noted.

East Sunderland Area Place Board Progress Report

The Chair of the East Sunderland Area Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the work of the Place Board against the priorities set out in the work plan for 2015/16.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor E. Gibson, Chair of the Place Board, introduced the report and advised that the work done by the board was set out in the table at paragraph 2.1 and the work plan was set out at annex 1. She drew Members attention to the recommendation that £50,000 of SIB funding; £10,000 per ward; be approved to allow Members to address issues within their ward which had been identified following a tour of the area. It was also recommended that £5,000 of SIB funding; £1,000 per ward; be approved to fund the work associated with research into barriers to accessing green space.

Councillor Mordey welcomed the recommendation that SIB funding be awarded; he felt that the funds would allow Councillors to help develop lasting legacies within their wards. He stated that he wanted to see community groups become more involved in taking responsibility for projects in their area as it was possible that in the future the Area Committee may not be able to award as much funding as it currently did.

6. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan as set out in Annex 1 be noted.
- b. The board's recommendation to align £50,000 of SIB funding for Councillors to develop capital projects up to £10,000 per ward and approve £5,000 of SIB to enable the Be Active Survey to be carried out, which both contribute towards the area priority 'Develop stronger sustainable and well used community assets and facilities' as set out in the Area Budget Report be noted.
- c. The positive impact the role of the externally funded Hostel Co-ordinator had in the community be noted.
- d. The progress of the All Age Friendly Environment and the Making Waste Useful programmes be noted.

East Sunderland Area People Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the East Sunderland Area People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on the work of the People Board against the priorities set out in the work plan for 2015/16.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Marshall, Chair of the People Board, introduced the report and advised that the work undertaken so far was set out in the work plan at annex 1 and also in the table set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report.

Councillor Mordey stated that he felt the camping exchange programme was an excellent idea and queried how the programme would work. Ms Trueman advised that it was based on a project which had been operating successfully in Durham. It was intended to be low cost and had started out taking place in school grounds. Once confidence in the project had increased the children had then started to go camping in the grounds of other schools; locations such as Derwent Hill and Beamish were now being looked at. The low cost enabled more children to participate in the project. Currently only primary schools would be involved however it was possible for the programme to be extended to secondary schools as well.

Hazel Clark advised that the youth projects had done a similar scheme a few years ago and that it had been a very popular scheme.

Councillor McClennan stated that there should be links between this project and the uniformed groups in the area. After children had been given a taste of camping there may be an increased desire to join uniformed groups. Ms Trueman agreed to look into the potential for linking the project to the uniformed groups.

Councillor Mordey then queried the inclusion of Groundworks in the organisations which had submitted expressions of interest; all of the other organisations were schools. Ms Trueman advised that schools had been approached however not all of them had the resources available;

Groundworks North East had expressed an interest in helping to deliver the project.

Councillor McClennan referred to the reducing demand on A&E Services priority and stated that hostel residents were often users of A&E Services. This was in part due to the prevalence of alcohol and drug problems among residents. She felt that there was a need to have medical services based within hostels; most of the hostels had a medical room however GPs were reluctant to hold surgeries there. A lot of the hostel residents were not registered with a GP and a number of the residents would be unlikely to attend appointments.

7. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The updates on the Community Connectors Model, Camping Exchange, Reducing Demand on A&E Services, Leisure Partnership and the Live Life Well Service be noted.
- b. The East Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan as set out in Annex 1 be noted.
- c. The People Board's support and recommendation to approve £11,000 of SIB project proposals for the area priority 'Upskilling Volunteers' and support the establishment of the community e-learning management systems as set out in the Area Budget Report be noted.

Area Budgets Report

The Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with the financial statement which detailed the current position on progress in relation to allocations of SIB and Community Chest funding and which sought Members approval of proposals for funding.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Trueman introduced the report and drew Members attention to the SIB financial statement set out in paragraph 2.1; there had been three applications approved since the last meeting using the emergency procedures and there had been funds returned to the SIB budget from projects which had underspent.

The funding for the Community Leaders scheme would be ending in December 2015; there was still a remaining balance of £12,586 aligned to the budget to be allocated to projects

The Safety on our Streets project which had funded transport costs for children attending schools in the East Area to attend Safetyworks had now ended; there had been an underspend of £3,130. The project had been a huge success and had exceeded all of its targets with 756 pupils benefiting from the project when it was predicted that 580 children would benefit.

Members were asked to give consideration to the extension of the project for another year to utilise the unspent funds.

Members discussed the extension of the project and agreed that the project should continue to fund transport costs until July 2016 by utilising the unspent funds.

Ms Trueman also advised Members of the remaining Community Chest balances and the 25 project approvals between June 2015 and September 2015. This was set out at Annex 2 to the report. There had also been funding returned and the total remaining Community Chest balance to be granted for the area was £41,420.79.

Councillor Price queried why there was such a large underspend on the Holiday Hunger Scheme. Ms Robinson advised that a full evaluation of the project was being undertaken and the findings would be presented to the November meeting of the board.

Councillor Mordey stated that the Seagull Scheme had been a huge success and there were still a reduced number of seagulls in the park. He felt that it was a worthwhile project and there was a need to look at having a similar project in place next year. He also queried whether the £50,000 of SIB funding that the Place Board recommended be aligned to allowing each ward to develop large scale projects up to £10,000 per ward would be added to the Community Leaders budget to allow this project to continue or whether it would be a separate pot of money. Ms Trueman advised that the proposal had come about as a result of the tour of the area which had been undertaken; it was feasible for the funding to be used to top up the Community Leaders project budget and extend the project. She agreed to liaise with board Members to determine what the most appropriate course of action would be.

Councillor Kay stated that he did not believe that the Seagulls scheme had been a success. It had improved the situation in the park but had simply just moved the gulls to different parts of the city centre. He felt that there was a need for alternate measures such as the use of mechanical bird scarers and the installation of nets and spikes on properties would provide a better long term solution. Mr Groark advised that seagulls were an issue and that the options for bird-proofing buildings had been explored. There was the issue that once a building was protected the seagulls just moved onto the next unprotected building; there was a need to remove the food sources as this was the best way to discourage the bird population. There had been less cleaning required in the park since the scheme took place and he had not received any reports of increased issues in other areas.

Councillor Mordey asked that Marion Dixon be invited to the next meeting where this issue was discussed so that an environmental health perspective on the matter could be provided.

8. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The financial statements set out in sections 2 and 3 be noted.
- b. The two SIB funding requests for £16,000 from the 2015/16 SIB budget, as set out in annex 1, be approved.
- c. £50,000 be aligned from the 2015/16 SIB budget to enable Place Board Members to develop large scale projects up to £10,000 per ward (subject to full application, consultation and evaluation)
- d. The 25 Community Chest approvals from the 2015/16 budget as set out at annex 2 be noted.
- e. The unspent funds from the Safety on our Streets project be used to fund the project for another year.

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the East Sunderland Area for the period 1st September to 22nd September 2015 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

9. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

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

(Signed) E. BALL,
Chairman.

7 DECEMBER 2015

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PLACE BOARD**East Sunderland Area Place Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 In June 2015 the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the East Sunderland Area Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. This report provides an update on the work plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.

2 Key Areas of Influence / Achievements

- 2.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland Area Place Board up to 30 November 2015.

Actions	Outcome
<p>Area Priority: 2 Develop Stronger sustainable and well used community assets and facilities.</p> <p>Action: Better Cycle Ways.</p>	<p>In November, the Area Board received an update from the Council's Rights of Way Officer regarding the area's cycle ways.</p> <p>During the discussion it was highlighted that in order to secure external funding and investors contribution to the development of better cycle ways in the East Area, it would be advantageous to develop a strategy which would map a provisional future network, proof this with the input of the Area Committee and the Place Area Board, split it into independently useful sections, and develop broadly costed designs for the sections.</p> <p>The principal reasons for developing the networks are to provide equitable access to active and affordable travel options to a broad cross section of the city's population, with a strong emphasis on off-road routes as well as on road measures. Less regular or confident cyclists, family groups and 'fair weather' cyclists can all make a growing use of an improved network, to the benefit of accessing work and active living for health.</p> <p>Developing a strategic network plan will enable development or external grant sections to be developed opportunistically as funding opportunities arise. In particular this approach will, as it has for other areas, enable timely proposal grant bid and project delivery, all essential to the tight time scales commonly required for these process elements. The Department for Transport is increasingly funding developments with a bid-grant-build-invoice cycle fitted into a single financial year; having the network planned, supported, designed and costed will expedite resource allocation to East Sunderland.</p>

	<p>Nominally it is envisaged that delivery will be in three phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase One: easy route conversations • Phase Two: Mid-cost route improvements • Phase Three: New-build routes <p>Having a strategic plan in place will also enable best use of internal and current budgets, to ensure that schemes are, where appropriate, 'cycle-proofed' as standard.</p> <p>Area Committee are requested to support and endorse the development of an East Sunderland Cycle Way Strategic Network Plan which is mapped out in three phases, scrutinised and costed to provide valuable leverage in securing external grants into the area i.e. Regional Growth Funds and developer contributions, as and where relevant.</p>
<p>Area Priority: 3 Influence the design, delivery and review of Place Based Services:</p> <p>Action: Environmental Campaign 'Make Waste Useful'.</p>	<p>In October Area Committee received an introduction into the 'make waste useful' campaign, during which it was agreed to provide Committee with a future report.</p> <p>The Waste Management Team are keen to establish a Network of likeminded organisations who are interested in promoting greater participation in household recycling and a collect, repair and re-use scheme. The overall aim is to improve levels of community involvement in helping to recycle more of the city's waste; change behaviours and attitudes towards waste and help to create a local enterprise in collecting, repairing, re-using and selling waste.</p> <p>Ideas and bids are sought and a grant up to the value of £500 is available per project. An example of a project could be a local football team might want funding to purchase a new kit or equipment. They could apply for up to £500 grant and in return identify a number of streets in a local neighbourhood where we know recycling could be improved and carry out a door knocking or leaflet campaign urging people to recycle over a set period of time. 50% of the grant will be payable when the project starts and the remaining 50% if recycling has improved.</p> <p>Sunderland Council can provide support with setting up, governance and infrastructure arrangements; training and guidance in waste management; advice on how to access vehicles and premises and legal advice on insurance, health and safety, etc.</p> <p>The 'make waste useful' campaign will run in the East Sunderland area up until March 2016, and then rolled out across the City.</p>

	Area Committee are requested to encourage and promote the 'Make Waste Useful' campaign in their communities.
<p>Area Priority: 3 Influence the design, delivery and review of Place Based Services:</p> <p>Action: Highways Maintenance Programme 2016 / 2017</p>	<p>Each Area Committee in the city influence £100,000 (subject to approval in 2016) of the Highways Maintenance capital programme. The capital allocation is used to increase the life of the highways infrastructure and has usually resulted in larger scale road surfacing or footway reconstructions being undertaken.</p> <p>All members were requested to submit streets they wished to be considered by the end of November 2015 and Highway Officers have started to collate a list of condition surveys, customer reports, complaints and insurance claims. The information will inform a list of streets which will be inspected to identify the appropriate treatment for the type of repair needed and determine accurate estimates. Once all the information is captured it will be brought forward to the February 2016 Area Place Board to aid discussion and agree a prioritised list of schemes to recommend to Area Committee in March for approval. After which, the city wide programme will be approved.</p> <p>Area Committee are requested to note the progress against the Highway Maintenance Programme 2016 / 2017 and agree to receive a recommended list from the Place Area Board in March 2016.</p>
East Sunderland Area Committee Work Plan: SIB Place themed progress report.	<p>In November 2015, Area Board received an update on place themed SIB funded projects which have delivered actions in the Area Work Plan. Approximately £155,535 SIB was awarded to a variety of different organisations to deliver the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 46 new landlords signed up to the council's voluntary private landlords accreditation scheme, resulting in 268 properties being registered. ii) CCTV was improved, a successful seagull dispersal scheme was piloted in the Summer and an unveiling of a WWI bench was held in Mowbray Park. iii) Under the Council's Community assets portfolio a bowling pavilion and an empty caretakers house have been leased to VCS organisations. iv) Play provision improvements will be made to pocket park in Millfield. v) Community spaces and gardens have been established in each ward. vi) 14 community clean-up were delivered over the Summer, involving an army of volunteers with over 200 black bags collected. vii) 20 healthy eating workshops were delivered over the

	<p>Summer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> viii) A green route has been established, involving 22 grow zones which has created an edible community landscape. ix) Up-cycling courses have been delivered to encourage sustainability and reduce the percentage of waste going to landfill. x) Sow, Reap and Grow programme has engaged over 100 people at a local community allotment. xi) Delivered a variety of commemorative activities to celebrate Captain George Maling, Victoria Cross winner. xii) Funded interpretation boards in a park, and contributed towards the establishment of three 5k 3,2,1 routes across the area. As well as hosting two exhibitions at the Winter Gardens. <p>Area Committee are requested to note the progress made against the Area Work Plan 2015 / 2016. Further information is available in Annex 2.</p>
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3. Recommendations

3.1 Members are invited to:-

- (a) Note the East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.
- (b) Support and endorse the development of an East Sunderland Cycle Way Strategic Network Plan.
- (c) Encourage and promote the 'Make Waste Useful' campaign in their communities.
- (d) Note the progress against the Highways Maintenance Programme 2016 / 2017 and agree to receive a recommended list from the Place Area Board in March 2016.
- (e) Note the progress made against the Area Work Plan 2015 / 2016.

Annex 1 East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan 2014 / 2015

Annex 2 East Sunderland Place Themed SIB Projects

Background Papers East Area Place Board Agendas, Reports and Action List

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NO.	PRESENTED TO PLACE BOARD	AREA PRIORITY	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENT	PROGRESS REPORT
1	Ongoing - ends December 2015	Working with communities and partners to understand local issues and help to identify their own solutions and take more responsibility for their local community.	1) Community Leaders: i) Focus on investing in the built and natural environment of neighbourhoods across East Sunderland. By working within their existing infrastructures, such as, Residents Associations, ward surgeries, governors role, etc., to identify ward based issues. Where appropriate issues will be discuss and consulted upon with all relevant Officers and Partners, with solutions being presented to the East Area Place Board for consideration.	Area Place Board	SIB approved. Further requests for funding have been submitted. See financial report.
	November - ends March 2016		2) Clean and Grow Environmental Partnership: The programme will report directly into the Area Place Board, providing regular updates on its progression. Each Councillor will be able to direct the lead agent, via Area Community Officer, on the roll out of the implementation and monitoring of the programme.	Clean and Grow Partnership	SIB approved. Full programme agreed in June 2015 between partners and Cllrs. With leads providing Place Cllrs with regularly updates. 65% of healthy cooking and eating workshops delivered across five wards. 80% of the Green Route planted in Ryhope and Doxford. The Sow, Reap and Eat project continues to be delivered three days a week. Street Eats delivered in Millfield, St Michaels confirmed and 80% of Community Cleans up carried out. Project ends June 2016.
	Sep-16		3) Develop a temporary provision on a derelict piece of land at Villers Street: i) designs and options to be consulted upon, including the business sector. li) feedback to Area Committee for consideration.	Landscape Design Team	Developers have expressed an interest in the derelict piece of land at Villers Street. Therefore the project has been withdrawn, with £25,000 being returned to SIB core budget. CLOSED

	Sep-16		4) i) Receive an evaluation report on the Full Marks SIB project, which encourages private landlords to sign up to the council's voluntary accreditation scheme. ii) Supporting improvements to standards in the private rented housing sector.	Housing Renewal Team	SIB approved to deliver ward based events to encourage private landlords to volunteer and sign up to the Council's accreditation scheme. To date, 46 landlords signed up to the scheme, 268 properties have been accredited. Project will continue until June 2016, aiming to recruit a further 54 landlords into the scheme.
2	Sep-15	Develop stronger sustainable and well used community assets and facilities.	1) i) Understand what support community centres and facilities need to continue to provide services to residents. ii) Discuss issues around resources needed, and support providers, when feasible.	Place Area Board	See 3.1
	Ongoing		2) Encourage and support council assets to be transferred to the VCS, as and when land and property becomes available. Checks need to take place to ensure if problems arise there is support available. (watch and brief)	Property Services	Barley Mow Pavillion and the Caretakers house at HYPP have both been moved off the councils community assets transfer list and leased to VCS organisations.
	Sep 15, Jan 16		3) Be Active: Carry out a study to understand the barriers to accessing green space in the East area.	TBC	Three organisations were awarded SIB to carry out the survey in November. Findings are currently being collated and will be shared at a future meeting.
	Nov-15		4) Better Cycle Ways: To receive a future report from Place Services on how East area can connect to City.	Highways Team	See main report.
3	Jul-15	Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee.	1. Conduct a tour of the East area to evaluate communities and identify ongoing problems for further discussion.	Area Place Board	In July 2015 Cllrs visited 13 sites. In September 2015 a report was presented to the Area Board for consideration. SIB funding requests have been submitted. See financial report.

	Ongoing		Continue to influence the development of Core Strategy, and future land use in the East.	Area Place Board	
	Nov-15		3. To continue to influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2016 / 2017.	Area Place Board	See main report.
4	Ongoing	Attract external funding into the East	1) Receive updates on new funding streams that complement the workplan.	Area Arrangements	5 organisations have submitted proposals. A further two have expressed an interest but with no projects identified.

7 December 2015

SIB Place Themed Progress Report

1. Full Marks

Lead Agent: Liz McEvoy, Housing and Renewal Team, Sunderland Council

Funding was awarded to host a series of events across the wards in the East to promote Sunderland Council's Accreditation Scheme to engage with private landlords and encourage them to volunteer to become accredited.

Four events were hosted inviting over 700 landlords. 66 landlords attended the events with 46 signing up to the voluntary accreditation scheme resulting in 268 properties becoming accredited.

In October 2015 Area Committee agreed to continue with engaging unaccredited landlords to encourage them to sign up to the scheme up until June 2016.



2. Community Leaders

Lead Agent: Place Board Cllrs

Area Place Board Councillors identify ward based issues within their existing infrastructures, and where appropriate discuss them at the Area Board to identify solutions and agree a way forward. Projects funded to date:

- i) Tree planting scheme, improved CCTV coverage, a seagull dispersal scheme and a specially commissioned WWI bench installed in Mowbray Park.
- ii) Increased road safety measures near a local primary school.
- iii) Supported the community assets transfer of an empty bowling pavillion and caretakers house.
- iv) Increase provision for 0-5 year olds at a local play park.
- v) Developed a community garden and improved a community green space.

3. Clean and Grow Consortia

Lead Agents: Ann Donkin and Julie McBurnie, Gentoo, Stephen Armstrong Groundwork North East, David Robinson, Social Chef, Sue Mileston Sans Street Youth and Community Centre, David Curtis Sunderland Volunteer Centre, Michal Chantkowski ICOS,

SIB funding was approved to deliver a network of VCS groups to work towards two main outcomes across each of the five wards in East Sunderland, these are:-

1. Community Clean Ups (examples - litter picks, re-cycle courses, reporting repairs, clearing streams, etc.)
2. Community Growing Projects (examples - edible landscapes, healthy eating workshops)

Six organisations (ICOS, Groundworks North East, Gentoo Group, Sans Street Youth and Community Centre, Volunteer Sunderland Centre and Social Chef) secured funding to:

- employ dedicated staff who will act as lead agents for the projects,
- purchase equipment to support the delivery of the schemes and activity,
- support volunteers,
- contribute towards promotional materials
- deliver eight projects that complement the Clean and Grow programme, and
- establish a Clean and Grow Partnership

The programme reports directly to each Place Area Board Councillor providing regular updates on its progression. An overview of each ward is shown below:

Doxford

Social Chef delivered all five healthy workshops at the Box Youth Project. Each workshop was well attended. Young people from the area were shown how to use locally grown produce and make meals with the food. Positive comments were received back from The Box about the quality of the workshops.

Groundworks NE delivered three successful Clean Sweep projects in Doxford. These were delivered at Cherrywood Gardens and Redwood Gardens, Doxford Park and Blakeney Woods. Two further Clean Sweep projects will be delivered at Mill Hill Primary School and Doxford Park lake. Team V from Volunteer Centre Sunderland supported these events.

Gentoo Green have planted up their 'edible community gardens' as part of the Green Route, as Mill Hill Estate, Mill Hill Primary, The Box Project, Portland Academy, Knightswood / Haddington Vale, Benedict Biscop Academy. Tunstall Village Green is due to be planted in Autumn 2015. So far the project has been successful with customers and groups really enjoying the herbs and more people are asking to be involved.

Hendon

Social Chef delivered several healthy eating workshops at Bede Tower, Hendon Allotments, CHANCE. Two further workshops will be delivered in the ward.

Gentoo delivered a community clean up at Drury Lane and the Long Streets. A further clean-up is planned for the Long Streets in Spring 2015. Groundworks NE delivered a community clean up at Deerness Park and are planning a further session with the patient group from Deerness Park GP practice. Team V from the Volunteer Centre Sunderland supported these events.

Sans Street Youth and Community Centre are delivering the Sow, Reap and Grow programme every week up until March 2016. Mondays 9-12 and 12.30-3.30pm, Tuesdays 9-12 and 3.30-4.30, Wednesdays 9-12 and 12.30-2.30. A successful garden party was held in July 2015 and

an article was placed in the Autumn edition of Community news. 119 participants' have been involved in the allotment which is run by 10 volunteers.

Millfield

Social Chef has delivered two healthy workshop sessions at St Marks CA which have been received well. A further three are planned to take place in the future.

ICOS delivered three community clean-up events. These were held in Granville, Ravensworth and Lime Street; Shepherd Street and The Knoll and The Retreat. Team V supported these events. ICOS has also delivered an up-cycling course and training on the environmental management toolkit.

Groundworks NE have delivered the Street Eats project, in partnership with Millfield Nursery and St Mary Magdalene's. The event involved high numbers of the community planting up edible planting scheme.

Ryhope

Social Chef delivered activities at Blue Watch Youth Centre. Three more sessions are due to be delivered in the ward.

Gentoo delivered community cleans up in Hewitt Avenue, Rosslyn and Roselea Avenue. Team V supported these events. An up-cycling course was also delivered with 8 residents attending the sessions regularly. Also, Gentoo Green have planted up their 'edible community gardens' as part of the Green Route, at St Pauls Primary, Shawdon Close, Windlestone Walk, Redworth Court, St Patricks School, BWYC, Miners Memorial Gardens, Ryhope Recreation Park, Ryhope CA and Ryhope Infants School.

Future sites planned are St Pauls Church, Venerable Bede School, Store Fields, Roselea Avenue, Western Hill, Wilkinson Terrace and Smith Grove. Plants have been delivered and will be installed soon. So far the project has been successful with customers and groups really enjoying the herbs and more people are asking to be involved.

St Michaels

Social Chef delivered healthy workshop sessions at St Aiden's School. It has been proposed that the remaining sessions are delivered in Thornhill School.

ICOS have delivered several community clean ups in Backhouse House park, in partnership with the Friends Group. Positive feedback was received from the group about their work. Gentoo delivered a community clean-up in Westheath Avenue. Groundworks NE delivered a clean-up event at St Marys RC.



4. Seagulls Dispersal Scheme in Mowbray Park

Lead Agent: Eagle Enterprise

Sunderland Council's Environmental Health Team over the years has received numerous complaints from residents, councillors and traders about the number of nuisance seagulls in and around the city centre.

SIB was awarded to deliver a pilot Bird Dispersal Scheme in Mowbray Park. On a daily basis from the 18 July 2015 to 30 August 2015 (peak season: School Summer Holidays) a team of professionals protected the public from nuisance/ aggressive seagulls by dispersing gulls from the immediate area by the use of live Birds of Prey within the grounds of Sunderland Winter Gardens and Mowbray Park. A combination of 'foot patrols' (whereby birds are carried on full view in order to deter gulls), together with 'free flights' (whereby birds are flown in order to disperse gulls.) were adopted.

In terms of monitoring the effectiveness of the scheme, there was an immediate and noticeable effect whilst birds were present. Visitor's fed back that the council had 'transformed the park' and 'it's nice to actually be able to feed the ducks'. Other visitors seem very grateful that the council were doing something to tackle the problem. The ice cream van staff had also feedback on how the park was like a different place.

From RLS point of view, there was a huge decrease in the number of seagulls when the birds of prey were in the park. The bird foul around the lake side was at a minimum and didn't have a need to pressure wash the area whilst the scheme was on.

Publicity on the pilot reached records heights, making national news in the newspapers, radio and television but it was a big news story at the time. Other local authorities were also interested in the outcome of the pilot, such as, Scarborough council.



5. Captain G. Maling VC

Lead Agents: Area Arrangements, in partnership with Peter Curtis North East Sports, James Whitman, Frank Styles and NE Theatre Centre, Janet Robinson Heritage Team.

SIB funded a weekend of activities to commemorate Captain George Maling VC in September. This included Guided walks, George Maling Cup Competition, Performance in the Park and a Blue Plaque.

All events were well received and members of the Maling family who visited Sunderland over the weekend attended the service and performance in the park and rated them very highly.

Sport and Leisure provided a guided walk around the city centre focusing on the First World War, discussing the history of Captain George Maling.



To target young people and families, NE Sports hosted a football tournament, call the George Maling Cup. It was held in Raich Carter with eight teams aged between 10-13 years old.



Franks Styles, James Whitman and Theatre Space developed a whole production show in George's honour. James is a local writer, worked with George's family and carryout research around his achievements to enable him to produce a book, depicting George's Life Story. Frank is a local artist, produced four story boards, which were placed around Mowbray Park, each one illustrating key points in George's life. The whole tale was brought to life by actors who will then lead a tour around the park, and at each stage delivery a performance. Over 200 people attended the performance. The performance was filmed and a special showing was hosted in the council chambers. Both the e-book and film are available to view on-line.

Full film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6BW3wzEWPY>

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZiifH4RGps>

Finally a blue plaque was installed at Carton House, George's place of birth.

6. Be Active

Lead Agents: The Box Youth Centre, Ryhope CA and Groundworks North East.

SIB will fund a Be Active survey to be completed in November 2015. The survey is multiple choices with an opportunity to add further comments. Each ward survey will focus on specific outdoor spaces across the East area.

Questions are:

- Q1. How often do you use your local greenspace areas?
- Q2. Why do you use the greenspace?
- Q3. Do you regularly use any greenspaces outside of your local area? if you do, please name them AND why you use them.
- Q4. If you do not use your local greenspace, why?
- Q5. How important do you consider it is to have greenspace in (insert ward)?
- Q6. What do you think we could do to encourage more people to get outdoors?

Three organisations are working in partnership to complete the surveys, these are Groundworks North East, The Box Youth Centre and Ryhope Community Association. The survey closed at the end of November 2015. The findings are being collated and will be presented to a future Area Board meeting for consideration.

7a. Green Adventure: Catch It, Cook It, Eat It

Lead Agent: We'ar Fishing

The programme was delivered via three separate cycles of six-week provision. In total 52 people accessed the programme, aged between 4-70 year olds. Each cohort experienced fishing at various locations including boat trips at sea as well as cooking. Numeracy and literacy skills were also incorporated into the sessions.

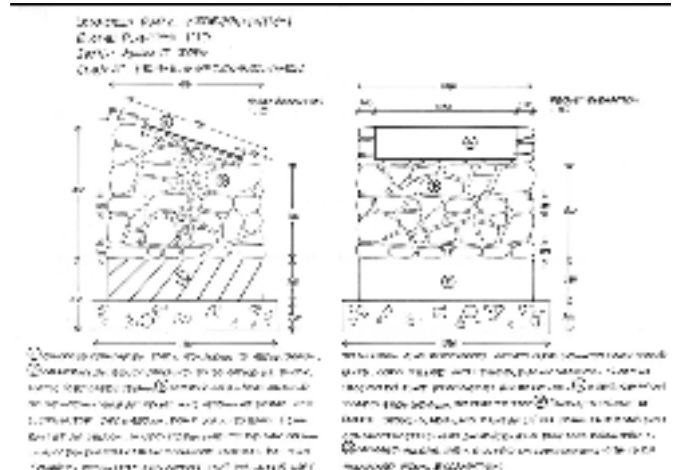


7b) Green Adventure: Doxford Park Interpretation Boards

Lead Agent: Friends of Doxford Park

The Friends group were awarded funding to design and install three interpretation boards, similar to the boards installed along the coastal path.

The Friends Group have spent many months researching, formatting and designing the layout of the boards and have recently sent them onto the printers. Brick plinths will be built to hold the boards. This will take place before Spring 2016, weather dependant.



7c) Green Adventure: 3,2,1 routes

Lead Agent: Sunderland Council

Two 3,2,1 routes have been installed. These are at Doxford Park International and Backhouse Park. A further 3,2,1 route is proposed behind Tunstall Hills (subject to planning permission).

Research was carried out around the Stephenson trail. There currently exists five different versions of a map promoting the trail, all with varying levels of information. The team will design a new version, showing the whole trail in the style of the heritage walk leaflet, and will supply hard copies with a version being downloadable from the walking network website, via www.sunderland.gov.uk

7d) Green Adventure: Schools Links

Lead Agent: St Marks Community Association

Funding was awarded to host three open days at the CA to promote the facilities both indoor and outdoor to the three local schools. Aiming to increase its usage in the local community.



7e) Green Adventure: Green Inclusion

Lead Agent: North East Community Solutions

Links have been established with relevant partners, e.g., Friends of Mowbray Park and Active Sunderland, The Donnison School and Friends of Tunstall Hills.

In August 2015 a photography exhibition was showcase in the Winter Gardens showing places of interest within the East Area of Sunderland. The opening event was attended by about 30 residents and opened by the Mayor of Sunderland. The exhibition was originally planned to stay for a month, but it was extended until the end of October due to its popularity with the public. It has raised the interest in the local area, especially amongst the local BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) people, increasing the project's reach. The exhibition had been seen by hundreds of visitors to the Museum.



The project engaged an overall of 60 residents (the target was 50) and 12 walks were organised with four volunteers being trained as Walk Leaders and Nordic Walk Leaders.

7f) Green Adventure: Pinhole Project

Lead Agent: The Arts Studio

Funding was awarded to work with a local photographer and artist to develop a photography project to encourage people in the community to work with studio members to create fine art images of Sunderland East.

Using recycled tins and boxes participants built their own pinhole cameras, and were taught how to process their images using traditional darkroom techniques. The project was fun and an interesting way to get participants walking around the area, helping to improve their mental health through physical activity.

191 people participate in the project with 426 images being produced. A booklet has been published and there is an exhibition being held in the Winter Gardens throughout November. Two members of staff are now trained Walk Leaders and over 3,000 people liked the project on Facebook. The Area Board are recommending a second course is funded.



A video on how to make your own pinhole camera is available to watch on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0wSkK0hSaWg>

7 DECEMBER 2015

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PEOPLE BOARD**East Sunderland Area People Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 In June 2015 the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with People were referred to the East Sunderland People Area Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. This report provides an update on the work plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.

2 Key Areas of Influence / Achievements

- 2.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland Area People Board up to 30 November 2015.

Action Taken	Outcome
Holiday Hunger	<p>During the Summer school holidays Area Committee funded a Holiday Hunger scheme targeting 869 households in the East area who have families that are registered as eligible for free school meals.</p> <p>Each family was offered a £5 voucher per child for weeks three, four and five of the school holidays as evidenced suggested it is during this time that households 'feel the pinch', financially.</p> <p>Some families accessed the scheme for one week only, others for two and some for all three, although the percentage accessing the scheme for all three weeks was less than 50%.</p> <p>From the 869 families, 44 took up the offer benefiting 90 children.</p> <p>The support of Area Committee in delivering the pilot scheme has resulted in a legitimate exercise to support children and families and provided some good learning points which can inform any future considerations.</p> <p>The Area Committee are requested to note the findings from the pilot, and if appropriate receive a further proposal for a 2016 holiday hunger scheme.</p>
<p>Area Priority 1: Understanding the impact of self-harming in the East.</p> <p>Action: Receive a presentation on the</p>	<p>In November 2015, Public Health presented a report to the People Area Board. The report outlined a definition of what self-harm is, "any act of self-poisoning or self-injury carried out by an individual irrespective of motivation." (NICE Guidance: Clinical guidelines 133, 2011).</p> <p>To further understand what self-harming is, it was outlined that</p>

<p>facts and figures, agree a definition and consider options on a way forward.</p>	<p>self-harm is an expression of personal distress, not an illness. There are many reasons for a person to harm themselves, for example, trying to express painful feelings, feeling in control or feeling relief.</p> <p>Self-harm is amongst the top five causes of hospital admissions for males and females of all ages in the UK. It affects all age groups but is most common in older adults, particular men over 75, females, members from the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender community, Look After Children, care leavers and young people in custodial setting.</p> <p>There is a strong association between self-harm and completed suicide. It is estimated that 50% of those who die by suicide have self-harmed in the past. The right, skilled support at the time of the first episode of self-harming offers an opportunity to prevent further self-harming and potentially a suicide attempt.</p> <p>In terms of the picture for East Sunderland, it has proven difficult to identify an exact picture. Data collected relates to hospital stays for self-harm and anecdotal evidence suggests that many incidents go un-reported. Statistics from The Health and Social Care Information Centre are shown below for 2013:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Ward</th><th>Hospital Stays for self-harm</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Doxford</td><td>119.5</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hendon</td><td>459.3</td></tr> <tr> <td>Millfield</td><td>221.4</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ryhope</td><td>237.3</td></tr> <tr> <td>St Michael's</td><td>211.1</td></tr> <tr> <td>England</td><td>203</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The data outlines that four wards are worse than England's average, with Hendon been significantly worse.</p> <p>It was recognised that primary care have an important role in the care of people who self-harm, and good communication between secondary and primary care is vital, especially between mental health services, housing and health services.</p> <p>Earlier indications show that more could be done to improve and support individuals. An option for consideration is to establish a Self-Harming Policy for organisations to adopt, part of which would be to take part in training on self-harming, similar to the Life Worth Living course. Target audiences could include A&E, emergency services, primary care, care settings such as residential homes, schools and colleges, youth providers, criminal and youth justice systems.</p>	Ward	Hospital Stays for self-harm	Doxford	119.5	Hendon	459.3	Millfield	221.4	Ryhope	237.3	St Michael's	211.1	England	203
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	<p>The Area Board proposed further investigation is carried out and a needs assessment is completed and presented to a future meeting. The assessment will identify the self-harming e.g. prescriptions drugs, cutting, etc. it will breakdown the rates to understand if it is repeat individuals or separate visits, and consider the cohort of people, such as, age, income, etc.</p> <p>The Area Committee are requested to note the findings, and agree to receive a future report on the needs assessment relating to self-harm.</p>
<p>East Sunderland Area Committee Work Plan: SIB People themed progress report.</p>	<p>In November 2015, Area Board received an update on people themed SIB funded projects which have delivered actions against the Area Work Plan. Approximately £100,162 SIB was awarded to a variety of different organisations to deliver the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Little Bit Extra grant came to a close, with over 33 small grants awarded with over 2,400 new people engaged in services. • As part of a joint initiative with the East CCG a 'partnership in practice' action plan was delivered, focusing at supporting people with dementia and raising awareness of the early signs of dementia. Front line staff became Dementia Friends i.e. libraries, GP surgeries, etc., schools received Dementia Friends training, event programmes were delivered, memory cafes established, health and wellbeing sessions delivered, educational courses piloted and sustained, and new partnerships were established between dementia providers (Essences, Action on Dementia, Alzheimer's Society, Housing 21, etc.) • To improving resident's emotional wellbeing an out of hours service was funded over a weekend. • Safe Places were established in local venues providing a safe place for people with learning disabilities to go if they feel anxious when out and about on their own. • A pilot was delivered in a local secondary school to support Y10 and Y11 pupils with future careers choices. Methodologies applied covered new software systems, mentoring work, personal development plans, practical works experience, community challenges and employment and further education research. The pilot has been evaluated and shared with the Connexions Services to contribute towards future practices. • Delivered a variety of commemorative activities to celebrate Captain George Maling, Victoria Cross winner. • Transport costs were funded for 758 pupils from the East to visit Safetyworks, an interactive centre in Newcastle to learn how to be safe on the streets. I.e. metro safety, water wise, etc.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 young people received a six month employment contract, to strengthen their CV and likelihood of moving into permanent employment. • An e-learning portal will be launched in the New Year, providing up to 5,000 volunteers access to 100 modules for free. This will strengthen the individual's personal capacity and ability, as well as our overall approach to supporting volunteers. <p>Area Committee are requested to note the progress made against the Area Work Plan 2015 / 2016. Further information is available in Annex 2.</p>
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3. Recommendations

3.1 Members are requested to:-

- (a) Note the East Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.
- (b) Note the findings from the holiday hunger scheme and initial report on understanding self-harm, and agree to receive future reports.
- (c) Note the progress made against the Area Work Plan 2015 / 2016, as set out in Annex 2.

Annex 1	East Sunderland Area People Board Work Plan 2014 / 2015
Annex 2	East Sunderland People Themed SIB Projects
Background Papers	East Sunderland Area People Board Agendas, Reports and Action List
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NO.	Presented to People Board	AREA PRIORITY	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENT	PROGRESS REPORT
1	Nov-15	Understanding the impact of self-harming in the East.	1 i) Receive a presentation on the facts and figures relating to 'self-harming' in the East. This could include, eating disorders, substance abuse, 'cutting', smoking, etc. ii) What is the impact of self-harming? What can the Area Committee do about it? Discuss options and present recommendations to Area Committee.	Lorraine Hughes, Public Health	See main report.
2	Sep-15	Embed and strengthen the Community Connectors model.	1) i) Develop a hub and spokes model across the East, by People Board Cllrs identifying a local venue to become a ward hub. The aim of the 'hub' could be to deliver a range of services that complement area priorities and key workstreams. ii) Meet with the VCS partners and discuss how each hub can contribute towards three key workstream: a) reducing social isolation, b) supporting people with disabilities, and c) supporting carers.	Area People Board	A proposal was submitted to the November People Area Board. It was agreed to add a further outcome to the project; 'use a room' - to enable door step services to be delivered in each of the wards. A funding proposal seeking approval has been submitted, requesting £10,000 SIB per ward. Total £50,000. See financial report.
3	Sep-15	Develop stronger communities and encourage self-help.	1) Up Skilling Volunteers: Set up a task group to identify what is available to access currently, what the training needs of the sector are, cross reference both to identify gaps/barriers, and bring back a future report for consideration.	Task Group	In October 2015, Area Committee approved £11,000 SIB, matched with £11,000 FACL to fund an e-learning portal which will be launched in 2016. It will provide access to up to 5,000 volunteers and 100 e-modules.
	TBC		2) Increase digital skills, reducing the generational age gap and encourage self-help.	Area People Board	There is direct links between this action at the online learning lounge outlined in action 3.1 above. MERGE

	Nov-15		3) Encourage outdoor education and support the establishment of a camping exchange.	Area People Board	A proposal was submitted to the November People Area Board. It was agreed to submit a funding proposal seeking approval of £15,970. See financial report.
	Ongoing		4) Receive updates on the development of the regions first Beach School.	VCS Area Network	The North Area Committee funded the first beach school over the Summer period at Roker and Seaburn with successful results. Further updates will be received, as an when.
4	Jul-15	Deliver a partnership approach to improve health and wellbeing.	1) Support and promote the Move to Improve and the Live Life Well Programme across the East area. (watch and brief)	Sport and Leisure and CCG East	A presentation was delivered on the service, which covered the new approach to mental and physical wellness model, taking into account the health needs of the population while being personalised to individuals. It is proposed that LLW services will deliver outreach provision in each community hub. (subject to approval)
	Sep-15		2) Reducing demand on A&E services, targeting BME communities and new parents.	Area People Board and CCG East	£29,333 was rolled over from 2014 / 2015. In March 2015, Area Committee agreed to match a further £20,000 SIB with £20,000 from East CCG. Total approved to deliver against health priorities for 2015/2016 £69,333.
5	TBC	Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee.	1) Consider the implementation of the Education and Skills Strategy at an area level.	Area Arrangements	
	Nov-15		2) Contribute towards the Cultural Strategy and Museum vision on how the service will be tailored to meet the needs of the community.	Area Arrangements	
6	Ongoing	Attract external funding into the East	1) Receive updates on new funding streams that complement the work plan.	Area Arrangements	5 organisations have submitted proposal. A further two have expressed an interest but with no projects identified.

7 December 2015

SIB Performance Update

1a) Little Bit Extra:

Lead Agent: B Active n B Fit

Funding was awarded to deliver 4 x 10 week courses at Carisbrooke Court, Ashelea Lodge, Robert Wheatman and Wadham Court. Carisbrooke Court have continued as residents are self-funding the sessions. Robert Wheatman, Ashelea Lodge and Wadham Court did not continue.

A further grant was awarded to deliver 2 x 10 week courses at Seafayers and BoTM. Both were delivered with an average of 10 members at each venue. Word spread about the popularity of the sessions at Seafayers which enabled the organisation to deliver sessions in Keel Boat Lodge.

1b) Little Bit Extra:

Lead Agent: Friends of Backhouse Park

Funding was awarded to establish and grow a unique lavender plant to Backhouse Park, which was cultivated by Mrs Backhouse and plant rosemary. The Friends Group have found snippets of Mrs Backhouse's lavender and have started to 'grow their own'. Over the Summer a team of volunteers carried out a clean-up and planting scheme.



The lavender will be ready to plant in June 2016 which is when the final scheme will take place.

1c) Little Bit Extra

Lead Agent: Stockton Road URC

Funding was awarded to purchase a new water heater to improve the facilities in the kitchen for existing groups and hopefully attract new groups into the community building.

Since the water heater was installed a number of positive comments have been received, as it is much safer for older people to use, more cost effective and can provide unlimited number of drinks.

Also, two new groups are now using the facilities since being allocated the grant.

OVERALL

Little Bit Extra 1 and 2 received £28,303 in total, to reduce social isolation across the East area and strengthen the community connectors model, complementing the online directory.

33 small grants were awarded to VCS groups across the East area, with 2,463 new people engaged in services.

2a). Partnership in Practice (PIP) dementia.

Lead Agent: Sunderland Carers Centre

Received funding to deliver a six week course called 'This is Me' at Bede Tower over the Summer. 16 people attended the course that had been diagnosed with mild or moderate dementia. Each week people focused and remembered a different part of their life and collected memories/photos to put into a journal, which they could keep on adding to and share with loved ones. Feedback has been overwhelming. Comments included: 'sparked too many memories', 'gave lots of hints on how to access memories in our brains', 'enjoyed very much, felt very welcome and it was nice to meet other people in similar situations in a relaxed atmosphere.' 'well worth the effort to attend'.

The Carers Centre have received additional external funding to continue the course at BoTM and started in September 2015.

2b) Partnership in Practice (PIP) dementia

Lead Agent: B Active N B Fit

Received funding to deliver a Social Holistic Activity Mentor (SHAM) scheme, to deliver four x 15 week course at Alzheimer's Society, Action on Dementia, Seafayers Way and Sunderland Carers Centre

Alzheimer's society had between 15 to 20 people taking part every week enjoying the memory games and social activities and sit and be fit sessions to improve their health and wellbeing. Action on Dementia had 10 to 15 taking part all enjoying the activities all carers had a great time seeing their loved ones taking part. The Play Your Cards game was successful helping with cognitive ability. Seafayers Way had 11 take part, and received positive feedback. The final session started in October at Keel Boat Lodge and is going well.

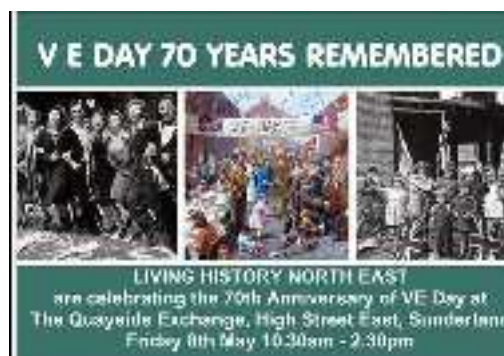
2c) Partnership in Practice (PIP) dementia

Lead Agent: Living History North East

Funding was awarded to deliver a range of sessions to raise awareness around dementia and to support individuals with dementia and their families.

Eleven volunteers were trained as Dementia Friends at The Donnison School. These volunteer Dementia Friends went on to train others from Sunderland International Centre, Essence Service and Sunderland Museum.

Following the training of volunteers, an events programme was developed which involved a cream tea, memory café, local events, reminiscence projects displaying timeline and interactive activities. Two large events were delivered at The Quayside Exchange for VE Day and EnDear training programme which showcased 1960s. 100s of people have benefited from the programme of activities across the East area.



The lessons learned from this project has been successful is securing further external funding to work with young people and school children to extend the work.

2d) Partnership in Practice (PIP) dementia

Lead Agent: Age UK Sunderland

Funding was used to contribute towards the purchase of 25 I pads which was split between the East, West and North SIB projects, as well as further funding received from other sources.

The I Pad Active project was well received in the East area. Sessions included:

Two taster sessions held at the Essence Service and Seafarers Way. Both of these were followed in each of the venues by a twelve week course. These were pilot courses.

A ten week course was delivered in Ryhope Community Association from September. A Taster Session was held at the Bradbury Centre for people attending the Day Services this followed a by a ten week course. 31 participants have taken part in the pilot.

Pilot courses which have been delivered have resulted in extremely positive feedback. Courses were bespoke to a discrete client group of people diagnosed with dementia. The pilot has been successful in securing external funding to continue and be rolled out across the city. Four volunteers have supported work and will continue do to so.

2e) Partnership in Practice (PIP) dementia

Lead Agent: Ryhope Community Association

Funding was awarded to deliver a memory café. Once a week between May and November 2015. The sessions include Afternoon tea with music from the 40's, 50's and 60's, old films and slide shows of Ryhope through the ages and old movie sessions. 40-45 people benefited from the café each week.

Further funding was secured from Gentoo to continue the memory café for a further year.

3a) Improving Resident's emotional wellbeing

Lead Agent: Headlights Sunderland

Funding was awarded to set up an out of hours service on a Saturday between 10am-4pm.

Members with fluctuating mental health issues accessed and received support in Out of Hours Service. They highlighted that this is often a time when isolation and loneliness peaks and the feeling of despair is at its worst. In this environment they are much more likely to maintain their mental well-being in the supportive environment.

Providing the out of hour's service enabled the group to improve the quality of life and reduce isolation for people with mental health issues. The above highlights that service users really get a sense of belonging and hope for the future; all value the community spirit and are very open to work together and make changes in their lives.

3b) Improving Resident's emotional wellbeing

Lead Agent: Sunderland People First

The project was to develop a network of safe places in the East area of Sunderland. The project involves planning, engagement with and training for each location. The project involves designing and developing the resources including literature, easy read guidance material, safe place packs and identification sticker. The project includes raising awareness of the scheme with people with a learning disability, family carers, social care providers and general community engagement events.

Locations have been identified across the East area. This involved consulting with people with a learning disability around localities they felt would be good additions to the scheme, and where people felt well supported. Managers responsible for premises have been contacted, including health services and GP practices to be part of the scheme. A presentation was delivered to all practice managers across the city, and the project has received endorsements from the Clinical Commissioning Group. A quality assurance tool has been developed which will enable advocates to ensure that localities are able to support vulnerable people as part of the scheme

Resources including safe place flyers, blue cards and location of safe place flyers, and packs

have been delivered across the area. Recently completed two training sessions with staff from Sunderland University Gateway. Worked with Sunderland Healthwatch around a government green paper called “No voice unheard, no right ignored”.

4a) Achieving Everyone's Potential

Lead Agent: Thornhill School

The information, advice and guidance teacher from Thornhill, acted as lead agent on each work stream to ensure its smooth delivery. Their responsibility included: the general performance management of the project, managing the pupils timetables, liaising with all partners and teachers involved in the scheme, ensuring that when partners turn up at the main reception staff were aware and pupils knew which area to report to, and dealing with any issues that are escalated by the partners to address.

A part of the pilot was to measure performance against pupils who are involved in work streams and to see if the preventative work had been successful. To enable this to happen a software package (U-Explore) was purchased which all pupils in Y11 and selective Y10 pupils registered with. The software then tracked the progress on each pupil against their individual plans / personal account. Allowing the project to be monitoring throughout its duration.

Having the lead agent as a Teacher within the school was vital to the success of the delivery of the whole scheme.

The U-Explore software enabled work related learning and careers education and guidance in a more interactive way to Years 10 and 11. Originally 50 pupils were going to be targeted to use the software, but in reality, 195 pupils, parents and staff across the school used the software package down to its success and ease of use.

The full impact of this project will not become apparent immediately and will be better measured once destinations, and continuing destinations, figures have been collected for the Year 10 and 11 pupils who participated in the pilot. However, the immediate impact of the projects has definitely been an improvement in the mind set of Key Stage 4 pupils when it comes to their futures and the plans that they have for careers.

The software package was used in discreet careers lessons, in Personal Development Learning sessions with years 8 and 10 and in Work Related Learning lessons in Year 10. The pupils were to continue to use the software in their own time and parents were also encouraged to use the software to see what is available for their children once they leave compulsory education.

Feedback from pupils, parents and staff has been positive and the number of registered users in such a short period of time suggests that this will be a part of the project with a lasting legacy that benefited the pupils.

4b) Achieving Everyone's Potential

Lead Agent: Young Asian Voices

Funding approved employed three part time members of staff who worked three hours a week in the school with pupils from Y10 and Y11.

Connexions completed the personal action plans with Y11 pupils and selected Y10 pupils by October 2014, identifying 50 pupils who received mentoring support from YAV.

The school released the pupils from the core curriculum to allow the mentoring work. For 1 lesson (2 hrs) per week. YAV worked with each cohort for 18 weeks. Y11 pupils were targeted between November and March, because from April onwards the School concentrate fully on preparations for examination time. Y10 pupils were targeted between March – July 2015, as this was the transition period from Y10 into Y11.

YAV mentored 50 pupils covering interview skills, employment research, action planning, group work, one to one, number skills and CV building, introduction to further/higher education and money management.

A strong communication system was developed between the school and YAV, which built positive working relationships between the organisations. The project made a definite impact on young people as they gained confidence and new skills. Although some young people where challenging with complex issues, YAV were able to support their needs and keep the school updated.

Feedback from Thornhill School

The work carried out by Young Asian Voices was very successful in boosting the confidence and esteem of some of our most hard to engage and disinterested pupils. The one to one contact offered by YAV enabled these pupils to access support when applying for college courses and apprenticeship opportunities that they previously might not have had the confidence to ask for. The Year 11 pupils who worked on the project were all successful in gaining certification for the work they carried out and many were successful in gaining college places for September before the end of the academic year.

Lead Agents: Blue Watch Youth Centre and Hendon Young Peoples Project:

Two members of staff worked within Thornhill School for four hours per week to deliver the, Response Project which used the “The Youth Award” tool to deliver the programme, directly linked to the “Youth Work Outcomes” document which is used across the City.

The school identified a small cohort of 24 girls, 12 from each year group, 10 and 11. Between January and March Y11 pupils (12 weeks) were engaged, and between January and July Y10 pupils (24 weeks) were engaged. The work stream tested which age group the Youth Award works best with, and over what period of time is more beneficial, short or long.

All pupils gained accredited awards, for example, BTEC ‘Entry 3 Award in Work Skills’ to the British Heart Foundation ‘Heart Start Certificate’. Young people accessed information, support and guidance in relation to their future educational pathway, such as, further and higher education, apprenticeship schemes, traineeships and Study Programmes delivered at a range of levels. Young people develop personal and social skills and increased their confidence levels in order to make positive life choices in relation to a possible future NEET status.

If repeated, work with Y11 pupils should commence in September/October as exam revision and other needs expressed by the school impacted on attendance. Delivering the Response Project over a longer period (24 weeks) is more practical as it allows for time to cover additional activities, external visits and first aid training.

Although, the length of school based sessions were adequate for both year groups, improvements could be gained by the extension of out of school sessions to half or full days, to allow more quality time on external visits (e.g. to external provider venues, rather than guest speakers to the school), work experience placements, team building exercises and social development. This however, would incur additional funding costs and agreement with Thornhill School for additional time out of school for young people.

Feedback from Thornhill School

The work of HYPP / Blue Watch has helped to widen the horizons of our pupils when it comes to careers in particular industry sectors and these projects have also enabled the pupils involved to develop skills and expertise that they will be able to include on their CVs and on job application forms.

4d) Achieving Everyone's Potential

Lead Agent: Volunteers Centre Sunderland

A part time worker on 16 hours per week between November and May 2015 to deliver pre volunteering courses to Y10 and Y11 pupils and team challenges. In addition, it was proposed to develop the purpose built beauty salon in the school by seeking out qualified beauticians who would volunteer in the school, and provide Y10 and Y11 with employability skills relating to this profession. Similarly develop the newly installed greenhouse and garden, with expert gardeners who would volunteer in the school, and provide Y10 and Y11 with employability skills relating to this profession.

To sustain the project post July 2015, the Centre would work with the school to be volunteer ready by providing advice and guidance on governance, training and best practice.

Delays occurred when recruiting a worker for the post. Resulting in the role being shared amongst staff at the centre. This did impact on the delivery of the project. However, six interactive pre-volunteering workshops were delivered to 120 pupils. The workshops were very well received by the young people attending who realised the massive effect that volunteering could have upon their employability, how it can improve their CVs and how helping others can be enjoyable.

Eight team challenges were delivered. Each challenge was delivered by different pupils with a total of 45 pupils benefiting from the experience. Challenges involved cooking, taking part in a health and beauty session, gardening and developing a School Forest at Barbara Priestman School.

Recruiting skilled volunteers to work within the School was not successful, and this element was not delivered, along with the 'volunteer ready' element.

From the methods delivered, pre-volunteering workshops were the most successful and would be recommended. The others methods did not work in practice as well.

Feedback from Thornhill School

The work of the Volunteer Centre has helped those pupils involved to find out about the benefits of volunteering, particularly as a way of boosting their CVs and the practical sessions organised by Social Chef allowed a select group of both year 10 and 11 pupils to experience work in a specific industry.

OVERALL

Lessons learned were:

- Having a dedicated co-ordinator who worked in the school i.e. teacher, was vital to the delivery of the project.
- The U-explore software is a valuable tool which supports individuals to progress onto

EET, at their own pace.

- The full impact of the pilots cannot be measured until 2016, but attitudes and behaviours of the pupils who participated dramatically changed, for the better.
- The mentoring work carried out on a 1-2-1 basis boosted the confidence and esteem of the schools most hard to reach and disengaged pupils. Highly recommended.
- The response project widen the horizons of pupils and developed skills and expertise that pupils can use to improve their CVs and job prospects.
- The volunteer workshops, were well delivered and received, raising awareness around how volunteering can make a difference.

5. Captain G. Maling VC

Lead Agents: Area Arrangements, in partnership with Peter Curtis North East Sports, James Whitman, Frank Styles and NE Theatre Centre, Janet Robinson Heritage Team.

SIB funded a weekend of activities to commemorate Captain George Maling VC in September. This included guided walks, George Maling cup competition, performance in the park and a blue plaque.

All events were well received and members of the Maling family who visited Sunderland over the weekend attended the service and performance in the park and rated them very highly.

Sport and Leisure provided guided walks around the city centre focusing on the First World War, discussing the history of Captain George Maling VC. 30 people attended the walks



To target young people and families, NE Sports hosted a football tournament, call the George Maling Cup. It was held in Raich Carter with eight teams aged between 10-13 years old. Over 100 people attended the events, each receiving a fact sheet about Captain Maling VC.



Franks Styles, James Whitman and Theatre Space developed a whole production show in George's honour. James, a local writer, worked with George's family and carryout research around his achievements to enable him to produce a book, depicting George's Life Story. Frank, a local artist, produced four 12ft x 8ft story boards, which were placed around Mowbray Park, each one illustrating key points in George's life. The whole tale was brought to life by actors who then lead a tour around the park, and at each stage delivery a performance. Over 200 people attended the performance. The performance was filmed and a special showing was hosted in the council chambers. Both the e-book and film are available to view on-line.

Full film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6BW3wzEWPY>

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZiifH4RGps>

Finally a blue plaque was installed at Carton House, George's place of birth.

6. Safety on our Streets

Lead Agents: Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue

Funding was awarded to cover the transport costs of every year 6 and 8 pupil who attends a school located in the East Sunderland area to visit Safetyworks, an interactive centre. The outcome of the project to engage 12 primary schools and 5 secondary schools was not fully achieved as four secondary schools did not engage. Interesting though the number of pupils who benefited from the project was higher than originally expected. From the 13 schools that did engage it was predicted that 580 pupils would benefit, the actual figure was 756.

In October Area Committee received an update on the project and noted the underspend of £3,130. Committee agreed a continuation of the project up until July 2016 and to receive a further update.



7. Top Up Grants

Lead Agent: Springboard

Funding was awarded to support 15 new Apprenticeship schemes for NEET young people residing in the East area by contributing an incentive of £1,500 to an employer who was willing to take on an East NEET apprentice. The 'top up grant' was subject to an apprentice lasting for a minimum of one year, the employer being based within the East and the young person living in the East and being on the NEETs register.

Unfortunately no employer claimed the top up grant. Feedback from the organisation stated that the eligibility criteria was too restrictive, as some employers fell outside the East boundary and it was difficult to recruit businesses in the East area.

The level of publicity around the scheme was questioned as there seemed very little coverage. Springboard provided assurances that the grant scheme was promoted across the area via business networks i.e. Sunderland BID, Council's Business Investment Team, cold calling and that employers were actively approached about the opportunity.

It was expected that several VCS employers might take up the scheme, but again none came forward.

8. NEET Young Mums

Lead Agent: The Box Youth Centre

Funding was awarded to engage with 28 NEET young mums in the area with the aim to move ten into EET.

The delivery of the project was more difficult than anticipated and as a result little progress was made initially. Issues involved a delay in recruiting a member of staff, once in place, multi-agency meetings were cancelled which impacted on the workers ability to engage with the young mums. Once engagement was made with the young mums it was discovered that many engaged with other services i.e. B2B and there was little the project could do, to bring added value.

9a). Work Ready

Lead Agent: Springboard

Four East based organisations agreed to work in partnership to deliver an Intermediate Labour Market (ILM) scheme against an East area priority, 'Reduce the number of NEETs in the East.' This was achieved by working closely with Connexions, who manage the register of NEETs in the city, which forms part of a statutory duty for the council. Using the register, all East based 18 and 19 year olds were contacted (up to the age of 25 if they have a disability), using a variety of methods e.g. texting, letter, email, door knocking, 1-2-1, etc. to make them aware of the opportunity to progress from NEETs into EETs by moving into 1 of the 28 employment opportunities, via ILM, which this project provided.

Springboard engaged with 7 out of 10 young people, and offered them a 26 week contract. Three moved onto permanent posts and one young woman set up her own business, a beauty parlour for pets.

9b) Work Ready

Lead Agent Monumental Music CIC

Monumental Music received funding to target 10 young people for up to three months. However, only employed one young person throughout the period of the project.

The lack of consistencies with staff managing the scheme impacted on its delivery and the contract of employment was too short, only three months compared to others which lasted six months. This showed that anything less than a six month contract would not be successful.

Also, with the target group been NEETS 18-19 year olds who had an interest in the creative sector, particularly within music, might have been too restrictive. Expanding the age range and selection of duties available would be worth considered for future schemes.

9c) Work Ready

Lead Agent: Young Asian Voices

Y.A.V. were funded to work with four young people, whose interests relate to administration, youth or sport. Four young people were employed, two of which secured permanent contracts on part time basis, and others have continued in the work place by volunteering to strengthen their CVs.

9d) Work Ready

Lead Agent: The Box Youth Centre

The Box Youth Centre work with three out of four young people on a job shadowing programme. Young people provided with a 26 week paid employment contract for 20 hours per week. The three young people were mentored and supported by a Youth Worker / Tutor and complete a 60 hour ASDAN Award in Career and Work Experience. The fourth 'employee', secured employment at a call centre one month into the contract, which was good news.

OVERALL

Lessons learned were:

- Data quality and data sharing between Connexions and organisations could be improved to make it easier to engage with targeted groups.
- The initial event which launched the scheme in the Winter Gardens should have been repeated once a quarter to assist in raising the profile and awareness with young people.
- Changes in staff at Springboard and Monumental Music impacted on the smooth delivery of the project.
- There was a lack of businesses in the area who were not interested in employing a young person on an ILM, even though the salary element was covered and support was provided to the young person on placement and the employer.
- Young people choices were factor, i.e. what they wanted and what was available sometimes differ and some young people were not willing to try something different.
- The wage was a fundamental part of the project. Without the salary attached it is believed no young person would have participated, it also contributed towards the retention of the young people.
- Criteria needed to be more flexible, set a framework but recognise the needs of the young person are more important, so if an employer falls outside the area and it's a position which a young person is keen to apply for, it should be allowed.

10: Community e-Learning Management System

Lead Agent: Sunderland Council

Funding was awarded to establish an e-learning portal, based on the Council's employees learning lounge, providing access up to 5,000 volunteers/learners and 100 modules. The initial priority will be to provide access to a number of courses, e.g. Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Basic First Aid, Safety at Work, etc. courses which were identified in the training analysis as being in high demand for volunteers in the East Area.

From October the Council's Communication Team have provided guidance on the design and branding of the CLMS to ensure it complements the corporate brand of the Council, acknowledging the support from East Sunderland Area Committee and FACL. There will be a user testing of the development site held in November/December, with a soft launch delivered with identified volunteers registered with organisations from the East Area Network (*these volunteers were identified by a survey previously mentioned*) in January 2016.

After the launch in the New Year the CLMS will be reviewed in August 2016, December 2016 and August 2017 to review if the learning tool is being accessed by volunteers, and if not, consideration will be given on how to encourage uptake.

For learners to access CLMS they must be either registered with an East Sunderland Area Network organisation; or with the FACL service. This could also encourage new groups to join the Network to gain access to this valuable learning tool, if they are not members and connect into the area arrangements infrastructure provided by East Area Committee.

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Author(s):	Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements																												
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Description of Decision:	<p>The Area Committee is requested to note the following:</p> <p>(a) Note the financial statement as set out in section 2 and 3.</p> <p>(b) Approve six SIB funding requests for £26,409 SIB 2015 / 2016 as part of the Community Leaders programme, as set out in Annex 1.</p> <table> <tr> <td>i) Highways Improvements along Doxford Park Way</td><td>£10,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>ii) Barley Mow Park</td><td>£3,796</td></tr> <tr> <td>iii) Open House New Kitchen</td><td>£5,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>iv) Ryhope Cemetery</td><td>£270</td></tr> <tr> <td>v) Backhouse Park</td><td>£4,843</td></tr> <tr> <td>vi) Tree replacement scheme</td><td>£2,500</td></tr> </table> <p>(c) Approve eight SIB funding requests totalling £135,747 SIB 2015 / 2016, as set out in Annex 1.</p> <table> <tr> <td>vii) Pinhole Sunderland: Look and Inspire</td><td>£5,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>viii) The Box Youth Centre: connectors hub</td><td>£10,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>ix) CHANCE: connectors hub</td><td>£10,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>x) St Marks CA: connectors hub</td><td>£10,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>xi) Ryhope CA: connectors hub</td><td>£10,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>xii) St Nicholas Church: connectors hub</td><td>£10,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>xiii) Camping Exchange</td><td>£15,970</td></tr> <tr> <td>xiv) Improving health and housing standards for vulnerable people</td><td>£64,777</td></tr> </table> <p>(d) Note the 12 Community Chest approvals from the 2015 / 2016 budget, set out in Annex 2.</p>	i) Highways Improvements along Doxford Park Way	£10,000	ii) Barley Mow Park	£3,796	iii) Open House New Kitchen	£5,000	iv) Ryhope Cemetery	£270	v) Backhouse Park	£4,843	vi) Tree replacement scheme	£2,500	vii) Pinhole Sunderland: Look and Inspire	£5,000	viii) The Box Youth Centre: connectors hub	£10,000	ix) CHANCE: connectors hub	£10,000	x) St Marks CA: connectors hub	£10,000	xi) Ryhope CA: connectors hub	£10,000	xii) St Nicholas Church: connectors hub	£10,000	xiii) Camping Exchange	£15,970	xiv) Improving health and housing standards for vulnerable people	£64,777
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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 Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:	

7 DECEMBER 2015

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SCRUTINY AND AREA ARRANGEMENTS

Area Budgets Report

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the local work plans, 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.

2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

- 2.1 The financial statement below indicates the SIB position as at December 2015.

SIB Financial Breakdown for 2015 / 2016					
Starting Balance 2015 / 2016 Budget					
Project Name	Committee Date	SIB Approved	Match Funding	SIB Returned	SIB Balance Remaining
2015 / 2016 Starting Balance					£318,071
Holiday Hunger	Emergency	£5,000		£3,693	£316,764
Seagull Scheme	Emergency	£8,195			£308,569
Captain Maling	Emergency	£11,000			£297,569
Health Sense: Emotional Wellbeing	05.10.15			£300	£297,869
NEETs Roadshow	05.10.15			£500	£298,369
It's a Beautiful Game: Green Adventure	05.10.15			£1,960	£300,329
Young Mums: NEETs	05.10.15			£2,254	£302,583
Little Bit Extra 2	05.10.15			£1,697	£304,280
Coastal Path	05.10.15			£5,215	£309,495
Villers Street	05.10.15			£25,000	£334,495
Be Active Survey	05.10.15	£5,000			£329,495
Community Learning System	05.10.15	£11,000			£318,495
Achieving Everyone's Potential : VCS	07.12.15			£2,666	£321,161
Achieving Everyone's Potential : SAAT	07.12.15			£623	£321,784

Top Up grants: Springboard	07.12.15			£16,500	£338,284
Work Ready: Springboard	07.12.15			£9,925	£348,209
Work Ready: Monumental Music	07.12.15			£11,384	£359,593
Work Ready: YAV	07.12.15			£3,927	£363,520
Work Ready: The Box Youth Centre	07.12.15			£3,573	£367,093
Gateway II	07.12.15			£27,639	£394,732
Balance					£394,732

Table 1: Financial Statement SIB for 2015/2016

2.2 Since the October 2015 Area Committee meeting £76,237 SIB has been returned to budget. This brings the balance remaining to be allocated up to £394,732.

2.3 In addition, there are two programmes from 2014 / 2015 which have been delegated to the Area Boards to deliver, see table 2.

Approved funds from 2014 / 2015 Budget Rolled Over					
Project Name	Committee Date	SIB Approved	Match Funding	SIB Allocated	SIB Balance Remaining
Community Leaders	20.10.14	£36,000	£22,580	£29,994	£6
Partnership in Practice	16.03.15	£40,000	£40,000	£10,667	£69,333

Table 2: Approved funds from 2014/2015 rolled over

Area People Board: Partnership in Practice

2.4 In June 2015 Area Committee agreed to continue forward with a partnership in practice approach with the East Clinic Commissioning Group to aim at reducing demand on A & E services with a specific focus on BME communities and parents/carers of young children. In October 2015, there was a reference made to how improving access to health services in communities for people with substance misuse problem may also reduce demand on A & E.

2.5 There is a balance of £69,333 to allocate to enable the delivery of action against the area priority 'partnership in practice'. It is proposed that the area priority is re-visited in the New Year with recommendations being brought forward to the March 2016 Area Committee for consideration.

Area Place Board: Community Leaders

2.6 In October 2014 Area Committee approved £36,000 SIB for the Community Leaders Programme, which was split across the wards. At the October 2015 Area Committee a balance of £12,586 SIB remained to be allocated.

2.7 Following on from a tour of local voluntary and community organisations, Area Committee agreed to align £50,000 SIB in October 2015, to enable Place

Based councillors the opportunity to develop capital projects and present proposals to a future meeting. This brought the potential total for allocation under the Community Leaders Programme up to £62,580 SIB, see Table 3.

Wards	Budget	Breakdown		
		Previously Approved	Aligned Approval Required	Balance
Doxford	£16,000	£6,000	£10,000	£0
Hendon	£12,350	£2,350	£3,796	£6,204
Millfield	£10,000	£0	£5,000	£5,000
Ryhope	£14,230	£4,230	£270	£9,730
St Michaels	£10,000	£0	£7,343	£2,657
Total	£62,580	£12,580	£26,409	£23,591

Table 3: financial breakdown of SIB Community Leaders grant remaining to be allocated 2015/2016

- 2.8 The total project costs of the six Community Leaders applications submitted is £38,989. A proportion of these costs have been met from the approved Community Leaders budget of £12,580. Therefore Area Committee are requested to approve the remaining funding of £26,409 SIB, as set out in Annex 1, these are:

1. Highways Improvements along Doxford Park Way	£10,000
2. Barley Mow Park	£3,796
3. Open House New Kitchen	£5,000
4. Ryhope Cemetery	£270
5. Backhouse Park	£4,843
6. Tree replacement scheme	£2,500

- 2.9 If approved it would leave £23,591 ring fenced for the Community Leaders Programme.

- 2.10 In addition, following on from the Place and People Area Boards in November it was agreed to seek approval of a further eight funding requests totalling £135,747 to enable the delivery of the area work plan 2015 / 2016, these are:

1. Pinhole Sunderland: Look and Inspire	£5,000
2. The Box Youth Centre: connectors hub	£10,000
3. CHANCE: connectors hub	£10,000
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7. Camping Exchange	£15,970
8. Improving health and housing standards for vulnerable people	£64,777

- 2.11 If all funding requests are approved it would leave a balance of £232, 576 SIB 2015 / 2016 (includes £23,591 Community Leaders) to allocate against the Area Work Plan Priorities with one Area Committee meeting remaining.

Community Chest

- 3.1 The table below details the starting balances for 2015 / 2016. **Annex 2** shows the approvals between October 2015 to November 2015.

Ward	Start Balance April 2015	Approvals 2015	Returned Grants	Balance
Doxford	£15,894.20	£6,425.73		£9,468.47
Hendon	£10,995.91	£8,662.24	£1,220.00	£3,553.67
Millfield	£19,641.89	£13,987.70		£5,654.19
Ryhope	£12,193.63	£8,673.80	£108.20	£3,628.03
St Michaels	£11,657.10	£8,367.00		£3,290.10
Total	£70,382.73	£46,116.47	£1,328.20	£25,594.46

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested to:
- (a) Note the financial statements, as set out in sections 2 and 3.
 - (b) Approve fourteen SIB funding requests for £162,156 SIB 2015 / 2016, as set out in Annex 1.
 - (c) Note the 12 Community Chest approvals from the 2015 / 2016 budget, set out in Annex 2.

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East Sunderland Area Committee

SIB Executive Summary:

Project One: Community Leaders

Background

To ensure action is delivered against the area priority “working with communities and partners to understand local issues and help to identify their own solutions and take more responsibility for their local community”, Area Committee agreed align £50,000 SIB against the existing Community Leaders programme, to allow Place Councillors to develop large scale project up to £10,000 per ward.

Project Descriptions are shown below:

Doxford Ward
<p>1. Lead: Highway Improvements along Doxford Park Way</p> <p>Clean, prepare and repaint the hand rail leading down the steps to the rear of the Inn Place and the new Aldi and replace the 4m guard rail at the bottom on the staircase. (£750 – existing Community Leaders Budget)</p> <p>Clean, prepare and repaint 433m of highway barrier running down Doxford Park Way between the Colonel Prior roundabout up to Tunstall Lodge roundabout, including the crash barriers over the subway. The costs do take into account the hire of scaffolding which will need to be set up to paint over the subway, and road closure orders, whilst the work is being carried out. (£10,000 – to approve from aligned Community Leaders)</p> <p>Total: £10,750 (£750 existing Community Leaders / £10,000 seeking approval from aligned Community Leaders)</p>
<p>Lead: The Box Youth Project</p> <p>Improve the car park by cleaning and disposing of weeds and rubble around the perimeter, and regulate the damage tarmac surface. Breakout and reset manhole cover to new level. Supply a lay tac-coat emulsion 30mm thick of 10mm close grade tarmac surface course.</p> <p>Install a manual barrier which has a lockable bracket, most pad locks fit. With light weight metal and weights light enough for one person to operate.</p> <p>Supply a metal rail staggered in front of main entrance.</p>

Total: £12,600
(£6,300 external funding, £2,750 existing Community Leaders Budget, £3,550 Community Chest)

Lead: Tunstallside Allotments

To install a welcome sign to Tunstall Allotments, directional signage from the entrance up to the community allotment, and health and safety signs, as appropriate.

Total: £1,000
(£1,000 Community Chest)

Lead: Sunderland Council

A high level of complaints has been received from local residents and sports clubs using the football pitches at Ryhope Recreation Park.

The football pitch backs up onto residents garden fences. This means that when the football season starts, so does the footballs hitting off the roofs and windows of the homes. There is evidence to suggest that the local residents are suffering.

The project proposal will contribute towards the installation of a 30ft high perimeter fence with nettings to prevent the footballs from smashing into the houses.

The field is in Ryhope and the houses are in Doxford.

Total: £5,000
(£2,500 each from Doxford and Ryhope existing Community Leaders fund)

Financial Breakdown

Doxford Community Leaders				
Project	Approved	Aligned	Community Chest	Totals
1. Highway Improvements along Doxford Park Way.	£750	£10,000	£0	£10,750
Car parking improvements at The Box Youth Project.	£2,750	£0	£3,550	£6,300
Signage at Tunstall Allotments	£0	£0	£1,000	£1,000
Perimeter fence at Ryhope Recreation	£2,500	£0	£0	£2,500
Total	£6,000	£10,000	£4,550	£20,550
Budget	£6,000	£10,000	£9,468	£25,468
Balance	£0	£0	£4,918	£4,918

Hendon Ward

2. Lead: Friends of Backhouse and Barley Mow Parks

To improve the visual appearance of Barley Mow Park the Friends group would welcome the opportunity to remove the old perimeter fence from around the tennis courts, along with the posts and patch and repair the tarmac. (£2,100)

In addition, they would like to advertise the park by placing two banners at the entrances to attract people into the park to increase its usage. (£110)

To enable the Friends Group to communication with existing and potential new users they would like to install an information board at the main entrance off Ryhope Road in the park. (subject to specification and liaising with RLS) (£650)

It is proposed to fund the replacement of three litter bins, in consultation with Streetscene services. (£750)

In conjunction with the Blind Society it is proposed to replant the Sensory Garden with a mixture of suitable plants. RLS are willing to advise and supply the plants and well as the hand tools to enable local volunteers, children and older people 'plant up' the bed. (£450)

To enable the group to continue to deliver a varied programme from the 'hut' funding is sought to replace the existing sink. (£400)

Total £4,460

(£664 existing Community Leaders / £3,796 seeking approval from the aligned Community Leaders)

Financial Breakdown

Hendon Community Leaders			
Project	Approved	Aligned	Totals
2. Barley Mow Park	£664	£3,796	£4,460
Total	£664	£3,796	£4,460
Budget	£664	£10,000	£10,664
Balance	£0	£6,204	£6,204

Millfield Ward

3. Lead: Open House Project c/o St Marys RC Church

The kitchen which is central to the delivery of the drop-in café is in need of being re-vamped. The drop-in café provides a warm and safe environment in which the area's most vulnerable can attend and receive a hot meal once a week. The café is ran by volunteers and relies on contributions of food from local people and businesses. The organisation are seeking a one off capital grant to enable them to replace the whole kitchen, works included are:

1. To manufacture (not flat pack) and deliver kitchen furniture. Units from 18mm colour or wood grain mcf, internal and external with ABS edges for impact resistance. All doors and drawers 'soft close'. Units have adjustable legs, solid backs, detachable plinths and adjustable wall hangers. Pan drawers have extended side rails to maximise storage.
2. Renew worktops.
3. Replace existing sliding door to cupboard with a tall shelf unit to maximise the storage capacity.
4. Install a Lemans Storage mechanism in one of the corner units.
5. Replace the tiles with a continuous splash back which is an effective and hard-wearing alternative.
6. Install double bowl sink drainer and separate hand wash basis, with waste kits, taps, etc.

Total £8,976

(£5,000 seeking approval from the aligned Community Leaders Fund / £3,976 from St Marys RC Church)

Financial Breakdown

Millfield Community Leaders			
Project	Approved	Aligned	Totals
3. Open House Project	£0	£5,000	£5,000
Total	£0	£5,000	£5,000
Budget	£0	£10,000	£10,000
Balance	£0	£5,000	£5,000

Ryhope Ward

4. Lead: Sunderland Council, Ryhope Cemetery

It is proposed to carry out improvements works to repair the road entrance of Ryhope Cemetery and excavate up to 6m of land, providing a suitable lay of tarmac. The project is needed to ensure a safe access into the cemetery.

Total: £2,000

(£1,730 from the existing Community Leaders / £270 seeking approval from the aligned Community Leaders)

Financial Breakdown

Ryhope Community Leaders			
Project	Approved	Aligned	Totals
Perimeter fence at Ryhope Recreation (see Doxford)	£2,500	£0	£2,500
4. Ryhope Cemetery	£1,730	£270	£2,000
Total	£4,230	£270	£4,500
Budget	£4,230	£10,000	£14,230
Balance	£0	£9,730	£9,730

St Michael's Ward

5. Lead: Friends of Backhouse and Barley Mow Parks

To enable the Friends Group of the park to advertise activities, share news and communicate better with people, funding is sought to install up to three notice boards. In addition, it is proposed to fund the replacement of three litter bins, in consultation with Streetscene services.

To improve the accessibility and usage of the play park the Friends Group would like to install one picnic table, which will be a mobility accessible table.

Total £4,843

(£4,843 seeking approval from the aligned Community Leaders)

6. Sunderland Council

Streetscene have agreed to replace 15 London Planes and 10 Field Maples in soft verges, due to the damage, age and health of the existing trees throughout Ashbrooke.

Total: £2,500

(£2,500 seeking approval from the aligned Community Leaders)

Financial Breakdown

Community Leaders			
Project	Approved	Aligned	Totals
5. Backhouse Park	£0	£4,843	£4,843
6. Tree Replacement Strategy	£0	£2,500	£2,500
Total	£0	£7,343	£7,343
Budget	£0	£10,000	£10,000
Balance	£0	£2,657	£2,657

Recommendation: Approve all six funding requests

Project Seven: Pinhole Sunderland: Look and Inspire

SIB Requested	£5,000	Organisation	The Art Studio
Start Date	April 2016	End Date	September 2016

Project Description

Funding was awarded to work with a local photographer and artist to develop a photography project to encourage people in the community to work with the studio members to create fine art images of Sunderland East.

Using recycled tins and boxes participants built their own pin hole cameras, and were taught how to process their images using traditional darkroom techniques.

The project was fun and an interesting way to get participants walking around the area, helping to improve their mental health through physical activity.

191 people participate in the project with 426 images being produced. A booklet has been published and there is an exhibition being held in the Winter Gardens throughout November. Two members of staff are now trained Walk Leaders and over 3,000 people liked the project on Facebook. A video on how to make your own pinhole camera is available to watch on YouTube.

The project was a massive success and the Area Place Board are recommending a second course is funded.

Financial Breakdown

Itemised list of all costs	Cost	SIB Contribution
Staffing	£2,000	£1,600
Materials	£1,950	£1,950
Promotion	£750	£750
Venue Hire	£400	£200
Equipment	£750	£350
Administration	£150	£150
Total	£6,000	£5,000

Recommendation: Approve

Project Eight - Twelve: Community Connectors Phase Two

8. SIB Requested	£10,000	Organisation	The Box Youth Centre
9. SIB Requested	£10,000	Organisation	CHANCE
10. SIB Requested	£10,000	Organisation	St Marks Community Association
11. SIB Requested	£10,000	Organisation	Ryhope Community Association
12. SIB Requested	£10,000	Organisation	St Nicholas Church
Start Date	January 2016	End Date	December 2016

Project Description

During 2014 / 2015 East Sunderland Area Committee developed a Community Connectors model in the area. The achievements delivered were:

- 15 VCS Area Network meetings held
- 45 e-bulletins circulated
- Online community services directory launched
- VCS Area Network representation at 100% at Area Committee
- 229 Community Connectors
- 33 grants awarded to local community and voluntary led organisations across the East area
- 2,463 new people engaged in services, connecting to their communities

In June 2015, Area Committee approved their work plan for 2015 / 2016. An area priority agreed was to 'embed and strengthen the community connectors model' by developing a hub and spokes model across the East area, by the People Area Board Councillors identifying a local venue to become a ward hub.

Services across the city are being restructured and deliver at an area level. What has become apparent via discussions with ward councillors, providers, the area network, is that there is an increasing demand on community buildings to provide a venue free of charge for services to be delivered 'outreach' in the community. Many community organisations would welcome the opportunity to have services delivered locally but unfortunately running costs such as utilities bills are becoming increasing harder to secure funding towards.

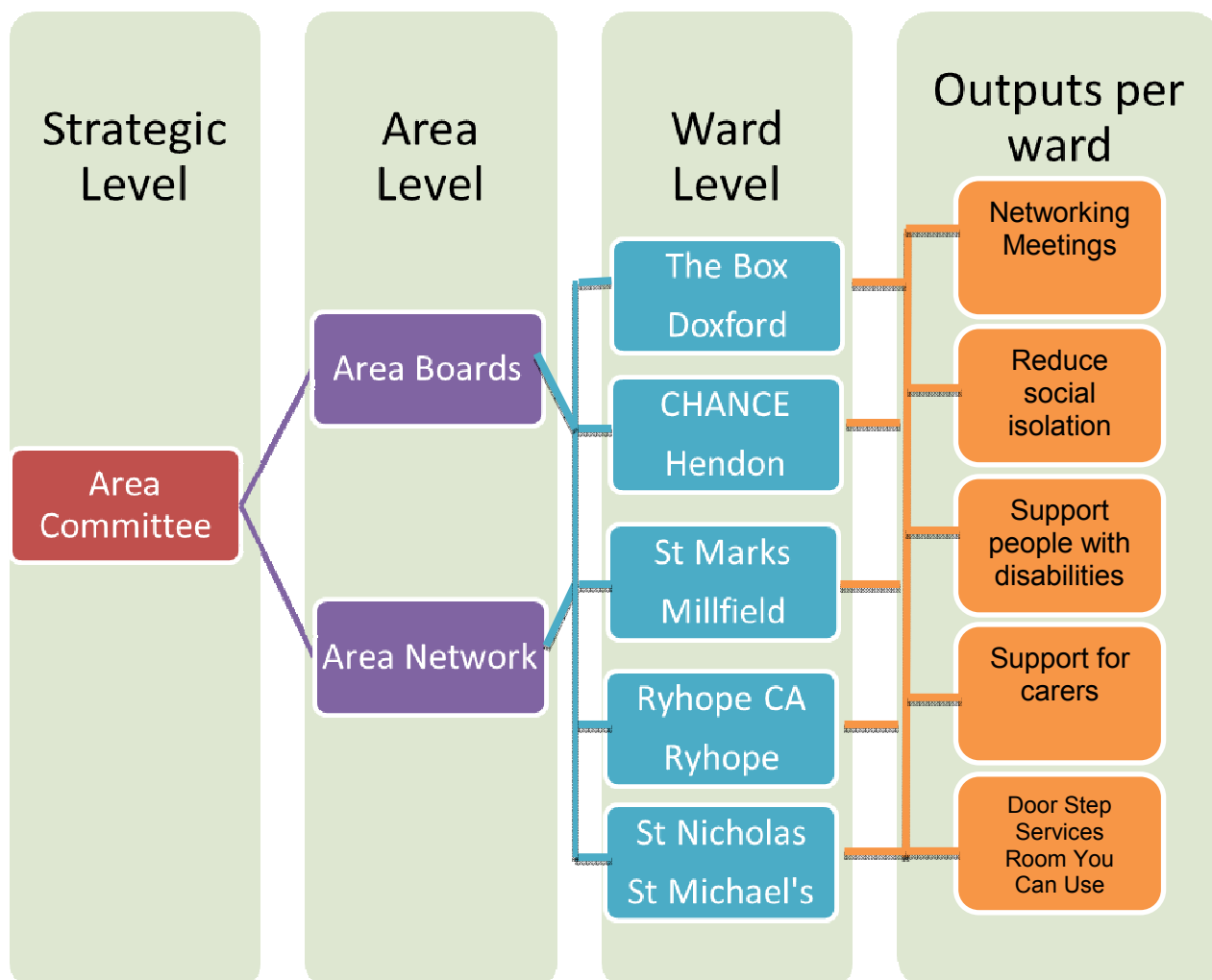
A further point for consideration, it that many 'area based' services have revenue costs for a salaries but not for room hire fees, again placing undue pressure of community organisations. Meaning, that more often than not residents have to travel to the city centre to access services.

The second phase of the Community Connectors model it aimed at supporting hubs with core running costs, whilst enabling the delivering of the following outcomes:

- Bi-monthly ward networking meetings
- Reduce social isolation
- Support people with disabilities

- Support carers
- Support the delivery of a door step service scheme ('use a room')

As the face of public sector services are changing there is a need to target and focus on the area's most vulnerable residents. It is envisaged that the development of a ward 'hub' and spokes model across the East, as illustrated below, will do exactly that.



Financial Breakdown (per ward)

Item and Description	SIB Contribution
Room Hire 'use a room' £20 per hour x 250 hours over 12 months period	£5,000
Bi-monthly ward network meetings £150 per meeting x 6	£900
Running costs to deliver activities which reduce social isolation, support people with disabilities and support carers	£4,100
Total	£10,000 x 5 = £50,000

Recommendation: **Approve**

Project Thirteen: Camping Exchange

SIB Requested	£15,970	Organisation	Sunderland Council
Start Date	January 2016	End Date	December 2017

Background

In June 2015, East Sunderland Area Committee approved their Area Work Plan 2015 / 2016. An area priority, falling under the People Area Board was to 'develop stronger communities and encourage self-help' by 'encouraging outdoor education and support the establishment of a camping exchange'. A call for projects was advertised in July. Eight organisations have submitted an expression. A workshop was held in October hosted by Reynolds Outdoor Specialists and those organisations who expressed an interest in participating in the exchange attended. Also, in October Area Committee noted that a SIB request to support the delivery of the scheme would be presented in December 2015.

Project Description

The Camping Exchange will be delivered in two phases.

Phase 1: Capital Investment.

A one off capital investment of £4,250 is sought to enable the purchase of the camping equipment to deliver the 'rent a tent' scheme. The equipment covers:

Level 1: Non – residential: ideal for Early Years / younger children to deliver outdoor session(s) on different topics throughout the day/early evening. Hire fees based on either a daily charge / Week days only.

Full package includes:

- One large tent to fit up to 30 people in (not to sleep)
- 2 x Ground sheets
- Carpet to cover flooring

Level 2: Residential: ideal for KS1 to deliver a low cost residential over a weekend/week. Hire fees based on either a weekend or full week.

Full package includes:

- As above, plus
- 4 man tents x 6 to enable group work
- 30 x sleeping mats
- 30 sleeping bags / 30 x bag liners

Level 3: Optional Extras

Cooking Experience:

- 6 x cooking stoves / fuel, etc.
- 30 dining sets / utensils
- 6 x pan sets / 6 x Kettles

Rambling Experience:

- 30 x waterproof pants
- 30 x waterproof jackets
- 30 x head torches
- 30 x walking boots (in-kind Reynolds)

- 30 x rucksacks

Each Option will be interchangeable and flexible to the needs of the customer. Reynolds Outdoor Store have agreed to manage the 'rent the tent' programme, as well as, maintain and clean, provide storage, cover insurance, provide training, deliver and collect equipment as part of the partnership agreement. If the 'rent a tent' scheme is unsuccessful, the equipment can be sold with any return coming back to Area Committee.

Phase 2: Revenue Investment

To launch the camping exchange and encourage uptake it is proposed to ring fence £6,720 revenue funding against the priority. This will allow all 24 organisations (schools/uniform groups, etc.) in the East area the opportunity to apply for a one off voucher up to the value of £280. The voucher can then be used to cover the costs of the 'rent the tent' scheme. For instance, one full week or two weekends.

It is envisaged that once the school has participated in the 'rent the tent' scheme and sees the value of outdoor education they will be encouraged to self-fund any future investment.

As part of ensuring maximum take up in the camping exchange programme a revenue budget of £5,000 is requested to support the co-ordination and delivery of an outdoor camp. This will reduce the barriers in accessing the scheme, as extra support can be bought in, if needed.

Financial Breakdown

Item and Description	SIB Contribution
Camping Equipment	£4,250
School Voucher Scheme @ £280 per school	£6,720
Running programme costs	£5,000
Total	£15,970

Recommendation: Approve

Project Fourteen: Improving Health and Housing Standards for Vulnerable People

SIB Requested	£64,777	Organisation	Sunderland Council
Start Date	March 2016	End Date	February 2018

Project Description

In June 2015, East Sunderland Area Committee approved their Area Work Plan 2015 / 2016. An area priority, falling under the Place Area Board but which has a close relationship to the People Board is to work with communities and partners to understand local issues and help to identify their own solutions and take more responsibility for their local community. A key element of the plan has been working with private landlords to look at different ways to improve housing standards and address associated health issues. The proposed project outlined below compliments this area priority.

There are five private hostels in and around the Sunnyside area of the East, providing 142 bed spaces to vulnerable adults, the majority of which have complex needs. A one year pilot project has been funded by the North East Regional Homelessness Group until February 2016 to improve current practices and the service offer to those vulnerable individuals in occupation. The project has successfully co-ordinated and strengthened a multi-agency approach between the various agencies and individual departments within the Council including; ward members, Northumbria Police, Housing Benefits, Safeguarding, Changing Lives, Turning Point, Counted 4 and Life Line to support tenants and help avoid homelessness as well as providing other services to vulnerable individuals.

Sunderland Council are seeking two years revenue funding to continue the programme up until February 2018. The project will continue to ensure that the necessary transition work can be undertaken to ensure housing standards and the service offered to vulnerable residents will be embedded and part of mainstream delivery on completion of the project.

Landlords, Partners and Councillors agree that the work undertaken to date has made a positive impact on the hostels, landlords, tenants, service providers and the community in general. For example, enhanced inspections regimes have raised the standards of living accommodation and hostel landlords feel that they now have a voice in which to express their concerns. Hostel owners and hostels are now accredited under the Sunderland Accredited Landlord Scheme and hostel owners as Homes of Multi Occupation (HMO) Licence Holders are regulated through enhanced adult safeguarding conditions as part of the HMO licence which is resulting in further support to tenants.

By funding the programme for a further two years the practices which have been established during the pilot will be developed further and embedded to ensure they are sustainable on completion of the project. Enabling the Hostel Strategic Working Group to expand and connect to other appropriate 'bodies' within a recognised framework covering a multitude of complex issues, for instance, housing, health, crime, welfare, safeguarding and community cohesion. Once the necessary framework is developed and in place at the end of the project practices will be 'self managed' through this network.

Financial Breakdown

Item and Description	Total costs/ Breakdown	Match Costs	SIB Contribution
Establish a work plan to deliver under the remit of the Hostel Strategic Working Group to achieve the required outcomes.	£3,930	£1,500	£2,430
Host bi-monthly Hostel Strategic Working Group throughout 2016 / 2018 to co-ordinate and deliver the work plan.	£7,978	£1,500	£6,478
Effective referral reporting by hostel owners as per safeguarding procedures which becomes entrenched practice.	£15,955	£3,000	£12,955
Effective and embedded hostel inspection regime resulting in further improved standards of accommodation.	£25,957	£4,500	£21,457
Development of a robust system of management of occupiers finances by hostel owners which is fully auditable, transparent and follows good practice from other care settings.	£7,860	£3,000	£4,860
Increase direct health care service provision within hostels (where feasible)	£12,025	£1,500	£10,525
Develop an exit strategy which will evaluate the project and ensure that systems and processes are in place for hostels to self-regulate and for statutory elements to be encompassed with the Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal Team.	£6,072	£0	£6,072
Total	£79,777	£15,000	£64,777

Recommendation: Approve

7 December 2015

Community Chest: Financial Statement October 2015 – November 2015

Doxford Ward Budget C/F	£10,877		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Naughton Solicitors U12 FC	21.10.15		£961.56
Doxford Park CA	30.10.15		£446.97
Remaining balance			£9,468.47
Hendon Ward Budget C/F	£4,053.67		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Hudson Road Primary School	02.11.15		£500.00
Remaining balance			£3,553.67
Millfield Ward Budget C/F	£15,066.19		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
St Gabriel's Church Men's Outreach	15.09.15		£1,825
SCC – Pocket Park Equipment	21.10.15		£7,087.00
City Centre Residents Group	02.11.15		£500.00
Remaining balance			£5,654.19
Ryhope Ward Budget C/F	£4,951.83		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
SCC – Traffic Management	02.11.15		£323.80
Ryhope Community Spirit	12.11.15		£1,000
Remaining balance			£3,628.03
St Michaels Ward Budget C/F	£6,472.10		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Friends Backhouse Park	21.10.15		£582.00
St Michael's Ward RA	21.10.15		£600.00
Sunderland Bowling Club	21.10.15		£1,000.00
Sunderland Symphony Orchestra	21.10.15		£1,000.00
Remaining balance			£3,290.10

Current Planning Applications(East)

Between 01/10/2015 and 19/11/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/01949/FUL	3 Chantry CloseChapelgarthSunderlandSR3 2SL	Erection of a single storey side extension and increase in height of main roof to facilitate loft conversion. (Amended Description)	09/10/2015	04/12/2015
15/01979/FUL	41 Ainthorpe CloseSunderlandSR3 2DA	Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear with alterations to front porch	13/10/2015	08/12/2015
15/02091/FUL	3 Marbury CloseMoorsideSunderlandSR3 2QG	Change of use from open space to private garden and a erection of a 1.8m boundary fence (Retrospective).	13/10/2015	08/12/2015
15/02140/PRI	21A Woburn DriveSunderlandSR3 2EW	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 5m from the original dwelling, 3.6m in height and 2.4m to the eaves)	15/10/2015	26/11/2015
15/02098/FUL	30 Craigwell DriveSunderlandSR3 2TR	Single storey extension to side and conversion of garage to habitable rooms.	02/11/2015	28/12/2015
15/02282/PE4	20 The CheyneSunderlandSR3 2XL	Erection of new 1.83m high boundary fence	09/11/2015	30/11/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/02006/FUL	Former Orphanage And East End Community CentreMoor TerraceSunderland	Erection of seven vertical bike lockers to hardstanding to the North of the site.	01/10/2015	26/11/2015
15/01839/PRI	31 Bramwell RoadSunderlandSR2 8BY	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 3.5m from the original dwelling, 2.725m in height and 3.73m to the eaves)	08/10/2015	19/11/2015
15/02029/FUL	Side Of18 Margaret StreetGrangetownSunderlandS R2 9SB	Change of use of land to private garden and erection of 1.8m fencing.	20/10/2015	15/12/2015
15/02165/FU4	Car Park Adjacent ToSambucasFish QuayLow StreetSunderland	Change of use of part of car park to boat repair yard, to include realignment of existing fence and siting of GRP cabin.	22/10/2015	17/12/2015
15/02206/FUL	32 Frederick StreetCity CentreSunderlandSR1 1LN	Change of use to 7 bedroom HMO to include internal alterations and external alterations, including new window in place of door to basement, new roller shutter to rear yard, roof lights and external pointing and refurbishment of railings.	26/10/2015	21/12/2015
15/02158/FUL	Part Ground Floor UnitsEcho BuildingWest Wear StreetSunderland	Temporary change of use of part ground floor to D1 (Assessment Centre)	28/10/2015	23/12/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/02216/FUL	91 Stratford Avenue Sunderland SR2 8RZ	Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear	28/10/2015	23/12/2015
15/02023/FUL	Sunderland Furniture Warehouse Hendon Street Covered Storage Woodbine Street Sunderland SR1 2NL	Change of use to Timber Merchants (sui generis) alterations to elevations and re-roof buildings.	30/10/2015	29/01/2016
15/01957/FUL	33 John Candlish Road Millfield Sunderland SR4 6HB	Rebuild perimeter walls to yard to form garage with flat roof finish and bricking up of rear yard gate.	02/10/2015	27/11/2015
15/02046/FUL	12 Martin Terrace Sunderland SR4 6JD	Replacement shopfront and erection of a single storey extension to rear.	06/10/2015	01/12/2015
15/01887/FUL	High Street Music Centre 314 High Street West / 1 Church Lane Sunderland SR1 3ET	Change of use from retail music shop and optician practice to licensed premises.	08/10/2015	03/12/2015
15/01981/FUL	242 High Street West City Centre Sunderland SR1 3DE	Change of use from Retail (A1) to Cafe (A3)	14/10/2015	09/12/2015
15/02109/ADV	Santander 12 - 13 Waterloo Place Sunderland SR1 3HS	Installation of 2no. internal TV's on poles.	16/10/2015	11/12/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/02184/ADV	The Bridges Multi Storey Car Park EntranceCrowtree RoadSunderland	Installation of 1no internally illuminated hoarding sign.	26/10/2015	21/12/2015
15/02103/FU4	Former Fire StationDun Cow StreetCity CentreSunderlandSR1 3HE	Conversion of Old Fire Station for a mixed use development comprising of dance/theatre studios, cafe, bar and restaurant, including part demolition of single storey extension to rear/training tower, erection of single storey extension to rear with balcony above and associated elevational/roof alterations.	10/11/2015	09/02/2016
15/00812/FUL	5 Evelyn TerraceRyhopeSunderlandSR2 0HB	Enlargement and alteration of roof of existing property, to include dormer window to rear and second-floor window to side (amended description).	08/10/2015	03/12/2015
15/02052/PE4	1 Greenhow CloseSunderlandSR2 0LF	Erection of new fence	09/10/2015	30/10/2015
15/02088/FUL	Ryhope Post Office18 The VillageRyhopeSunderlandSR2 0NQ	Installation of 12 solar panels to south facing roof plane (front) and 6 solar panels to west facing roof plane (side).	19/10/2015	14/12/2015
15/01629/OU4	Land At Grangetown AutosRyhope RoadSunderlandSR2 0SP	Demolition of existing buildings and development of up to 22 dwellings.	23/10/2015	22/01/2016

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/01993/FUL	14 Lorne TerraceSunderlandSR2 7BU	Erection of a single storey extension and external stairs to rear.	05/10/2015	30/11/2015
15/02079/FUL	29 Ludlow RoadSunderlandSR2 9HH	Erection of a single storey extension to side.	09/10/2015	04/12/2015
15/01962/FUL	13 Grange TerraceSunderlandSR2 7DF	Change of use from offices and barber shop to a 8 bed HMO (AMENDED DESCRIPTION)	12/10/2015	07/12/2015
15/02193/FUL	The AshbrookeStannington GroveSunderlandSR2 9JT	Removal of existing canopy and erection of single storey extension with pitched roof to front.	26/10/2015	21/12/2015
15/02161/FUL	7 TattershallSunderlandSR2 7RA	Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear and pitched roof to existing garage	28/10/2015	23/12/2015
15/02185/VAR	Rear Of 24 - 26 Stockton Road/Former Thirkells Garage SiteStockton RoadCity CentreSunderlandSR2 7AJ	Variation of conditions 2, 6, 7 and 9 attached to planning application 13/02786/FUL, to allow changes to external surfacing and approved bin store.	02/11/2015	01/02/2016
15/02225/FUL	Wearside Masonic TempleDouro TerraceSunderlandSR2 7DX	Removal of 2 replica flagpoles and replacement with 1 replica flagpole, removal of 1 equipment cabinet and replacement with 2 equipment cabinets on existing rooftop.	02/11/2015	28/12/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/01804/FU4	Land AtBelford CloseSunderland	Erection of 8no detached dwellings (3no 6 bedroom and 5no 5 bedroom) with associated roads	16/11/2015	11/01/2016