

## COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2015 at 6:00pm

**VENUE – Houghton Library, 74 Newbottle Street, Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 4AF**

### Membership

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

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**ELAINE WAUGH**

**Head of Law and Governance**

**24<sup>th</sup> November, 2015**

**At a Meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held at the BETHANY CHRISTIAN CENTRE, HETTON ROAD, HOUGHTON LE SPRING, DH5 8PF, on WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2015 at 6.00 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor Lawson in the Chair

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

**Also in Attendance:-**

Ron Barrass	Member of the Public	
Steve Burdis	Station Manager	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Charlotte Burnham	Area Lead Executive for the Coalfield Area Committee and Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements	Sunderland City Council
Melanie Caldwell	Head of Operations Houghton/Hetton	Gentoo Ltd.
Wendy Cook	VCS Representative, Youth and Community Co-Ordinator	Sunderland North Community Business Centre
Joyce Dixon	Member of the Public	
Paul Finch	VCS Representative	Hetton New Dawn
Ashton Greenshields	Member of the Public	
Pat Greenshields	Member of the Public	
Debbie Hall	Area Response Manager Coalfields	Sunderland City Council
Ken Heads	Network Development Manager	Sunderland City Council
Pauline Hopper	Area Community Officer, Coalfield	Sunderland City Council
Kevin Johnston	Member of the Public	

David Kirkpatrick	Engineer	Sunderland City Council
Susan Kirtley	Member of the Public	
Dave McCreedy	VCS Representative	Fence Houses YMCA
Michael Mordey	Councillor and Portfolio Holder for City Services	Sunderland City Council
Norman Moss	Member of the Public	
Lisa Musgrove	Neighbourhood Inspector	Northumbria Police
John R. Ritchie	Member of the Public	
Kay Rowham	Member of the Public	
Christine Tilley	Community Governance Services Team Leader	Sunderland City Council
Gill Wake	Area Co-ordinator	Sunderland City Council
Glenis Wallace	Councillor	Hetton Town Council
Linda Wood	Member of the Public	

### **Chairman's Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited them to introduce themselves.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Ms. Laura Hope, Commissioning Manager, Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Heron made an open declaration as a Council appointed representative on the Management Committee of Fencehouses Y.M.C.A.

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to it being noted that the open declaration made by Councillor Turner as a

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Member of the Management Committee of Hetton New Dawn and also as a volunteer, was with regards to an application made by the organisation for Strategic Initiatives Budget funding and not Community Chest funding.

### **A690 Stoneygate Junction – Public Engagement Exercise – Presentation**

Councillor Michael Mordey, Portfolio Holder for City Services gave a presentation to the Committee on the consultation the Council had carried in relation to the proposal to close the central reservation gaps at the A690 Stoneygate junction to reduce the number of collisions at those locations.

(For copy presentation – see original minutes).

Councillor Mordey advised that the engagement exercise had been considered successful in that it had resulted in a 39% return rate. Around 80% of those responding were opposed to the total closure of the central reservation however recognised that safety improvements were needed at the junction. The presentation provided details of the collisions occurring in the location during the period 1<sup>st</sup> May 2012 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015 and the causes; the main cause being vehicles making a right turn from High Lane/into High Lane or from Stoneygate Lane. Details of the main issues for the responses being opposed to the proposal were set out in the presentation together with alternative options which included the installation of traffic signals, a roundabout or safety cameras.

Councillor Mordey stated that the Council had given consideration to the alternative suggestions of installing traffic signals or a roundabout but these had been ruled out mainly because of the cost, £1.5m and £3m respectively and also because of the negative impact that they would have on the flow of traffic.

Councillor Mordey commented that the Council had listened to the responses received from the consultation and had amended the proposal as a result and was now proposing to maintain the right turn into the side roads but remove the right turn from the side roads and consult on the new proposal. This would mean effectively that vehicles would not be able to cross 4 lanes of traffic on the A690 to the other side which it was hoped would significantly reduce the risk of accidents and answer the concerns of residents.

Members of the Public were given an opportunity to ask questions on the revised proposal which Mr. Ken Heads, Network Development Manager responded to. He advised that further consultation would be undertaken on the revised proposal which would then be submitted to the Council's Planning and Highways Committee for consideration in January. Subject to satisfactory consultation the Council would commence on the statutory legal procedures needed such as Traffic Regulation Orders and subject to a satisfactory outcome of this, construction would take place in August/September 2016.

Full consideration having been given to the report, and the Chairman having thanked Councillor Mordey and the officers for the presentation and their attendance, it was:-

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2. RESOLVED that results of the consultation and details of the revised proposal in respect of the A690 Stoneygate Junction, be received and noted.

### **Place Board Progress Report**

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

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield briefed the Committee on the report drawing attention to the proposed relocation of the two seats from Market Street, Hetton to King George V play area, Eppleton and to the consultation carried out by Nexus on the revision of the route of the Demand Responsive Transport Service. Ms. Hopper advised that the service would be widely marketed throughout the area once it was operational as it was currently underused.

Ms. Hopper highlighted the review being undertaken of parking restrictions in and around Newbottle Street by a Working Group consisting of Elected Members, Council Officers, Houghton Traders Association members and the Neighbourhood Police Team.

Ms. Hopper referred to the educational programme underway with Hetton Primary School where a litter awareness programme had resulted in a poster competition and Shiney Row Childcare had taken part in a 'grow and eat' project as part of the Love Where You Live project. Ms. Hopper also drew attention to the work undertaken as part of the project to tidy up areas of neglected land which included the proposal to create a wild flower meadow on the vacant land adjacent to Easington Lane Primary School. Ms. Hopper briefed Members on the proposals included in the area priority to celebrate local events and celebrations.

In response to Councillor Blackburn, Ms. Hopper confirmed that the proposal to create a wild flower meadow on the vacant land adjacent to Easington Lane Primary School was a temporary measure to keep the site tidy and would be surrendered if any development proposal came forward.

Councillor Walker advised that the traders from the shops at Barnwell were meeting informally and enquired whether there was any spare capacity which could be diverted to support them.

Ms. Hopper advised that support for local shopping centres was the priority for discussion at the February Place Board meeting and this would be taken into consideration at that point.

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

3. RESOLVED that:-

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- (i) the progress and performance update with regard to the Coalfield Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2015/16 be noted and the proposals for future delivery be approved;
- (ii) approval be given to the two seats being removed from Market Square, Hetton being relocated at King George V play area, Eppleton, to replace the current seats; and
- (iii) approval be given to the creation of a wildflower meadow on the site adjacent to Easington Lane Primary School.

## **People Board Progress Report**

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

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Billy Turton, Chair of the Coalfield Area People Board briefed the Committee on the report drawing attention to the urgent care centre at Houghton-le-Spring and advising that an article was to be included in an issue of the Coalfield Community News to promote the services on offer to patients there and raise awareness of the centre.

Councillor Turton also highlighted the Care Homes Project which had resulted in a reduction in emergency admissions and A&E attendances by 45% and the Active Sunderland Partnership and the changes made through this to the sports centres at Houghton and Hetton as a result of the new working arrangements.

Councillor Turton referred the Committee to the projects which had been funded through the Health and Greenspaces Project and the CAN DO Fund.

Councillor Turton drew Members attention to the proposal to increase support for existing and new groups to deliver services and increase support and co-ordination of volunteers which was detailed later on the agenda, together with the funding requirements from the Strategic Initiatives Budget for Members' consideration.

Councillor Walker referred Members to the Work plan for the February Board meeting and advised that 'Youth Focus North East' rather than 'Young Minds' would be interested in engaging with the priority 'Emotional and Mental Wellbeing'.

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

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

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

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Wendy Cook, Area Network Representative briefed the Committee on the report highlighting that the Coalfield Area VCSN had met four times since the last meeting of the Area Committee in June 2015.

5. RESOLVED that:-

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

## **Partner Agency Reports – Northumbria Police**

Neighbourhood Inspector Lisa Musgrove provided the Committee with a verbal update on crime in the Coalfield Area. She advised that overall crime across the area was up. There were new national crime recording standards and changes in policy from other organisations which might have contributed to this increase. For example wheelie bins had to be recorded as 'stolen' in order for residents to receive a new one free of charge. There had been an increase in the number of burglaries from both domestic dwellings and commercial premises however a number of arrests had been made and offenders had been charged and remanded in custody. There had been an overall reduction of 19% for the year to date in respect of cases of anti-social behaviour. Youth anti-social behaviour was down by 41% and in general instances of anti-social behaviour were down by 7%. Easington Lane and Hetton Town Centre continued to be hotspots for youth anti-social behaviour where reduction continued to be a neighbourhood priority and there had been reports recently also at Hetton Bus station. There had been less reporting of motorcycle disorder at Easington Lane and certain country parks. Houghton feast had gone very well in that there had been only 5 arrests. The only problem had been an insecure gate at Rectory Park where youths had been storing alcohol.

In response to Members, Neighbourhood Inspector Musgrove confirmed that there had been general disorder in Hetton whilst police resources had been directed at Houghton Feast.

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

6. RESOLVED that the update be received and noted.



## **Partner Agency Reports – Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service**

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

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr. Steve Burdis, Station Manager Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service briefed the Committee on the report highlighting that there had been no deaths or injuries recorded during the time frame of the report. There had been 1 accidental fire in a dwelling and 4 deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles.

Mr. Burdis informed the Committee that the Fire Service was writing to farmers asking them to plough their fields when they cut their crops in order to reduce the number of fires started.

Mr. Burdis highlighted that there had been a 10% increase in the number of fires in the Shiney Row Ward whereas elsewhere in the Coalfield there had been a reasonable reduction. He advised that the Shiney Row area would be targeted to make people realise the damage that can be caused by items being deliberately set on fire.

Mr. Burdis drew to Members attention the map detailing the hotspots for anti-social fires in the Coalfield Area and invited Members to let the service know of any others they were aware of.

In response to Councillor Speding who enquired about fires on allotments, Mr. Burdis advised that the guidelines around fires were complicated as there were European Union Agreements to be followed but if there were concerns the fire service would come out if called and if the fire was deemed to be dangerous it would be put out. Mr. Burdis added that Fire Officers were trying to get in touch with Allotment Associations to see if extra wheelie bins were being taken onto the sites as if burned they were very toxic.

In response to Councillor Heron who enquired where the two Targeted Response Vehicles (TRVs) were based, Mr. Burdis advised that they were at Sunderland and Washington. He added that the TRVs had a target response time of 10 minutes, however the Coalfield Area used the appliance based at Rainton Bridge due to the rural nature of the area.

In response to the Chairman, Mr. Burdis advised that if Fire crews notice items on the street, they are reported to the Council and Gentoo who remove them in order to prevent fires; more of this would be taking place in the run up to Bonfire Night.

Ms. Melanie Caldwell, Head of Operations Houghton/Hetton, Gentoo Ltd. confirmed that if an enquiry came in, it would be checked and a recharge made to the householder if it was in Gentoo ownership as the removal of items was not a

free service however Gentoo would still talk to the householder if it was in private ownership.

The Chairman having thanked Mr. Burdis for his report, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that the contents of the report and the information brought out during the discussion be received and noted.

### **Area Budgets Report**

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

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms. Pauline Hopper, Area Community Officer, Coalfield presented the report drawing the Committee's attention to the financial position as set out in paragraph 2.1 advising that the SIB balance was at that time standing at £264,792.

Ms. Hopper highlighted the three applications for SIB funding presented for the Committee's consideration set out at paragraph 2.2 and Annex 1 and briefed the Committee on the detail in relation to each one.

In response to Councillor Speding's enquiry in relation to the Volunteering and Community Support Project, Ms. Hopper advised that this work would not be part of someone's existing job but would be an additional worker and a recruitment process would be followed. The intention was that the successful organisation would sustain the project and only come back to the Area Committee for funding if all other avenues had been exhausted and consideration would then be given to the next step. Ms. Hopper advised that the People Board were keen for the project to be reviewed after one year.

The Chairman added that whoever the successful applicant was they would be working exclusively in the Coalfield Area.

Ms. Hopper advised that the Youth Social Action Project was a spin off, although be it a separate project to the Volunteering and Community Support Project, for young people. The projects would need to work together as well as with all of the existing projects in the area.

All applications for the above projects would be scored against the briefs drafted for the projects and considered at the People Board meeting in November. The organisations coming out on top would be recommended for approval by the Area Committee at the December meeting.

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

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Consideration having been given to the report it was:-

8. RESOLVED that:-

- a) the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1 of the report be noted;
- b) the recommendations for SIB funding as set out in paragraph 2.2 and Annex 1 of the report, be approved; and
- c) the 23 Community Chest approvals supported from the 2015/16 budget as set out in Annex 2 be noted.

### **Current Planning Applications (Coalfields Area)**

A schedule (copy circulated) of current planning applications lodged during the period 1<sup>st</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 was submitted for Members' information only.

(For copy schedule – see original minutes).

9. RESOLVED that the schedule be received and noted.

The Chairman, having thanked everyone for their contributions and attendance, closed the meeting.

(Signed) A. LAWSON,  
Chairman.

2 December 2015

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD****Place Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

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

**2. Background**

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

**3. Area Governance Arrangements**

- 3.1 The Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-
- a. Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
  - b. Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.
- 3.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities.
- 3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the Place Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

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

**4. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to November 2015**

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

<b>Action Taken</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Influence: Responsive Local Services Streetscene</b>	
Influence operational deployment of RLS Streetscene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Area Response Manager (ARM) ensures that regular communication with all elected members can influence street scene service delivery to meet local need. Debbie Hall the ARM for the Coalfield area gave a service update at the October Place Board meeting and further provided members with a report regarding winter maintenance. The Winter Service Policy Statement 2015 has been uploaded on to Sunderland City Council web site.</li> </ul>
<b>Influence: Environmental issues/ASB</b>	
Support preventative measures to reduce negative impact on the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following the removal of two seats at Market Street, Hetton, it was agreed that they would be refurbished and relocated to King George V play area, Eppleton. The seats have been repainted</li> </ul>

	and are ready to install at the agreed location in the coming weeks. Members will be kept up to date with timescales etc...
<b>Influence: Transport in the local area</b>	
Influence the review of Demand Responsive Transport (DRT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following consultation with members via the Place Board, an extended consultation programme is taking place to ensure that current users of the service are fully involved and informed of the proposals and to offer alternative service information. Nexus will attend the January 2016 Board meeting to give an update.</li> </ul>
<b>Influence: Highways Maintenance Programme</b>	
Influence the Highways Maintenance Programme for 2016/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highways Officers attended the October Board meeting to inform members of the development of the 2016/2017 Highway Maintenance Programme and to update members on progress against the current 2015/2016 Programme. Officers are gathering intelligence from a number of sources including Technical Condition Surveys, Highway Inspections, Public reports and Complaints, and have asked Members to put forward suggestions and information by the end of November 2015. Officers will compile a list to bring back to the February 2016 Board meeting. Recommendations will be made to Area Committee in March 2016.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Support for Local Shopping Centres</b>	
Review of Houghton town centre traffic and parking restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A working group consisting Elected Members, Council Officers, Houghton Traders Association members and the Neighbourhood Police Team has been set up to look at current and suggested traffic and parking restrictions in and around Newbottle Street.</li> <li>The first meeting of the working group discussed the legal and budgetary constraints of reviewing regulations. The group met again to map out suggested improvements to the regulations.</li> <li>The lead officer has worked up a draft proposal to be considered by the group at their meeting on 24 November 2015. Feedback will be given to the January 2016 Board meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Environmental Improvements</b>	
Address potholes in Hetton Cemetery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following concerns raised regarding the condition of roads within Hetton Cemetery, it was requested that the Place Board take up the issue with relevant officers and departments. It was reported at the November meeting that the two main footfall areas had been re surfaced during October and work was now complete. The areas in question comprising 218 square metres had deteriorated and repairs were necessary. The remaining areas of the cemetery are of an acceptable standard and will continue to be monitored.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Make Better Use of Land and Greenspace</b>	
Improve areas of vacant land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with colleagues in Responsive Local Services (RLS) the Council owned sites cleared as part of the 'neglected land' project continue to be monitored, and maintained where necessary.</li> <li>The final phase of the work at the former Forest Estate, Easington Lane, has begun with the installation of boulders to the area adjacent to Easington Lane Primary School. The site will be cleared and levelled in preparation for wild flower planting with the local school in Spring 2016. An environmental education programme will also be delivered in the community to encourage people to take care of the local area.</li> <li>A comprehensive review of Council owned assets is currently being undertaken by colleagues in Property Services. This will identify future uses for vacant land owned by the Council.</li> </ul>

Support Access to Greenspace for Health Benefits (including the Health and Greenspaces project)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Events in local parks including Herrington Country Park, Hetton Lyons Park and Elba Park are promoted locally and citywide to encourage use of greenspace for health benefits. A series of projects under the Health and Greenspaces programme are underway with the objective of increasing use of local open spaces to improve health. An update of the projects is provided at Annex 2 to this report.</li> </ul>
Promote Greenspace for Recreation and Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Coalfield area has a wealth of greenspace, including a number of parks and formal play spaces which are available to local people. The VCS Network delivered a series of outdoor play sessions during the 2015 summer holidays and will continue to work in partnership with local organisations to hold events on local greenspaces.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Celebrate Local Events and Heritage</b>	
Support long standing historical events and celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A budget of £10,000 was allocated at the last meeting of Area Committee and a core programme of activity has been developed by the Board. The core programme includes Remembrance Parades, Christmas celebrations, Miners Banner parades and the VCS Showcase Event in partnership with Gentoo.</li> <li>Costs associated with November 2015 remembrance parades in Shiney Row, Easington Lane, Houghton and Fencehouses have been met by the project. Shiney Christmas market and switch on event on 3 December 2015 organised by ShARP in partnership with local organisations has been supported by the project and a Christmas tree has been provided for Fencehouses Christmas festivities arranged by Fencehouses YMCA.</li> </ul>
Develop and promote a programme of local activity with VCS Network members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A number of heritage related ideas have been explored and the Board agreed that a community art project to celebrate the mining heritage of the area would be delivered in early 2016. The project will be developed with the VCS Network to include workshops with schools and groups from all wards in the Coalfield area and result in a lifesize model of a miner to be displayed at various community locations throughout the coming year. Further information is attached at Annex 3.</li> <li>A Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) application is being submitted by Limestone Landscapes to develop a project including a Houghton le Spring Village Atlas. If successful in its phase 1 application, the project requires a contribution from SIB to deliver phase 2, a two year project involving the local community. Further information and a request for funding is included in Item 5 (Area Budgets Report)</li> </ul>

#### 4. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

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

Annex 1      2015/16 Work plan  
Annex 2      Health and Greenspace Project Update  
Annex 3      Mining Heritage Project

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	Area Priority	Outcomes/Actions	Suggested Actions/Projects	Progress/Updates
1	Support for local shopping centres  Feb 2016	Improve physical environment in local centres	Develop physical improvement schemes in local shopping areas  Work with Network Management to develop a 'town centre review' on the traffic management in Newbottle Street	A number of suggestions such as decorating shop fronts and decorative street signage are being explored and will be presented to the Place Board in February 2016 for consideration.  A Town Centre Review Working Group has been set up by Network Management to look at current and suggested traffic and parking restrictions in and around Newbottle Street. A draft proposal has been developed and will be considered by the group at their next meeting. An update will be given to the Board in January 2015.
		Continue retail and business support for local independent traders	Develop Phase 2 of the Retail Support project to deliver one to one support to 20 new businesses and continued mentoring support to a further 20	Phase 2 has now commenced. Feedback will be provided to the Board at the February 2016 meeting.
		Develop initiatives/activities to increase footfall in local shopping centres	Support local traders and traders Associations/Forums to develop local events and take part in existing events (e.g. Houghton Feast)  Explore the feasibility of holding 'market days' in Houghton le Spring	Houghton Traders Association now have representation on the Houghton Feast Steering Group.  Shiney Row traders forum are taking part in the development of a the Shiney Christmas switch on event including entertainment and market stalls  Traders in Market Street, Hetton, are being supported to work together on improvements for their shopping centre.

	<b>Support for local shopping centres</b>  <b>Feb 2016</b>	Extend Dementia Friendly Shopping Centre initiative	Further develop the current project within Houghton le Spring with Houghton Traders Association (HTA) and the Alzheimers Society	Colleagues from the Alzheimers Society have produced an information leaflet for HTA and provided additional literature including tips for employers.  The Dementia Friendly Recognition Process was launched two years ago and Houghton le Spring is one of 100 communities signed up. The process is now being reviewed and feedback from the Houghton project will be given to the central Dementia Friendly Communities team in London.
		Increase awareness of the 'Shop Local' brand	Support the delivery of marketing campaigns including social media	Market Street traders will be supported to develop a marketing programme. This is being discussed with BSupplied, who are delivering the Retail Support project.
<b>2</b>	<b>Environmental improvement and education</b>  <b>Jan 2016</b>	Continue delivery of the Love Where You Live (LWYL) Campaign	Produce a 'did you know....' fact sheet in partnership with Responsive Local Services (RLS)  Build on current projects such as 'Poo Watch' to develop further initiatives such as 'Litter Watch' and a recycling project	In partnership with Groundwork North East, a litter awareness programme has been delivered at Hetton Primary School. The winning poster from the educational competition has been displayed across the area.  Shiney Row Childcare has taken part in a 'grow and eat' initiative, teaching children about plants and vegetables. The next phase of the project will focus on keeping the community clean and free of litter and will involve parents in activities.
		Increase partnership working with Responsive Local Services) RLS to improve local sites and maintain improvements	Area Response Manager to attend Place Boards and Area Committee when relevant to keep members and partners updated on Street Scene issues	The Area Response Manager (ARM) presents update reports to each Place Board meeting. An update was given to the October Board meeting and information on winter maintenance provided.



	<b>Environmental improvement and education</b>  <b>Jan 2016</b>	Encourage residents to participate in maintaining the local natural environment and develop associated skills	Develop projects through the Health and Greenspaces programme	A 'Clean, Green and Lean' project to encourage the community to improve their wellbeing through practical environmental works on local greenspace commenced in October 2015. A number of sites have been identified in consultation with RLS colleagues. Residents and local schools will take part in 'green activity' small scale tasks to help keep local spaces accessible and tidy. An update is given within Annex 2 to the Place Board report.
3	<b>Make better use of land and greenspace</b>  <b>Nov 2015</b>	Improve areas of vacant land	Maintain sites cleaned up as part of the Neglected Land project	<p>In partnership with RLS colleagues the Council owned sites cleaned as part of the Neglected Land project continue to be monitored and maintenance works carried out where necessary.</p> <p>Colleagues in RLS are working in partnership with the Youth Offending Team and Probation to provide opportunities for meaningful community payback projects</p>
		Promote availability of greenspace for recreation and play	Install trim trails in Hetton Lyons and Herrington Country Parks	Initial consultation has taken place and locations at each of the parks have been identified. A procurement exercise is now complete and a small selection of equipment will be installed at both parks during December 2015.
		Support people to access greenspace for health benefits	<p>Support the training of volunteers and instructors to deliver activities</p> <p>Engage with volunteer programmes and community health provision e.g. Health Champions and Health Trainers</p> <p>Deliver Community and Family events in each ward.</p>	<p>In partnership with Active Sunderland, training opportunities are offered to local organisations and volunteers via the VCS Network.</p> <p>The Live Life Well Service mentor for the Coalfield area is engaged with local groups and the VCS Network to promote the service and offer partnership opportunities</p> <p>As part of the local events programme, events will be developed throughout 2016 in partnership with the VCS Network.</p>
		Deliver the Health and Greenspaces Project	<p>Develop the Coalfield Cycle Network</p> <p>Design and Deliver the 25k Four Parks Route (Herrington/Hetton Lyons/Elba/Rainton Meadows)</p>	An update on Health and Greenspace projects is given at Annex 2

	<b>Make better use of land and greenspace</b>  <b>Nov 2015</b>	Influence Core Strategy development	Invite Planning Policy Officers to consult with Place Board/Area Committee members at relevant stages during development of Core Strategy and allocation documents	
		Complete Neglected Land and Allotments Working Group actions	Termination of Seaham Rd allotment lease  Phase 2 of Britannia Tce allotments  Complete former Forest Estate scheme	Negotiations are under way with the Landowner. Consultation is taking place with current tenants to establish a way forward.   The final phase has now begun with the installation of boulders to the area adjacent Easington Lane Primary School. The site will be cleared and levelled in preparation for wild flower planting in Spring 2016. An environmental education programme will also be delivered in the community to encourage people to take care of their local area.
<b>4</b>	<b>Celebrate local events and heritage</b>  <b>Sept 2015</b>	Support long standing historical events and celebrations taking place in local communities	Develop SIB funding request to support regular events for 2015/16 (including Remembrance Parades, Miners Banner Parades and Christmas Events)	The October Area Committee allocated £10,000 SIB and a core programme of activity has been developed by the Board.  Costs associated with November 2015 remembrance parades in Shiney Row, Easington Lane, Houghton and Fencehouses have been met by this project. Shiney Christmas market and switch on event on 3 December organised by ShARP has been supported and a Christmas tree has been provided for Fencehouses Christmas festivities being arranged by Fencehouses YMCA.
		Develop and promote a programme of local activity with VCS Network members	Develop a community heritage project with local schools and groups to celebrate the mining heritage of the local area.	The Board agreed that a community art project to celebrate the mining heritage of the area would be developed in early 2016. Further information is contained as Annex 3
			Develop a calendar of events which can be shared with the local community	Information on local events and activities is circulated by individual organisations via the VCS Network and the VCAS weekly information sharing

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

## Health and Greenspaces – SIB Project Update November 2015

<b>Develop '4 Park Route'</b>
The aim is to create a link between the 'large parks' in the area (Herrington/Hetton Lyons/Rainton Meadows/Elba) forming the '4 park route'. There are existing paths forming the majority of a suggested circular route connecting the four sites. Three gaps have been identified (past Redburn/Black Boy rd, past Blind Lane, through East Herrington) which will form a programme of works during the next two years.
<b>3-2-1 Routes</b>
3-2-1 routes in Herrington (beside the model boating lake) and Hetton Lyons (next to Lyons lake, west of the car park) Country Parks are now in place. The 3-2-1 routes are circular routes of varying distances which you can either walk, jog or run. The routes are marked in 3, 2 and 1 kilometre distances and are suitable for beginners, or can be combined if you want to walk, jog or run further. Information boards at the start and finish points are located at both sites.
<b>Clean, Green, Lean</b>
<p>The Clean, Green and Lean project is being delivered by Groundwork and is designed to give local people the opportunity to improve their health and wellbeing through practical environmental work at green spaces in the coalfields. Initial work has commenced to identify a number of locations which would benefit from small-scale improvements which can be carried out by residents and local schools interested in taking part in 'green activity' conservation tasks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>'The Trod', Hetton</b> – Hetton Lyons Primary School will carry out tidy up and conservation tasks such as litter picks, planting and habitat creation to create a wildlife area leading up to the golf course. A series of nature walks led by Active Sunderland to be developed.</li> <li>• <b>Herrington Burn area, rear Shiney Row Primary School</b> - Shiney Advice and Resource Project (ShARP) and Shiney Row Primary School will be involved. Responsive Local services (RLS) colleagues will work in partnership.</li> <li>• <b>Seven Sisters, Copt Hill</b> - Conservation Team, Sunderland City Council, Walking Network group members and local residents will work in partnership. A new walking group/conservation group is being developed.</li> <li>• <b>Lambton Lane, Fencehouses</b> – Local businesses and Active Sunderland to be involved. Volunteers will be developed in partnership with Groundwork.</li> </ul>
<b>Green, Green Grass of Home</b>
Four 'Green, Green Grass of Home' events took place across the Coalfield area during school summer holidays. Events were held in each of the wards and attracted a total of 287 people. A range of sporting and fun activities were provided and picnic bags were offered to all attending. The project met the outcomes of encouraging children, young people and families to utilise the green spaces within their community for play, picnics and healthy activities. A range of partner organisations attended and provided residents with a range of health and wellbeing related information
<b>Trim Trails</b>
Trim trails are being installed in Herrington and Hetton Lyons Country Parks. Initial consultation has taken place and the procurement is now complete. The installation will take place by the end of December 2015. The benefits of using the equipment will be promoted once the trim trails are installed.
<b>Walking Packs</b>
Walking packs including 3-2-1 routes and Heritage Walks are being developed for the Coalfield area. Heritage Walks including Penshaw Monument Circular and Hetton Circular can be downloaded from the Active Sunderland website.

<b>Heritage Walks</b>
<p>The Heritage walks organised by ELCAP have been a great success. They are aimed at the socially isolated residents of the Coalfield and in partnership with Groundwork have taken people to local parks and attractions. Below are some of the comments received after the first 7 events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I did not know the park was here</li> <li>• aren't they fantastic</li> <li>• we would never have been able to get here</li> <li>• can we come again</li> <li>• it's good to remember the pits and our Heritage</li> <li>• I am 90 and have never been to any of these areas</li> <li>• it's the best day out I've had in years</li> </ul>
<b>Youth Enterprise</b>
<p>Young people will be involved in the construction of a Yurt that will be used as a space for therapeutic counselling. The project will increase awareness of the benefits of the outdoor activity on mental and physical wellbeing.</p>
<b>Out and About - Groundwork</b>
<p>A project to encourage and increase the use of Elba Park throughout the year as well as running a wildlife photography competition resulting in the production of a calendar for sale at the end of the project.</p>
<b>Out and About - ELCAP</b>
<p>A door to door service will take residents who are socially isolated or have mobility and health problems to various locations across the Coalfield area including Elba Park, Hetton Lyons Country Park and smaller local areas such as ELCAP community garden.</p>

## Coalfields Mining Heritage Project

*A commemorative community engagement public art installation*

### **About the artist:**

Mark Burns Cassell is a ceramic artist and published writer with a broad range of experience in delivering arts education projects across the North of England.

### **Project Concept:**

A full-sized sculpture of a miner will be produced using plaster, wire, and steel netting. The plaster will be painted black, significant of the deep coal seams running beneath the Coalfields area that have been mined for hundreds of years.

The miner will stand on a fabricated steel base, flame cut to the shape of a map of the Coalfields area, with the names of each of the known pits from the Coalfields area cut into the steel. A steel armature will rise from this base to secure the miner into position.

Engaging Coalfields communities in the production of the piece is central to reflecting the shared community heritage the sculpture represents. As part of this project, Mark will work with community groups across the local area, leading three workshops in each of the four wards. Overall Mark will work with around 200 individual participants in the production of this installation. Workshops will enable school groups and adult community groups in each ward to engage with the piece, bringing an inter-generational input to the project.

Workshops will consist of an overview of the history and significance of the mining heritage of the region, facilitating group discussions on this topic within the sessions. Participants will then each create a ceramic 'token' – these would have been issued to miners to hand over in return for a Davey Lamp at the lamp cabin. Each token that is created will be given a unique number, and the participant will push their thumb print into the back of the token they create; quite literally 'leaving their mark' on the piece, and representing the enormous importance of each brass token as a life-saver for each individual life: they were used to ensure all miners had safely returned from the pit at the end of their shift.

Once created, the tokens will be taken away and high-fired in the kiln. Each token will then be coated in metallic brass/copper paint. Tacks will be added to the back of the sculpture of the miner, where the tags will be placed in position.

The cost of the workshops and production of the miner will be around £4,000 which will be met from the current Celebrations and Heritage SIB project.

The January 2016 Place Board meeting will agree the final detail of the project including the geographical area to be covered and names of pits within the area. The Board will also review suggestions of who should be involved and provide contact details to the artist. An art workshop will be held for Area Committee members in January or February 2016, anyone wishing to participate should inform the Place Board Chair or Area Community Officer.

2 December 2015

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PEOPLE BOARD****People Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

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

**2. Background**

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

**3. Area Governance Arrangements**

- 3.1 Area Committees are part of the Council's Executive Function and have two key roles:-
- Influencing decisions on services delivered at a local level; and
  - Identification of key priorities for their areas, in the context of supporting the delivery of the Council's Corporate Outcomes Framework at a local level and ensures maximum impact where necessary through utilising its own resources.
- 3.2 Area Place and People Boards were set up to support the Area Committee in identifying areas of priority and ensure action in line with those priorities.
- 3.3 Each ward has one elected member representative, whose role it is to liaise with their ward colleagues in between meetings and feedback collective views into the Board meetings. Members will work alongside key officers in what will be practical action orientated groups. It should be noted that the Board is not a decision making body and the work / recommendations of the Board will be presented to the Area Committees for final endorsement. Elected member representation on the People Board for this Area Committee is as follows:-

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

**4 Key Areas of Influence/Achievements to date**

- 4.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the Coalfield People Board up to November 2015.

<b>Influence: Safer Communities</b>	
Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS) Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A short update is provided to members by the Area Community Officer after each LMAPS meeting.</li> <li>Members are requested to forward any new issues to the Area Community Officer, or Chair of Area Committee, prior to each LMAPS meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Emotional and Mental Wellbeing</b>	
Reduce stress caused by financial concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A scheme to combat holiday hunger was piloted during the 6 week summer break. Help was offered to families who have children in receipt of free school meals. In the Coalfield area a total of 64 families and 130 children were helped during the duration of the pilot scheme. The total cost to Coalfield Area Committee (via SIB budget) is £1786.76. Further analysis of the pilot was carried out and a report presented to the November meeting.</li> </ul>
Reduce social isolation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint SIB and CCG funding was allocated to a number of</li> </ul>

and improve social participation amongst older and vulnerable adults	<p>projects at the June 2015 Area Committee meeting. All projects are delivering positive outcomes for people in the local community. An update report is provided at Annex 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the period June to September 2015, the ELCAP Community Transport Shopping Bus service carried out 23 shopping trips. The Shopping bus also introduces customers to Lunch clubs and Social trips as they befriend others on the bus, which in turn gives them more confidence to attend these functions that previously they would not have done. A total of 21 services to lunch clubs and 9 social outings have also taken place during this period. A total of 159 individuals have benefited from the service.</li> </ul>
<b>Area Priority: Training and Learning Opportunities</b>	
Increase opportunities for those who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sandy Campbell from WorkingRite presented the Board with information about the programme, which bridges the gap between school and work. It gives young people essential work experience, provides good role models, builds their confidence and offers them a quality vocational alternative to academic learning.</li> </ul> <p>Local Project Co-ordinators individually match a young person to a small business in their local community, where they learn valuable skills on-the-job, where it counts. 'Trainees' work with their placement employer for up to six months during which they are guided by a mentor in the workplace and are supported by a Project Co-ordinator. They also earn a weekly training allowance travel expenses.</p> <p>The programme will be delivered in the Coalfield area commencing April 2016.</p>
CAN DO Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applications for the November round of funding were received and presented to the Board for consideration. Young people from each of the groups presented their ideas to the Board and answered any questions raised. Two groups were supported with a grant: <u>Connect Young Mums Team</u> were provided with a £500 grant to contribute to costs for a residential team building and educational event to improve their skills and health <u>The Underground Project</u> was awarded £500 to support the young people to access alternative music youth workshops until January 2016.</li> <li>The next funding round will open in February/March 2016 and be presented to the April 2016 Board. The project provides the opportunity for young people to develop team working, problem solving, project development and presentation skills.</li> </ul>
Improve Life Skills and Employability Skills for Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Call for Projects to deliver a Youth Social Action project was made in October 2015. This new initiative will support young people to develop skills and confidence whilst making a difference in their community. The project will also promote and celebrate the positive actions of young people. Three applications have been appraised, scored, consulted upon and considered by the Board. Recommendations are contained in Item 5 Area Budget Report.</li> <li>The Work Discovery programme is designed to improve relationships between the region's companies and pupils from local secondary schools. The programme is supported by a number of large organisations and businesses including Nissan, City Hospitals, Northumbrian Water and SAFC. Work Discovery Sunderland is a year-long programme which includes speaker days, sector days centred around specific industry and Work Discovery Week. Work Discovery Week – which will take place June 27th – July 1st 2016 for the fourth time – is an intensive five days of activities which includes a careers fair, Dragons' Den style business challenges and visits to companies.</li> </ul>



<b>Area Priority: Support and Enable Local Delivery of Services</b>	
Increase support for existing and new groups to deliver services and increase support and co-ordination of volunteers	The People Board discussed the increasing reliance on voluntary and community sector projects and services and the importance of supporting locally based organisations to build capacity and develop community engagement. In order to deliver on Area priorities the Board researched, discussed and considered information from a wide range of sources and, following approval by October Area Committee, developed an SIB project brief for volunteer and community support to the value of £100,000. A Call for Projects was made in October 2015 and four applications received. The applications were appraised, scored, consulted upon and considered by the Board at the November 2015 meeting. Recommendations are contained in Item 5 Area Budget Report.

## **5. Recommendations**

### **5.1 Members are requested to:**

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

Annex 1      2015/16 Work plan

Annex 2      SIB/CCG Social Isolation Project Update

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	Area Priority	Outcomes/Actions	Suggested Actions/Projects	Progress/Updates
1	Physical Health and Wellbeing  Jan 2016	Increase healthy eating (families)	Promote a healthy eating campaign. Highlight calories etc.. In take away food  Utilise the Health Champion programme to promote healthy life choices	Public Health colleagues have invited interested groups to submit a proposal to host a Health Champion network co-ordination function in the local community. The successful organisation will work with the Live Life Well service and VCS Network to engage with current and potential Health Champions to offer support and guidance within the community. An update will be provided to the January 2016 People Board.
		Improve healthy weight in children	Promote and raise awareness of the Lifestyle, Activity and Food programme (LAF). LAF is a weight management programme for children and families which includes a variety of fun activities to encourage the whole family to get involved in healthier lifestyles.	Sunderland's LAF programme consists of healthy lifestyle sessions aimed at encouraging and supporting families to eat well, move more and live longer. The LAF referral programme is for families with children aged five to 15 years who have been identified as overweight; live in Sunderland and registered with a Sunderland GP. There are programmes for children aged five to ten years and their families and separate programmes for teenagers (11 to 15 years).
		Improve physical wellbeing and increase physical activity	Work with the Live Life Well (LLW) service and Active Sunderland to promote services available and support local people to access information	The Live Life Well service attends VCS Network meetings and has links with local groups across the area. There are now 30 clients receiving 1-2-1 support from the service (including diet, exercise and smoking cessation advice). LLW is working with Gentoo and other partners to signpost to relevant services. The Stoptober campaign at Houghton Feast engaged hundreds of local people and a number of brief interventions have been carried out. LLW supported local organisations with information and resources for Alcohol Awareness week in November.
		Improve partnership working with CCG/Public Health on joint priorities	Identify joint priorities and invite CCG and Public Health colleagues to attend People Board and other relevant groups when appropriate	Colleagues will be invited to the January People Board meeting in order to develop this priority.

2	<b>Emotional and Mental Wellbeing</b>  <b>Feb 2016</b>	Reduce stress caused by financial concerns	<p>Work with VCS organisations to help prepare and support residents for changes ahead e.g. Universal Credit etc</p> <p>Work with health providers to promote financial advice and guidance available</p>	<p>The Coalfield Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network discussed this issue and their concerns about the impact on individuals and families. A series of workshops and support sessions have been delivered by ShARP who are providing ongoing support for people affected by the changes.</p> <p>Local GP Practices and community health initiatives will promote the services available in the area. ShARP and Gentoo are amongst those who can provide advice and guidance to local residents. Information sharing will be encouraged through the VCS Network and Voluntary and Community Action Sunderland (VCAS).</p>
		Improve mental wellbeing and self respect in young people	Gather data and local intelligence regarding key issues to discuss at February People Board meeting. Gather information regarding services available.	Members are keen to ensure that young people are consulted, and have input, on mental health services. Youth engagement will be discussed at the February People Board meeting with relevant officers and partners.
		Increase awareness amongst service providers about what is available (promotion, communication, referral)	<p>Develop Community Directory and Community Connectors</p> <p>Support VCS organisations to help residents access community IT provision</p>	
		Reduce isolation and improve social participation in older and vulnerable adults	<p>Consider findings of Tackling Loneliness and Social Isolation Scrutiny policy review when developing future initiatives.</p> <p>Continue to monitor and co-ordinate SIB funded projects including Social Navigator project. Promote services available via VCS Network and local organisations.</p>	A number of projects funded via SIB are underway. An update is given as Annex 2 to the People Board report.

3	<b>Training and Learning Opportunities to Meet Skills Gaps/Needs</b>  <b>Nov 2015</b>	Increase opportunities for those who are, or at risk of becoming, NEET.	Support the development of the 'Working Rite' programme in the Coalfield area	The Working Rite programme will be piloted in the Coalfield area commencing April 2016. Sandy Campbell, Chief Executive of Working Rite and Dave Barber, Participation and Engagement Manager (Sunderland City Council) attended the November 2015 People Board meeting to update members on the programme.
		Influence development of training to meet the needs of employers via Education and Skills strategy		
		Improve life skills and employability skills for young people	Extend CAN DO fund	The CAN DO fund will continue throughout this financial year. The latest round of funding in November 2015 granted two local groups £500 each. Connect Young Mums will plan and attend a residential team building and educational event and The Underground Project will provide access to music workshops for 25 young people.
4	<b>Support/Enable Local Delivery of Services</b>  <b>Sept 2015</b>	Improve use of existing community venues	Promote to all service deliverers the range of local venues available for use	Local venues are used and promoted for meetings and events.
		Increase local partnership working	Promote the Community Directory	
		Increase support for existing and new groups to deliver services	Provide support to local groups via Area Community Officer, Area Networks, VCAS and other relevant organisations. Promote commissioning and procurement opportunities to local organisations	Procurement opportunities from Sunderland, and other North East Councils, are promoted to members of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network on a weekly basis.
		Increase support and co-ordination of volunteers	Consider available support and develop options for a local Coalfield project	A Call for Projects to deliver a community and volunteer support project was made in October 2015. Four applications were received and a recommendation to approve the SNCBC proposal is contained in Item 5, Finance Report. The proposed project will specifically focus on proactive support to retain and develop small organisations and co-ordinate and develop volunteers.
			Support the development of volunteering programmes including Health Champions and Community Connectors	The above project, once operational, will ensure all volunteering programmes delivered in the Coalfield area are developed and work in partnership.

## SIB/Coalfield Area Committee-CCG Project Summaries &amp; Updates November 2015

## Social Isolation Call for Projects

**Social Activity Navigator – B Active & B Fit** **£20,000****Project Summary**

The project 'Social Activity Navigator' aims to reduce social isolation and increase social integration. This will be done by delivering tailored therapeutic activities, exercise packages which will include Sit N B Fit, therapeutic interventions such as laughter yoga, Reiki, energy cleansing and relaxation - using an holistic approach to the individual's needs, in their own home and in the community. The project will also communicate with individuals by telephone on a 1 to 1 basis. This will benefit those with long term conditions to improve their independence and wellbeing, and in the longer term access groups that are active in their community.

The project will specialise in those who have long term conditions such as stroke, CVD, pulmonary and COPD and those who are isolated suffering from low mood and depression adding to their already long term condition. The organisation has a good working relationship with pulmonary nurses in Houghton which will give better access to those who may need this program.

Tracking the improvement of each person's well-being, the project will impact not only directly on mental and physical health, but also indirectly through increased social contacts, improved access to services and ultimately improved social networks within communities.

**Project Update November 2015**

Over 105 isolated older people were contacted through Hetton home care of which 30 to date have been engaged. After 9 weeks of delivery below are the targets and actuals so far:

<b>Outputs attained July-September 2015</b>	<b>Output Target</b>	<b>Output Actual</b>
Number of People contacted	50	131
Number of people supported on a one to one basis by telephone	20	30
Number of people supported on a one to one basis in person	30	23
Number of people supported to access other services	9	5
Number of people feeling less lonely or isolated	24	30

The social activity navigator is working closely with the individuals, putting smart plans together and signposting to classes that available in the coalfields area. Regular telephone contact is on-going with all who have been contacted

New sessions to start in Gillwood Court and two isolated 1-1s who have long term conditions.

Sessions have been delivered for a Dementia group at Hetton and Eppleton with another two requesting a 1-1 for those who cannot make the session because of being socially isolated.

Meetings have been arranged with Grangewood Medical to promote Social Activity Navigator service ready for November delivery with GP practices.

**Transforming Lives – Hetton New Dawn****Project Summary**

Aim of the project is to build on current provision which provides activities and a befriending service for adults with around 110 people a week accessing services. Transforming Lives aims to empower and support socially isolated, visually impaired and people with mental health issues by providing opportunities to improve their quality of life. This will be achieved by offering afternoon tea sessions which will provide opportunities for socially isolated people to develop new relationships and take

part in social and therapeutic activities. This will build on a pilot Valentine Afternoon Tea Season which attracted 45 people back in February

They will target people throughout the Coalfield Area and will work in partnership with Gentoo, the Apostolic Church, Easington Lane and ELCAPs Community Transport Scheme to reach more older & vulnerable people. The aim is to engage new people into this activity and will aim to establish links through Practice Managers, Adult Services and Age UK Essence Service.

#### **Project Update November 2015**

The project was launched in September and two sessions have taken place so far. The first session was attended by 25 people and 8 volunteers. The group are continuing to have discussions with medical centres, schools and lunch club participants to increase numbers. Referrals are also coming in from Age UK.

The October session did attract a further 9 people 4 of these new clients have dementia and live alone and don't have the opportunity to get out much. With the help of volunteers they took part in the quiz and enjoyed the interaction.

The group also have the use of a Leaf electric car from Gentoo which is proving invaluable to transport people to and from the venue

#### **Golden Years – Friends of Cherry Tree Gardens**

##### **Project Summary**

Aim of project is to provide a series of 7 monthly events for older people both in the independent living scheme and in the surrounding community. The events will include food and entertainment and will be aimed at those people who have little or no opportunities for socialising and who spend long periods alone.

Information will also be provided on support services available throughout the Coalfields Area. They will work in partnership with Sunderland Action on Dementia and have strong links with Bernard Gilpin Primary School who run a Dementia Project the Living Room

##### **Project Update November 2015**

The events began in July with a Wimbledon themed event. The residents dressed up in tennis outfits while watching the matches and eating strawberries and cream. The volunteers are very creative and make the events fun linking to such local events as Houghton Feast. The residents are unable to get out to experience the Feast so they bring the Feast to them. Hot beef sandwiches and fireworks!

The events are advertised locally and they are attracting many more people from outside of Cherry Tree Gardens. They have links with the Living Room at Bernard Gilpin School and a few of the people who attend there have started to come along to the events at Cherry Tree.

They have also took advantage of the tours of Elba Park offered by Groundworks

#### **Pudding Lane – Fencehouses YMCA**

##### **Project Summary**

Aim of the project is to provide a meeting place for older residents where they can 'talk share and eat' once a week. The participants will be asked to bring a recipe which is significant to them. They will share their memories which will be captured and shared as part of a heritage project.

A chef will work alongside 2 trainees to replicate the recipes providing a meal for the participants. Transport will be provided for those with mobility issues and a web page will capture the heritage aspect of the project.

During the sessions members of staff will be on hand to provide information on what support is available in the area.

### **Project Update November 2015**

The project commenced in August 2015 and leaflets have been produced and sent out to GP surgeries. The group have made contact with all other Social Isolation Projects in order to maximise networking opportunities. This has resulted in a decision to deliver the service across the Coalfield Area using a variety of venues.

To date 3 sessions have been delivered attracting 30 socially isolated individuals. Additional sessions are planned for local care Homes.

### **Speakers, Entertainment & Trips – HOPE**

#### **Project Summary**

Aim of the project is to build on the work already underway with over 75 men & women over the age of 70 who attend regular events and activities. The aim is to continue to provide weekly sessions of entertainment, thought provoking speakers and occasional trips away.

The group has been operating for over 10 years and has a team of 12 volunteers.

#### **Project Update November 2015**

The group was awarded £1,000 for events and activities. Since July they have had 13 events with the final one being a Christmas party in December. Below is a flavour of the sessions:

‘We took 62 H.O.P.E. members to Millstones near Skipton on the 9th July. They had a lovely meal and entertainment. The weather was quite nice so they enjoyed the journey very much. Most of our members live alone so this is a real treat for them.’

‘On the 30th July Ray Banks and his grand-daughter entertained us. They both had wonderful voices. Absolutely no one fell asleep and they were all full of smiles. This made my day and most of them asked if we could have them back. There were 61 members present and 10 volunteers.’

‘22nd October Caley Cares, vintage singer, absolutely wonderful afternoon. We knew every word she sang. Enjoyed by 55 members and 9 volunteers.’

‘19th November Bernard Hope, talking and illustrating the life of double agent Eddie Chapman, born in the North East. This was very interesting and thoroughly enjoyed by 49 members and 10 volunteers.’

### **Space4 Blokes – Space4**

#### **Project Summary**

Aim of the project is to develop a new provision called Space 4 Blokes as a support group for older men (+55 years) creating up to 20 places, that will address feelings of loneliness and social isolation within a safe, informal and caring environment on Thursdays in the Coalfields Area.

#### **Project Update November 2015**

The project commenced in July as planned and there have now been 15 sessions. The group has seen a gradual growth in numbers since the launch and now have 15 men regularly attending. Members report that attending reduces their feelings of isolation and through a photography project they have learnt new skills.

Members have reported enjoying bringing their own old photos in to aid discussion and are putting together an exhibition of the photographs that they have been taking out and about. As part of the photographic project they joined another Space4 group CARE on an outing to Beamish in August and this has led to some of the members returning for further visits.

They have also linked with The Pudding Lane Project the group enjoyed a cookery session. Members reported that through attending Space4 Blokes they have felt more confident to attend other activities like the drop in at Space4 and the Community Clothes Bank in Penshaw.





## Summer in the Park – Groundwork North East

### Project Summary

Aim of the project is to engage older people and vulnerable adults by taking them to outside spaces in groups to explore the industrial, cultural and social heritage of Elba Park. The project will encourage people to become more familiar with their local green space which has been proven to improve mental health and wellbeing. The project will encourage participants to meet new people helping to reduce social isolation.

### Project Update November 2015

The project began in the summer and has been extended until December. To date 8 tours have taken place for residents of care homes and sheltered accommodation. The aim was to target people who might be at risk of social isolation and provide new opportunities for these people to try something new and perhaps even make new friends.

The tours cover the mining heritage of the site and the art work that celebrates this heritage as well as the wildlife in the park. All have enjoyed the experience especially talking about the heritage of the park and old photos have brought back many happy memories for the elderly people.



2 December 2015

## REPORT OF COALFIELD AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

### 1. Purpose of the Report

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

### 2. Background

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

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

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

#### 3.1 October 2015

**Area Committee** - The Network reps gave feedback from the October Area Committee and communicated to the group that the Committee were very supportive of the work of the sector, which was reflected in the approval of a total of £115,000 SIB funding to develop a Community and Volunteering project and a Youth Social Action project. Calls for Projects were promoted through the Network.

**Live Life Well** - A presentation from Jan Milner from the Live Life Well (LLW) service updated the Network on the progress the service has made. There are 30 clients from the area receiving 1-2-1 support for diet, exercise and smoking cessation advice. LLW is working with Gentoo and other partners within the locality to signpost to relevant services. The Stoptober campaign at Houghton Feast engaged hundreds of local people and a number of brief interventions carried out. The network provides a good opportunity to share information and develop joined up and partnership working. Jan offered information and resources for Alcohol Awareness week in November.

**Better Health and Care** - Mike Lothian from Age UK (commissioned by the CCG to carry out a number of public engagement events) updated the group on the public engagement programme across the City, set in a context of the new services commissioned by Sunderland CCG under the 'Better Health & Care for Sunderland' banner. The new service will deliver Integrated Care across Sunderland with the establishment of integrated teams which would be operational in each of the five areas across Sunderland from 1 November 2015. There are 90 staff in each of the integrated teams including district nursing, community matrons, social workers, GPs and Age UK Living Well workers, wrapped around groups of GP Practices so that care can be provided in a more coordinated and proactive way particularly for the most complex patients who are at risk or avoidable emergency admissions to hospital.

Concerns were raised about the confusion between Living Well link workers and Live Life Well service and mentors. Members of the group also raised concerns about what the role of the voluntary sector would be in the new model, and the reliance on local organisations to provide more social care and activities within the community. VCS organisations need support and resources to build capacity to cope with any additional demand. The Age UK Living Well Link worker for the area will be attending future meetings. The Network would

appreciate further discussion with the CCG regarding the role of the sector. A CCG representative will be invited to attend the Network early in 2016.

### **November 2015**

**Budget Consultation** – The November meeting was dedicated to Budget consultation. A number of Council officers attended to inform the Network of the hard decisions to be made during the budget setting process and gathered the views of Network members and additional attendees.

**VCS Network Representatives** – In order to promote the purpose and value of the Network, an information leaflet has been produced. The three Network representatives will use the leaflet to engage new groups to attend the meetings and/or sign up to the mailing list, and to remind existing groups of the benefits of the Network and the role of the Representatives.

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

## **4. Recommendations**

### **4.1 Members are requested**

- To note the contents of the report
- To continue to support the Sector when developing and implementing actions against local priorities

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Dave McCreedy, Area Network Representative  
Paul Finch, Area Network Representative

2 December 2015

REPORT OF NORTHUMBRIA POLICE

19.11.15

**A7 Crime Overview**

Priorities for the Northumbria Police force are: Preventing Crime, Sexual Offences, Violence against the Person, Burglary and Anti-Social Behaviour.

Crime Overall YTD. There have been 1678 offences in Houghton (Coalfield) - a rise of 24%. The Force's overall crime has risen by 20%.

Southern Area Command (now Sunderland and South Shields) has risen to 21%.

Houghton (Coalfield) 4<sup>th</sup> worst performance out of all sectors in Southern Area Command. (8)

Sexual Offences – 45 offences YTD rise of 27% and this is mirrored across the Force.

Violence with Injury – 177 offences YTD rise of 34%

Violence without Injury – 144 offences YTD rise of 35% - mirrored throughout the Force – there are various explanations.

Burglary / Dwelling - 106 offences in Houghton (Coalfield) since April (rise of 97%).

Burglary other than Dwellings (commercial) – 142 YTD Up 44%

ASB Youth – down 33% (340 incidents since April)

ASB Non-Youth – 875 incidents (fall of 8%)

Notes

Burglaries –

1. V3 remains hotspots – Priority tasking requested to continue
2. TV, Computer, cash , phone, jewellery , games console (most common items)

Neighbourhood Priorities – Internal TCG November

- Burglary Dwelling / OTD across A7 . V3 foot beat remains only hotspot. Target Burglary / Acquisitive Crime suspects by NPT . Additional Area Command & Force Resources allocated to A7.
- Hetton town centre ASB.

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2 December 2015

**REPORT OF THE TYNE AND WEAR FIRE SERVICE****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The following report gives Performance Monitoring details in relation to the Local Indicators for Coalfield Area Committee area from 01 September 2015 to 31 October 2015 compared with the same period in 2014.

**2 Background**

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

**3. Tyne and Wear Fire Service Update****LI 2 Number of Deaths from all fires**

No Deaths were recorded during the time frame of this report

**LI 4 Number of injuries from accidental fires in dwellings**

No injuries were reported during the time frame of this report compared to 2 in the same reporting period last year

**LI 08 - Number of accidental fires in dwellings.**

Date	Time	Ward	Motive	Property level 4
15/09/2015	17:16	Shiney row ward	Accidental	House - single occupancy

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

**LI 14 Number of Deliberate primary fires excluding road vehicles**

Date	Time	Ward	Motive	Property level 4
20/10/2015	23:31	Copt Hill	Deliberate - others property	Hose single occupancy
24/10/2015	10:31	Houghton	Deliberate - others property	Greenhouse

This compares to 6 incidents in the previous year for this period,

**LI 15 Number of Deliberate primary road vehicle fires**

Date	Time	Ward	Motive	Property level 2	Property level 3
09/09/2015	03:06	Houghton	Deliberate - others property	Road Vehicle	Van
04/10/2015	19:24	Hetton Ward	Deliberate - others property	Road Vehicle	Other Golf Buggy
25/10/2015	02:24	Houghton Ward	Deliberate - others property	Road Vehicle	Car

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

## LI 16 Number of Deliberate secondary fires

Incidents by Ward and by Month:

Date	Copt Hill Ward	Hetton Ward	Houghton Ward	Shiney Row Ward	Grand Total
September	1	6	5	1	13
October	1	8	7	3	19
Grand Total	2	14	12	4	32

This figure is the same as the reporting period for 2014

Type of items deliberately set on fire by ward area:

Property level 4	Copt Hill Ward	Hetton Ward	Houghton Ward	Shiney Row Ward	Grand Total
Loose refuse (incl in garden)	1	13	10	4	28
Grassland, pasture, grazing etc					
Scrub land					
Refuse/rubbish tip					
Fence					
Wheelie Bin					
Education					
Straw/stubble burning		1			
Animal Boarding / kennels					
Other outdoor items including roadside furniture			1		2
Tree scrub (includes single trees not in garden)					
Common external bin storage area					
Golf Course					
Large refuse/rubbish container (eg skip)					
Small refuse container	1		1		2
Cycle path , bridle way , public footpath					
Grand Total	2	14	12	4	32

This is the same amount of incidents recorded from same period last year.

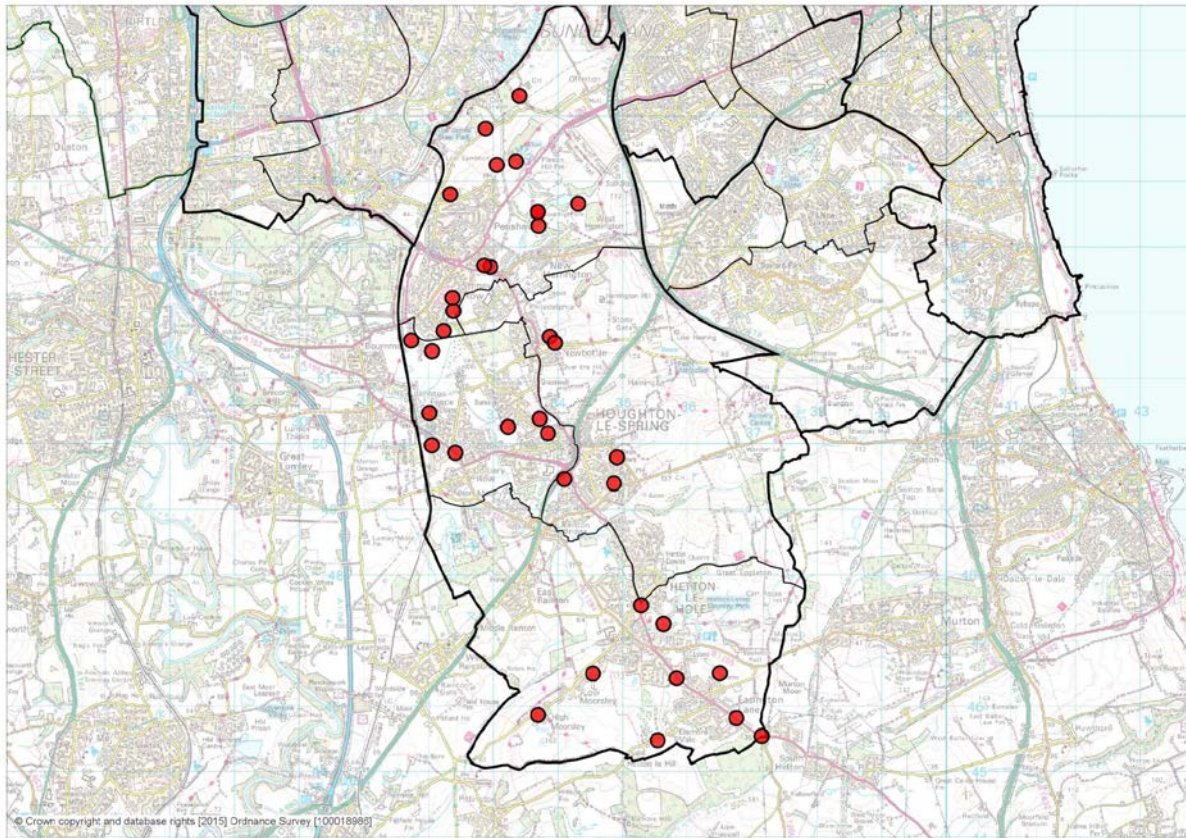
In 2014 the following ward count was:

Copt Hill 2, Hetton 14, Houghton 10 and Shiney Row 4. As can be seen Shiney Row has seen the largest decrease in incidents, with Houghton Ward having a large increase

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

Below is a “Hot Spot” map which identifies which Areas Fire Crews target for Anti -Social Behaviour Reduction (ASB) which we co-ordinate with other partner agencies.

## HOT SPOT MAP FOR COALFIELDS AREA



### 4. Recommendations

#### 4.1 Note the content of the report.

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**COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE**  
**2 December 2015**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

<b>Title of Report:</b>  Area Budgets Report	
<b>Author(s):</b>  Head of Scrutiny and Area Arrangements.	
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>  This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and note allocations awarded from the Community Chest grant.	
<b>Description of Decision:</b>  <div style="margin-left: 40px;">           The Area Committee is requested to:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1</li> <li>b) Approve 1 project recommended by the People Board from the previously approved £100,000 SIB set out in 2.2 and Annex 1</li> <li>c) Approve 1 project recommended by the People Board from the previously approved £15,000 SIB set out in 2.2 and Annex 2</li> <li>d) Approve 2 projects totalling £12,798 set out in 2.2 and Annex 3</li> <li>e) Note the 8 Community Chest approvals as set out in Annex 4</li> </ul> </div>	
Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework? <span style="float: right;">Yes</span>	
<b>Suggested reason(s) for Decision:</b>  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.	
<b>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:</b> The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.	
Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
Is it included in the Forward Plan? <span style="float: right;">No</span>	

2 December 2015

## REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SCRUTINY AND AREA ARRANGEMENTS

## Area Budgets Report

## 1 Purpose of Report

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

## 2 Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

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

Total SIB for 2015/2016 is £281,579 (£40,065 from 2014/15 budget and £241,514 for 2015/16)				
Project Name	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
Volunteering Support Shiney Row Advice and Resource Project (ShARP)	10/06/15		£5,000	£276,579
Houghton Feast 2015 Community Programme	10/06/15		£10,000	£266,579
Holiday Hunger Pilot	(DD)		£1,787	£264,792
Coalfield Activities Programme	14/10/15		£10,000	£254,792
Volunteering and Community Support	14/10/15	£100,000		£154,792
Youth Social Action	14/10/15	£15,000		£139,792
<b>Balance</b>				<b>£139,792</b>

2.2 There are two recommendations for SIB funding from previously approved £115,000 as below and at **Annex 1 and Annex 2**.

Increasing Capacity in Coalfield £100,000 (Call for Project)

Youth Social Action (YSA) in Coalfield £15,000 (Call for Project)

There are two applications for SIB funding presented to Committee for consideration as below and at **Annex 3**.

Houghton le Spring Village Atlas £4,000

Underground project £8,798



The total additional budget being requested is £12,798. Should the proposal be approved the balance of SIB funding remaining would be **£126,994**.

### 3 Community Chest

3.1 The table below details the starting balances for 2015/2016 and totals approved to date. **Annex 4** shows the approvals for October to November 2015.

Ward	Start Balance (From March 2015)	Approvals since March 2015	Returned Grant	Balance
Copt Hill	£15,597.50	£5,171.00		£10,426.50
Hetton	£12,210.75	£8,771.50		£3,439.25
Houghton	£16,799.85	£9,287.30		£7,512.55
Shiney Row	£13,118.35	£5,528.40		£7,589.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>£57,726.45</b>	<b>£28,758.20</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£28,968.25</b>

### 4. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- a) Note the financial statements set out in sections 2.1 and 3.1
- b) Approve 1 project recommended by the People Board from the previously approved £100,000 SIB set out in 2.2 and Annex 1
- c) Approve 1 project recommended by the People Board from the previously approved £15,000 SIB set out in 2.2 and Annex 2
- d) Approve 2 projects totalling £12,798 set out in 2.2 and Annex 3
- e) Note the 8 Community Chest approvals as set out in Annex 4

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Annex 1	SIB Community and Volunteer Support project
Annex 2	SIB Youth Social Action project
Annex 3	SIB Proposals
Annex 4	Community Chest

A sum of £100,000 was allocated to a large Call for Projects (C4Ps) to provide additional community and volunteer support within the area. The Area Committee agreed that **one successful project** would be selected for the full amount available. Four applications were received and assessed against the project brief using a standard scoring method. Coalfield area Elected Members, Officers and relevant partners and officers, were consulted. Based on all information available, and in line with the project brief, the following project is recommended for approval.

### **Increasing Capacity in the Coalfield – SNCBC**

#### **24 month project commencing January 2016**

The project 'Increasing Capacity in the Coalfield' will support new and existing Coalfields groups to increase capacity and enable residents to participate in volunteering, via a bespoke pathway. The project will employ a full-time Volunteer and Community Support Co-ordinator (VCSC) to deliver the service.

The VCSC will support Organisations to identify existing and emerging 'capacity' needs and volunteering opportunities. The VCSC will develop volunteer role descriptions and person specifications and will help to advertise and recruit to opportunities and will support Organisations to develop, or review their existing, volunteer strategy, policies and procedures including induction, supervision and appraisal.

SNCBC is familiar with providing diverse high quality community services on reduced budgets and understand the pressures faced within the VCS. Their work in Children's Centre has shown that it is important that both volunteers and Organisations have a forum to discuss best practice, common issues and to promote inter-agency mentoring support and buddying for new Organisations/Group. The VCSC will provide individual Organisation mentoring support and also develop a Volunteering Forum for Coalfields Organisations/Groups.

Residents wishing to participate in community work/volunteering will be engaged through marketing exercises and will be referred to meet with the VCSC to discuss their goals and gather some base information of their skills and experience. They will then be invited to attend an information session offering the potential to join the volunteering pathway which provides access to free training on the roles and responsibilities of the volunteer equality and diversity, health and safety and safeguarding training, completing health and DBS clearances and through individual mentoring with the VCSC, identify any specific training needs.

SNCBC will provide a matching service between volunteers within the pathway and Organisations/Groups offering volunteering opportunities, by discussing role descriptions, person specifications and the frequency/timings the volunteering opportunities available. The Co-ordinator will arrange a meeting with the Organisation and Volunteer to discuss the role/s and to view the building/area where the volunteering will be delivered. A volunteering trial is available so both parties can work together before making a long-term commitment. The project will also build a bank of volunteers to support one off events such as fun days, trips for children/young people and volunteering as champions to promote services and to 'buddy' with residents to enable them to access services for the first time. SNCBC has trained 12 people in the Coalfields area as Children's Centre Champions in the last year and will incorporate the Champion training into this model.

The VCSC will provide ongoing mentoring support to the volunteer, through regular 2/3 way meetings and will liaise closely with the Organisation/Group providing the volunteering opportunity to identify strengths and progressions as well as any weaknesses or barriers. The project proposes to bring together representatives from the Organisations forum and volunteer's forums to form a Coalfields Area Steering group and will extend invites to support Organisations such as Sunderland City Council, Gentoo, VCAS, Volunteer Centre and Voluntary and Community Network. The group will focus on finding solutions to common emerging issues identified by the VCSC and will consider applications to

the Coalfields Capacity Fund providing support for volunteer travel, specific training costs, support to address crisis points in Organisations etc. The application process will be through a simple form considered against set criteria to a maximum award value. The forums and steering groups are key to developing the forward strategy of the Project and in supporting Organisations and their volunteers to be more capable and robust to sustain in the future.

**Recommendation: Approve.**

The project meets all requirements of the project brief and was given the highest score during assessment. A description and examples of how the outcomes will be achieved has been provided.

The organisation has a wealth of experience in working in the Coalfield area and with volunteers and voluntary sector organisations. They have two bases in the area and also provide outreach and sessional work in a number of locations.

The organisation has all of the relevant requirements in terms of financial, governance and legal systems and has the capacity to deliver and monitor a project of this scale. Evidence of good partnership working and support for the proposed project has been provided.

**Terms and Conditions: In addition to standard SIB T&Cs**

- The organisation will be required to provide a written update strictly within stated timescales each quarter, reporting on outputs, outcomes and progress of the project and to process financial claims.
- Project monitoring visits will be carried out quarterly by Scrutiny and Area Arrangements to ensure the project is meeting the requirements of the agreed terms and conditions and to offer relevant support to the project in order to ensure maximum success, impact and value for money.
- The project co-ordinator will be required to attend VCS Network meetings.
- The project will be reviewed after six months to discuss and review target outputs.

Applications also received, and not recommended for approval based on scores allocated and all other available information, are listed below.

**Coalfields Volunteer and Community Support Project - Washington Mind**

**Coalfield Area Volunteer Academy (CAVA) - ShARP**

**Coalfields Volunteering Development Project – Volunteer Centre Sunderland**

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## Youth Social Action Project Recommendation for approval

A sum of £15,000 was allocated to a Call for Projects (C4Ps) to provide a Youth Social Action project within the Coalfield area. The Area Committee agreed that **one successful project** would be selected for the full amount available. Three applications were received and assessed against the project brief using a standard scoring method. Coalfield area Elected Members, Officers and relevant partners were consulted. Based on all information available, and in line with the project brief, the following project is recommended for approval.

### **Youth Social Action in Coalfield - SNCBC**

Youth Social Action in Coalfield will recruit 35 young volunteers (aged 11-19) to deliver social action projects, develop to be peer supporters and champions for young people services. Young people would be engaged by visiting schools, through existing youth provision, and working with additional groups including Air Cadets, Guides, etc. All volunteers will receive training including confidentiality, health and safety, first aid etc and would follow SNCBC's policies and procedures. Volunteers will be supported by qualified youth workers and will receive regular supervision and mentoring.

Examples of projects include: an environmental project involving the YP taking part in a litter pick and planting, so leaving a legacy within their community; YP undertaking a football coaching qualification so they can then deliver sessions to children in their community; intergenerational work to support older residents within luncheon clubs, with computers skills etc; peer supporters within sessions assisting with homework clubs, reading etc; encourage YP to engage with Youth Parliament to ensure their peers and their views are represented; YP could visit groups to promote positive images of youth and breakdown stereotypes; YP will work with VCS Representatives to understand what local groups/organisations exist and to signpost residents, children/young people to these.

The project will develop a young people's forum and fundraising committee from within the volunteers and would use this mechanism to gather YP's views and feed into such as the VCS network and project planning meetings.

To introduce the project we propose to hold workshops to increase engagement in the scheme and to inform YP of the benefits of being involved in social action and volunteering which will be advertised within our marketing and branding strategy. An annual young volunteer event will take place within the locality to celebrate the YP's achievements and giving recognition of individual/group accomplishments.

### **Recommendation: Approve**

The project meets the project brief and is clear about how outcomes will be achieved. Evidence of similar work and support from partners is provided. Working knowledge of the local area and issues faced are identified. There is a good balance between staffing and activity costs.

Applications also received, and not recommended for approval based on scores allocated and all other available information, are listed below.

### **#The A Team – Fencehouses YMCA**

### **Wellbeing Challenge Days – Youth Focus North East**

**SIB Project Proposals****Houghton le Spring Village Atlas****£4,000****Background:**

Following the success of the initial 6 Village Atlas projects within the Limestone Landscapes Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Partnership Scheme, it was agreed that a second phase containing 10 more Atlases would be beneficial. The first phase included Hetton Parish, and a further atlas for Penshaw Village was funded via SIB.

**The Project:**

Ten communities have been identified for the second phase including Houghton le Spring. The Partnership will work with schools and community groups to understand the area's Geology, Hydrology, Ecology, Settlements developed over time, Architecture of the settlement, Archaeology of the area and Social history of the area

The Limestone Landscape Partnership is leading on the development of this work and has been meeting with stakeholders to discuss the possibility of engaging with the local community to develop a Village Atlas for the Houghton le Spring area.

A main heritage grant phase 1 application will be made to HLF on 3 December 2015 and if successful the development phase will last 9 months. The development phase will produce a phase 2 application to deliver a two year project resulting in the production of a large document which brings together the findings, and a summary document to be distributed widely within the community.

**Funding requirements**

The **Development Stage** costing around £36,000 will be funded by HLF and Limestone Landscape Partnership. The **Delivery Stage** costing around £500,000 for the 10 identified communities would require £4,000 match funding from each area.

**Recommendation: Approve** with condition that funding will only be released if Stage 1 is successful.

**Underground Music Project****£8,798****Background**

The Underground Youth Music project, previously based in Newbottle Street, Houghton le Spring, is attended by around 40 young people per week. The lease on the premises has expired, the project has moved out and the premises have been cleared. Young people from the project have raised £500 from the CAN DO fund which will contribute to transport costs to access alternative provision twice a week until January 2016. All other costs are being met by SNCBC in order to keep the project going.

**The Project**

Discussions and meetings with the Houghton Centre for the Blind at the edge of Rectory Field have led to the opportunity of the project being housed there with a view to using it as a permanent shared base. SIB funding would allow the Underground Music Project to continue to develop into its next phase and form a new management committee with revised governance and structure. The Underground youth committee will work with the commissioned youth provider (SNCBC) to move the project forward into a more sustainable situation.

The Coalfield Youth Operational meeting will continue to support the development of the project and the set up of a new operational model. Management and administration of the interim project will be provided by SNCBC at no cost for an initial 12 month period. LMAPS funding will be sought to contribute to the project development costs

**Funding requirements**

Funding of £8798 will pay for two sessions per week for 50 weeks.

**Recommendation: Approve**

## COMMUNITY CHEST 2014/2015 COALFIELD AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED October 2015 – November 2015

Copt Hill Ward	Project	Balance at Sept 2015	Project Approvals	Grants returned	Balance Remaining
	No applications this period				
	Total	£10,426.50	0	0	£10,426.50
Hetton Ward	Project	Balance at Sept 2015	Project Approvals	Grants returned	Balance Remaining
	<b>Moorsley Care of the Aged</b> - Contribution towards the cost of a Christmas meal for members plus coach hire for a summer trip		£1,000		
	<b>Hetton New Dawn</b> - Contribution towards a Christmas meal including transport and entertainment		£405		
	<b>Easington Lane Volunteers</b> - Contribution towards the cost of a Christmas event includes room hire and decorations		£500		
	Total	£5,344.25	£1,905		£3,439.25
Houghton Ward	Project	Balance at Sept 2015	Project Approvals	Grants returned	Balance Remaining
	<b>HOPE</b> - Cost of a projector to support speakers and events plus cost of a coach for a trip away		£834.99		
	<b>Fencehouses YMCA</b> - Contribution to the cost of an edible garden project. Includes gardening supplies and the cost of 5 IPads to support the educational element of the project.		£1,904.97		
	Total	£10,252.51	£2,739.96		£7,512.55
Shiney Row Ward	Project	Balance at Sept 2015	Project Approvals	Grants returned	Balance Remaining
	<b>Penshaw Catholic Club over 40s Football Team</b> - Contribution towards 2015-16 pitch fees		£500		
	<b>Penshaw Community Clothing Bank</b> - Contribution towards resources and room hire		£500		
	<b>Northumbria Police</b> - Cost of room hire for monthly PACT meetings at Shiney Row CA		£240		
	Total	£8,829.95	£1,240		£7,589.95
<b>Overall Totals</b>		£34,853.21	£5,884.96		£28,968.25

## Current Planning Applications Between 01/10/2015 and 19/11/2015 (Coalfields)

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/02062/FUL	Holly House Cottage(Within Grounds Of Holly House)Hall LaneHoughton-le-SpringDH5 8DA	Change of use from dwelling to residential care home (Amended site address 4/11/2015)	09/10/2015	04/12/2015
15/01737/FUL	The Manor House10 Nesham PlaceHoughton-le-SpringDH5 8AE	Sub-division of The Manor House into two dwellings, together with erection of dormer window to rear, new sun room to rear and various external alterations, conversion of coach house (out- buildings) to one new dwelling, together with various external alterations, and erection of one new dwelling in rear garden of The Manor House, with associated access arrangements, landscaping, tree works and boundary alterations.	13/10/2015	08/12/2015
15/01738/LBC	The Manor House10 Nesham PlaceHoughton-le-SpringDH5 8AE	Erection of dormer window and sun room to rear and various internal and external alterations to The Manor House to facilitate conversion into 2 no. dwellings, various internal and external alterations to coach house to rear to facilitate conversion into 1 no. dwelling and alterations to boundaries.	13/10/2015	08/12/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/01602/FUL	2 Doxford AvenueHetton-le-HoleHoughton-le-SpringDH5 9PX	Replacement of front garden boundary fence between No.1 & 2 Doxford Avenue with brickwall pillared / fencing. Replacement of concrete blocked retaining wall terracing in front garden of property with brick wall and decking terrace seating area. Replacement of concrete hard standing and access footway to the property with new patterned concrete vehicle hardstanding and footway. (RETROSPECTIVE)	13/10/2015	08/12/2015
15/02133/FUL	4 Rainton GroveGillas Lane WestHoughton-le-SpringDH5 8JT	Erection of a front porch extension	15/10/2015	10/12/2015
15/01555/FUL	Gillas Lane WestHoughton-le-SpringDH5 8JX	Erection of detached dwelling.	19/10/2015	14/12/2015
15/02189/SUB	Land AtRainton GroveHoughton-le-Spring	Erection of two storey detached dwelling.	23/10/2015	18/12/2015
15/02077/FUL	Land At Henry Street/Lindsay StreetHetton-le-HoleHoughton-le-Spring	Substitution of housetype to Plot 59, from 310 housetype to a 307 housetype of previously approval planning application 14/00136/FUL.	27/10/2015	22/12/2015



Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/02074/FUL	4 Hertford Crescent Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9LS	Erection of rear dormer windows and decking to rear garden.	08/10/2015	03/12/2015
15/02054/FUL	Land To The Side Of Highfield Hotel 101 Durham Road East Rainton Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9QT	Erection of 4 no semi detached bungalows.	08/10/2015	03/12/2015
15/01950/FUL	Manor House Nursing Home High Street Easington Lane Houghton-le-Spring DH5 0HN	Change of use from Carehome (Class C2) to Hotel (Class C1).	12/10/2015	07/12/2015
15/02084/CLP	Land South Of High Moorsley Farm Moorsley Road Hetton-le-Hole Houghton-le-Spring	Proposed upgrade of existing weather radar installation, including replacement of radome and other associated works.	19/10/2015	14/12/2015
15/02150/FUL	7 Bloomfield Drive Elemore View East Rainton Houghton-le-Spring DH5 9SF	Erection of a two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear.	20/10/2015	15/12/2015
15/02040/PRI	5 Highfield Drive Chilton Moor Houghton-le-Spring DH4 6NE	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 3.5m from the original dwelling, 4m in height and 2.8m to the eaves)	02/10/2015	13/11/2015
15/02072/PE1	28 Saint Aidans Terrace Houghton-le-Spring DH4 4LZ	Rear extension to the kitchen	06/10/2015	27/10/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/02100/PE2	27 - 28 Hindsons Crescent NorthHoughton-le-SpringDH4 4PB	Change of use to sandwich shop	09/10/2015	30/10/2015
15/01840/FUL	7 Frederick GardensNew PenshawHoughton-le-SpringDH4 7JY	Addition of timber fencing to existing brick wall to front wall of side garden. (Retrospective)	12/10/2015	07/12/2015
15/02104/FUL	14 Cricklewood DriveHoughton-le-SpringDH4 7EA	Erection of a garage with pitched roof to side and extension of block paved driveway (amended description)	15/10/2015	10/12/2015
15/02300/PRI	22 Frederick GardensHoughton-le-SpringDH4 7JY	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 5.5m from the original dwelling, 3.6m in height and 2.55m to the eaves)	05/11/2015	17/12/2015
15/02237/VAR	Lambton Coke WorksBlind LaneChester RoadHoughton-le-Spring	Variation of condition 6 (approved plans) attached to reserved matters application 09/02328/REM, to amend roof pitches and elevational treatments to dwellings and associated garage roofs.	16/11/2015	15/02/2016