

OUTCOME	Role for Area Committee	ACTIONS	Lead Agent	Progress	RAG	
<p>1 <b>CORPORATE</b> An attractive modern city where people choose to invest, live, work and spend leisure time</p>	<b>Strategic Influencing Role</b>	Influence empty properties action plan/enforcement powers to reduce negative impact on the area	Alan Caddick (Liz McEvoy)	An update was given to the Place Board in March 2013 and reported that from 1 April 2012 to 31 December 2012, the Empty Property Assistant brought back to use 76 empty properties within the Coalfields area, of which Sunderland City Council are able to claim New Homes Bonus income for 45 of those properties. Members regularly provide information to inform the action plan.		
		Receive and monitor information relating to development of major projects in the area	Planning and Policy	To be developed		
	<b>Area Priority: Influencing Core Services devolved to Area Committee</b>	Influence operational deployment of RLS Streetscene	Les Clark	Members are provided with local intelligence at each meeting and can liaise via the Place Board or directly with Dave Ellison, Area Response Manager to discuss operational matters. The implementation of the policy on Dog Control Order will be influenced by the People Board. Members have been asked to identify specific locations of		
		Influence Highways Maintenance Programme	Les Clark	A proportion of the highways budget has been influenced by the People Board and recommendations approved by Area Committee for 2013/14. This will be further developed during the coming year to influence 2014/15 budget.		
		Further services/activity to be determined during 2013/14	Les Clark	Gill Wake has been appointed as the Area Co-ordinator for Coalfield and will develop future core service influencing with Area Committee and relevant service providers.		
	<p><b>AREA:</b> High quality built and natural environment in Coalfield: Influence investment across the area</p>	<b>Area Priority: Neglected Land,</b>	<b>Improve Council owned land</b>	Dave Ellison	All of the smaller plots identified as neglected (26 in total) have now been cleared and are being monitored by Lead Agent and Ward Team Leaders. Of the four larger scale projects, two have been completed and plans for the remaining two are being developed.	
			<b>Work with landowners to improve private sites</b>	Dave Ellison	Over 70 of the 95 identified plots have been tidied up, brought into meaningful use or are in the process of being disposed of (either for sale or to let). The Lead Agent is working with private owners to improve remaining sites and maintain those already improved.	
	<b>Area Priority: Local Shopping Centres</b>	<b>Improve physical appearance of local centres of Hetton, Houghton, Shiney Row</b>	Dave Ellison	Following a site visit by local shop keepers and elected members, street scene works (painting of railings, bollards and seats, removal of weeds and planting of flowers) has taken place in Shiney Row with the help of Work Programme placements provided by SNCBC		

		<b>Support local traders</b>	Berni Whittaker	Business specialists engaged by the project are now providing specialist advice and mentoring support to 7 businesses in Houghton, 7 in Hetton and 8 in Shiney Row. Houghton has set up a Traders' Association with 8 committee members and around 35 businesses interested in joining the association. Also see main Report.
		<b>Increase footfall and encourage new shoppers</b>	Julie Heathcote	A number of traders have taken part in a discount scheme promoted by the Lead Agent. The newly formed Houghton Traders Association will help to develop events and campaigns to encourage people into the area.
	<b>Area Priority: Allotments</b>	<b>Reduce number of derelict plots to increase the number of allotments available (reduce waiting lists)</b>	Colin Curtis	Since the last report the six sites with unlettable plots have been cleared and new fencing installed. Waiting lists have now been reduced on all sites with a total of 19 newly cleared plots available for new tenants.
		<b>Terminate tenancies of those using plots inappropriately</b>	Colin Curtis	Ten tenancies have been terminated and tenants have vacated the plots. Plots are in the process of being offered to new tenants.
		<b>Review the Council's arrangement regarding leasing of sites from Lambton estates</b>	Colin Curtis	Enforcement action continues where necessary. Legal advice is being sought regarding the options to terminate the current arrangements.
		<b>Support community gardens</b>	Pauline Hopper/VCS Network	An opportunity to develop a community garden at Easington Lane is being explored with SNCBC. A gardening project at ELCAP can provide opportunities for local groups to participate on a smaller scale by taking responsibility for a large raised growing bed.
<b>2 CORPORATE</b> A responsible well looked after city that is adaptable to change  <b>AREA</b> A Coalfield adaptable to change and with a strong sense of community: Continue to support the significant partnership working, influencing the redesign of services	<b>Strategic Influencing Role</b>	Flood Risk Planning	Les Clark/Dave Ellison	The Council, in our role as Lead Local Flood Authority are coordinating plans and actions with Northumbrian Water Limited and the Environment Agency to addressing flooding issues in Coalfields which cut across the responsibilities of the different agencies. Activities will include a range of short term physical measures to alleviate identified problems and longer term studies examining the sources of, and solutions to flooding problems which require further investigation. The Lead Agent will will feed back on progress
<b>3 CORPORATE</b> A well connected city	<b>Strategic Influencing Role</b>	Influence development of sustainable transport options and other local issues through consultation of the Core Strategy	Neil Cole/ David Laux	The consultation process will include Place Board, Area Committee

<p><b>AREA:</b> A well connected Coalfield: Continue to promote accessibility across Coalfield and ensure transport networks meet local needs</p>		<p>Influence the provision of public and local transport networks and have input regarding the Metro Extension, and consultation with Nexus re Quality Contracts</p>	<p>David Laux</p>	<p>Nexus will carry out consultation once a decision has been reached by the ITA with regard to Quality Contracts.</p>
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<p>4 <b>CORPORATE:</b> A city where cultural identity and vibrancy act as an attraction</p> <p><b>AREA:</b> Coalfield's Cultural Identity: Continue to support activities and events which celebrate Coalfield's heritage, culture and identity.</p>	<p><b>Area Priority: Local Events and Celebrations</b></p>	<p>Continue to monitor and receive information relating to celebrations, events and activities taking place throughout 2013/14 and develop local projects via SII local celebrations project.</p>	<p>Pauline Hopper</p>	<p>The planning for Houghton Feast has commenced. The theme will be 'all the fun of the fair' and to date 7 schools are involved in workshops to develop acts for the opening ceremony on 4 October. A programme of local events will be developed with VCS Network partners.</p>
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Progressing but behind schedule (with plans in place to action)

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