Coalfield Area Committee: Work Plan 2012 -13 Item 2 Annex 1

PLACE

Budget:		Allocated:		Balance: £0			
DUTCOME	Role for Area Committee	ACTIONS	Place Board to Consider	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Area Committed update du	
CORPORATE An attractive modern city where people choose to invest, live, work and spend leisure time AREA: High quality built and natural environments in Coalfield: Influence investment across Coalfield	Strategic Influencing Role	Influence empty properties action plan/enforcement powers to reduce negative impact on the area	Feb-13	Alan Caddick (Liz McEvoy)		Apr-1	13
		2. Influence traffic and road safety issues and priorities		James Newell			
	Local Action Key Priorities for Action: Neglected Land, Allotments and Shopping Centres	Receive and monitor information relating to development of major projects in the area	Aug-12	Colin Clark (Dave Evans)	Hellens and Sunderland City Council Planning colleagues attended the August 2012 Place Board to discuss the potential development on the Broomhill site		
		4.1. Neglected Land - improve Council owned land	Aug-12	Dave Ellison	Four priority Council owned sites identified. Collingwood Drive now complete and options for improvement of the remaining three sites will be developed. Neglected land working group met on 19 July 2012 - Land and Property in conjunction with Street Scene are developing plans to deal with other areas of Council owned land currently derelict.	Sep-1	12
		4.2. Neglected Land - work with landowners to improve private sites			First stage letters have been sent to all owners of identified sites. Next steps have been proposed and work is in progress to work with landowners who have responded to the first stage correspondence and to contact those who have not responded with a second stage letter.		
		4.3. Neglected Land - instigate enforcement powers to address incidents of fly tipping and unfinished developments		Dave Ellison	Fly tipping removal and enforcement is ongoing, in conjunction with the police and Environment Agency where necessary. Issues with unfinished developments will be discussed with planning enforcement colleagues	Sep-1	12
		4.4. Neglected Land - explore funding opportunities and pooling of budgets to address issues on Council owned land		Les Clark	The Head of Streetscene and Head of Land and Property will explore options to combine maintenance budgets for future years.	Sep-1	12
		5.1. Local Shopping Centres - improve physical appearance of local centres of Hetton, Houghton, Shiney Row	Oct-12	Dave Ellison	Ad bins have been installed in Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row. Traders are being encouraged to advertise for a pilot period free of charge. Repainting of bollards and barriers took place during May and June 2012. Hanging baskets and planters installed for the spring/summer have helped to make the areas more attractive	Sep-1	12
		5.2. Local Shopping Centres - Support local traders	Nov-12	lan Williams (Berni Whittaker)	A Traders' meeting for Houghton shops was held on 6 Aug 2012. The Shopping Centres Working Group will meet in September 12. The SIB funded business support project will work with traders on a 121 basis depending on their needs. A traders' forum will be set up in Houghton and if the need exists will also be developed for Hetton and Shiney Row. Feedback to October Place Board. A recommendation to allocate the remaining £15,000 from the 2011/12 Shopping Centre budget to the Business Support Project will be taken to the September 2012 Area Committee		13
		5.3. Local Shopping Centres - Increase footfall and encourage new shoppers	Nov-12	Julie Heathcote	A shop local campaign has been developed and to date Christmas, Easter and Jubilee events have been delivered. A feature in the November 2012 Community News is planned and traders are being consulted with regard to developing a shop local brochure for Christmas. Traders are also being encouraged to actively take part in Houghton Feast activity		
		6.1. Allotments - reduce number of derelict plots to increase the number of allotments available (reduce waiting lists)		(Gillian	The Allotments group last met in May 12 and agreed a comprehensive plan for Britannia allotments be developed over the next 6 months. A recommendation will be made to the September 2012 Area Committee to allocate a further £30,000 SIB for future development. Actions on other sites will take place in the meantime.		

		6.2. Allotments - terminate tenancies of those using plots inappropriately		Colin Curtis (Gillian Robinson)	This work is ongoing and those who are not vacating their plots voluntarily are being referred to property and legal services		
		6.3. Allotments - support community gardens		Susan Brown			
		7. Community based heritage projects continue via VCS Network	Oct-12	Trina Murphy	A sub group of the VCS Network has ben set up to revise and deliver the heritage action plan in partnership with Groundwork.		
CORPORATE: A responsible well looked after city that is adaptable to change AREA: A Coalfield adaptable to change and with a strong sense of community: Continue to support the	Strategic Influencing Role Key Priority for Action:To influence the design, delivery and review of RLS Streetscene Services	8. To influence the design, delivery and review of RLS Streetscene Services	Standard item	lan Richardson	Regular updates to be given at the Place Board meeting		
3 CORPORATE: A well connected city	Strategic Influencing Role	Influence development of sustainable transport options through consultation of the Core Strategy	Aug-12	David Laux	Workshop to be delivered to provide elected members with the opportunity to influence the Core Strategy. In June 2012 some members of Area Committee requested Neil Cole attend a future Area Committee meeting to discuss	Sep-12	
AREA: A well connected Coalfield: Continue to promote accessibility across Coalfield and ensure transport networks meet local needs		Influence the provision of public and local transport networks and have input regarding the Metro Extension, and consultation with Nexus re Quality Contracts		David Laux	The QCS proposal has now been submitted to the ITA by Nexus. The North East Bus Operators Assoc (which has been established as a collective of bus operators to form a partnership bid) will also be putting forward proposals for a scheme in the coming weeks and both proposals will be considered at the November ITA. Further public consultation will be fundamental and follow any decision by the ITA with regard to influencing routes, times and fares. Under a QCS scheme, implementation would not be until at least 2015, under voluntary partnership implementation will be much sooner.		
4 CORPORATE: A city where cultural identify and vibrancy act as an attraction	Strategic Influencing Role	11. Influencing role with City Services to determine future strategy for managing local events and celebrations	Nov-12	Zoe Channing	The strategy to deal with future local events is being developed and will be reported to Area Committee once complete		
AREA: Coalfield's Cultural Identity: Continue to support activities and events which celebrate Coalfield's		12. Influence continuation of heritage work via City Services. Build on the successful heritage projects delivered in the area.	Oct-12	Trina Murphy			
heritage, culture and identify.	Local Action	13. Continue to monitor and receive information relating to celebrations, events and activities taking place throughout 2012/13	Nov-12	Zoe Channing	In July 2012, Area Committee agreed to allocate £22,740 SIB for local events and celebrations during 2012/13 (to include Houghton Feast, Remembrance parades and Christmas lights switch on). This is subject to a fully costed application which will be appraised as part of the SIB governance procedures.		
G	Progressing on target			•			
A	Progressing but behind schedule	(with plans in place to action)					
ь	Not progressing						

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