

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 24th April, 2013 at 6:00pm

VENUE – The Small Hall, Dubmire Primary School, Britannia Terrace, Houghton le Spring, DH4 6HL

Cllrs Anderson, Blackburn, Ellis, Heron, Lawson, Richardson (Chair), Scott (Vice Chair of the Area Committee and Chair of the Place Board), D. Smith, Speding, Tate, Wakefield.

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15th April, 2013

At a Meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held at THE HETTON CENTRE, WELFARE ROAD, HETTON – LE - HOLE, DH5 9NE on WEDNESDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Richardson in the Chair

Councillors Anderson, Blackburn, Ellis, Heron, Lawson, Scott, D. Smith, Speding, Tate and Wakefield

Also in Attendance:-

Ron Barrass	Member of the Public	
John Chapman	Head of Neighbourhoods	Gentoo
Les Clark	Head of Street Scene	Sunderland City Council
Wendy Cook	Youth and Community Co-ordinator	Sunderland North Community Business Centre
Karen Graham Councillor	Associate Lead for Health Hetton Town Council	Sunderland City Council
Julianna Heron		
Pauline Hopper	Area Officer, Coalfield	Sunderland City Council
Pam Lee	Public Health Consultant	Sunderland Teaching Primary Care Trust
Lisa Musgrove	Neighbourhood Inspector	Northumbria Police
Malcolm Page	Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services & Area Lead Executive	Sunderland City Council
Rachel Putz	Coalfields Locality Manager, Children's Services	Sunderland City Council
Bob Scott	Hetton Green Watch	
Gemma Taylor	Member of the Public	
Christine Tilley	Governance Services Team Leader	Sunderland City Council
Glen Wilson	Speciality Registrar Public Health	NHS SoTW

Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and they introduced themselves.

The Chairman paid tribute to former Councillor Kath Rolph, a Member of the Committee who had recently passed away. Members and Officers stood for a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

The Chairman advised that Mr Glen Wilson would be the Public Health representative supporting the Committee in future in place of Ms Pam Lee and he thanked Ms Lee for her contributions to the work of the Committee.

Councillor Tate welcomed the Chairman back after a period of illness on behalf of the Committee.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Lee Wardle, Volunteer Coordinator, VCS Network.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Tate made an open declaration in respect of item 4 on the agenda in relation to Easington Lane Community Access Point as he is a Local Authority appointed Member of the Board.

Councillor Wakefield made an open declaration in respect of item 4 on the agenda in relation to Houghton Fitness and Youth boxing club as a Trustee of the club and withdrew from the meeting before the Committee gave consideration to the application for Community Chest funding.

Minutes of the Last Meetings

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last Ordinary meeting of the Committee held on 19th September together with those of the Extraordinary meeting held on 17th October, 2012 be confirmed and signed as correct records.

Variation of Agenda

The Committee agreed a proposal from the Chairman that the item on 'Sunderland Health and Wellbeing Strategy' be considered next on the agenda in order to allow those Health colleagues in attendance to leave following consideration of their report.

Sunderland Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services and the Head of Strategy, Policy and Performance submitted a joint report updating the Area

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Committee on the development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy being produced in conjunction with the local Clinical Commissioning Group which required formal Cabinet approval before the end of March 2013.

(For copy presentation – see original minutes).

Ms Karen Graham, Associate Lead for Health briefed the Committee on the report and provided the meeting with a comprehensive power point presentation detailing the following 3 Key Elements of the Strategy:-

- i) Design Principles – the ways of working underpinning all commissioning decisions;
- ii) Assets – the core assets which could be built upon in Sunderland to impact on the health and wellbeing of residents;
- iii) Strategic Objectives – the ultimate goals of the strategy which would focus the development of high level actions and commissioning plans, as follows:-

- Promoting understanding between communities and organisations;
- Ensuring that children and young people have the best start in life;
- Supporting and motivating everyone to take responsibility for their health and that of others;
- Supporting everyone to contribute;
- Supporting people with long-term conditions and their carers;
- Supporting individuals and their families to recover from ill-health and crisis.

Ms Graham commented that of the six strategic objectives only two were specifically related to health services and that the others covered the broader determinants of health.

Ms Graham drew attention to the Project brief that was being submitted to the Committee for consideration on another part of the agenda in respect of 'Support for Older People, Vulnerable Adults and Carers'. She advised that interested local voluntary and community groups would be invited to submit proposals to deliver projects in the Coalfield Area to support local people. The 'people' priorities specific to the area would be discussed at the People Board meetings and a recommendation made to the Committee as to what to support to focus on local need.

Members welcomed the Strategy and recognised that faced with reducing public resources and increasing demand that there was a need to review and improve the way agencies work together with residents and communities in the future to enable and support communities to become more independent and have less reliance on the public sector in the longer term.

The Chairman having thanked Ms. Graham for her attendance it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the report and presentation be received and noted.

Place Board Progress Report

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update on progress against the Area's current year's Place Board Work Plan in relation to the following priorities:-

- i) Responsive Local Services (RLS) Streetscene;
- ii) Area Priority: Improvement of Allotments;
- iii) Area Priority: Neglected Land;
- iv) Area Priority: Support for Local Shopping Centres; and
- v) Heritage.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chairman of the Place Board, Councillor John Scott introduced the report. Mr Les Clark, Head of Streetscene and Mr Dave Ellison, Area Response Manager, briefed the Committee on the priorities in relation to streetscene and neglected land. Mr Ellison advised that Officers were continuing to monitor private sites and encouraging improvements by using enforcement planning measures. Schemes were being developed for three larger Council owned sites, namely The Cosy and Eppleton and Dubmire Primary schools and would be taken forward in consultation with Members. He invited Members to inform him of any other areas of neglected land that they were aware of.

In relation to allotments, Ms Pauline Hopper, Area Officer, Coalfield highlighted that a revised tenancy agreement had been developed and would be issued to all tenants in March. Ms Hopper referred the Committee to the support being provided by the Business Investment Team to assist businesses in the local shopping centres with marketing, advertising etc. to help make them be more competitive.

Councillor Ellis commented that it was a pleasure to be a Member of the Place Board and asked in relation to heritage whether the historic built environment could be retained under the remit of the Place Board.

In response, Councillor Scott stated that the recommendation was to transfer the responsibility of the Community Heritage project to the VCS network and that it would be reported to the People Board but advised that where there were issues that overlapped with the Place Board that the Board would be consulted.

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

3. RESOLVED that:-

(i) the progress and performance update with regard to the Coalfield Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2012/13 be received and noted;

(ii) Members identify and report further plots of land deemed 'neglected' as and when appropriate to the Lead Agent (Dave Ellison); and

(iii) the responsibility for the Community Heritage project be transferred to the VCS Network and reported to the People Board.

People Board Progress Report

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the Committee with an update of progress against the People Board's Work Plan for 2012/13 up to 31st December 2012 in relation to the following priorities:-

- i) Early Intervention and Locality Services; and
- ii) Support for Older and Vulnerable People and Carers.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Lawson briefed the Committee on the key areas of influence/achievements of the Board detailed in paragraph 3.

Ms Pauline Hopper, Area Officer, Coalfield highlighted the project brief and application process for VCS organisations to deliver local projects to reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing detailed at annex 2.

4. RESOLVED that:-

(i) the progress and performance update with regard to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2012/13 be received and noted; and

(ii) the project brief and related process for VCS organisations to deliver local projects to reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing, attached at Annex 2 to the report, be approved.

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB), Community Chest and Healthy Cities Investment Fund (HCIF) – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) providing a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, SIP and Community Chest and presenting proposals for further funding.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms Pauline Hopper, Area Officer briefed the Committee on the proposed funding requests detailed in the report.

In relation to the application at paragraph 5.2 from Houghton Fitness and Youth Boxing Club, Ms Hopper advised, in response to Councillor Ellis, who stated that she had previously asked for further information regarding the application, that the funding requested was to be used to purchase protection equipment such as head gear, mouth guards and boxing gloves.

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Members proceeded to discuss the above application in detail stating their views on the application.

The Chairman moved that a vote be taken on the application and upon the said vote being taken, the application was approved, with 6 Members voting in favour of the application, 1 Member voting against and 2 Members abstaining.

It was therefore:-

5. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the financial information set out in sections 2,3,4 and 5 and Annex 2 be received and noted;
- (ii) approval be given to the granting of SIB funding for the 4 proposals for support from SIB as detailed in Annex 1 which are:-
 - 1. Community Transport Project - £9,321;
 - 2. Welfare and Benefits advice - £23,166
 - 3. Flatts – Looking Good - £10,000
 - 4. Environmental Improvements - £10,000
- (iii) approval be given to the granting of SIB funding of £30,000 to deliver local projects which meet the priority ‘Support for older people, vulnerable adults and carers’ outlined in paragraph 2.4 of the report;
- (iv) approval be given to the proposed allotments project outlined in paragraph 2.5 of the report (subject to consultation and assessment);
- (v) approval be given to the change of Lead Agent on the Community Heritage project from City Services to ELCAP and Groundwork on behalf of the VCS Network;
- (vi) the 29 Community Chest approvals from the October, November and January Panel meetings set out in Annex 3 be noted; and
- (vii) approval be given to the application for Community Chest funding of £498 from Houghton Fitness and Youth Boxing Club to purchase protection equipment as detailed above and in paragraph 5.2 of the report.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ellison and his team for the work done to clear the roads during the recent inclement weather and in relation to the work done to mitigate flooding in the Coalfield area on behalf of the Committee. He then closed the meeting having also thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

(Signed) D. RICHARDSON,
Chairman.

At a Meeting of the COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE held in the Civic Centre, Sunderland on TUESDAY, 26TH MARCH, 2013 at 4.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D. Richardson in the Chair

Councillors, Blackburn, Heron, Lawson, Scott, D. Smith, Speding, Tate and Wakefield

Also in Attendance:-

Ron Barrass	Member of the Public	
Les Clark	Head of Street Scene	Sunderland City Council
Pauline Hopper	Area Officer, Coalfield	Sunderland City Council
Malcolm Page	Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services & Area Lead Executive	Sunderland City Council
Christine Tilley	Governance Services Team Leader	Sunderland City Council

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Anderson, Councillor Julianna Heron, Hetton Town Council, John Chapman, Head of Neighbourhoods, Gentoo and Lee Wardle, Volunteer Coordinator, VCS Network.

Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Chief Executive submitted a report requesting the Area Committee's consideration of a proposal for the allocation of Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) to support initiatives that will benefit the area.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr Les Clark, Head of Street Scene tabled a copy of an appendix to the report setting out proposals considered at a meeting of the Coalfield Area Place Board in February where Members were asked for their input into the 2013-14 Highway Maintenance Capital programme in allocating up to a value of £60,000 to highways maintenance schemes and also in respect of the allocation of the various categories of highways maintenance funded through the revenue budget.

(For copy Appendix – see original minutes).

Mr Clark briefed the Committee on the process in respect of the allocation of highway maintenance funding explaining that an allocation from the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme had been divided equally between the five areas of the city in order to broaden local influence. He added that a review would be undertaken at the end of the process to assess the impact and whether to increase the proportion of the budget to be determined in future by local input.

Mr Clark referred the Committee to the schemes recommended for approval to the Area Committee from the Place Board shown in the table and to the estimated funding required to carry out the schemes which came to a total of £64,500.

Councillor Tate advised that Nidderdale Avenue was in fact in Peat Carr and not Low Moorsley as detailed in the table. Mr Clark confirmed that this would be corrected.

Ms Pauline Hopper, Area Officer briefed the Committee on the up to date position in respect of the Committee's allocation of SIB advising that a balance of £50,673 remained to be allocated from the 2012/13 budget. She added that should the Committee approve the Place Board recommendation to align £4,500 of the SIB 2012/13 budget against the Highways Maintenance Programme to cover the shortfall of funding needed to undertake all of the schemes detailed on the list, that £46,173 SIB would remain in the budget.

The Chairman confirmed that any under spend from the SIB budget for 2012/2013 would be carried forward to the 2013/2014 budget.

The Vice Chairman enquired whether any under spend in respect of the SIP budget could be converted to SIB.

Mr Malcolm Page, Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services & Area Lead Executive advised that consideration would be given to whether this could be done.

The Committee discussed the highways maintenance schemes recommended for approval and queried the relatively high cost associated with the scheme at Salters Lane (from east Gillas Lane junction to farm).

Mr Clark assured Members that all the schemes had been through an evaluation process and ranked against the criteria set for highways maintenance projects. He would however circulate the details to all Members of the Committee for information.

Full consideration having being given to the reports it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the financial statement set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report of the Chief Executive be received and noted;
- (ii) the proposed schemes for inclusion in the 2013-2014 Highways Capital Programme, detailed in the table of the appendix to the report totalling £64,500 be approved (subject to a delegated decision being taken by the Portfolio holder and the Head of Street Scene); and
- (iii) approval be given to align £4,500 of 2012/13 SIB against the Highways Maintenance Programme 2013/14.

(Signed) D. RICHARDSON,
Chairman.

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Item 2

24 April 2013**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE****Annual Report 2012/13****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To approve the Coalfield Committee's Annual Report as part of the combined Area Committees Annual Report 2012/13 to be presented to Full Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 This will be the second year that all Area Committee reports have been brought together in one combined report and presented to Full Council.
- 2.2 The combined report will provide an update on how Area Arrangements have developed over this last year in addition to an overview of all 5 Area Committee Achievements during that period and in line with agreed Work Plans for 2012/13.

3. Annual Report

- 3.1 The Annual Report for Coalfield Area Committee is attached as **Annex 1**.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are requested to consider and approve the Coalfield Annual Report for inclusion in the combined Area Committees Annual Report for 2012/13.

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Coalfield Area Committee Annual Report 2012/13



**Cllr Dennis Richardson,
Chair of the Coalfield Area Committee**

At the beginning of this financial year Coalfield Area Committee set out its priorities for the year ahead. Key areas where Area Committee wanted to focus work and resources and bring real benefits to the local community included local shopping centres, additional activities for children and young people, improvements to allotments, neglected land and support for older people and vulnerable adults.

Partnership working has been key to ensuring we get value for money and maximum benefit from our resources. Funding was allocated to organisations who helped us deliver what we set out to do, and as a result of partnership working with our Voluntary and Community Sector Area Network, we have worked with more residents and community groups than ever before.

A lot of excellent work has taken place over 2012-2013. Some of the highlights are:

- Influencing local Street Scene services, such as street cleaning, winter maintenance and grass cutting to ensure they are delivered in line with local need. Dog Control Orders and a policy to deal with nuisance vehicle parking/advertising have been developed.
- Influencing services for children and young people and providing funding to make sure there are activities for young people of all ages.
- Working with partners and local groups to provide support for older people, vulnerable adults and their carers such as a 'shoppa bus' and social activities.
- Organising events in local shopping centres to encourage people to shop locally. We're supporting local traders and to date retail specialists have given 1-2-1 support to 14 businesses in Houghton, Hetton and Shiney Row.
- Improving allotment sites, including new management arrangements, clearing unlettable plots, adding new fencing and water provision on sites. At Burnside allotment site, three large unlettable plots have been cleared and made into 10 smaller, improved, plots for rent.
- Awarding funding to allow additional financial and welfare advice sessions to be delivered, recognising the impact of the changes to benefits.
- Planting 400 trees on four sites across the Coalfield area, as part of the Love Where You Live campaign. Local schools and community groups took part in the project.
- Working with owners of over 100 plots of land which have been identified as 'neglected'. 66 have now been brought back into meaningful use.

- Improving ten council owned areas of derelict land including a large site at Collingwood Drive, Shiney Row. Work has begun on a number of other sites, including three large scale projects.
- Supporting a successful community heritage project, delivered by local groups via the VCS Network. A total of 15 local people are involved in various activities.
- Supporting a men's health project which aims to address the main lifestyle causes of cancer and promote awareness of the early signs and symptoms of cancer. Twenty five community groups are participating.
- A local organisation has delivered a Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice to eight local people and training is underway with a further 10.
- Working with local schools in a competition to design a poster to raise awareness of the consequences of littering and fly tipping. The winning designs are displayed in 'ad bins' in local shopping centres.
- A local youth centre has been refurbished, providing a dedicated space for children and young people to enjoy positive activities.
- The Community Challenge project encourages local groups and residents to become involved in providing support to older people and healthy activities for children and young people. To date 12 groups are taking part and 18 new volunteers have been recruited.

As more services move to area based working, it is vital that local communities become involved, and have their say on how, where and when the City Council delivers its services in their area.

We're committed to improving on the successes we have seen this year and will continue to keep local communities at the heart of everything we do.

I would like to thank all members of the Coalfield Area Committee, and partners, officers and residents, for their hard work and support throughout the year in helping to achieve such positive results and better services for local people.

24 April 2013

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PLACE BOARD

Place Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report provides an end of year performance update on the 2012/13 Place Board Work Plan and requests Area Committee approval of the board's proposed refresh of Work Plan priorities for 2013/14.

2. Background

- 2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the Coalfield Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The Place Board have presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence/ achievements during that period.
- 2.2 This report seeks to provide Area Committee with an annual update of the Work Plan and, based on review work carried out by the board, proposes which actions should be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2013/14.

3. Annual Update of 2012/13 Place Board Work Plan

- 3.1 The 2012/13 Work Plan is attached as **Annex 1** and provides an annual update on performance.

4. Proposed Work Plan for 2013/14

- 4.1 The proposed Work Plan is attached as **Annex 2** and outlines those priorities for action that the Place Board considers key to deliver during 2013/14

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Coalfield Area Place Board's Work Plan for 2012/13
- 5.2 Members are requested to consider and agree the Coalfield Area Place Board Work Plan for 2013/14.

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OUTCOME	Role for Area Committee	ACTIONS	Lead Agent	OUTCOMES
<p>1 CORPORATE An attractive modern city where people choose to invest, live, work and spend leisure time</p> <p>AREA: High quality built and natural environments in Coalfield: Influence investment across Coalfield</p>	<p>Strategic Influencing Role</p>	1. Influence empty properties action plan/enforcement powers to reduce negative impact on the area	Alan Caddick (Liz McEvoy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members have influenced the empty properties action plan Over 90 vacant properties brought back into use across the Coalfield area
		2. Influence traffic and road safety issues and priorities	James Newell/ Adam Clelland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 'network' of Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) signs has been developed. The sign will be able to be deployed to areas of need on a rolling programme
	<p>Local Action Key Priorities for Action: Neglected Land, Allotments and Shopping Centres</p>	3. Receive and monitor information relating to development of major projects in the area	Colin Clark (Dave Evans)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on the Broomhill development was presented to the Place Board Information on the Hetton Downs Area Action Plan was presented to the Place Board
		4.1. Neglected Land - improve Council owned land	Dave Ellison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ten of the 26 small plots identified as neglected have been improved. Four priority Council owned larger sites have been identified. Collingwood Drive is now complete, old Dubmire school site is in progress and options for improvement of the remaining two larger sites (former Eppleton School and Forest Estate) have been developed. The policy to dispose of surplus land has been amended A total of £35,000 SIB funding has been approved by Area Committee to deliver improvements on the sites.
		4.2. Neglected Land - work with landowners to improve private sites	Dave Ellison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 66 out of the 95 identified plots in private ownership have been improved or brought into meaningful use The Lead Agent will continue to monitor all sites and work in partnership with land owners to encourage continued and sustained improvements
		4.3. Neglected Land - instigate enforcement powers to address incidents of fly tipping and unfinished developments	Dave Ellison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fly tipping removal and enforcement is ongoing, in conjunction with the police and Environment Agency where necessary. Issues with unfinished developments have been passed to planning enforcement colleagues
		4.4. Neglected Land - explore funding opportunities and pooling of budgets to address issues on Council owned land	Les Clark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Head of Streetscene and Head of Land and Property will explore options to combine maintenance budgets for future years.
		5.1. Local Shopping Centres - improve physical appearance of local centres of Hetton, Houghton Shoney Row	Dave Ellison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ad bins have been installed in Hetton, Houghton and Shoney Row. Traders are being encouraged to advertise for a pilot period free of charge. Repainting of bollards and barriers took place during 2012. Hanging baskets and planters installed for the spring/summer have helped to make the areas more attractive. Education and enforcement programmes are being implemented to reduce litter.
		5.2. Local Shopping Centres - Support local traders	Ian Williams (Berni Whittaker)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SIB funded business support project has been allocated an additional £15,000 SIB and will work with traders on a 121 basis depending on their needs. A traders' forum has been set up in Houghton and if the need exists will also be developed for Hetton and Shoney Row Retail specialist are working with independent traders to improve their business 19 local businesses supported

5.3. Local Shopping Centres - Increase footfall and encourage new shoppers	Julie Heathcote	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A shop local campaign has been developed and Christmas and Easter events have been delivered. • A feature in the November 2012 Community News promoted the campaign • 16 local businesses took part in a Christmas discount voucher scheme
6.1. Allotments - reduce number of derelict plots to increase the number of allotments available (reduce waiting lists)	Colin Curtis (Gillian Robinson)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Committee approved a further £30,000 SIB for allotment improvement • Land and Property has produced a 'mini masterplan' for the Britannia Tce site to include discussions around housing development and model allotments • A comprehensive clean up of Burnside has taken place including model allotments for rent • Plots deemed 'unlettable' have been cleared on six sites across the area • Large overgrown plots have been cleared and sub divided for rent • Partnership working with Groundwork and SNCBC is ensuring maximum results for funding available • Work placement opportunities are being arranged
6.2. Allotments - terminate tenancies of those using plots inappropriately	Colin Curtis (Gillian Robinson)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement activity has resulted in the removal of 15 caravans from various sites • A schedule has been developed for horse owners, to prevent further horses being brought on to allotments • The tenancy agreement has been revised and will be issued to all allotment holders from April 2013 • An inspection programme consists of six monthly inspection of all sites and enforcement activity is carried out as a consequence of the findings on each individual site
6.3. Allotments - review the Council's arrangement regarding leasing of sites from Lambton estates	Colin Curtis (Gillian Robinson)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal guidance is being sought. In the meantime enforcement action at Seaham Road site will continue where necessary.
6.4. Allotments - support community gardens	Pauline Hopper/VCS Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the LWYL campaign, the Area Response Manager is supporting the community garden at Burnside • ELCAP and HRCAP provide support to young people and older or vulnerable adults to participate in growing projects at their respective community gardens • Newly cleared allotments will provide an opportunity for more community gardens to be developed
7. Flood Risk Planning - four main flood risk sites have been identified during the recent floods * Dairy Lane, Houghton * Dene St, Hetton * Borrowdale St, Hetton * Osman Tce, Fencehouses	Dave Ellison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Environment Agency and Northumbrian Water Limited are holding a series of meetings with Council officers to identify specific issues and determine solutions to prevent future problems.

2 CORPORATE A responsible well looked after city that is adaptable to change

8. To influence the design, delivery and review of RLS Streetscene Services

Ian Richardson

- A Citywide policy on Dog Control Orders has been developed.
- A Citywide procedure has been written to deal with nuisance car parking
- A proportion of the highways maintenance budget has been devolved to the Place

<p>AREA: A Coalfield adaptable to change and with a strong sense of community: Continue to support the significant partnership working, influencing the redesign of services and development of facilities and support community resilience and inclusion and involvement.</p>				<p>Board to influence at a local level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Area Response Manager will continue to consult with Members and the Place Board to inform service delivery relevant to the local area. • Relationships with the ARM and Ward Team Leaders continues to develop with Members to improve the understanding of local need • 4 community chest grants have been awarded to local community groups to enable environmental improvement projects to take place
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<p>3 CORPORATE A well connected city AREA: A well connected Coalfield: Continue to promote accessibility across Coalfield and ensure transport networks meet local needs</p>	<p>Strategic Influencing Role</p>	<p>9. Influence development of sustainable transport options through consultation of the Core Strategy</p>	<p>Neil Cole/ David Laux</p>	<p>• Consultation on the Core Strategy will take place with the Board during May/June 2013</p>
		<p>10. 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>• Consultation has taken place • QCS proposal has been submitted to the ITA • Further consultation will take place following the ITA's decision (expected post June 2013)</p>

<p>4 CORPORATE A city where cultural identity and vibrancy act as an attraction AREA: Coalfield's Cultural Identity: Continue to support activities and events which celebrate Coalfield's heritage, culture and identify.</p>	<p>Strategic Influencing Role</p>	<p>11. Influencing role with City Services to determine future strategy for managing local events and celebrations</p>	<p>Zoe Channing</p>	<p>• From 1 April, a new events company, Sunderland Live, has been established to deliver the Council's events programme and to develop new events for the city.</p>
		<p>12. Influence continuation of heritage work via City Services. Build on the successful heritage projects delivered in the area.</p>	<p>Trina Murphy</p>	<p>• £5,000 SIB was awarded to deliver a community heritage project Future updates will be via the People Board • A six week 'music heritage' educational programme has been delivered to young people • A fundraising group has been set up to seek funding to sustain the project Groundwork, ELCAP and Gentoo are working in partnership to engage more groups and young people in the educational programmes</p>
	<p>Local Action</p>	<p>13. Continue to monitor and receive information relating to celebrations, events and activities taking place throughout 2012/13</p>	<p>Pauline Hopper</p>	<p>• Area Committee agreed to allocate £22,740 SIB for local events and celebrations during 2012/13. • A successful Houghton Feast opening ceremony was delivered in October 2012 • A Community Christmas Switch on in Shiney Row was held in December 2012. • Volunteers at Easington Lane organised a community Christmas event which was supported with SIB and Community Chest funding • Area Committee agreed to allocate the underspend from the Houghton Feast project to the 2013 event. • 14 community chest grants have been awarded to enable local events and festivals to take place</p>

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OUTCOME	Role for Area Committee	ACTIONS	Lead Agent	
<p>1 CORPORATE An attractive modern city where people choose to invest, live, work and spend leisure time</p> <p>AREA: High quality built and natural environment in Coalfield: Influence investment across the area</p>	Strategic Influencing Role	Influence empty properties action plan/enforcement powers to reduce negative impact the area	Alan Caddick (Liz McEvoy)	
		Receive and monitor information relating to development of major projects in the area	Planning and Policy	
	Area Priority: Influencing Core Services devolved to Area Committee	Influence operational deployment of RLS Streetscene	Les Clark	
		Influence Highways Maintenance Programme	Les Clark	
	Area Priority: Neglected Land,	Further services/activity to be determined during 2013/14	Les Clark	
		Area Priority: Neglected Land,	Improve Council owned land	Dave Ellison
		Work with landowners to improve private sites	Dave Ellison	
		Area Priority: Local Shopping Centres	Improve physical appearance of local centres of Hetton, Houghton, Shiney Row	Dave Ellison
			Support local traders	Ian Williams (Berni Whittaker)
		Increase footfall and encourage new shoppers	Julie Heathcote	
Area Priority: Allotments	Reduce number of derelict plots to increase the number of allotments available (reduce waiting lists)	Colin Curtis (Gillian Robinson)		
	Terminate tenancies of those using plots inappropriately	Colin Curtis (Gillian Robinson)		
	Review the Council's arrangement regarding leasing of sites from Lambton estates	Colin Curtis (Gillian Robinson)		
Support community gardens	Pauline Hopper/VCS Network			
<p>2 CORPORATE A responsible well looked after city that is adaptable to change</p> <p>AREA: A Coalfield adaptable to change and with a strong sense of community: Continue to support the significant partnership working, influencing the redesign of services</p>	Strategic Influencing Role	Influence Flood Risk Planning and local solutions	Les Clark/Dave Ellison	
<p>3 CORPORATE A well connected city</p> <p>AREA: A well connected Coalfield: Continue to promote accessibility across Coalfield and ensure transport networks meet local needs</p>	Strategic Influencing Role	Influence development of sustainable transport options and other local issues through consultation of the Core Strategy	Neil Cole/ David Laux	
		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	
<p>4 CORPORATE: A city where cultural identity and vibrancy act as an attraction</p> <p>AREA: Coalfield's Cultural Identity: Continue to support activities and events which celebrate Coalfield's heritage, culture and identity.</p>	Area Priority: Local Events and Celebrations	Continue to monitor and receive information relating to celebrations, events and activities taking place throughout 2013/14 and develop local projects via SIB local celebrations project.	Pauline Hopper	

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

Item 4

24 April 2013**REPORT OF THE PEOPLE BOARD****People Board Progress Report****1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The report provides an end of year performance update on the 2012/13 People Board Work Plan and requests Area Committee approval of the board's proposed refresh of Work Plan priorities for 2013/14.

2. Background

- 2.1 Earlier this year the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with People were referred to the Coalfield People Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. The People Board have presented interim reports to each Area Committee meeting to update on action taken on those priorities and highlighted key areas of influence/ achievements during that period.
- 2.2 This report seeks to provide Area Committee with an annual update of the Work Plan and, based on review work carried out by the board, proposes which actions should be taken forward as part of the Work Plan for 2013/14.

3. Annual Update of 2012/13 People Board Work Plan

- 3.1 The 2012/13 Work Plan is attached as **Annex 1** and provides an annual update on performance.

4. Proposed Work Plan for 2013/14

- 4.1 The proposed Work Plan is attached as **Annex 2** and outlines those priorities for action that the People Board considers key to deliver during 2013/14

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider the Annual Performance Update with regard to the Coalfield Area People Board's Work Plan for 2012/13
- 5.2 Members are requested to consider and agree the Coalfield Area People Board Work Plan for 2013/14.

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OUTCOME	Role for Area Committee	ACTIONS	Lead Agent	OUTCOMES
<p>1 CORPORATE A City where everyone is as healthy as they can be and enjoys a good standard of well being AREA: A Healthy Coalfield: Contribute to ensuring Coalfield has healthy outcomes and lifestyles</p>	<p>Strategic Influencing Role</p>	1. Influence GP Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) at an area level	Graham King/Glen Wilson TPCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graham King will provide the link between the CCG and People Board
		2. Receive reports and information to influence plans policy and strategy via the People Board	SPPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information requested has been provided and loaded to Sharepoint A planned approach to receiving relevant information will be developed by the Board for the coming year
	<p>Local Action Key Priority for Action: Healthy life choices for young people/ childhood obesity</p>	3. Area representation at Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and potential links to People Board	Graham King/Glen Wilson TPCT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graham King is the representative at the Coalfield Clinical Commissioning Group
		4. Commission projects through the Healthy City Investment Fund (HCIF)	Jacqui Reeves (Wton MIND) /VCS Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VCS organisations have been supported to form consortium for delivery HCIF of £31,000 awarded via Area Committee to deliver mens health projects 8 VCS groups are working collaboratively delivering projects to improve mens health 9 community chest awards have been given to support projects delivering health and sport projects
		5. Work with partners to increase awareness of, and response to, welfare reform	Fiona Brown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefing notes and toolkit circulated to members and partners Special VCS Network meeting held in January to consult with local organisations regarding the changes to DWP Social Fund
		6. Focus on young people and health, particularly around sexual and mental health in teenagers and childhood obesity	VCS Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £10,000 SIB awarded to the 'People's Challenge' project to deliver small scale projects to improve the health of young people 6 local organisations are delivering sporting and physical activities as part of the People's Challenge 8 community chest awards have been given to support projects delivering healthy activities for young people Rachel Putz, the Locality Manager for the Coalfield area provides information and opportunities for influencing early intervention and locality services
<p>2 CORPORATE A City with high levels of skills, educational attainment and participation AREA: Education and attainment in Coalfield: Support initiatives working to help local young people</p>	<p>Strategic Influencing Role</p>	7. Greater links with local schools and cross boundary working with Washington schools	Rachel Putz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carried forward to 2013/14 workplan
		8. Through the People Board, ensure engagement of partners to improve residents' job and career prospects	Ian Williams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carried forward to 2013/14 workplan
		9. Influence skills development, to include support for NEETs and apprenticeships for young people	Rachel Putz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connexions staff provide support for skills development
		10. Influence provision of activities for young people	Sandra Mitchell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Influenced the contract specification for youth contracts in the Coalfield Area commencing April 2013 Influenced the delivery of XL youth provision across the Coalfield area
		11. Influence joint working with Sunderland University		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressed at a corporate level via Sunderland Partnership
		12. Receive reports to influence plans, policy and strategy from the People Board	SPPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information requested has been provided and loaded to Sharepoint A planned approach to receiving relevant information will be developed by the Board for the coming year

		13. Ensure access for local people to emerging education and employment opportunities	Connexions SNCBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connexions staff receive up to date information on emerging opportunities to support local people • The local Connexions team support Coalfield residents to take up opportunities • SNCBC provide Work Programme support and the placement officer is working with local employers
	Local Action Key Priority for Action: Youth provision and activities for young people	14. Monitor current initiatives, funded by Area Committee, which work with young people	Pauline Hopper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance is monitored by the Area Officer
		15. Work with partners to deliver family, adult and community learning (FACL) in appropriate subjects and venues	Sandra Kenny/ VCS Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on local provision has been provided • Area Officer working with local venues with regard to adult learning provision • Future opportunities for FACL will be promoted via the VCS Network
		16. Continue with youth provision through Activities for Young people priority	Rachel Putz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a providers forum to encourage local youth providers to work in partnership and develop collaborative projects • Awarded £24,482 for holiday and junior youth provision to be delivered by a consortium of local providers • Holiday activities delivered throughout the school holiday periods in 2012/2013 for children and young people • 15 community chest grants have been awarded to projects providing positive activities and clubs for children and young people
3 CORPORATE A City which is and feels even safer and more secure	Strategic Influencing Role	17. Receive reports to influence plans, policy and strategy from the Place Board and the People Board	SPPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information requested has been provided and loaded to Sharepoint • A planned approach to receiving information will be developed by the Board for the coming year
AREA: A Safer Coalfield: Continue to ensure key partnerships and collaboration maintains the good results achieved	Local Action	18. Through LMAPS, work to ensure local issues and problems are addressed	Pauline Hopper/Cllr J Scott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Area Officer and Chair of Place Board provide the representation on LMAPS • Addressed hotspots of ASB in partnership with Police, Gentoo and youth providers • All members of the Area Committee raise issues via either of the reps • £6,600 SIB was awarded to install additional street lighting
		19. Work with local partners to provide information and reassurance to reduce the fear of crime	Pauline Hopper/ People Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Comms Officer/ VCS Network/ Neighbourhood Police Team a message of reassurance has been communicated via promotional literature/events • A partnership project has raised £15,000 to improve the Flatts Youth Centre to provide reassurance to residents and engage more young people • £4,000 SIB was awarded to to Fire Service as a contribution to the Phoenix Project which works with young people at risk of offending • The crime rate for the Coalfield area has fallen by 15% which equates to 3030 fewer victims of crime
		20. Agree locations of XL youth provision	Sandra Mitchell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influenced the delivery of XL youth provision across the Coalfield area
4 CORPORATE A City that ensures people are able to look after themselves	Strategic Influencing Role	21. Influencing via the Health and Well Being Board	Neil Revely	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Wellbeing Strategy presented to AC • Local action to be determined by the People Board
AREA: Cared for in Coalfield: Contribute to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Coalfield's most vulnerable		22. Understand the impact of Welfare Reform. Work with partners to increase awareness of, and response to, welfare reform	Fiona Brown/ VCS Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations have been delivered by Fiona Brown to Members • Bi monthly updates are provided to members via briefings • A members' pack, to help members to understand how they can advise their constituents on how they may be affected and also where/from whom they can get further help and advice has been developed • £23,166 SIB was awarded to ShARP to provide an enhanced and redesigned welfare support project for local people

		23. Receive reports to influence plans, policy and strategy from the People Board	SPPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information requested has been provided and loaded to Sharepoint A planned approach to receiving information will be developed by the Board for the coming year
	Local Action Key Priority for Action: Support for older people, vulnerable adults and carers	24. Continue Support for Older people priority to include 'vulnerable adults' and 'carers'	Graham King	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £10,000 SIB awarded to the 'People's Challenge' project to deliver small scale projects to support older and vulnerable people in the area 12 local organisations have held events or activities as part of the People's Challenge £30,000 SIB made available for local organisations to deliver projects to reduce social isolation and improve wellness 11 community chest grants have been awarded to groups supporting older and vulnerable people
		25. Continue to work with local and VCS organisations who provide support for local people	Pauline Hopper/VCS Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VCS Network members were invited to deliver local support for this target group. Project applications were discussed at the March 2013 People Board and recommendations are made to the April 2013 Area Committee £9.321 SIB was awarded to ELCAP to enhance and expand the 'shoppa bus' service

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		Focus on young people and health, particularly around sexual and mental health in teenagers	Glen Wilson/ Rachel Putz
		Focus on young people and health, particularly around healthy weight for children	Glen Wilson/ Rachel Putz
2 CORPORATE A City with high levels of skills, educational attainment and participation AREA: Education and attainment in Coalfield: Support initiatives working to help local people	Strategic Influencing Role	Greater links with local schools and cross boundary working with Washington schools	Rachel Putz
		Through the People Board, ensure engagement of partners to improve residents' job and career prospects and ensure access to education and employment opportunities	Ian Williams/ Connexions/ Local providers
		Influence skills development, to include support for NEETs and apprenticeships for young people	Rachel Putz/Connexions Services
		Work with partners to deliver family, adult and community learning (FACL) in appropriate subjects and venues	Sandra Kenny/ VCS Network
		Build on the successful heritage projects delivered in the area.	VCS Network/Pauline Hopper
	Area Priority: Influencing Core Services devolved to Area Committee	Influence Early Years Intervention and Locality Services	Rachel Putz, Children Services
	Further services/activity to be determined during 2013/14	Charlotte Burnham, OCE	
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4 CORPORATE A City that ensures people are able to look after themselves AREA: Cared for in Coalfield: Contribute to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of Coalfield's most vulnerable	Strategic Influencing Role	Influencing via the Health and Well Being Board	Neil Revely/ Graham King
		Understand the impact of Welfare Reform. Work with partners to increase awareness of and response to, welfare reform	Fiona Brown/ VCS Network
		Raise awareness of services available for older people by developing a 'directory' of local provision	Graham King/Pauline Hopper
		Promote and develop the Coalfield as a 'dementia friendly community'	Graham King/ Glen
	Encourage information sharing via the Community Connectors model by identifying key individuals to act as a contact point in the neighbourhood	Graham King/Pauline Hopper	
Area Priority: Support for older people, vulnerable adults and carers	Continue to work with local and VCS organisations who provide support to reduce social isolation	Pauline Hopper/VCS Network	

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE 24 APRIL 2013 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I																									
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Author(s): Chief Executive																									
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Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?	Yes																								
Suggested reason(s) for Decision: SIB and SIP are budgets delegated to Area Committee in order to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Coalfield Work Plan.																									
Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.																									
Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? No	Relevant Scrutiny Committees:																								
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24 APRIL 2013

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), Strategic Investment Plan (SIP), Community Chest and Healthy Cities Investment Fund (HCIF) – Financial Statement and proposals for further allocation of resources**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. This report provides a financial statement as an update position on progress in relation to allocating SIB, SIP 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 following the extraordinary March 2013 meeting.

Project Name	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	Approvals	Balance
The allocation for 2012/13 is £236,693, with the under spend of £105 from 2011/12 this totals £236,798				£236,798
Phoenix Project	23.04.12		£4,000	£232,798
Street lighting, the Cove, Shiney Row	21.06.12		£6,600	£226,198
Houghton War Memorial	21.06.12		£10,000	£216,198
Allotments watering project	21.06.12		£3,458	£212,740
Houghton Feast	09.07.12		£15,000	£197,740
Area Events and Celebrations	09.07.12		£7,740	£190,000
Returned to budget: HCA Empty Homes 2012			(£7,529)	£197,529
People's Challenge	19.09.12		£10,000	£187,529
Junior and Holiday Youth Provision	19.09.12		£24,482	£163,047
Allotments Improvement Programme	19.09.12		£30,000	£133,047
Shop Local (subject to consultation and appraisal)		19.09.12	£20,000	£113,047
Returned to budget: Route to Rainton Meadows			(£20,000)	£133,047
Returned to budget: Houghton Feast 2011			(£113)	£133,160
Community Transport Project	23.01.13		£9,321	

Welfare and Benefits Advice	23.01.13		£23,166	
Flatts – Looking Good	23.01.13		£10,000	
Environmental Improvements	23.01.13		£10,000	
Support for Older People Priority		23.01.13	£30,000	
Highways maintenance	26.03.13		£4,500	
Balance	-		-	£46,173

2.2 The following projects detailed in **Annex 1** are recommended by the People Board for **approval**.

- Learn to play flat green bowls - New Herrington WM Bowling Club £3,300
- Last of the Summer Wine on the Allotment – HRCAP £5,040
- HOPE Social - Houghton Older People’s Enterprise (HOPE) £1,000
- Real Aid Project - Easington Lane Community Access Point (ELCAP) £3,500
- New Dawn@Central Point - Hetton New Dawn Group £5,000

The total of projects listed is £17,840 and will be funded from the allocation of £30,000 approved by Area Committee on 23 January 2013 for projects to support older and vulnerable people, leaving £12,160 to allocate. The People Board will develop proposals to present to Area Committee at future meetings.

2.3 The following projects detailed in **Annex 1** are presented to Committee for **approval**. The total of projects listed is £26,009.

- Houghton Feast Opening Ceremony £9,000
- Kirklee Field – Access to Mobile Youth Activities (part funding) £7,009
- Love Where You Live (LWYL) £10,000

It is also requested that the Area Community Officer act as lead agent on the Houghton Feast SIB application, working in partnership with Sunderland Live, and the Houghton Feast Steering Group.

2.4 The following project detailed in **Annex 2** is presented to Committee for **consideration**. If approved the project will need to be fully appraised and consulted upon before the award is made. The project cost is £4,231 and should the project be approved there would be £15,933 SIB remaining to carry forward to next year’s budget.

- Junior LDD Youth Club £4,231

3 Healthy City Investment Fund: Financial statement and proposals

3.1 The table below show the position following the January 2013 meeting.

Project Name	Date	Allocated	Approvals	Balance
Healthy City Investment Fund	31.03.12			£31,413
Coalfield Healthy Men Partnership	19.09.12		£31,000	£413

Balance			£31,000	£413
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4 Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)

4.1 The table below shows the financial position of SIP following the January 2013 meeting.

Project Name	Committee Date	Allocated (not yet assessed)	SIP Amount	Balance
Returned to budget: Walking route to Rainton Meadows			(£14,000) Houghton ward	
Returned to budget: Sunderland Road/ High Lane			(£13,221) Copt Hill ward	
Balance	-		-	£27,221

4.2 Committee is requested to approve the following projects from the SIP budget subject to the final designs being agreed with the relevant ward councillors.

- Pedestrian Refuge on Hetton Road, Houghton le Spring £7,000
- Kirklee Field – Access to Mobile Youth Activities (part funding) £6,221
- Traffic calming at Fencehouses (Sedgeleth Rd/Station Ave North area) £14,000

Should the projects be approved the balance of SIP remaining will be NIL.

5 Community Chest

5.1 The table below details the balances remaining following the last meetings in February and March 2013, and project approvals as detailed in **Annex 2**.

Ward	Budget Remaining	Project Approvals	Balance
Copt Hill	£3505	£2876	£629
Hetton	£6249	£1763	£4486
Houghton	£5124	£1268	£3856
Shiney Row	£1696	£260	£1436
Total	£16,574	£6,167	£10,406

Recommendations:

Committee is requested to:

- Note the financial information set out in sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 and Annex 3
- Approve the SIB project applications listed in Annex 1
- Consider the SIB application for funding outlined in Annex 2
- Approve the SIP projects listed in 4.2 (subject to final design being agreed with ward councillors)
- Agree to the change of lead agent for Houghton Feast project

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Annex 1 SIB Applications recommended for approval
Annex 2 SIB Application for consideration
Annex 3 Community Chest approvals

Support for Older People, Vulnerable Adults and Carers Project Summaries

Learn to play flat green bowls - New Herrington WM Bowling Club

The project will enable vulnerable adults and carers in New Herrington area, as well as the community's older residents, to take part in an outdoor sport, supporting and promoting the long term health and wellbeing of participants through regular physical activity. Residents and carers of the Flighter's Home New Herrington will take part and there is also interest from other homes. The project will cement continuing constructive links within the community. The aim is to teach game rules, bowling technique and protocol in a relaxed friendly environment, making the sport fun, enjoyable, promote fair play and competition. The project will be delivered one or two afternoons per week (depending on demand) from April - September, culminating in a end of season competition for those who have participated. The project will be delivered by existing club members and volunteers to enable the project to be sustainable. Funding will contribute to the purchase of several set of bowls, sports shoes, rubber mats and other essential equipment necessary to play lawn bowls.

The total funding requested is **£3,300**

Recommendation from People Board: **Approve**

Last of the Summer Wine on the Allotment – HRCAP (Houghton Racecourse Community Access Point)

The project is a designed to provide sessions on HRCAP Community Allotment for older people to participate in and enjoy. The funding will allow the employment of a sessional gardener to be on site to open the allotment, supervise the sessions help people accessing the sessions and also to educate users on gardening methods and procedures on site. As well as giving older people the opportunity to get out of the house and learn gardening, the project aims to help them avoid social isolation by meeting new people and develop new friendships. Users will be encouraged to access other activities within the main Access Point building including the computer suite with state of the art computers and bingo sessions. The project will also encourage users to access Easington Lane Community Access Point who also have activities on offer thereby encouraging them to discover any other services available to them. On a physical level the gardening sessions will provide exercise for users and encourage them to use the produce to make more healthy meals with produce they have grown themselves a further benefit to their health and well being. The funding will pay for 72 weeks of sessions (x2 per week). Volunteers will support all activity. Transport and other costs will be funded by the project who will work in partnership with ELCAP, Herrington Burn YMCA, Cherry Tree Gardens and Bramble Hollow.

The total requested is **£5,040**

Recommendation from People Board: **Approve**

HOPE Social - Houghton Older People's Enterprise (HOPE)

The group has 75 members, with approximately 60 attending every week. Meetings are held in Houghton-le-Spring with a total of eleven dedicated, unpaid volunteers. The aim of the project is to improve and deliver social activities which are caring, creative and fun for elderly people. By working in partnership with statutory and voluntary organisations to improve educational, health and social leisure opportunities, the project reduces social isolation and provides stimulating activities. Members receive refreshments, discuss relevant business and celebrate birthdays of members. A speaker or musical entertainment is delivered each week and once every six weeks a social outing is arranged. The project strives to make this meeting a welcoming, friendly and educational environment. Feedback received is that it is fully enjoyed in a caring atmosphere. Most members are over the age of 75, both men and women, and the majority live alone. The project enables members to find friendship, a feeling of belonging, and be uplifted from interesting speakers and excellent entertainers. Members pay £3 per week. The funding will help to support activities for 12 months.

The total requested is **£1,000**

Recommendation from People Board: **Approve**

Real Aid Project - Easington Lane Community Access Point (ELCAP)

The project will coordinate an activity programme that will include some centre based (Gardening Programme, Heritage and Digi Lounge) and some home support (such as those recently discharged from hospital needing temporary support with shopping, transport etc.. and those who do not engage with local services or activities) to residents within the Coalfield area across all wards. Residents supported in their home will be encouraged to try something new to reduce their social isolation. Activities on offer at ELCAP include snooker, gentle exercise, banner group, male voice choir and community learning. The project will work in partnership with existing services to support all who access support e.g. SHARP in the Shiney Row Ward, the Bethany Centre in Houghton and the Hetton Centre. A leaflet will be produced to promote local support and activities and will be distributed to GP surgeries and walk in centres. The project will use its existing good partnership work to develop a clear understanding of what support is on offer. The project will use trained volunteers (14 at present) and work with the New Dawn befriending service. Drop in sessions will be provided once a week to support people to break down barriers and make new choices as well as friendships and learning opportunities. This will be in the Heritage room at ELCAP which has been found to be a great ice breaker as there are so many photographs that get people talking and often the starting point to getting involved. It is anticipated the project can support 40 plus at each session and telephone support will also be offered.

The funding will pay for room hire, resources and co-ordinator time for a period of 12 months. Match funding of £2,000 is identified and funding to sustain the project is being sought. Volunteers and existing staff will support the delivery of the project.

The total requested is **£3,500**

Recommendation from People Board: **Approve**

New Dawn@Central Point - Hetton New Dawn Group

New Dawn Befrienders provides companionship for isolated people, the chance to develop a new relationship, and opportunities to participate in social activities. The project complements other services delivered by Hetton New Dawn, other community organisations and by statutory services, and is not a substitute for home care or other ongoing support. The befriending clients are mainly older people living across the Coalfield area. The organisation has 38 volunteers in total and 12 volunteers for this particular project. New Dawn is working to develop and expand their services in the Easington Lane area to engage with older people and vulnerable adults in activities to improve their wellbeing. A drop in centre for those living in the area and need a 'helping hand' and provision of a hot meal once a week are currently being developed. More volunteers are being recruited and trained and more partnership working is taking place. Support available includes transport e.g. escorting people to hospital or doctor's appointments or taking them shopping, providing a temporary shopping service for those who are feeling unwell and need basic provisions, supporting the elderly or frail who are unable to get out during spells of bad weather and visiting those who would benefit from some companionship. The aim of the project is to support residents to remain independent within the community.

The funding will enable to project to develop and provide additional services over a 1 year period. £7,100 match funding identified

The total requested is **£5,000**

Recommendation from People Board: **Approve**

Houghton Feast Opening Ceremony

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£15,971	£6,971 (remaining from 2012)	£9,000

The Project

Houghton Feast 2013 will begin with an opening ceremony on Friday 4 October. The theme will be 'all the fun of the fair/fayre' and will incorporate events and activities to celebrate the history and traditions of the fairground and local food and drink.

The Friday opening ceremony will build upon the success of last year's event where a musical spectacular saw the reintroduction of the 'tattoo' with local bands, community groups and schools participating in music workshops in the lead up to the 'feast' and all taking part in the ceremony itself.

Community groups and schools will take part in arts workshops where they will design and make fairground related exhibits, or in music workshops where they will learn and rehearse music pieces to play at the opening event.

The remaining budget from the 2012 event will be utilised and a request for £9,000 to add to this is requested. The lead agent for the project will be the Coalfield Area Community Officer, on behalf of the Steering Group. The Area Community Officer is part of the steering group and the programming group and will work closely with the newly formed Sunderland Live events company.

Recommendation: Approve

Kirklee Field – Access to Mobile Youth Activities

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£13,230	£6,221 (SIP)	£7,009

The Project

The SIB funding will pay for access to and hardstanding at Kirklee Field play site at Houghton Racecours Estate to enable the mobile youth bus and associated equipment to be sited at the location on a regular basis. The access will be improved and a tarmac road 4m x 30m will be installed. Due to the soft surface of the field, the depth of the foundation will need to be sufficient to withstand a vehicle with a width of 10' 4" and length of 28' weighing 7.5 tonnes.

The XL youth team have encountered problems providing this facility in the area due to lack of a suitable area. A variety of locations have been assessed over the last few years and the tarmac will provide a much needed solution to giving young people an opportunity to participate in positive youth activity which is not currently available.

Recommendation: Approve

Love Where You Live

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£10,000	£0	£10,000

The Project

The SIB funding will enable the successful Love Where You Live campaign to be expanded and delivered in a planned way. To date, the Area Response Manager, Area Community Officer and Area Committee members, officers and partners have arranged and co-ordinated a wide range of events and improvements as part of the Love Where You Live Campaign. During 2011 and 2012 over xx programmes took place with local community groups, schools and partner organisations including stream clearing, litter picking, tree planting, pruning and planting of shrubs, bulb planting and environmental education events. The SIB fund will provide a project fund to allow equipment, materials and horticultural items to be purchased to expand and enhance the scheme.

Educational events for local schools will also be developed including 'a day in the life of ...' to show young people the consequences of fly tipping, littering, graffiti and dog fouling. The creation of this fund will enable larger, more meaningful projects to take place by investing a small amount of funds. The project will be delivered using a partnership approach with the VCS Network, Gentoo, Groundwork, SNCBC and local schools being involved. The project delivery will be the responsibility of the Area Response Manager and will be managed by the Area Community Co-ordinator. Regular updates will be given to both the Place and People Boards to gain their input and suggestions.

Although there is no match funding, the environmental improvements will be carried out in partnership with volunteers and local groups, maximising the funds available by providing in-kind support.

Recommendation: Approve

SIB project for consideration**Junior LDD Youth Club**

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£5,081	£850	£4,231

The Project

Herrington Burn YMCA have over the past 8 months been delivering a free weekly junior youth club and holiday activity provision for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities from its base in the Coalfields. Members to the group are both referred through the Children's Disability Service and through a self referral process. The group is open to young people aged 8-12 years with any level of learning difficulty or disability.

The group currently has 10 young people who attend on a weekly basis whose disabilities range from visual impairment, language impairments, severe learning disabilities, autism, aspergers etc. The young people get involved in tailored and themed activities within the sessions including indoor and outdoor sports, healthy eating and lifestyle initiatives, IT and computer based activities, arts and crafts, cooking and general youth club activities. The group are well bonded and have built strong and well established relationships with each other and staff. Volunteers support the delivery of the current sessions as a number of the young people require one to one support to maximise their involvement and experience. In addition the project delivers off site activities for young people during the holiday periods. The group have enjoyed horse riding, bowling and a visit to Shildon Railway Museum.

All staff and volunteers have undertaken relevant training provided by the Children's Disability Service and SSCB safeguard training relating specifically to work with young people with disabilities.

Outcomes

This project has enabled a wide range of outcomes for both young people who attend and parents/carers. The weekly and holiday sessions enable parents/carers to have some respite from their roles as carers which for many is a much welcomed and needed opportunity. The young people are keen and enthusiastic to engage with each other and staff; widening their networks, developing their skills, improving their confidence and self esteem. The programme delivered in consultation with young people enables them to take part in new activities and experience, rise to new challenges in a safe and supported environment, build relationships with new friends and have the opportunity to have fun in an environment which doesn't include parents/carers.

Feedback is regularly sought by staff from the young people, their parents/carers and the Short Break Co-ordinator for the Children's Disability Service. All the parents/carers of the young people report an increased confidence and enthusiasm in the young people which is clearly seen by project staff. Young people provide weekly feedback and rate the sessions. All the sessions are thoroughly enjoyed by the young people and their feedback is very positive. All levels of feedback about the project from parents/carers and the professional team highlights the need for such a project within the Coalfields and the success of the project delivery at Herrington Burn YMCA to date.

The project outcomes fit well the Every Child Matters priorities and the Coalfield Area Committee priorities in relation to positive activities for young people and support for carers. The project meets the City of Sunderland priorities in relation to being inclusive and with a focus on new experiences and learning.

The current funding for this project has ceased. Herrington Burn YMCA is seeking funding to continue this project for 22 weeks (from April 2013 to September 2013).

COMMUNITY CHEST 2012/2013 COALFIELD AREA - PROJECTS APPROVED

Ward	Project	Amount	Allocation 2012/2013	Balance at Feb 2012	Project approvals	Balance Remaining
Copt Hill						
	Keep Kids Active - February multi sport camp holiday activities	£600.00				
	Friends of Cherry Tree Gardens -Easter tea and entertainment	£269.00				
	Bernard Gilpin - Set up of a toddler group in the school	£642.00				
	Houghton Art Club (Split with Houghton) - Purchase of workstations and lightweight tables for art club members	£215.00				
	Eppleton Cricket Club Purchase of bowling machine and cage for the cricket club	£1,150.00				
	Total	£2,876	£12,581	£3,505	£2,876	£629
Ward	Project	Amount	Allocation 2012/2013	Balance at Feb 2012	Project approvals	Balance Remaining
Hetton	Keep Kids Active - February multi sport camp holiday activities	£780.00				
	East Rainton Football Club- Pitch fees for football club	£483.00				
	Hetton Greenwatch - Room hire and publicity / promotional materials for activities to engage the community.	£500.00				
	Total	£1,763	£13,790	£6,249	£1,763	£4,486

Ward	Project	Amount	Allocation 2012/2013	Balance at Feb 2012	Project approvals	Balance Remaining
Houghton	Keep Kids Active - February multi sport camp holiday activities	£635.00				
	Houghton Bowls Club - Purchase of coats / shirts, paint for backboards and 6 seats	£418.00				
	Houghton Art Club (Split with Copt Hill) - Purchase of workstations and lightweight tables for art club members	£215.00				
	Total	£1,268.00	£16,427	£5,124	£1,268.00	£3,856
Ward	Project	Amount	Allocation 2012/2013	Balance at Feb 2012	Project approvals	Balance Remaining
Shiney Row	Wearside Junior Golf club - Purchase of team sweatshirts for junior section of golf club	£160.00				
	Friends of Bournmoor - Football coaching costs plus equipment	£100.00				
	Total	£260.00	£10,499	£1,696	£260	£1,436
Totals		£6,167	£53,297	£16,574	£6,167	£10,407