

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Monday, 16th March, 2015 at 5.30pm

VENUE – Committee Room No. 1, Civic Centre

Membership

Cllrs E Ball (Chair), A Emerson (Vice Chair – People), L Scanlan (Vice Chair – Place), E Gibson, C Marshall, D Errington, M Mordey, T Martin, B McClennan, I Kay, B Price, A Farr, P Wood, M Forbes and M. Dixon.

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ELAINE WAUGH
Head of Law and Governance

6th March, 2015

At a meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on MONDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 2014 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Ball in the Chair

Councillors M. Dixon, Emerson, Forbes, E. Gibson, Marshall, Mordey, Price, Scanlan and Wood

Also Present:-

Paula Hunt	- East Area VCS Network Representative
Matthew Jackson	- Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Jonathan Kinnair	- Assistant Media Officer, Sunderland City Council
Jen McKeivitt	- East Area VCS Network Representative
Victoria Patterson	- East RLS Customer Services Officer, Sunderland City Council
Alan Pitchford	- Neighbourhood Inspector, Northumbria Police
Gillian Robinson	- Area Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council
Nicky Rowland	- East Area Response Manager, Sunderland City Council
Jamie Southwell	- Neighbourhood Inspector, Northumbria Police
Nicol Trueman	- Area Community Officer, Sunderland City Council
Andrea Winders	- Executive Director of Enterprise Development, Sunderland City Council
Mark Witherspoon	- Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Councillors Errington, Farr, Kay, T. Martin and McClennan together with Hazel Clark, Nonnie Crawford, Alan Duffy, Sarah Reed and Beverley Scanlon

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 20th October, 2014

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th October 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

VCS Area Network Progress Report

The East Area Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network submitted a report (copy circulated) which updated the Committee on the work that had been done by the VCS network since the last meeting of the Area Committee.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Paula Hunt introduced the report and advised that since the last area committee meeting there had been 2 meetings of the VCS network and at these meetings a total of five presentations had been received which were detailed in the report.

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

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

Northumbria Police Update

Jamie Southwell advised that Mick Hall had left Neighbourhood Policing and as such he had taken over as Neighbourhood Inspector for the Central Area. He advised that this was usually a very busy time of year due to the large number of shoppers visiting the city; the number of events that were held and the amount of parties that took place. Traditionally the Christmas lights switch on event was a problem for the police with large amounts of antisocial behaviour and violence occurring; this year had been an exception as there had not been the usual problems with only one assault reported all evening. The Remembrance Parade had taken place with no issues.

On 15th November there had been a demonstration by right wing groups in Mowbray Park; the demonstration had taken place without any problems however after the demonstrators dispersed there was a small group had committed racially motivated offences at the Bangladeshi Centre and at a shop. There had been a person arrested for committing all of these offences.

Following the sexual assault and rape in Mowbray Park last week there had been a lot of resources put forward to investigate this; a name had been provided by the community and the person had handed himself in to police on Friday. He had been charged on Saturday and earlier today had been in court and he had been remanded in custody.

There had been a problem in the Civic Centre car park with males engaging in lewd behaviour in the stairwells; there had been investigation and CCTV had been installed which had led to 3 males being arrested for outraging public decency. Permanent signage and CCTV would be installed to prevent these activities from occurring again.

Inspector Southwell then introduced the crime figures for the Central area. He advised that all crime had increased by 5 percent compared with last year which was 128 additional crimes. There had been 44 additional violent crimes; an increase of 12 percent; however there had been a reduction in violent crimes in the city centre. There had been 7 fewer robberies, a reduction of 41 percent. Theft from motor vehicles had reduced by 7 percent. Burglary of dwellings had reduced by 22 percent; which was 26 fewer offences however burglaries other than dwellings had increased by 6 crimes.

Antisocial behaviour had increased by 159 incidents; an increase of 8 percent. Youth antisocial behaviour had increased by 18 incidents which was a 6 percent increase.

Councillor Price thanked the police for all of their hard work and for keeping Members informed of events taking place in Mowbray Park and the personnel changes in the area.

Councillor Scanlan queried whether any progress had been made on the investigation of the armed robbery at Max's convenience store at Eden Vale. Inspector Southwell agreed to find out how the investigation was progressing.

Councillor Mordey queried whether there was any information on the suggested move to the fire station. Inspector Southwell stated that currently there were no timescales in place; there had been a number of premises looked at and whatever location was selected would have a 24 hour front desk.

Councillor M. Dixon queried whether the right wing demonstrators were local people; Inspector Southwell advised that there had been a mix of local people and people from further afield. The person arrested was from Sunderland however there was a significant number attended from Scotland. The numbers attending the demonstrations were reducing.

Jen McKeivitt asked whether there had been any work carried out with the voluntary sector to address the tensions in Mowbray Park. Inspector Southwell advised that there had been a meeting held at the Bangladeshi Centre and there had been a good turn out from the community.

Alan Pitchford then introduced the figures for the east area. He advised that he was new to working in the East Area but had been working in Neighbourhood Policing for the last 7 years. He also introduced Sergeant Paul Gartland who was the new sergeant for the Ryhope area.

Inspector Pitchford stated that total crime had increased by 2 percent which was an increase of 15 crimes. Robbery had reduced by 43 percent which was a reduction of 3 crimes, there had also been 7 fewer violent crimes. Sexual offences had increased by 6 percent however this was only one additional offence and there had been a lot of work done with partner organisations to increase reporting of sexual offences.

Vehicle related crime had remained the same as last year while burglaries had increased by 7 percent which was 8 additional crimes; this increase was not necessarily caused by there being an increase in offences as the way the crimes were recorded had changed. There had been an operation to identify hotspots and there were now additional patrols in these areas.

Thefts had reduced by 3 percent which was 9 fewer crimes; there had been 4 additional instances of criminal damage, an increase of 2 percent. Antisocial Behaviour in the area had increased by 2 percent which was 18 additional incidents.

Councillor Mordey advised that he had received a number of complaints from residents of the long streets area of Hendon regarding people looking over the back walls and climbing over to steal items from the yards.

Councillor Emerson stated that it was good to hear that there was a full team in place in the area. He hoped that there would be stability with the staffing for the area. He asked for a list of the team member's roles to be emailed to him.

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

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service Update

Mark Witherspoon introduced the update from Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service; he referred to the recent fatality in Hendon and advised that it looked like the fire had been an accident; the cause of death would be released following the coroner's inquest. He also advised that bonfire night had been the quietest ever for antisocial behaviour and pleasingly there had been no attacks on firefighters; there had also been no firework injuries or firework related primary fires in the area.

Incidences of vehicle fires were increasing however the number was still lower than the number of vehicle fires which occurred last year; there were no trends to the vehicle fires and as such it was proving difficult to identify the offender.

Within Ryhope and Hendon there had been a reduction in the number of wheelie bin fires however it was still a concern.

Mr Witherspoon urged everyone to stay safe over the Christmas period and reminded everyone of the dangers of smoking in bed; cooking while intoxicated; and overloading electrical sockets.

He then referred to the Safetyworks programme and advised that there had been 191 children from the East Area had attended so far.

There had been a scheme put into place to provide six weeks of free telecare to vulnerable residents. The telecare scheme provided residents with monitored alarms for fire as well as providing alarms for in case the service user fell or had any other urgent problems. At the end of the free trial the service would cost the user £12.75 a month.

Councillor Mordey expressed his gratitude to the police and fire service for their work to try and save the life of the person who was killed by the fire in Hendon.

Councillor Emerson queried whether the fire service still provided free smoke alarms. He was advised that they did with priority being given to vulnerable residents; postcode areas where there were large numbers of vulnerable residents were targeted however it was difficult to ensure that all vulnerable residents were reached due to the difficulties encountered in sharing information.

Councillor Price congratulated the fire service for their use of social media to provide residents with information to help them avoid being the victims of fire.

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

Place Board Progress Report

The Chair of the Place Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with an update on the work done by the Place Board against the priorities set out in the workplan for 2014/15.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Scanlan, Chair of the Place Board, introduced the report and prior to updating the Committee on the work on the 2014/15 priorities she welcomed Nicky Rowland who would be providing the Committee with an update on the works done around improving local shopping centres as part of the Gateway 2 priority.

Ms Rowland advised that Vilette Road had been the first of the streets to have work undertaken; the first step had been to approach the shops and encourage them to sign up to a voluntary code of practice which would see the shopkeepers taking responsibility for things such as ensuring the street outside of their shop was clean. The Council would then paint the shutters and shop fronts to ensure that the physical environment was more attractive; there had been some issues with the quality of work carried out by the painters however these issues had now been addressed and the painters had

moved on to the shopping area on Ryhope Road at Grangetown. There had also been any necessary highways improvements carried out such as renewing of road markings.

The voluntary code of practice for the shops on Ryhope Street South had been drawn up and shopkeepers had been approached; there were highways works to be undertaken and following this the cleaning and painting works would be undertaken.

Work had not yet started in Millfield as there had been delays in highways works being undertaken; there had been discussions with the shopkeepers however the voluntary code of practice had not yet been consulted on; this would be carried out once the highways works had commenced.

There had been issues in Grangetown where shopkeepers had complained due to the delay between the code of practice being implemented and the painting works being carried out. It had been decided that it would be best to wait until works were able to be carried out before the code of practice was implemented on Hylton Road to prevent this issue from occurring again.

Ms Robinson advised that the highways department had lost a lot of staff and it was important to acknowledge the effect this had on the capacity of services to deliver bigger projects as part of the Committee's work plan.

Councillor Price commented that the parking problems on Hylton Road were getting worse and caused problems for people turning onto Hylton Road from the side streets who could not see whether there was any oncoming traffic due to the parked vehicles. He was however concerned that enforcement might aggravate shopkeepers which could then affect co-operation on the development of the code of conduct. There had been attempts at enforcement in the past which had led to the enforcement officers being physically and verbally abused. Councillor Mordey added that should parked vehicles be causing an obstruction then the police should be contacted.

Councillor Emerson queried whether the new owner of the empty pubs on Ryhope Street South had been contacted. Ms Patterson advised that both had been empty when the consultation on the code of practice had been carried out; it was still not known what the buildings would be used for as no planning application had been made.

Councillor Emerson then asked whether a revised timetable of works could be provided. Ms Rowland agreed to provide this.

Paula Hunt commented that the scheme did not have any credibility; it was over a year since the consultation had been undertaken but the scheme still had not been implemented in some areas.

Councillor E. Gibson stated that there was a need to ensure that the Council was getting value for money from the funds spent on the project.

Councillor Mordey then advised that he would speak to the highways department in respect of these works.

Councillor Scanlan then stated that she thought that it would be necessary for the projects to be revisited at the next Place Board meeting before any new priorities were started.

Councillor Scanlan then presented the updates on the area priorities for 2014/15 as detailed in paragraph 2.1 of the report and in the work plan set out in annex 1. There had been 2 payments awarded as part of the green adventure priority; there was still funding available for this priority. Members were asked to provide the highways department with a list of any priority works they had identified within their area by the end of December to enable the highways maintenance programme to be developed. There would be an open day held in April for the Gateway3/Clean and Grow priority and the Committee were also being asked to align £50,000 of SIB funding to this priority.

Councillor Mordey referred to the Gateway 3 priority and advised that the Cabinet were prioritising the de-cluttering of back lanes and as such he cautioned against putting anything into the back lanes. He was supportive of tree planting and felt that this needed to be looked into. He also stated that when carrying out community clean-up operations there was a need for partner agencies to be involved. Within Hendon there were difficulties with registered social landlord Home Housing, which did not engage with the council or the community. The Chairman added concerns that Home Housing did not manage their tenants effectively.

Jen McKeivitt stated that Home Housing had committed to carry out maintenance of the Amberley and Harrogate Street sites; there had not been any maintenance undertaken by them, there were also a large number of rats around the site. There was also a problem with antisocial behaviour around East Vines; he was concerned that it seemed that Home Housing did the bare minimum amount of work to tackle issues.

Councillor E. Gibson added that there seemed to be a large rat population at the moment; the number of rats in Doxford Park was a serious concern and some people had stopped using the park due to the number of rats.

Councillor M. Dixon queried when the meeting with private landlords from Hendon would be taking place. Ms Trueman advised that the meeting would be held on 26th January at 3:30pm at Bede Tower should the requested SIB funding be approved as part of the Area Budgets report.

5. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The Place Board Work Plan set out at annex 1 be noted.
- b. The progress of the 'Green Adventure' and 'Better than Basic Signage' SIB programme be noted and future progress reports be received.

- c. Support be given to the Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme events to be held in Spring 2015 and the recommendation to approve £10,000 of SIB funding be noted.
- d. Concerns regarding highways be referred to the Highways and Transport Team by December 2014.
- e. Approval be given to 'Clean and Grow' as an area priority and the recommendation to align £50,000 of SIB to the priority be noted.

People Board Progress Report

The Chairman of the People Board submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided an update on the work done by the People Board against the work plan for 2014/15.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Councillor Emerson, Chair of the People Board, introduced the report and advised the Committee that the work the People Board had undertaken was set out in the table at paragraph 2.1 of the report. It was recommended that £20,000 of SIB funding be aligned to the Improving resident's emotional wellbeing priority to enable a call for projects to be undertaken.

Councillor Mordey commented that he had visited Seafarers Way which was a very dementia friendly building; he encouraged everyone to visit to experience how good a facility this was. He also advised that there would be a meeting held with the Alzheimer's Society to discuss how to make the Metro more accessible and there would be a review of the signage used in the city.

Councillor Price referred to the use of music to help dementia patients. His daughter had worked as a carer and she had seen how much of a positive impact the use of music and recordings of specific sounds could help.

Councillor Forbes referred to the high suicide rate and queried whether there was any specific information available around the circumstances such as whether there were any addictions or bullying involved as issues such as these could have a devastating impact on people's mental health. Councillor Emerson commented that a lot of people considered suicide due to financial problems. Councillor Mordey added that benefit sanctions had led to some suicides.

6. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The People Board Work Plan set out at annex 1 and the progress of the Partnership in Practice actions set out at annex 2 be noted.
- b. The progress of the 'Green Adventure' SIB programme be noted and further progress reports be received to future meetings.
- c. Approval be given to the actions to raise the profile of the Sunderland Wellbeing and Men's Networks.

- d. Area Committee Members be encouraged to attend the 'Life Worth Living Course' on suicide prevention.
- e. Information be shared with the East Area VCS Network to support choices in mental health.
- f. The People Board's recommendation to align £20,000 of SIB to the 'improving residents emotional wellbeing' priority be noted.

Area Budgets Report

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

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Nicol Trueman introduced the report and advised the Committee of the financial statements and the proposals for funding which Members were asked to consider.

The financial statement for SIB funding was set out at paragraph 2.1 of the report. There was 1 application for £10,000 of SIB funding to support a series of events to encourage non-accredited landlords in the area to become accredited and 2 requests to align SIB funding totalling £70,000 to area board priorities of 'Clean and Grow' and 'Improving resident's emotional wellbeing'; should they all be approved there would still be £107,996 of SIB funding available. The detail of the applications was set out in annex 1 to the report.

Members were asked to note the 12 approved Community Chest applications and the returned funding as was detailed in annex 2 to the report. There was a balance of £29,683.73 remaining for the area.

Councillor Mordey commented that he had visited Hendon Young People's Project (HYPP); they had problems with the roof of the building which had resulted in them needing to close part of the centre. It was anticipated that the cost of the reroofing would be £3,000 to £3,500; HYPP could not afford this expense and there was not sufficient funding left within the allocation for Hendon Ward. It was possible that there may be a need for an additional £1,000 to £1,500 to be allocated to the ward by the Area Committee to cover the costs of this work; the Chairman agreed to discuss the situation with Councillor Mordey outside of the meeting.

7. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The financial statements set out at paragraphs 2.1 and 4.1 be noted
- b. The SIB application for £10,000 from the 2014/15 budget to promote the Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme as set out in annex 1 be approved

- c. £50,000 of SIB be aligned to the 'Clean and Grow' area priority and £20,000 be aligned to the 'Improving Resident's Emotional Health' priority as set out in annex 1.
- d. The 12 Community Chest approvals from the 2014/15 Community Chest budget as set out in annex 2 be noted.

Planning Applications – For Information Only

Current Planning Applications relating to the East Sunderland Area for the period 1st October to 20th November 2014 were submitted for Members information only (copy circulated).

(For copy report – see original minutes)

- 8. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

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

(Signed) E. BALL,
Chairman.

16 MARCH 2015

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

East Sunderland Area Committee Annual Report 2014 / 2015

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 To approve the East Sunderland Area Committee's Annual Report as part of the combined Area Committee Annual Report 2014 / 2015 to be presented to Full Council.

2. Background

2.1 This will be the fourth year that all Area Committee reports have been brought together in one combined report and presented to Full Council.

2.2 Area Committees are appointed by the Council to ensure improved service delivery at a local level in the context of best value and more efficient, transparent and accountable decision making. They deliver this role through:

- Monitoring the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the Council and other main providers in the area
- Working in partnership to develop efficient and effective solutions to city-wide issues as well as supporting local area priorities

2.3 2014 / 2015 has been an incredibly busy and challenging year for us all - a year when Sunderland, amongst many things, commemorated its WW1 heroes. The Annual Report for 2014 / 2015 showcases some of the key achievements delivered this year through the dedicated work of the five Area Committees and their supporting Place and People Boards. It also highlights how we translate the principles of a community leadership council in practice and the central role played by local councillors in helping to strengthen our communities.

3. Annual Report 2014 / 2015

3.1 The Annual Report for East Sunderland Area Committee 2014-2015 is attached as **Annex 1**

3.2 It is important that the Annual Report is viewed as a collaborative achievement and the East Sunderland Area Committee would like to thank everyone who has contributed towards the outcomes achieved through the work of the Area Committees and the supporting Place and People Area Boards.

4. Recommendation

(a) Members are requested to consider and approve the East Annual Report for inclusion in the combined Area Committee Annual Report for 2014 / 2015.

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Annual Report by the Chair of the East Sunderland Area Committee



*Cllr Ellen Ball
Area Committee Chair*



*Cllr Alan Emerson
Deputy Chair People Board*

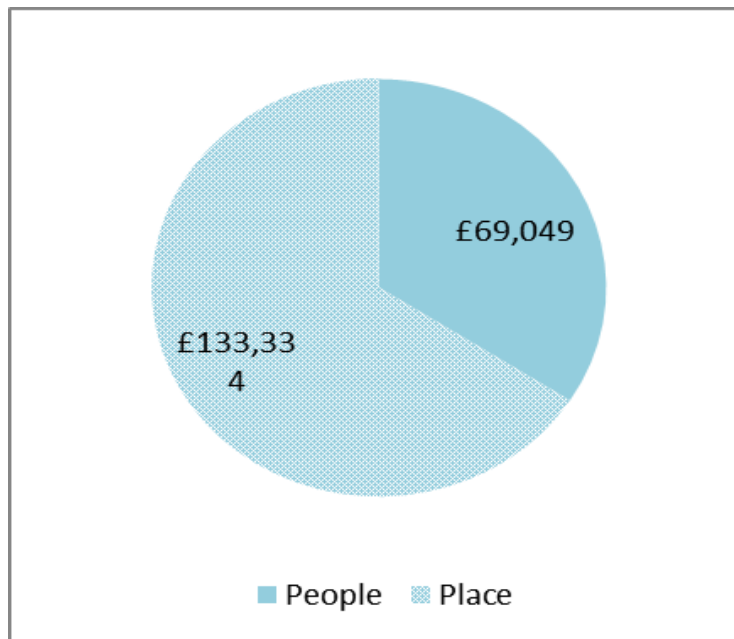


*Cllr Lynda Scanlan
Vice Chair Place Board*

East Sunderland Area Committee set out its priorities for the year ahead to focus work and resources on issues that will bring real benefits to the local community, working closely with partners and the East Area Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network influencing service delivery and solving local problems. We have led the way, out in our local communities with residents delivering a variety of excellent projects showing how positive change can be brought about by people working together.

Through the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) we have funded a range of projects to support delivery of our priorities achieving positive outcomes for local people. A snapshot of the projects that funding has been allocated to is found below.

Resources (SIB)



% of SIB awarded to Area Boards

Snap Shot of Projects

Partnership in practice, working with the CCG to support residents with dementia	£20,000
Green Adventure	£20,000
Working with communities and partners to understand local place based issues	£36,000
Funding transport for all Y6 and Y8 pupils to visit Safetyworks	£ 6,600
Private landlord accreditation	£10,000
Passing points Sunderland Cemetery	£17,334
Improving residents emotional health	£20,000

In addition to larger scale projects a range of smaller scale support has been provided to community groups (51 community chest grants have been awarded totalling £41,005, the average value is £800). The benefits for local communities have ranged from local events being held for people to attend (e.g. community music, drama, dance classes, carnivals, fun days and other social events), opportunities to increase participation in sport, (e.g. variety of different sports equipment, fishing equipment, football strips) , and opportunities to improve general wellbeing (e.g. I.T. skills and advice, keep fit activities).

We are committed to achieving positive impact for local people and our work this past year have resulted in a wide range of benefits, some of our key achievements are:

Undertaking '*Love where you Live*' campaigns working with local community groups and schools to identify projects and opportunities to celebrate what is good about our local areas in East Sunderland - bringing local people together to regenerate their area leading to a cleaner, greener and safer community. Thirty eight projects have been delivered and the activity undertaken has ranged from; working with residents associations and volunteers to tidy up neglected land to working with school children to design various art work to put on public display.

We are supporting a number of services available to people with mental health problems. We have funded projects that help people identify the signs and symptoms associated with mental illness in people they know, as well as their local communities, to help ensure appropriate support is close by. One of the supported projects is the Art Centre, its programme seeks to help people affected by mental health issues by providing an opportunity to get out and about and try something new. Whilst outside, members will take photographs of the area and use the prints to host an exhibition to celebrate the area and their work.

Sunderland City Council's Landlord Accreditation Scheme recognises the important role private landlords play within the city and encourages partnership work with the Council to raise and maintain standards for tenants living in rented accommodation. With just over 30% of the city's private rented stock in the East area, we wanted to prioritise supporting the development and improvement of housing standards by engaging with private landlords through a number of local events to find out more about the scheme, and encourage them to undertake voluntary accreditation to improve the area for residents.

Providing realistic, learning experiences for school children at Safetyworks, an interactive safety centre. Partners, such as, Nexus, St John Ambulances, Northumbria Police, Gentoo and local councils, have developed realistic zones within an industrial unit to reflect different scenarios at the centre to help children to develop new life-skills and encourage them to be safe at home and on the streets.

A community partnership continues to help keep shopping centres cleaner and tidier across East Sunderland. Councillors have allocated funding to improve the look of shop fronts, road markings, street furniture and 121 shops have signed a voluntary code of practice agreeing to tidy and maintain their own land and property.

The councils online community directory developed by Area Committee identifies over 900 local services to share 'what's on' in the local neighbourhood. There have been 10,453 visits to the directory since it went live. Local services in the directory are being supported to cope with additional demands on their capacity through a small grants scheme to help our local communities to be more self-sufficient through new ways of working. A variety of grants totalling £20,000 have been allocated to purchase, for example, tables and chairs, gardening and fishing equipment, cooking appliances, crockery and hold groups, exercise classes and also undertake small scale infrastructure improvements. To maximise the use, and value, of the directory we have introduced a Community Connectors role in East Sunderland to act as

a central point for sharing information and across the area, promoting community resources and services available (news, activities, clubs, events, services,) and supporting people to access and use services. To date 229 members of voluntary and community sector network have signed up to be a community connector to support residents to be less reliant on public services.

A mural entitled the history of the river corridor has been painted at Panns Bank. It is designed to reflect the heritage of the river wear and it is a riverside highlight of the newly opened section of the England Coast Path, a new national trail improving access to the coast. The committee have allocated funding to provide signage and art work along the route of the path that interprets stories and information about the coastline and Hendon and Ryhope communities.



Panns Banks: Celebrating our river corridor

We launched a Work Ready programme to enable a consortia to deliver a pilot Intermediate Labour Market (ILM) programme for 18 or 19 year olds in east Sunderland who are not in education, employment or training. The project will provide 28 jobs ranging from 16 to 20 hours per week over 13 to 26 week periods providing practical experience for our young people to strengthen their future job prospects.

The Clinical Commissioning Group pooled resources with our Strategic Initiatives Budget to provide potential for greater impact by jointly funding a Partnership in Practice programme which included:

- Over 350 people becoming Dementia Friends
- Establishing ten dementia friendly GP practices. Expand this work to include Millfield, University and Park Lane metro stations as 'dementia friendly', by working in partnership with Alzheimer's Society and Nexus.
- Awarded £20,000 of projects aimed at raising awareness of services for adults with early signs of dementia and their carers through existing or new cafes and events
- Piloted a Youth Health Champion scheme in St Aidans and Southmoor Academies, over 300 pupils are dementia friends

Public Health have also pooled resources to support improvements to mental and physical wellness through a variety of initiatives to improve local peoples access to, and increase their use of, green space. Projects funded have included, for example circular walks, heritage walks, provision of outdoor sports equipment, kick about goals and play provision,

This joint funding is intended to build capacity, reducing demand on council services and creating the opportunities within the community for delivery at a local level by voluntary and community sector groups and organisations which is fit for purpose and sustainable in the longer term



Seafarers Way: Music Workshops

We are continuing to work closely with, and support, the East Area Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network. VCS organisations have been integral in supporting the Area Committee to achieve what it has during 2014 / 15 and relationships will continue to strengthen in the future as opportunities arise for our communities to become more self sufficient and resilient. 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. We will continue to develop our relationships with partners and identify future priorities together to ensure local services are joined up and that we are supporting local communities to take an active role in shaping services to meet local need. Area Committee members in their role as community leaders will continue to be best placed to work with local communities in collaboration with our partner organisations.

As the Chair of East Area Committee I would like to thank all members of the Area Committee, including my two Vice Chairs, Northumbria Police, Tyne and Wear Fire Service, East VCS Area Network, Responsive Local Services and Locality Teams, and the CCG for their hard work and support throughout the year in helping to make East Sunderland a better place to invest, work and live in.

16 MARCH 2015

REPORT OF THE EAST VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR (VCS) AREA NETWORK

VCS PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose of the Report

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

2. Background

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the VCS across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network 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 East Area VCS Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

3. East Area VCS Network Progress Report

- 3.1 The East Area VCS Network has met twice since the last Area Committee in December 2014.
- VCS Area Network received presentations on:-
 - An update was provided on the regeneration of the City Centre, delivered by the Planning Team and Sport and Leisure delivered an update on the walking network programme, including the introduction of three heritage walks, to complement the work of the better than basic signage project for the coastal path.
 - Sunderland Area Parents Support based in Doxford Park delivered a presentation on the service provided to carers effected by substance misuse, including respite activities, one to one support, out of hours for crisis support and home visits, advocacy and mentoring, on-line support and telephone support, and therapeutic counselling.
 - Area Arrangements updated the Network on the Area Committee's Work Plan Priorities, SIB allocations and available East area funds.

4. The Big Lottery: The Fourteen Programme

- 4.1 Fourteen is a programme of The Spirit of 2012 Trust, a body established by Big Lottery Fund as part of the Olympics legacy. The aim is to extend the reach and legacy of the Commonwealth Games, by increasing participation in:
- social action and volunteering;
 - grassroots sport and physical activity;
 - cultural activity and the arts;
 - youth leadership and personal development.
- 4.3 The Community Foundation Tyne and Wear and Northumberland was approached to work in coastal community of up to 30,000 residents, with the following characteristics:
- 'demonstrable disadvantage';

- a history of engagement, community representation, input and enthusiasm; and
- opportunities to increase participation in either volunteering, sport, culture or youth development, and for increasing inclusion.

4.4 Spirit has allocated £200,000 over three years for grant-making. To secure this investment, a minimum of £125,000 had to be identified as match funding. The Community Foundation's board has identified £90,000 in match funding from its own funds.

4.5 A Local Reference Group (LRG) will be established with its principal role being to guide the *Fourteen* programme in Hendon and Ryhope by:

- Ensuring a *Fourteen* community plan is developed that reflects local aspiration and ambition for increasing participation and describes the changes (outcomes) that the Group wants to see in the community in a manner consistent with the outcomes set for the *Fourteen* programme;
- Making recommendations on all grant awards to The Community Foundation to endorse;
- Working with the Foundation to guide *Fourteen* communications, learning and evaluation activity;
- Finding additional funds to help achieve the outcomes agreed in the community plan.

4.6 Membership of the LRG is:-

- East VCS Area Network representatives x 3
- Hendon ward Councillor
- Ryhope ward Councillor
- Local authority representation
- Gentoo x 1
- BME representative x 1

There will be an opportunity to build connections between both the Area Boards and the LRG, when needed, to consider future locality working and project proposals.

5. Recommendation

5.1 Members are requested:-

- To note the contents of the report presented by the East Area VCS Network.

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REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AREA PLACE BOARD

East Sunderland Area Place Board Progress Report

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 In June 2014 the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with Place were referred to the East Sunderland Area Place Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. This report provides an update on the work plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.

2 Key Areas of Influence / Achievements

- 2.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland Area Place Board up to 28 February 2015.

Action Taken	Outcome
Full Marks: Accreditation Scheme for Private Landlords	<p>In January 2015, East Area Committee held its first of a series of Full Marks events at Bede Tower. The event was launched by Portfolio Holder for Housing, Health and Adult Services and promoted Sunderland Council's Private Landlords Accreditation Scheme, engaging with private landlords and encouraging them to volunteer to become accredited. The Housing Renewal team were successful in 57 new properties becoming accredited thanks to the landlord signing up to the voluntary scheme.</p> <p>Similar events will now be rolled out across the East targeting non-accredited private landlords. It was agreed that the event for Millfield would be held in March, followed by St Michaels in April. There would be a joint event held for Ryhope and Doxford in May. With the addition of a specific event for Letting Agents across the area in June.</p>
Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2015 / 2016.	<p>At February's Place Area Board members were informed of the process for developing and approving the 2015 / 2016 Highway Maintenance Capital Programme for works on the adopted highway network.</p> <p>At the meeting Board members were informed that a citywide programme of priority schemes would be prepared by officers to a value of 75% of the available budget and that 25% of the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme would be devolved to the members to prioritise and allocate spend on maintenance schemes from a list of recommended options.</p> <p>Consequently the 25% total allocation for the five Areas is</p>

	<p>£500,000, which translates to £100,000 per area.</p> <p>The East Place Area Board are recommending that Area Committee approve the highways, as shown in Annex 2, to be included in the Highway Maintenance Capital programme 2015 / 2016.</p>
<p>Partnership in Practice</p>	<p>Area Arrangements co-ordinated an audit of the metro stations to create dementia friendly Metro Stations and platforms at Park Lane, the University and Millfield stations.</p> <p>In February representatives from Area Arrangements, Nexus, Clinic Commissioning Group (C.C.G.) and members of the Sunderland Alzheimer's Society carry out the audit of the metro stations, as shown in Annex 3. The audits were based on national standards and included items such as approach routes and signage, lighting and flooring. The results of the audit have been shared with Nexus and Network Rail, with improvements to the stations to be considered. There are some small changes that can have a major impact on improving accessibility for people with dementia. Some such as clear signs and lighting can be done a minimal cost, others will involve some investment.</p>
<p>Area Priority:</p> <p>Ensuring the physical environment is fit for purpose to deliver a range of initiatives to encourage use of green space.</p>	<p>Since December 2014, the following grants have been consulted and agreed upon, these are:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Friends of Doxford Park. Seeking £5,964 to install three interpretation panels promoting the park's history, flora and fauna and walking routes. 2. Headlight. Seeking £1,400 to refresh the outdoor space to the rear of the property. 3. United Community Action. Seeking £1,200 to work with 20 BME women by delivering series of meet and eat sessions. 4. St Marks CA. Seeking £360 to invite local schools along to use the new outdoor facilities at the centre. 5. Sunderland City Council. Seeking £4,500 to develop a third 3,2,1 route around Tunstall Hills. 5. Northumbria Police. Seeking £1,130 to install goal posts at the Store Fields in Ryhope. 6. Sunderland City Council. Seeking £1,130 to install goal posts near the grassed area at Lime Street. 7. Sunderland City Council. Seeking £1,932 to enhance play provision in Pocket Park. <p>Awarded: £40,000 Allocated: £40,000 Return: £0</p> <p>Green Adventure Programme is now closed.</p>

<p>Derelict Land in Sunnyside</p>	<p>Following Area Committee approval in December 2014, the council's XL Youth Team carried out consultation with young people who congregate in and around Sunnyside, Mowbray Park, Civic Centre and Park Lane area. The consultation proposed several options for the young people to consider, asking them to indicate their preferred option. The options were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Free movement park ii) Exercise Trail iii) Skate facilities / recreation area iv) Arena for a MUGA v) Adventure Park <p>The most popular proposal was option three. The outcome was feed into the Place Board, who recommend the following steps:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with a wider group of young people via local providers is held. • Collate feedback and present a further report. • Align £25,000 SIB to the project, with the intention to allocate the funds to develop a temporary provision on the site in the near future.
<p>Area Priority: Gateway II</p>	<p>As part of East Area Committee's commitment to improve the appearance of local shopping areas in 4 of the 5 wards throughout the East Area, SIB funding was approved to projects in Villette Road - Hendon, Hylton Road – Millfield, Grangetown shops – St Michaels/Hendon/Ryhope and Ryhope Street South – Ryhope.</p> <p>The projects included the repainting of shop fronts, shutters, doorways and woodwork to shop premises; installation of new bins, repainting of street furniture, a deep cleanse of all footpaths and walkways, installation of floral hanging baskets, troughs or containers and a refresh of all road markings.</p> <p>In exchange, businesses were asked to take responsibility for the cleansing of the public footpath to the front of their premises at key times of the day to compliment the cleansing undertaken by Responsive Local Services. The agreement was called the Voluntary Code of Practice and was signed by all businesses who receiving works to the shop fronts.</p> <p>Villette Road, Grangetown Shops and Ryhope Street South have all been completed and the Voluntary Code of Practice has been implemented and is working well.</p> <p>Hylton Road painting started in the last week in February, with cleansing, bin replacements and deep cleanse to continue following the completion of the painting.</p>

<p>Area Priority: Coast Path: Better Than Basic Signage Project</p>	<p>Feedback on the context of the draft interpretation Boards ended in December 2014. The feedback was collated and shared with the Durham Heritage Coast. Final designs have been produced, for sign off and approval.</p> <p>After which installation of the signs will be commissioned in Spring 2015 and guided celebratory walk will be hosted around the route.</p>
<p>Area Priority: Walk and Talk Programme</p>	<p>The Walk and Talk Programme started in May 2011. Since starting it has received three awards totalling £72,000.</p> <p>The programme evolved from Walk and Talk into a ‘Love Where You Live’ campaign. The main purpose of the project was to set local community groups and schools challenges. Asking them to come up with ideas and projects on how to celebrate what is good in their neighbourhood.</p> <p>Since December 2014, the following projects were proposed and agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Contribution of £3,250 towards enhancing Mowbray Park. ii) Contribution of £2,709 towards painting works in Fawcett Street. iii) Contribution of £3,500 towards the highways maintenance programme to cover the overspend relating to Fylingdale Drive, Brunswick Close and Morpeth Drive. iv) Contribution of £3,391 towards a joint project with Gentoo to enhance the kerb and grass verge at Langhurst. v) Contribution of £3,500 towards the highways maintenance programme to cover the overspend relating to Gorse Road and Victoria Avenue West. <p>Awarded: £72,000 Allocated: £72,000 Return: £0</p> <p>Walk and Talk Programme is closed.</p>

3. Recommendations

3.1 Members are requested to:-

- (a) Note the East Sunderland Area Place Board Work Plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.
- (b) Note the Green Adventure and Walk and Talk Programmes are now closed.
- (c) Note the progress of the Full Marks project and the metro audit and agree to receive future updates.

- (d) Approve the list of highways proposed by the Place Board for inclusion in the Highway Maintenance Capital programme 2015 / 2016, as set out in **Annex 2**.
- (e) Support the progress made on the derelict land at Sunnyside and note the recommendation to align £25,000 SIB.

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

Background Papers

East Area Place Board Agendas, Reports and Action List

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NO.	PRESENTED TO PLACE BOARD	AREA PRIORITY	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENT	PROGRESS REPORT
1	8 September 2014, 3.30pm	Working with communities and partners to understand issues and identify solutions.	1. Encourage community ownership of local environmental issues via Love Where You Live and Walk and Talks.	Place Area Board	Walk and Talk Programme was awarded £72,000, all of which has been allocated. The programme is now closed.
			2. Attract external funding into the East.	Place Area Board	Negotiations are on-going with The Community Foundation, with regards to securing £290,000 into the area, by matching it with £50,000 SIB. See Area Budget Report.
2	22 July 2014, 4.30pm (joint with People)	Facilitate local people's access to and use of local greenspace. (Linked to People, Greenspace Grant £20k and Green Adventure Programme).	1. Understand green space available in East Sunderland and identify alternative use.	Place / People Area Board	14 project proposals have been funded through the Green Adventure programme, totalling £40,000. The programme is now closed.
			2. Deliver local outdoor activities / events on a range of themes. i.e. fishing project.		
			3. Encourage 'adopt a site' to develop / tidy unused areas of land i.e. community gardens.		
3	10 November 2014, 3.30pm	Clean and Grow	1. The Place Board are tasked to establish a series of community clean ups and community growing projects across the area.	Place Area Board	Over the Winter, a call for projects was carried out. It is proposed to establish a 'Clean and Grow Partnership'. £55,011, is requested to approve. See Area Budget Report.
4	20 January 2015, 3.30pm	Work with Nexus to improve travel for vulnerable groups.	1. Work with NEXUS to develop a pilot scheme to establish dementia friendly transport at Metro stations.	Place / People Area Board	A Focus Group carried out an audit of the three metro stations. See Annex 3.
			2. Link with city wide Dementia Working Groups and relevant workstreams.		See People Board Action Number 4. Partnership in Practice Action Plan.

5	tbc	Influence the design, delivery and review of Place based services devolved to Area Committee.	1. Work with individuals and communities to take more responsibility for and be passionate about keeping local communities clean, green and well looked after. Develop approach(es) to deal with neglected:- i) Land, ii) Housing, iii) Shopping Parades.	Place Area Board	Work is ongoing to develop software which will contribute towards evidence based decision making in the Council, with a specific focus on Community Clean Ups. Complementing the Committee's Clean and Grow Partnership proposal.
	tbc		2. Re-consider how members can influence the allocation of Section 106 at an area level.	Place Area Board	Further training opportunities have been made available to all members on the Planning System and Viability which was delivered by the Planning Advisory Service.
	17 February 2015, 3.30pm		3. To influence Highways Maintenance Programme at an area level for inclusion in the Capital Programme.	Place Area Board	Prioritised list of highways, recommended by the Place Board is seeking endorsement, see Annex 2.

East Area Highway Maintenance Programme

Table A Priority List

Location	Ward	Area sq.m	Treatment	Estimate	Engineer's Comments
A1018 Stockton Rd Southbound Ryhope	Ryhope	645	Plane off and resurface road	£11,000	Busy principal road .Gateway to the city - poor condition
B1522 Stockton Road Northbound (Wellfield Roundabout-Hopton Dr)	Ryhope	1480	Plane off and resurface road	£19,500	Busy classified road .Gateway to the city –poor condition.
Beechwood Terrace, Thornhill	Millfield	1500	Plane off and resurface road	13,000	Phase 1 and 2 completed this is the last phase in completing the entire street.
Belvedere Road Roundabout Thornhill	St Michael's	1725	Plane off and resurface road	£24,000	Busy roundabout serving a number of schools and access to the city centre.
Burdon Village Road Burdon	Doxford	3140	Plane off and resurface road	£35,000	Main access road in to Burdon Village. Road in poor condition. Council has undertaken numerous emergency repairs over the years.
The Cedars, Ashbrooke	St Michael's	1480	Overlay footway	£24,000	Busy footway accommodating elderly and disabled pedestrians requires a new surface.
The Cloisters Ashbrooke	St Michael's	2,130	Plane off and resurface road	£30,000	Busy local access road leading to schools. Utility reinstatements and emergency repairs caused road to be in a poor state.
Lawrence Street	Hendon	102	Plane off areas of surface failure and resurface road.	£25,000	Busy link road especially for HGVs entering and exiting the Port. Road surface in a number of areas is less than ideal.
Doxford Park Way Westbound(Hall Farm Roundabout to Subway) Doxford	Doxford	1500	Plane off and resurface road	£25,000	Busy stretch of dual carriageway and a bus route showing significant signs of distress.
Ethel Avenue, Ryhope	Ryhope	Footway200 Road 875	Footway and road reconstruction	£10,000	Council's contribution to its footway and road infrastructure works in co-ordination with Gentoo's new housing development.
Leechmere Road,Eastbound (Asda roundabout to Woodstock Ave.) Leechmere	St Michael's	1385	Plane off and resurface road	£20,000	Busy local distributor road and bus route near a popular supermarket.road showing severe signs of deterioration.
Marcross Drive, Moorside	Doxford	1377	Plane off and resurface road	£10,000	Single access road in to the estate serving a number of cul de sacs and leading to school, road surface less than ideal.

Table A Priority List (cont.)

Location	Ward	Area	Treatment	Estimate	Engineers Comments
Ogden Street, Millfield	Millfield	850	Plane off and resurface road	£7,500	Single access road serving Athol Park streets. .Anticipated to be additional traffic when Mosque opens, Road surface deteriorating
Otto Terrace, Thornhill	Millfield	2800	Plane off and resurface road	£30,000	Busy residential street near to a number of schools and which includes a popular Vets surgery has had multiple repairs carried out on a less than ideal running surface.
Park Road approaching Burdon Rd Traffic Signals	St Michael's/ Hendon	200	Plane off and resurface road.	£10,000	Works to be co-ordinated with new traffic signal installation at the junction.
Ryhope Street South, Ryhope	Ryhope	260	Strengthen road.	£12,000	Localised area of failure on busy bus route near to bus lay- by.
Villette Road, Hendon	Hendon	335	Plane off and resurface road.	£6,000	Additional area of surface failure to be undertaken together with deferred scheme from 2014-2015.
TOTAL				£312,000	

Table B Prioritised Members List For Recommendation To Area Committee For Inclusion In The Capital Programme 2015-2016

Location	Ward	Area sq.m	Treatment	Estimate	Engineer's Comments
Canon Cockin Street	Hendon	720	Plane off and resurface road	£6,000	Localised areas of surface delamination between Ashby Street and St Alban's.
Salem Hill	Hendon	Footway 70 Road 500	Overlay Footway and Plane off and resurface road	£9,000	Both footway and road surface in need of attention. Numerous temporary repairs at this location.
Westminster Street	Hendon	165	Plane off and resurface road	£2,000	Short section of access road in to residential area has multiple temporary repairs in existing surfacing.
Ruston Avenue	Hendon	275	Plane off and resurface road	£3,500	Poor road surface on an access road into a cul de sac with no footway options for pedestrians
Hawthorn Street	Millfield	260	Plane off and resurface road	£2,500	Poor road surfacing with numerous signs of repair. Localised area from Hylton Road
Close Street	Millfield	335	Plane off and resurface road	£4,000	Very poor road surface with multiple repairs
Raby Street	Millfield	455	Plane off and resurface road	£5,000	Very poor road surface with multiple reinstatements.
Washington Street	Millfield	750	Plane off and resurface road	£8,500	Very poor road surface with multiple repairs
Halifax Place/St Paul's Terrace	Ryhope	625	Plane off and resurface road	£4,500	Poor road surface on a bank causes problems for vehicles in wet and icy conditions.
Lynthorpe,	Ryhope	125	Plane off and resurface road	£2,000	Junction area leading in to residential area badly deteriorated. Its location is also a pedestrian crossing point.
Ryhope Street South	Ryhope	260	Strengthen road.	£13,500	To extend section of road on the A Table
Fylingdale Drive, Tunstall Village	Doxford	985	Plane off and resurface road	£10,500	Poor road surface with multiple repairs. Provides access to access road to a small residential estate.
Runswick Close, Tunstall Village	Doxford	890	Plane off and resurface road	£10,000	Multiple temporary repairs and surface cracking along the length of single access road.
Morpeth Drive, Moorside	Doxford	270	Plane off and resurface road	£3,000	Short section of road (single access to residences) is deteriorating and has multiple temporary reinstatements at the entrance.
Gorse Road	St Michaels	1140	Plane off and resurface road	£11,500	Poor road surface near busy car park on the edge of the city centre.
Victoria Avenue West	St Michaels	990	Plane off and resurface road	£12,000	Poor road surface with multiple temporary reinstatements particularly bad across the junction for pedestrians
TOTAL				£107,000*	
*includes £7,000 from Walk and Talk Budgets					

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Metro Audit Station:

RAG score

Green: high level of standard / scored positive against question

Amber: average – room for improvement

Red: scored negatively against the question – explain why

Notes on colour schemes


*NB:-
Surfaces and finishing need to have a contrasting colour scheme. Avoid patterns.
Backgrounds i.e. walls should be a pastel colour with doors and signage being a strong colour.
Research shows that red, orange and yellow are most recognisable to people with dementia. Blue, green and purple are not.
To help with identification the same colour should be used for the same product. For example, all signs should be one colour i.e. red. All doors should be one colour i.e. (yellow). Etc.*

Millfield Metro Station


Approach routes & identification	RAG Score	Comments
Are main entrance to the station easy to find and clearly distinguishable from façade?		Yes
Are all entrances to the station clearly signed and visible from approach routes and footpaths?		Car Park entrance – sign ‘Millfield’. Unclear which direction the metros are traveling. Recommend: Add directional descriptive, i.e. trains to city centre (with arrow)





Lighting	RAG Score	Comments
Are there pools of bright light or door shadows? - should be avoided		Platforms, ramps and stairs well lit.


Flooring / Ground	RAG Score	Comments
Is the floor/ground different colours to identify different areas, i.e. stairs/ramp to platform?		
Is the flooring free from trip hazards? Are floors/ground flush?		
Does the floor/ground have borders? This can look like a barrier to some people so best avoided.		Thin warning line running along edge of platform, when wet looks like ice.
		
Is the floor/ground very dark? This may look like a large hole to some people, again best avoided?		
Is the floor/ground plain and non-reflective? Flecks and speckles can cause confusion – could be seen as dirt or crumbs.		

Recommend: Paint wider double yellow lines. Good example at Park Lane (replace white thin with yellow)


Seating	RAG Score	Comments
In larger areas, is there seating?		n/a
Does any seating, look like seating?		Seats are hard to identify. Grey in colour and blend in with the background.
		
Is access to seating direct and unobstructed?		Recommend: Repaint yellow.

Signage	RAG Score	Comments
Are signs suitably located?		<p>'Help Point' currently red text on wall. Recommend: signs need to stand out and need to be contrasting against background colour.</p> 
Are the signs easy to see, clear and logical?		<p>Signs are white. Recommended that they are yellow to fit in with bins, seats, warning line. Consistency with one colour having a 'meaning'.</p> <p>Also, can be misleading i.e. Millfield station states 'South Hylton', people with memory problems might get confused. Add description i.e. trains to South Hylton.</p>
Is signage well lit (where applicable?)		
Do the signs have a contrasting colour, compared against the background colour?		<p>Majority of signs are clear, but it was pointed out that 'Platform 2' sign is black writing over dark purple background. Recommend: 'Platform 2' sign replaced 'white background / black writing'.</p> 
Some people with dementia often look at the floor as they walk. What level is signage at? Ground, waist, eye, above head height?		Majority signs are well above head height. Normal practice. Unsure what could be done.
Do the signs illustrate pictures and well as words? Some people will recognise		Only one sign displayed pictures i.e. 'easy access'. No others signs did.

<p>the word and others will recognise the picture.</p>		
<p>Are signs placed at key decision points for someone trying to navigate the station?</p>		<p>Yes, but more directional description is required. e.g. 'Exit' 'trains to' 'over the bridge to'.</p> 
<p>Are signs for toilets and exits clear?</p>		<p>No toilets. Exits not indicated. Recommend: mark 'exit' onto signs indicating where it leads to.</p>


Safety	RAG Score	Comments
<p>Are there hand rails and grab rails provided to enable people to walk?</p>		<p>Yes, of good quality, but they are painted the same as the railings making them hard to distinguish. Recommend:</p>  <p>Re-paint yellow.</p>
<p>Are the lifts clearly indicated? (Where applicable)</p>		
<p>Are the walkways clear?</p>		<p>Are clear, but water does gather on the stairs and in the dark the street lights reflect in the water making it look like a large pools, icy and dangerous.</p>
<p>Do the edges to stairs and steps have a strong colour / texture strip at the top and bottom of each flight?</p>		<p>Yes, but due to footfall the paint could do with being touched up. Recommend: Re-paint strips / edges.</p>
<p>Is each step marked with a strong contrasting colour?</p>		<p>See above.</p>


Metro Audit Station: University Metro Station


Approach routes & identification	RAG Score	Comments
Are main entrance to the station easy to find and clearly distinguishable from façade?	Green	Exits clearly marked – recognised as good practice. 
Are all entrances to the station clearly signed and visible from approach routes and footpaths?	Orange	Signs leading up to station unclear. Recommend: Add directional descriptive, i.e. trains to city centre (with arrow)

Lighting	RAG Score	Comments
Are there pools of bright light or door shadows? - should be avoided	Green	

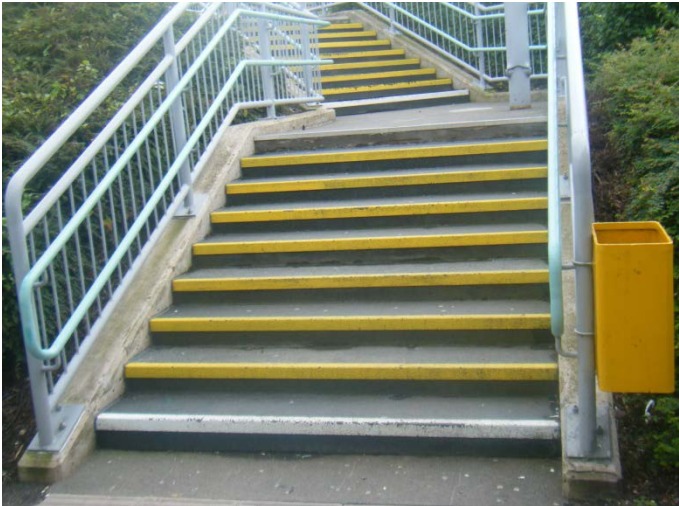
Flooring / Ground	RAG Score	Comments
Is the floor/ground different colours to identify different areas, i.e. stairs/ramp to platform?	Green	
Is the flooring free from trip hazards? Are floors/ground flush?	Green	
Does the floor/ground have borders? This can look like a barrier to some people so best avoided.	Red	Thin warning line running along edge of platform, when wet looks like ice.

		 <p data-bbox="775 667 1517 725">Recommend: Paint wider double yellow lines. Good example at Park Lane (if the white thin edging line replaced with yellow)</p>
<p data-bbox="81 725 456 853">Is the floor/ground very dark? This may look like a large hole to some people, again best avoided?</p>		
<p data-bbox="81 853 456 1003">Is the floor/ground plain and non-reflective? Flecks and speckles can cause confusion – could be seen as dirt or crumbs.</p>		

Seating	RAG Score	Comments
<p data-bbox="81 1106 456 1200">In larger areas, is there seating?</p>		<p data-bbox="762 1106 1541 1200">n/a</p>
<p data-bbox="81 1200 456 1263">Does any seating, look like seating?</p>		<p data-bbox="762 1200 1541 1263">Seats are hard to identify. Grey in colour and blend in with the background. Recommend: Repaint yellow.</p> 
<p data-bbox="81 1778 456 1836">Is access to seating direct and unobstructed?</p>		<p data-bbox="762 1778 1541 1836">Tucked away to the side of the platform. Hard to see. Recommend: identify seating available on signage.</p>

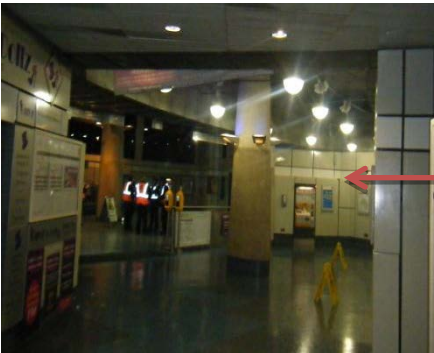
Signage	RAG Score	Comments
Are signs suitably located?		<p>'Help Point' currently red text on wall. Recommend: signs need to stand out and need to be contrasting against background colour. Help point sign missing on 'University to South Hylton side'.</p> <p>Also, tested the 'Help Point' system. No answer. Recommend: might be useful to add in a recorded message that someone is going to answer (like you get when you're on hold), because somebody with memory problems might just give up and wander off if it just keeps ringing.</p> 
Are the signs easy to see, clear and logical?		<p>Signs are white. Recommended that they are yellow to fit in with bins, seats, warning line. Consistency with one colour having a 'meaning'.</p> <p>Also, signs over bridges misleading, more descriptive, in terms of direction needed. i.e. trains to, over the bridge, etc.</p>
Is signage well lit (where applicable?)		
Do the signs have a contrasting colour, compared against the background colour?		
Some people with dementia often look at the floor as they walk. What level is signage at? Ground, waist, eye, above head height?		<p>Majority signs are well above head height. Normal practice. Unsure what could be done.</p>
Do the signs illustrate pictures and well as words? Some people will recognise the word and others will recognise the picture.		<p>Only one sign displayed pictures i.e. 'easy access'. No others signs did.</p>
Are signs placed at key decision points for someone trying to navigate the		<p>Yes, but more directional description is required. e.g. 'Exit' 'trains to' 'over the bridge to'.</p>

station?		
Are signs for toilets and exits clear?		No toilets. Exits indicated.

Safety	RAG Score	Comments
Are there hand rails and grab rails provided to enable people to walk?		Yes, of good quality, but they are painted the same as the railings making them hard to distinguish. Recommend: Re-paint yellow.
		
Are the lifts clearly indicated? (Where applicable)		
Are the walkways clear?		
Do the edges to stairs and steps have a strong colour / texture strip at the top and bottom of each flight?		
Is each step marked with a strong contrasting colour?		

Metro Audit Station:

Park Lane Metro Station


Approach routes & identification	RAG Score	Comments
Are main entrance to the station easy to find and clearly distinguishable from façade?		
Are all entrances to the station clearly signed and visible from approach routes and footpaths?		Yes, but when you exit lifts no directional signage. A bit disorientating. Recommend: Directional signage installed.
		 No immediate directional signage after exiting the lift


Large map of stations displayed near platform. Recommend: map installed at other stations.

Lighting	RAG Score	Comments
Are there pools of bright light or door shadows? - should be avoided		

Flooring / Ground	RAG Score	Comments
Is the floor/ground different colours to identify different areas, i.e. stairs/ramp to platform?		<p>The whole floor upstairs, leading down the stairs and on the platforms is light blue and reflective.</p>  <p>Light blue and reflective floor throughout the station</p> <p>Unrealistic to replace due to costs. Recommend: feedback to head office on appropriate colour schemes for future re-furbishment/new stations.</p>
Is the flooring free from trip hazards? Are floors/ground flush?		<p>Loose –laid mats pose trip hazard</p>  <p>Recommend: change to non-compressible firmly fixed material.</p>
Does the floor/ground have borders? This can look like a barrier to some people so best avoided.		<p>One thin warning line running along edge of platform, second wider yellow warning line running parallel with white line</p>  <p>Recommend: Re-paint white line to yellow.</p>

Is the floor/ground very dark? This may look like a large hole to some people, again best avoided?		
Is the floor/ground plain and non-reflective? Flecks and speckles can cause confusion – could be seen as dirt or crumbs.		

eating	RAG Score	Comments
In larger areas, is there seating?		No.
Does any seating, look like seating?		Seats are hard to identify. Grey in colour and blend in with the background.  <p>Poor colour contrast of perch seats to their background</p> Recommend: Repaint yellow.
Is access to seating direct and unobstructed?		

Signage	RAG Score	Comments
Are signs suitably located?		red  'Help Point' currently text on wall. Recommend: signs need to stand out and need to be contrasting against background colour.
Are the signs easy to see, clear and logical?		

Is signage well lit (where applicable?)		
Do the signs have a contrasting colour, compared against the background colour?		
Some people with dementia often look at the floor as they walk. What level is signage at? Ground, waist, eye, above head height?		Signage on floor when coming off metro directing people towards the lift – if needs be.
Do the signs illustrate pictures and well as words? Some people will recognise the word and others will recognise the picture.		Only one sign displayed pictures i.e. 'easy access'. No others signs did.
Are signs placed at key decision points for someone trying to navigate the station?		Yes, but more directional description is required. e.g. 'trains to' 'down the stairs to'.
Are signs for toilets and exits clear?		

Safety	RAG Score	Comments
Are there hand rails and grab rails provided to enable people to walk?		Yes, but extremely cold to touch, very off putting to use. Recommend: Overlay with yellow rubber gripping, similar to grab rails on actual metros.
Are the lifts clearly indicated? (Where applicable)		Yes good directional signage, located on the floor, but one of the signs does encourage people to 'walk off' the platform. Recommend: Remove.
Are the walkways clear?		
Do the edges to stairs and steps have a strong colour / texture strip at the top and bottom of each flight?		Stairs do, but not escalators. Recommend: yellow warning line installed to base / top of entrance and exit of escalators.
Is each step marked with a strong contrasting colour?		

Sources: East CCG. (2014) GP Surgeries Checklist, Sunderland Council (2013) Improving the Environment : The Sunderland Standard

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

- 1.1 In June 2014 the Local Area Plan's priorities associated with People were referred to the East Sunderland People Area Board to action on behalf of the Area Committee. This report provides an update on the work plan, as set out in **Annex 1**.

2 Key Areas of Influence / Achievements

- 2.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland Area People Board up to 28 February 2015.

Action Taken	Outcome
Education and Skills Strategy	<p>In January 2015 a presentation was delivered on the draft Education and Skills Strategy. The draft Strategy highlighted three key themes of getting people:-</p> <p>Ready for School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early identification of families most at risk of poor outcomes. Tailored programmes of support. Wider range of local services. • All families to have access to high quality early years provision, including 100% take-up of two year old offer. • Schools to be “ready for every child” – smooth and seamless transition. • Every child and young person to be “ready for next stage” at all key transition points. <p>Ready for Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every school and learning provider to have strong links with at least one employer. • Every school and learning provider to enable learners to develop and demonstrate skills and qualities for employability. • Gold standard in Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG). • Bank of materials / directory to support work-related learning. • State-of-the-art facilities and high quality programmes. • Employers to invest in up-skilling workforce. • Procurement projects: requirement to link with education.

	<p>Ready for life</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of skills, qualities, characteristics not captured in formal assessments – with progression to regional / national awards. • Agreed standard for a “Great Sunderland School” – to be extended to “Great Sunderland College”, “Great Sunderland Employer”, etc. • Extend range and quality of learning opportunities that support personal, social, emotional, physical and cultural development. <p>Members were invited to share their views on the Strategy’s ambitions and to consider how the Committee contributes to the commitments in the strategy, as partners are being asked what they will commit to do over the next 3-5 years to realise the strategy’s ambitions.</p> <p>The Strategy is to be finalised by March 2015. Once approved, every People Board will be invited to discuss strategy implementation at an area level: to understand what is already being implemented, or proposed, and consider how it can support and influence future developments.</p>
<p>Early Intervention and Locality Working Youth Commissioned Contracts</p>	<p>In October 2014, Area Committee received an update on the performance of current commissioned youth contracts. Further information was presented to the January 2015 People Board when feedback was given regarding responses from members in terms of local provision. Proposals were to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Extend contracts based on current Contact, Participation and Recorded Outcome targets, removing locality outcomes and reducing the accreditation targets. ii) The removal of locality outcomes would be based on the proviso that project managers meet with or correspond with their ward Councillors every quarter in order to check delivery meets their expectations and requirements and to report back progress. Members are encouraged to attend the Youth Operational Group so they can feed in to decisions made locally regarding provision. <p>Area Committee are requested to note the proposals.</p>
<p>Area Priority: Improving resident’s emotional wellbeing.</p>	<p>Since the last meeting, members from the People Board attended a tour of three mental health specialist services in the East. (Headlights, Sunderland MIND and The Art Studio) Key messages received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debt is a common cause of mental health issues. As a consequence other problems associated with debt occur, creating additional pressures, which affects

	<p>mental health and emotional wellbeing. If the signs are not recognised or notice early enough, the pressure can get too much and eventually lead to mental illness / crisis stage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health needs to be recognised as being as important as physical health. This needs to be acknowledged and more awareness raising undertaken with the public. • Increasing opportunities for people to socialise, take part in activities etc. helps to reduce isolation and, keeps people’s minds active, which in turns, improves emotional wellbeing. • Mental health can also be improved by providing the person with a sense of purpose. Even carrying out small tasks, i.e. cleaning up cups, can provide a sense of purpose and self-worth, because people feel like they are needed and helping others, which in turns helps them. • It is a must to provide a safe environment which is non-judgmental for people suffering with mental health issues. <p>A call for project was carried out to seek project ideas that could promote awareness of “no health without mental health” services and support that is available to East residents. Ten projects have been submitted for Area Committee’s consideration, which are recommended for approval by the People Board and are set out in the Area Budget Report.</p>
<p>Area Priority: Partnership in Practice</p>	<p>A call for project was carried out to seek ideas to enhance current provision or develop new projects or events for adults with early signs of dementia and their carers. Seven projects have been submitted for Area Committee’s consideration, which are recommended for approval by the People Board and are set out in the Area Budget Report.</p>
<p>Area Priority: Skills and Learning, with a focus on volunteering. Action: Co-ordinate and support volunteering opportunities across the council and partners.</p>	<p>Following on from the January 2015 People Board it was agreed to ask the East VCS Area Network the question:</p> <p><i>“Using your knowledge and awareness around either being a volunteer or supporting volunteering opportunities in the East Sunderland area, what do you think Area Committee could provide in terms of ‘added value’ to existing provision?”</i></p> <p>The feedback gathered was focused on providing support to strengthen the capabilities of volunteers by funding training courses. For instance, a coffee morning was going to be established but before it could commence, several volunteers needed to complete a food hygiene course. The fee was seen</p>

NO.	Presented to People Board	AREA PRIORITY	ACTIONS	LEAD AGENT	PROGRESS REPORT
1	18 November 2014, 3.30pm	Improve resident's emotional wellbeing.	1. Understand mental health issues in the area and identify solutions other than medication to support conditions.	People Area Board	Recommending to Area Committee to raise the profile of services and support available to residents in East Sunderland, via a call for projects. See Area Budget report.
			2. Supporting the dementia working group to ensure initiatives have a positive impact at a multi agency level. i.e. Dementia Friends Campaign.	People Area Board	See Action 4.
2	22 July 2014, 4.30pm (joint with Place)	Encourage resident's to be active: getting out and about more to improve their health. (Linked to Place, Greenspace Grant £20k budget and Green Adventure Programme)	1. Encourage residents to get outdoors.	Place / People Area Board	14 project proposals have been funded through the Green Adventure programme, totalling £40,000. The programme is now closed.
3	13 January 2015, 3.30pm	Increase access to skills and learning: try something new.	1. Co-ordinate and support life long learning courses. Maximise opportunities for residents, including the development of community library services.	People Area Board	Relationships established with FACL and providers. Information shared via e-bulletin service. Increased the number of community libraries in the East.
			2. Co-ordinate and support volunteering opportunities across councils and partners.	People Area Board	See main report.
			3. Improve access to IT equipment and the sharing of information.	People Area Board	Electronic village halls mapped out, opening hours and target audience. Shared with Job Centre Plus.

4	9 September 2014, 3.30pm	East Area Committee approved £20,000 SIB to match with £20,000 from East Sunderland CCG to facilitate East Area Councillors, as Community Leaders to work in partnership with key officers and partners across the East to deliver a variety of different projects by identifying opportunities for joint working at a locality level, by developing relationships and more efficient services for residents. Following the People Board, partners agreed a Partnership in Practice (PiP) action plan, which is listed as 1 to 8.	1. Support the national campaign to increase the number of 'Dementia Friends' in the East Sunderland Area.	Yusuf Meah, Public Health	Dementia Friends Training held on 10 December 2015. Completed
			2. Establish dementia friendly GP surgeries, in terms of both physical environment and delivering training to staff to become Dementia Friends. If successful, roll out the work to encompass council buildings. Introduce a charter quality mark badge to partners who bring their buildings, staff and volunteers up to a certain standard.	David Robinson, and Eric Harrison, East Sunderland CCG.	CCG audit completed. Improvements have been carried out. All GP staff have completed Dementia Friends training. The audit has been expanded across the City. Completed.
			3. Approach partners of Area Committee and encourage front line staff to enrol on the dementia training course.	Nicol Trueman, Area Arrangements	Liaise with partners to raise the profile of this opportunity via Area infrastructures e.g. Committee, LMAPs, Children's Locality Area Boards, etc.
			4. Organise a tour of Memory Clinic at Monkwearmouth Hospital, Essences Services, Seafayers Way and Hopewood Park to understand what is provided, and how the services connect with the community / community leaders.	Nicol Trueman, Area Arrangements	Completed.
			5. Work with Nexus to create dementia friendly metro platforms / stations at Central, Park Lane, University and Millfield.	Claire Tulley, Nexus	Sunderland Alzheimer's Society carried out an audit of the metro stations. An update report is presented under Place, Annex 3.

		6. Use existing or develop new cafes to host events for adults with early signs of dementia and carers, i.e. memory sessions on music, films, historical events through the decades, linking into services ran by Age UK at Doxford.	Nicol Trueman, Area Arrangements	Conducted a call for projects via the East VCS Area Network, with proposals submitted for consideration. See Area Budget report.
		7. Develop a Youth Health Champion scheme in five Secondary School in East Sunderland.	Laura Cassidy, Public Health	Scheme commenced in St Aidans and Southmoor Academies during 2014 / 2015. Completed
		8. Increase social inclusion and promote better health for older members of the community by facilitating appropriate exercise sessions in the local community.	Victoria French, Sport and Leisure and David Robinson, East CCG	The council and CCG East are currently working on a exercise programme for older people. Update to be received.

5	tbc	Influence the design, delivery and review of People based services devolved to Area Committee.	1. Develop new relationships with schools.		<p>At its meeting of 5th November Cabinet approved the Policy Statement on the role of the Council in relation to schools and the wider education system. The Statement determines the role of the Council in improving educational outcomes and defines the key elements of the local authority's role. Additionally, next steps were agreed in order to develop the necessary relationships, systems and processes to reflect the changing education landscape, the educational priorities within the city's key strategies, the Council's Community Leadership role and its statutory duties. One of those key actions is to develop arrangements whereby Elected Members are enabled to play a role in strengthening the local accountability of schools and in sharing local intelligence. Currently arrangements are underway to discuss this approach with members early in the new year.</p>
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tbc	2. Review of museum services.		A Cultural Strategy is being developed for the city which will help to shape Museums and Heritage in a way that Sunderland residents want. This will help to develop a vision that will determine the delivery plan of priorities for the next 3-5 years. The Strategy and the Museum Vision are proposed to be discussed at a future People Board. Members will have the opportunity to contribute to how the service will be tailored to meet the needs of the community. Following that, the Heritage Team will engage with local individuals and groups, such as the Area VCS Network to discuss the new proposals.
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EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE 16 MARCH 2015 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I	
Title of Report: Area Budgets Report	
Author(s): Chief Executive	
Purpose of Report: This report requests Area Committee consideration of proposals for the allocation Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and note allocations awarded Community Chest grant.	
Description of Decision: The Area Committee is requested to note and approve the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Note the financial statements, as set out in sections 2.1 and 3.2. (b) There is £177,996 SIB 2014 / 2015 in the budget. Project proposals (Annex 1) total £177,149. If recommendations are endorsed it will leave a balance of £847. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Funding Approval Request for 2014 / 2015 budget:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Approve £10,667 to deliver a range of services and support to adults with mild to moderate signs of dementia and their carers. (ii) Approve £16,471 to deliver campaigns and events between April and May in the lead up to Mental Health Awareness Week 11-17 May 2015. (iii) Approve £55,011 to deliver a series of community clean up and community grow projects across the East. (iv) Approve £20,000 to match with £20,000 external funding from the Clinic Commissioning Group, to deliver health priorities in 2015 / 2016. (v) Approve £50,000 to match with £290,000 external funding from the Big Lottery and The Community Foundation, to deliver The Fourteen Programme. <p style="margin-left: 40px;">SIB Funding Alignment Requests for 2014 / 2015 budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Align £25,000 to establish a steering group, involving young people, to investigate the feasibility of developing a temporary provision in the city centre. (c) Note the 13 approved Community Chest applications from 2014 / 2015. (Annex 2)	

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?	Yes
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Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

The Area Committee has been allocated Strategic Initiatives Budget to promote action on key priorities identified in the relevant Local Area Work Plan and to attract other funding into the area.

Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:

The circumstances are such that there are no realistic alternatives that could be considered.

Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution? No

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:
HHS Scrutiny Panel

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No	
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REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

East Sunderland Area Budgets Report

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic area priorities identified in the Area Work Plan, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract external 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 (S.I.B.) Financial Position

2.1 In April 2014, East Sunderland Area Committee was allocated with £307,282 grant funding to award against project proposals which complement the Area Work Plan. The table below provides Committee with a list of approved projects since April 2014.

Financial Breakdown for 2014 / 2015				
Project Name	Committee Date	Match Funding	SIB Approvals	SIB Balance
			Budget:	£307,282
<i>Aligned: Reducing NEETs in the East (Rolled over from 2013 / 2014)</i>	<i>07.04.14</i>		£90,000	£397,282
Passing Points	7.04.14		£17,334	£379,948
Sunderland Cemetery				
Young Mums (NEETs)	23.06.14		£2,650	£377,298
Work Ready Programme (NEETs)	23.06.14		£67,753	£309,545
Top Up Grants (NEETs)	23.06.14		£16,500	£293,045
Partnership in Practice	23.06.14	£20,000	£20,000	£273,045
Green Adventure	23.06.14	£20,000	£20,000	£253,045
Community Leaders	20.10.14	-	£36,000	£217,045
Safety on our Street	20.10.14	-	£6,600	£210,445
Achieving Everyone's Potential	20.10.14	-	£22,449	£187,996
Full Marks	15.12.14		£10,000	£177,996
SIB 2014 / 2015 Totals		£40,000	£219,286	£177,996

Table 1: financial breakdown of approved SIB projects 2014 / 2015

3. S.I.B. Recommendations for Approval

- 3.1 Following on the December 2014 Area Committee there is £177,996 remaining to allocate from the 2014 / 2015 SIB budget.
- 3.2 In December 2014, Sunderland East Area Committee invited local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups, public and statutory providers, including council services, to submit funding ideas and projects against three area priorities. The outcome of the three call for projects carried out are shown in table 2. **Annex 1** provides further information on the 'Call for Projects'.

Table 2: Outcome of SIB Call for Projects carried out December 2014 – January 2015

Area Priority	SIB Aligned (in Dec. 14)	SIB Recommended for approval
Partnership in Practice Brief: Deliver services to adults with early signs of dementia and their carers.	£20,000 <i>NB: approved June 2014</i>	£10,667
Improving resident's emotional wellbeing Brief: Deliver services which promote awareness of support and services available in the area.	£20,000	£16,471
Clean and Grow Brief: Deliver community clean ups and community grow projects.	£50,000	£55,011
Total	£90,000	£82,092

- 3.3 As referred to in the Place Board report, the council's XL Youth Team carried out consultation with young people who congregate in and around Sunniside, Mowbray Park, Civic Centre and Park Lane area. The most popular proposal was option three – skate / recreation area. It is proposed to align £25,000 SIB to the project, with the intention to allocate the funds to develop a temporary provision on the site in the near future by carrying out further consultation with a wider group of young people via local providers and collate feedback and present a further report.

4. Attracting External Funding into East Sunderland

- 4.1 Elected Members are already working alongside their communities to both develop and deliver Local Area Plans and in doing so support the development of the Area VCS Networks. This mechanism provides the potential to achieve much greater impact through the utilisation of additional resources from partners. Matching their funding streams with existing SIB resources to develop projects that will build additional capacity in the voluntary sector.

- 4.2 To this end, the Clinical Commissioning Group has committed a further £20,000 funding to each Area Committee to spend on health priorities during 2015 / 2016. It is proposed, as part of the conditions attached to receiving the funding, that the Area Committee provides match funding, committing £20,000 SIB to make a total of £40,000 available for allocation to projects delivered by voluntary organisations. This is subject to approval at a future Area Committee when appropriate projects have been identified in the new municipal year.
- 4.3 A new funding programme to benefit residents in Hendon and Ryhope will soon be launched. The Fourteen Programme, established by the Big Lottery Fund as part of the Olympics legacy. The national aim of the funding is to increase participation in social action and volunteering, grassroots sport and physical activity, cultural activity and the arts of youth leadership and personal development.
- 4.4 Over a period of three years, £200,000 will be aligned to the wards, with an additional £90,000 that has been matched from other funders in the area. Area Committee are requested to approve £50,000 SIB to contribute towards securing the £290,000 of external funding into the area.

Table 3: External funding attracted into the East

External Funder	Match Funding	SIB
Clinic Commissioning Group	£20,000	£20,000
The Fourteen Programme	£290,000	£50,000
Total	£310,000	£70,000

- 4.5 The total of SIB, as set out in section 3 and 4, seeking approval totals £177,149, if approved it will leave a balance of £847 SIB 2014 / 2015.

5. Community Chest

- 5.1 The table below details the starting balances for 2014 / 2015. **Annex 2** shows the approvals between December 2014 to February 2015.

Ward	Start Balance	Approvals since April 2014	Returned Grants	Balance
Doxford	£19,631.20	£13,336.00		£6,295.20
Hendon	£10,471.61	£9,484.70		£986.91
Millfield	£15,572.87	£5,230.98		£10,341.89
Ryhope	£12,335.63	£10,542.00	£400.00	£2,193.63
St Michaels	£10,317.10	£7,710.00		£2,607.10
Total	£68,328.41	£46,303.68	£400.00	£22,424.73

6. Recommendations

Members are requested to:-

- (a) Note the financial statements, as set out in sections 2.1 and 3.2.
- (b) Approve £10,667 to deliver a range of services and support to adults with mild to moderate signs of dementia and their carers, against the area priority, 'Partnership in Practice'. (Annex 1)
- (c) Approve £16,471 to deliver campaigns and events between April and May in the lead up to Mental Health Awareness Week 11-17 May 2015, against the area priority, 'Improving resident's emotional wellbeing'. (Annex 1)
- (d) Approve £55,011 to deliver a series of community clean up and community grow projects across the East, against the area priority, 'Clean and Grow'. (Annex 1)
- (e) Approve £20,000 to match with £20,000 external funding from the Clinic Commissioning Group, to deliver health priorities in 2015 / 2016, against the new work plan for 2015 / 2016.
- (f) Approve £50,000 to match with £290,000 external funding from the Big Lottery and The Community Foundation, to deliver The Fourteen Programme in Hendon and Ryhope wards. (Annex 1)
- (g) Align £25,000 to establish a steering group, involving young people, to investigate the feasibility of developing a temporary provision in the city centre.
- (h) Note the 13 approved Community Chest applications from 2014 / 2015. (Annex 2)

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Annex 1: SIB Executive Summaries

Annex 2: Community Chest: Financial Statement December 2014 – February 2015

Background Papers

Call for Projects Adverts to the East VCS Area Networks

Notes from the mental health tour 20.01.15

Correspondence from the CCG

SIB Full Applications

Notes from two Clean and Grow workshops

Feedback from the SIB consultation exercise

Results of the evaluation matrix against each application

Community Chest Full Applications and feedback from virtual panel meetings

The Fourteen Programme: Big Lottery letter address to the Leader of the Council, subsequent correspondence and workshop held 3 March 2015

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SIB EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: CALL FOR PROJECT**PARTNERSHIP IN PRACTICE****Project Advert sent via East VCS Area Network: December 2014**

“Use existing or develop new cafes or events for adults with early signs of dementia and their carers, i.e. memory sessions on music, films, historical events through the decades, using the opportunity to raise awareness of services, such as:- Sunderland Care and Support, Inclusion Housing, Sunderland Alzheimer’s Society, Action on Dementia Sunderland, Age UK Sunderland and Sunderland Carers Centre. (List not inclusive) The project may charge a small fee to sustain the project and beneficiaries must live in East Sunderland area. Working in partnership with existing dementia service specialist is required.”

Budget aligned: £20,000

Total Recommended for Approval: £10,667

Summary of small grants

1. Age UK Sunderland	SIB Requested: £750	Match Funding: £815
	Start: March 2015	End: March 2017

Age UK Sunderland have received two years revenue funding to paid for staff to deliver outreach sessions across the East area. They would like to provide their staff with and iPad Air. The request is to purchase an iPad Air to provide leisure and learning opportunities for people with dementia in East Sunderland to support their wellbeing. It will focus on using ICT to capture their imagination, interests and activities. This will be achieved by providing practical and creative help for people with dementia in using iPads to explore their interests. Letting people know they are simple to use and able to access an unlimited amount of content which is useful for a variety of activities such as art, pottery, music making, reminiscence activities, etc.

2. B' Active 'n' B' Fit	SIB Requested: £2,000	Match Funding: £nil
	Start: March 2015	End: August 2015

The project Social Holistic Activity Mentor [SHAM] will address the East area priority around Dementia and health and wellbeing, through delivering four tailored packages of therapeutic exercise and activities, reminiscing, singing and memory games over a 15 week period.

Exercise and social interaction plays a great part of helping to reduce the early onset of Dementia, using a holistic approach to each individual, creating social integration and reducing social isolation.

Working with small groups it enables them to achieve the maximum benefit from the activities. These activities include:

- Memory Stimulation via Reminiscence Sessions
- Music and Movement exercise with Sit 'N'B' Fit using a variety of equipment and apparatus including colourful hoops, pompoms and maracas)
- Local History discussions
- Memory and Sensory Boxes
- Music and Singing Groups
- A variety of games some based on former television shows e.g. Play Your Cards Right using oversized playing cards.

3. Living History North East	SIB Requested: £2,000	Match Funding: £250
	Start: April 2015	End: September 2015

The project activity will develop sessions within the community for those living with people with dementia (Including carers, sufferers and others). LHNE is ran by volunteers. The volunteers will be encouraged to become Dementia Friends, and promote the develop Dementia Champions. The knowledge gained from the training will enable the centre to run reminiscence session, on an outreach basis, linking into existing establishments including care home settings, or on site at The Donnison School, and where feasible make the Donnison School more dementia friendly, i.e. improve signage.

LHNE will be able to use many of their existing resources to develop this outreach. It will develop additional resources for use in the community, including memory boxes. The project will develop an increased awareness of the issues facing sufferers of dementia and Alzheimer's.

4. Monumental Music	SIB Requested £1,500	Match Funding: £1,100
	Start: March 2015	End: May 2015

The project is a series of 6 music workshops aimed at people living with dementia. The workshops will allow those living with dementia to enjoy and participate in a variety of music-related activities. The project will encourage dementia patients, their carers, family and friends to enjoy the therapeutic aspect that music offers and allow them to talk freely about the music they like to listen to and why. This is known to aid the treatment of people living with dementia, as they can access their memories in relation to songs and particular moments in their lives.

By opening up the sessions to invite friends, families and carers along we are encouraging more people from the wider community to participate in creative music activities in a safe and friendly environment, as well as encouraging communities to learn new skills such as playing instruments, which could enrich their lives.

By building relationships with care facilities and those who run them, we will be able to further engage with them to plan other music activities for the residents, patients or attendees. We will document the workshops by using photographs, videos and aim to record some of the music or singing that is produced during the sessions. This in turn could be used (with consent) as promotional material for the workshops, encouraging yet more people to be involved.

5. Ryhope Community Association	SIB Requested: £1,612	Match Funding: £1,262
	Start: April 2015	End: November 2015

Ryhope Community Association aims to establish a Memory Café in partnership with Gentoo and the Essence project. The café (coffee morning) will be delivered as a drop in service where elderly residence who are experiencing social isolation or early signs of dementia can come along for a social morning. The café will vary each week bringing in support from various VCS organisation and partners such as Ryhope Heritage Group, Age UK Sunderland and Sunderland Carers Centre, to highlight Services provided. The café will include afternoon tea with music from the 40's 50's and 60's, old films and slide shows of Sunderland through the ages, and old movie sessions.

Gentoo will help to identify residence who may benefit from the session and will provide free advertising through there news letters

6. Housing and Care 21	SIB Requested: £1,370	Match Funding: £1,050
	Start: March 2015	End: May 2015

The project will fund The Bunker, a community music group, running a programme of six one-hour music workshops at Seafarers Way, a dementia specialist service in Hendon, Sunderland. The workshops will involve various activities from listening and speaking about music, watching old footage of live performances, music games (e.g. musical bingo, music quiz) to interactive activities such as having a sing along. Some sessions will be themed to include a musical era or icon, such as Elvis or Sinatra; others will include percussion work and song writing. The Bunker piloted a music workshop in December 2014 for the residents at Seafarers Way, who visibly enjoyed themselves and gained a lot from the session. Due to the popularity and success of the pilot we hope to start the project as soon as funding is secured. Seafarers Way opened in September 2014 and has 38 apartments which are currently occupied by 23 residents, all of whom could benefit from the music project.

The project would provide stimulation for the residents as well as an opportunity for social inclusion. Research has shown that music therapy improves emotional wellbeing and the reminiscence that will take place in the workshops will also help residents to recall memories and emotions. The community at Seafarers Way will therefore clearly benefit its residents. Friends, families and carers will be invited along to the music workshops and we will encourage more people from the wider community to participate in the music activities, in a safe and friendly environment, as well as encouraging communities to learn new skills such as playing instruments which could also enrich their lives. Involving the local community like this will raise the profile of dementia support available in the community.

'This is Me' project will be a six week programme for carers and the person they care for with early signs of dementia. The themed sessions are focused around reminiscence, social interaction and information sharing. Each session the attendees will have an opportunity to create and build upon their personal 'this is me' folder which will include memories, photography's, life events, family members, or whatever they think should be included to enhance their personal memories. The six sessions are:-

- i) What's in a name
- ii) My family
- iii) Childhood memories / school days
- iv) Young adult / working life
- v) Family / marriage / relationships
- vi) Here and now

All those attending will have use of craft materials, project file, printing, etc. to enable them to create a personal journal. The sessions will take place in Bede Tower where free car parking is available and regular bus services operate. Transport will be made available for those who need it to reduce barriers to engagement.

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**SIB EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: CALL FOR PROJECT
IMPROVING RESIDENT'S EMOTIONAL WELLBEING**

Project Advert sent via East VCS Area Network: December 2014

“The project proposals should focus on innovative events, campaigns and activities which will promote awareness of “no health without mental health”, services and support that is available to East residents. Projects should take place between 1 April and 17 May 2015 to complement Mental Health Awareness Week (11–17 May 2015). The activities should be available at no charge and beneficiaries must live in East Sunderland area.”

Budget aligned: £20,000

Total SIB Requested: £16,471

Summary of Small Grants

NB:- all activities will be delivered between April – May 2015

**1. North East Community
Solutions**

SIB Requested: £1,572

Match Funding: £120

Focusing on BME people living in the East of Sunderland (especially the newer communities – such as migrants), we will organise a 6 events to engage the project beneficiaries in improving their own resilience. These will be sports and mental health awareness sessions to support local community members to be active and connect with other people. The sessions will be participant– driven to ensure good and sustained attendance levels – we will involve the participants in designing the sessions and deciding about type of activities and times. Each session will consist of sport activities with provision of information about mental health and wellbeing – e.g., we will invite local providers to talk about their service or display relevant information and facilitate engagement. Local partners such as Sunderland Counselling Service will be provided with an opportunity to attend the session and we will facilitate contact with the beneficiaries and final session will include a *Mindfulness Session* from this service.

We will also run an online awareness campaign in different languages, underlining the importance of accessing services, while also promoting self – help (e.g. utilising the Sunderland Wellness Guide and the Wellbeing Directory and the key principles such as *notice or give*).

The campaign will also help to promote *Active Sunderland* activities and link into the current work in the East Area undertaken under *Green Adventure* funding and participants will be encouraged to take part in local activities.

We will utilise local volunteers in design and delivery of campaign to increase project sustainability and accurately reflect local experiences in order to tailor our message to our target group. The volunteers will be able to benefit from relevant in-house and external training (e.g. campaigning workshops, Sunderland Health Champions).

2. Fushia

SIB Requested: £1,278

Match Funding: £625

FUSHIA will work with vulnerable adults suffering from low level mental ill health, especially anxiety and depression. We will engage and work with 12 clients who are already accessing NHS health services via a GP or CPN and are experiencing any one or more of the following issues that are having a negative effect upon their mental wellbeing, such as: Debt Crisis; Isolation; Struggling caring role. We will provide an alternative way of addressing anxiety and depression including:

Anxiety Management – In a group setting to encourage the client to take ownership of their anxiety and depression and discover what is needed to alleviate the resulting negative thinking patterns and behaviours. The group sessions encourage positive communication, improved self-awareness and identification of internal cues, enabling clients to change the way they think and reduce stress and anxiety levels by adopting new techniques. The group setting encourages the formation of supportive friendships and allows the client to express themselves in a safe setting, with others who understand how they are feeling.

Each client will design and decorate a Journal/Expressive Diary using a variety of crafting methods, they will then use it to log and monitor their feelings or express their emotions. This is especially beneficial if the client is feeling overwhelmed and/or turning to unhealthy lifestyle choices as a coping mechanism. This gives them both a creative and emotional way of expression.

Tea and Talk sessions – regular drop n's to encourage the formation of supportive friendships and reduce social isolation and encourage additional activities to support mental well-being.

The benefits will include a reduction on a clients need to access GP/CPN services. Reduced isolation for the client and improved family relationships.

3. Ryhope Community Association

SIB Requested: £1,189

Match Funding: £nil

Deliver a day of taster sessions to promote emotional wellbeing.

The day will include taster session which release stress and promote relaxation. The session will include Indian Head Massage, Hand Massage, Tia Chi, Pilates, and Yoga and mindfulness exercises. The day will be completed by information from organisations promoting access to existing mental health services in the city. Sunderland Mind will be present throughout the day to offer information and support.

During the day the community development worker will carry out brief consultation to establish the need for outreach services and feed this back via the area network, to

complementary activities to improve the emotional wellbeing of the residence of Ryhope and the surrounding areas.

4. B' Active 'n' B' Fit SIB Requested: £2,000 Match Funding: £nil

The project will aim to meet the priority of the East area addressing 'no health without mental health'. By engaging with four organisations who work closely with those who are effected with mental health, providing one 'happy hour' each for 16 weeks. These are:

- i) Sunderland MIND: will refer 15 individuals into the happy hour programme.
- ii) Headlight: will refer 15 individuals into the happy hour programme.
- iii) Salvation Army: will refer 40 individuals into the happy hour programme.
- iv) Connect [NECA]: will refer 8 individuals into the happy hour programme.

The project 'Happy Hour' will provide activities such as therapeutic exercise, laughter yoga and relaxation using music and equipment in each venue. All have a proven effect to reduce stress, depression. 'Happy Hour' will make a 'positive community' which will create a greater social cohesion

5. Sunderland MIND SIB Requested: £1,275 Match Funding: £847

Within the period 1 April – 17 May 2015 Sunderland Mind will hold an Opening Day which will promote the service, information challenging/tackling stigma and discrimination, activities/sessions. MIND will promote this in their Outreach venue in Hendon. In addition MIND will engage with other partner agencies that will either provide information or sessions on healthy eating, debt, alcohol and drug misuse. Sunderland Mind have Health Champions and Smoking Cessation Trainers.

MIND know from service users, consultations and statistical evidence, that people facing mental health problems face increased social isolation, loneliness, low confidence and fear of negative attitudes from the wider community.

The aim is to help address these problems by supporting people facing mental ill health with practical tasks, providing motivational support, and to help them access local activities/sessions and services as well as providing them with opportunities to volunteer themselves. Another area is Mindfulness – thoughts and feelings in a way that increases people's ability to manage difficult situation and make wise choices.

6. Sunderland YMCA SIB Requested: £1,260 Match Funding: £289

City of Sunderland YMCA offers accommodation, support and education to over 130 community member's including those that are homeless and socially excluded people. Those that use the service are from the East of the city, aged 16 plus and have various support issues including drug and alcohol issues, family breakdown, mental health issues, etc.

We have ran a pilot project for the last 7 weeks with a group of 10 community members who are already working with a CPN due to mental health issues. We have gathered feedback and the positive effects of activities on mental health were a theme throughout. This was in relation to reducing anxiety and depression, alleviating isolation, promoting relaxation and good sleeping patterns/ daily routines. We are therefore proposing we

extend this project by undertaking a series of activities all of which have been chosen to help people to move on from any they may have issues by re-building self-esteem and improving wellbeing. For example an “I am” Head and Shoulders activity and an up-cycle activity using old furniture which have been designed to improve self-esteem. The activities will accumulate in an exhibition which will run during Mental Wealth Week here at the YMCA – we felt that this is particularly important for this group who tell us they often feel looked down upon and are rarely congratulated in their daily lives. We will undertake 5, 3 hour weekly sessions for up to 15 participants. Those that take part will include the group who have took part in the pilot project who consist of homeless and community members from the East of the City. However we will extend this to others in the community and intend to promote the project in local publications, with other organisation in the area and community groups in the area.

7. Groundworks NE

SIB Requested: £1,897

Match Funding: £400

Health Sense is a brand new campaign that aims to raise awareness of the importance of good mental health. It encourages people to connect with others around them and explore a range of alternative, holistic therapies in order to improve emotional and mental wellbeing.

Through delivery of free and innovative pop up events, local residents will explore how stimulating their senses using colours, sounds and smells can have positive effects on emotional and mental wellbeing. A variety of colours will be used, and their perceived impact on mood will be explored. Scents from essential oils and healing herbs and their impact on wellbeing will be examined. We will also ascertain the impact of different sounds on a person’s wellbeing, with participants making wind chimes and other instruments from natural materials. Participants will leave the event with ‘goodie bags’, comprising calming and healing items to help with their everyday wellbeing.

Three events will be delivered by a senior member of Groundworks delivery team who will be supported by a qualified local energy health, registered with the guild of professional healers. Local mental health service providers will be also invited along to the events to provide signposting and opportunities for longer term engagement with those who currently aren’t being supported within the community.

This alternative approach to wellbeing will fly the flag for the message that there is ‘no health without mental health’ and tie in with and support Mental Health Awareness Week 2015. Three events will be delivered across the east with specific venues being chosen in consultation with local elected members. We would also like to encourage people be outside and active, so we intend to deliver at least one of the events in local green spaces, meaning we use existing assets.

The project and our outcomes will be evaluated using Groundwork’s Bronze evaluation process and the results fed back to the council. There will be space for 15 people on each course and five people from other agencies to share information meaning we will engage with 60 people from the east area over the course of the project.

**8. Sunderland People
First**

SIB Requested: £2,000

Match Funding: £nil

Sunderland is a safe place to live in and visit but unfortunately, sometimes, vulnerable people might be victims of bullying or harassment when they go out. There might also be occasions when they become lost or separated from their carer, feel unwell or simply need that little bit of extra support. This in turn has an effect on how people feel when accessing the city, if at all.

The Safe place Scheme offers people that little extra security and peace of mind while out and about in the city. People we have spoken to have said that they feel they would visit the city centre more if they knew there were people there who could support them, if in need. This would support people's mental wellbeing.

The Safe Places scheme aims to provide vulnerable people with a safe place where support can be given or help summoned.

Businesses and public venues who sign up to the scheme will be issued with Safe Place stickers for them to display. They will also be supported with a short training programme. A Safe Place will only be expected to provide a very limited and clearly defined level of support. The primary task would be to help the vulnerable person to contact other people, professionals and agencies who can give the individual the necessary assistance.

People with vulnerabilities such as learning disability or autism, will have the option to carry an 'I need help' card with emergency contact details on. If a person needs help and goes somewhere showing a Safe Place sticker, the staff from the Safe Place will then either call the contact number on the 'I need help' card or Northumbria Police if it is an emergency.

**9. Sunderland City
Council**

SIB Requested: £2,000

Match Funding: £nil

The People Board would like the opportunity to deliver an event. The event will be hosted in The Bridges during Mental Health Awareness week 11-17 May 2015. This venue was selected due to the high footfall. The one day event will complement the awareness week, and promote the "no health without mental health", services and support that is available to East residents. As well as promote the work the East Area Committee has funded, under the area priority, "improving resident's emotional wellbeing".

Organisations which have been funded through the recent call for projects, and specialist providers of mental health services will be invited along to showcase the work funded by SIB, as well as, providing them with an opportunity to promote their own organisation. Each stall will be interactive, encouraging 'passer-bys' to stop and take part in a range of activities.

A 'free' raffle will be hosted to informally note the number of participants in the event.

**10. Sunderland
Headlight**

SIB Requested: £2,000

Match Funding: £2,144

Start: April 2015

End: March 2015

Seeking revenue funding to employ a part time member of staff to support an out of hours service on a Saturday. Providing an Out of Hours service will enable Headlight to improve life and reduce isolation for people with mental health issues. A consultation conducted identified that isolation is a big problem. An opportunity to socialise and make friends is conducive to better mental wellbeing. This is a quote from a service user: 'Christmas time is the worst for me, you see, I have no family; now I feel I have because the friends I have made in the Out of Hours service are just like a family.'

We have evidence collated via feedback that people using this service report better or more stable mental wellbeing due to a reduction in social isolation and access to non-judgemental support. We also see people forming friendship groups, which has the additional result that people improve their social skills and feel a sense of support from each other. There is a real sense of community in the organisation, and the value of this is that it helps to improve life for those who are disadvantaged by mental health issues.

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SIB EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: CALL FOR PROJECT**CLEAN AND GROW**

PROJECT TITLE: Clean and Grow Partnership		
Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB
£69,461	£14,450	£55,011
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
9 MONTHS	April 2015	December 2015

Background

In December 2014, the Area Committee agreed the area priority, 'Clean and Grow'. SIB funding was aligned to the area priority to enable a 'call for projects' to be submitted for consideration to a future Committee meeting. An advert was circulated around the East VCS Area Network, asking all area based council teams, partners and VCS groups to consider ideas which would work towards two main outcomes across each of the five wards in East Sunderland, these are:-

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

In January 2015, six VCS groups submitted ideas and proposals which were discussed at workshops, the first Chaired by Cllr Ball, the second Chaired by Cllr Scanlan.

The workshops discussed proposals and agreed a way forward, this included submitting full proposals, and consulting Place Area Board and the wider membership of Area Committee in February 2015. The detail of the eight project proposal is outlined below.

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

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

The programme will report directly into the Place Area Board, providing regular updates on its progression. Each Councillor will be able to direct the lead agent, via Area Community Officer, on the roll out, implementation and monitoring of the programme.

PROJECT OUTPUTS

Key activity per ward and across the East area is shown below:-

Doxford

- 3 community clean up events
- 1 up-cycle course – 6 week programme
- 5 healthy eating workshops
- Team 'V' (15 volunteers trained up in environmental management and one corporate 'team challenge' event)
- Green route pilot

Hendon

- 3 community clean up events
- 1 recycle course – 6 week programme – 10 local residents received training
- 5 healthy eating workshops
- Team 'V' (15 volunteers trained up in environmental management and one corporate 'team challenge' event)
- Sow, Reap and Grow programme

Millfield

- 3 community clean up events
- 1 recycle course – 6 week programme – 10 local residents received training
- 5 healthy eating workshops
- Team 'V' (15 volunteers trained up in environmental management and one corporate 'team challenge' event)
- Street Eats Pilot

Ryhope

- 3 community clean up events
- 1 recycle course – 6 week programme – 10 local residents received training
- 5 healthy eating workshops
- Team 'V' (15 volunteers trained up in environmental management and one corporate 'team challenge' event)
- Green route pilot

St Michaels

- 3 community clean up events
- 1 recycle course – 6 week programme – 10 local residents received training
- 5 healthy eating workshops
- Team 'V' (15 volunteers trained up in environmental management and one corporate 'team challenge' event)
- Street Eats Pilot

East Total

- 15 community clean up events (across the East)
- 5 recycle course (Across the East)
- 5 healthy eating workshops (Across the East)

- Team 'V' (Across the East)
- Street Eats Pilot (x2 in Millfield and St Michaels)
- Green Route Pilot (x2 in Ryhope and Doxford)
- Sow, Reap and Eat Pilot (x1 in Hendon)

PROJECT DETAIL

Work stream One: Community Clean ups

1. Clean Ups Day (delivered by ICOS, Gentoo Group and Groundworks NE)

NOTE: SIB will not be used to fund the hire of skips. This project will not conflict with the council's bulky waste collection service. The council's Waste Management team have been consulted on this project and are supportive of the full proposal.

This project is proposed to enable work to happen across the East and provide resources to target particular areas and problems, encouraging people to take responsibility for their neighbourhood and their properties, by:

- Continue to improve lifelong learning, volunteering and participation opportunities,
- Develop partnerships and collaborations across the East area (hubs and spokes model)
- Ensure neighbourhoods are environmentally sustainable
- Promote high quality built and natural environments
- Continue to promote accessibility and cohesion across the area

Community Clean Ups zone could be an area of a few streets, a green space or a park. The size of zone will vary based on issues and need of the area. The zone will be selected by the Place Board Councillor for the ward.

Each community clean-up will be delivered on a six week programme, moving around the ward and focusing on certain zones each time. This breaks down into:

- Two weeks to identify issues and plan priorities.
- Two weeks to promote and deliver priorities / actions.
- Two weeks to review programme, to learn lessons and improve the next community clean-up event.

The timescale can be adjusted to fit the needs of the ward.

PLAN

Stage 1: Place Area Board discuss and identify three 'zones' per ward. The zones could be either residential streets that might benefit from some garden improvements, litter picks, etc., or a local park where we can encourage wildlife / clean up a stream, or has issues with litter or vandalism.

ACT

Stage 2: Once identified, a meet and greet will be organised between the Place Cllrs and the VCS lead, to identify relevant stakeholders. The lead will then host an on-site

meeting in each zone, with local stakeholders to carry out a walk and talk, complete local surveys, and identify issues within the zone. Issues are any problems which detract from the visual appearance of the area, for example, broken street light, misplaced signage, litter, vandalised street furniture, etc. Feedback from the walk and talk, surveys and on-site meeting will be collated and an action plan will be produced, and shared with the Place Board and relevant partner or council service for consideration.

Stage 3: In consultation with the Place Councillor, the lead agent will agree a day / week (depending on need) of action and promote the event in the local neighbourhood via a mail shoot to households and businesses within surrounding zone, identifying what actions will be delivered, producing role descriptions for volunteers to encourage participation. For example, roles could be a member of a painting or gardening squad. The council's communication team will support media releases.

DO

Stage 4: *Example* of a Clean Up day – lead agent to organise:

- Part 1 - Morning session – Services and volunteers meet on site approx. 9.00am. Tasks, roles and actions identified from the planning sessions will be shared amongst the participants via a team briefing to establish a clear understanding of the events expectations, identifying what will be achieved. Any late arrivals will be directed to the lead for a briefing / designation of role. Appropriate equipment and personal protective equipment provided. Day of Action commences.
- Part 2 – (optional) Afternoon activities from 1.30pm will be interactive and educational. Providing an opportunity to promote corporate messages whilst delivering a range of community activities, e.g. crafts, face painting, street games. As well as, identifying volunteers for environmental management and up-cycling courses. Provide energy saving advice. Where feasible, there could be an opportunity to encourage the creation of resident associations in the neighbourhood to support future initiatives, or establish a community team of litter pickers.

REVIEW

The involvement of every participant will be measured using a bespoke evaluation questionnaire that measures improved wellbeing and increased community pride. In addition, an evaluation of the stages - plan, act and do - will be carried out to help inform future events.

Example of 'Community Clean Up days' locations (provided by Gentoo Group)

- Doxford: Doxford Park
- Hendon: Long Streets
- Millfield: Rutland Street area
- Ryhope: Rosslenn / Roselea Avenue
- St Michaels: Hill View – Westheath Avenue area

2. Up-Cycle Course (delivered by ICOS and Gentoo Group)

Aim: To increase access to skills and learning, by trying something new

Following on from the Clean Up day an up-cycle course (sessions usually over 6 weeks with a local provider) will be held. This will encourage and teach residents how to recycle / up-cycle unwanted furniture which can then be reused either for themselves or be donated to needy people.

3. Environmental Management Toolkit (Delivered by ICOS and Volunteer Centre)

Aim: Raise awareness around sustainable Sunderland.

Beneficiaries of the project will become 'Green Champions'. The toolkit focuses on climate change and behaviour change, using the three 'Rs'. I) Reduce, ii) Reuse and iii) Recycle. For example, reducing waste, reusing where possible, and ultimately sending zero waste to landfill. Using sustainable healthy products and encourage active, sociable, meaningful lives to promote good health and well being.

4. Team 'V' (delivered by Volunteer Centre Sunderland)

The Volunteer Centre Sunderland are seeking revenue funding to employ a part time worker for 7 hours per week, and a contribution towards expenses to support volunteers, for example, transport, meals, DRS checks. The project will focus on two strands:-

1. Team 'V'
2. Company Challenge

Team V

The Centre will advertise for, recruit, check and vet, induct and train a team of 20 volunteers, Team 'V'. Team 'V' would include volunteers with additional needs who would be supported by a Mentor. This is a great opportunity to target adults with learning and physical disabilities, who can sometimes feel excluded from mainstream activities.

Team 'V' will be available to help with tasks identified by 'clean and grow partnership', such as community garden clean ups, litter picks and any other suitable tasks in the East area.

Company Challenge

Work with local businesses and deliver five Employee Volunteering Days, one per ward. The days would provide teams of employees to carry out certain team challenges, and provide the opportunity for local businesses to deliver corporate social responsibility by giving something back to the community. This would all be coordinated by the centre.

The outcomes of this will be demonstrated by having the initial work carried out by the Volunteer Centre and its volunteers who will then pave the way for local volunteers to then carry on the work and make it sustainable for the future. An evaluation will be carried out of the project, identifying what worked well, what did not and can be used to help inform the smooth running of future volunteering programmes.

Work stream Two: Community Grow

5. Green Route (delivered by Gentoo Group)

Aim: Improve 22 small patches of land and provide edible landscapes for communities to use freely which will encourage people to be healthier and in turn promote wellbeing.

To create a Green Route running through Ryhope from St Pauls Primary School to Benedict Biscop Academy, Doxford Park. At key sections along the route, there will be a 'grow' zone. The grow zone could consist of herbs, fruit, vegetables, etc. Local community organisations, groups and schools will be given the opportunity to enhance their growing potential by adopting a zone.

Partners and zones identified to date include: St Pauls Primary School, St Pauls Church, St Patricks Primary School, Ryhope Community Association, Blue Watch Youth Centre, Ryhope Infants School, Bishopwearmouth Nursery, Venerable Bede School, Mill Hill Primary School, The Box Youth Project, Portland School, Benedict Biscop Academy and residents from Roselea Avenue, Western Hill, Wraith Terrace, Hewitt Avenue, Wilkinson Terrace, Smith Grove, Mill Hill, Beckwith Estate and Haddington Vale.

6. Healthy Eating Workshops (delivered by Social Chef)

Aim: Provide healthy cookery element to the "Clean and Grow" partnership, tying in with the "grow" aspect of the area priority. Beneficiaries will develop the confidence to replicate a range of seasonal, healthy budget dishes on their own, generating enthusiasm for growing and cooking; thus helping sustain the project.

Deliver 25 (5 per ward) interactive cookery workshops. The venues chosen in the ward, will be guided by the Place Board Councillor. There will be an opportunity to use food supplied by the Sow, Reap and Eat allotment project, to encourage people to 'grow their own'. Chefs will offer step by step instructions and advice on all aspects of the workshops. Advice will be provided on suitable types of fruit and vegetables which are easy to grow at home. Along with demonstrations and recipes to match these ingredients.

7. Street Eats (delivered by Groundworks NE)

Aim: Growing healthy, affordable food to local neighbourhoods. It improves health, encourages volunteering and ownership whilst build stronger, greener communities.

Street Eats will target a local venue within the neighbourhood (e.g. a local parks, or school, church, etc) in the Millfield and St Michaels wards, as advised by the Place Area Board Cllrs. These wards were selected as the preferred option, as they have the highest number of residents associations already established, and the current infrastructure will support the delivery of the Street Eats project. Street Eats will provides a venue / partner with the support and equipment to grow food in places not traditionally associated with growing, such as containers, window boxes, back alleys and yards, school grounds, community centres, parks and green spaces.

The Place Board Cllr for Millfield and St Michaels will identify the appropriate partner to work with (one per ward). Once identified Groundworks will plan the Street Eats programme with participants in and round that local venue.

8. Sow, Reap and Eat (Delivered Sans Street Youth and Community Centre)

Aim: Gain knowledge and experience the satisfaction of learning to grow produce starting from planting to reaping of fruit, vegetables and flowers.

Beneficiaries will be involved in various stages from planning and organising the layout, purchasing of seeds, planting, nurturing, to reaping, preparing of food, cooking and eating home grown produce. We will work closely with Social Chef who will demonstrate how to prepare easy, tasty, healthy meals on a budget.

Promotion of the 'Clean and Grow Partnership'

Events will be held over the Summer period to promote the work that Area Committee has funded. These could be:

- complement existing events in the community, for example, Doxford community day delivered by The Box Youth Centre and Ryhope Carnival Steering group.
- facilitate and support a community 'harvest festival'
- deliver 'Planet Smart' events in five primary schools, promoting the work of the SIB scheme.
- organise 'garden party' events, inviting local people to find out more about the project, progress and achievements.
- Early discussions with the East CCG have taken place, with regards to establishing a referral system into the programme for people with mental health issues or obesity. Referrals could be taken for the 10 East based GP practices

Additional resources: Sans Street minibus could be used to enable people from across the East area to access activities.

Performance Management Milestones

Approval stage: March 2015

Induction meeting held with all organisations reiterating the expectations of the grant award and what role each lead agent will provide. The process will follow other 'consortia' style approaches to managing projects in the East i.e. Work Ready programme.

Planning stage: April 2015

Area Place Board identify 'zones' for community clean ups. Meet and Greet with Cllrs and Leads. Mapping exercise completed identifying key stakeholders to involve in clean ups. On-site meeting, survey and consultation carried out to identify actions to be carried out, on the 'day of action'. Action plans to be shared and agreed with individual Area Place Board Cllr before wider circulation, via lead organisation.

Partnership steering group meetings to be held fortnightly for the first two months, to ensure the programmes infrastructure is developed. After which, a mixture of face to face and virtual meetings will be co-ordinated, as and when needed.

Implementation stage: May 2015 – November 2015:

Performance meetings scheduled. Activities commence (see project descriptions), with the Area Place Board receiving regular updates on the progress of the project.

Reflection and Evaluation stage: December 2015:

Each project will be evaluated, identifying what worked well, what did not and can be used to help inform the smooth running of future volunteering programmes.

Financial Information

Organisation	SIB	Match	Total
1. Gentoo Group: Clean Ups and Green Route	£17,422	£13,595	£31,017
2. Groundworks North East: Cleans Ups and Street Eats	£9,006	£0	£9,006
3. ICOS: Clean Ups	£4,994	£255	£5,249
4. Sans Street Youth and Community Centre: Sow, Reap, Eat	£9,800	£600	£10,400
5. Social Chef	£6,848	£0	£6,848
6. Volunteer Centre Sunderland: Team 'V'	£6,941	£0	£6,941
Total	£55,011	£14,450	£69,461

Recommendation

APPROVE

Condition of Grant:

- SIB will not be used to fund the hire of skips.
- The partnership will not conflict with Sunderland Council's policies, in particular the bulky waste collection scheme.
- Schemes, such as, the 'Share It' for bulky waste removal will be promoted and encourage at every community clean up.

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SIB EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: ATTRACTING EXTERNAL FUNDING**THE FOURTEEN PROGRAMME**

PROJECT TITLE: Clean and Grow Partnership		
Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB
£340,000	£290,000	£50,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
2.5 years	April 2015	December 2017

Project Description

The Community Foundation are seeking match funding of £50,000 to secure £290,000 match funding, to enable the delivery of a grant making programme up until December 2017.

Fourteen is an initiative of the Spirit of 2012 Trust which was established by the Big Lottery Fund as part of the Olympics legacy. Its aim is to enable people to become active in their communities and improve local quality of life. Spirit has commissioned its national umbrella body, United Kingdom Community Foundations to run Fourteen which seeks to build on the Commonwealth Games legacy in 14 areas of the country. The aim is to increase participation in social action and volunteering, grassroots sport and physical activity, cultural activity and the arts and youth leadership and personal development.

Community Foundation Tyne and Wear and Northumberland, the lead for the programme, have identified Ryhope and Hendon wards as a suitable coastal community to benefit from a Fourteen programme based on an analysis of needs and knowledge of community and voluntary sector groups working in Sunderland.

Through the Community Foundation, funding of £200,000 from Spirit is available which must be matched with a minimum of £125,000 from local sources. To ensure that the programme gets off to a good start and elected members have close links with the decision making process it is proposed to provide a match of £50,000 from East Area Committees Strategic Initiatives Budget. The Foundation has committed £90,000. The overall fund will be held by the Community Foundation and awarded to local projects based on the advice of a LRG on which elected members in Ryhope and Hendon will be represented. Other donors will be engaged with as the programme progresses.

Groups based outside Hendon and Ryhope can apply for funding, and projects can be delivered outside these wards as well. The main focus of the grant is that the beneficiaries are from Hendon and Ryhope wards, but there was a general acknowledge that other area residents will benefit from The Fourteen programme.

The LRG has been formed and is initially comprised of: representatives from elected members in Hendon and Ryhope wards, the VCS area network, Gentoo, BME Network and the council. The LRG principal role is to guide the Fourteen Programme by:

- Determining the local priorities for the programme and agree their inclusion in a Fourteen community plan
- Providing local knowledge on the relevance of proposed projects for the community
- Recommending approval or rejection of resource budget spend and ensure consistency of spend with the Community Plan.

The community plan will have an outcome centred focus and will prioritise increasing participation in social action and volunteering. There are no fixed approaches to how the financial resource is made available. This will be determined through discussions primarily between the foundation and the LRG informed by analysis of local needs, opportunities and assets. It is likely to be a mixture of:

- Formal open grant making programmes (capped at levels to be agreed for small and large scale projects)
- Larger targeted grants to groups identified in the plan as key providers of certain activities that meet local Fourteen objectives

The Community Plan will be in place by 1st April 2015 and submitted for formal approval to UK Community Foundation by 30th April 2015. Grant making must start by 30th June 2015.

Performance Management

The project will be managed by the Community Foundation and the LRG, with elected representations, and support from the council. Regular updates will be provided to the Area Committee / Boards as part of the current performance management arrangements.

The Community Foundation has considerable experience of managing and allocating local area grants and the Fourteen Programme is well established in other parts of the country.

It is envisaged that applications will be received on a quarterly basis. With LRG meetings being held to discuss each application, similar to the Community Chest panels meetings. Along with performance against project outcomes, the delivery of the community plan and funding strategy.

Recommendation

APPROVE

- A purpose of SIB is to attract other funding into the area.
- Under the Place Work Plan (Action 1.2) and agreed action from June 2014 was to 'attract external funding into the East'. Approving the grant request would secure a minimum of £290,000 into the East, delivering positive action against the Area Work Plan.

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Community Chest: Financial Statement December 2014 – February 2015

Doxford Ward Budget	£19,631.20		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
St. Wilfrid's	17.02.15		£375
Sr. Matthew's	17.02.15		£500
Remaining balance			£6,295.20
Hendon Ward Budget	£10,471.61		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
CHANCE	02.12.14		£500
Federation of Naval Associations	02.12.14		£315
Hudson Dock Yacht & Boat Club	17.02.15		£393
Hendon History Group	17.02.15		£190
NEDRC	17.02.15		£1,000
Remaining balance			£986.91
Millfield Ward Budget	£15,572.87		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Thornholme RA	02.12.14		£921
Federation of Naval Associations	02.12.14		£315
Remaining balance			£10,341.89
Ryhope Ward Budget	£12,335.63		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Ryhope Seaview Angling Club	17.02.15		£540
Woodland View	17.02.15		£800
Ryhope Cricket Club	17.02.15		£1,500
Remaining balance			£2,193.63
St Michaels Ward Budget	£10,317.10		
Project	Approval Date	Returned	Approvals
Federation of Naval Associations	02.12.14		£310
Remaining balance			£2,607.10

Current Planning Applications(East)

Between 01/01/2015 and 15/02/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/00198/DEM	1 - 6 Vanguard Court 1 - 4 Shap Court 12 - 18 Carrock Court 10 - 16 Whinfell Court Sunderland	Demolish buildings to ground level. Site then to be tracked level, top soiled and seeded.	05/02/2015	05/03/2015
15/00002/FUL	Barringtons Furniture 2 GoHendon Road Sunderland SR1 2JD	Change of use from warehouse (B8) to a combination of light industrial (B1); warehouse (B8); and ancillary retail showroom (A1).	05/01/2015	06/04/2015
14/02814/FUL	Community Unit 31 Lewis Crescent Sunderland SR2 8NQ	Erection of single storey extension to gable end to extend living room.	07/01/2015	04/03/2015
15/00040/FUL	First Floor Suites 1/1a 18 John Street Sunderland SR1 1HT	Change of use of first floor from office into 5 apartments.	09/01/2015	06/03/2015
15/00041/FUL	Second Floor 18 John Street Sunderland SR1 1HT	Change of use from office into 5 apartments	12/01/2015	09/03/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
14/02604/LBC	11 John StreetSunderlandSR1 1HT	Repair and reinstatement works due to failure of upper section of rear elevation to include taking down and rebuilding sections of failed masonry, retaining and reusing existing brickwork. Repairs to timber windows and sandstone lintels. Installation of new cavity wall ties to rear elevation, redecoration works and removal of external walkway.	20/01/2015	17/03/2015
15/00014/CLE	57 Toward RoadSunderlandSR2 8JG	Certificate of lawful existing use for conversion of dwelling to 4no. flats	22/01/2015	19/03/2015
15/00110/FU4	Valley Road Community Primary SchoolCorporation RoadSunderlandSR2 8PL	Erection of single storey extension to North elevation.	22/01/2015	19/03/2015
15/00127/FUL	6 Salisbury StreetSunderlandSR1 2QR	Erection of two storey extension to rear.	23/01/2015	20/03/2015
14/02667/LB4	1 - 3 Hind StreetSunderlandSR1 3QD	Demolition of lean-to structure to rear (west) elevation to existing first floor slab level.	05/01/2015	02/03/2015
14/02868/FUL	38 - 40 Silksworth RowSunderlandSR1 3QJ	Change of use from Class A1 (Retail) to Class A4 (Drinking Establishments), to include replacement shop front and reduction in height of chimney stack to gable elevation.	07/01/2015	04/03/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
15/00044/LBC	Saint Marks Community Association Saint Marks Terrace Sunderland SR4 7BN	Erection of a single storey infill extension to rear elevation.	13/01/2015	10/03/2015
14/02753/FUL	Millfield House Hylton Road Sunderland SR4 7BB	Infill extension to rear to provide 4no. 1 bed studio's, 1 no.1 bed flat and 1no. 2 bed flat.	29/01/2015	26/03/2015
15/00035/PRI	3 Stockton Road Ryhope Sunderland SR2 0NF	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 3.5m from the original dwelling, 2.725m in height and 3.73m to the eaves)	12/01/2015	23/02/2015
15/00036/FUL	1 Mariville West Sunderland SR2 0QD	Subdivision to provide 2no. dwellings and associated external alterations, including new front entrance	29/01/2015	26/03/2015
14/02827/FUL	1 Holmlands Park South Ashbrooke Sunderland SR2 7SG	Erection of ground floor rear extension to provide new garage and family room.	05/01/2015	02/03/2015
13/00435/FUL	4 Ashbrooke Crescent Sunderland SR2 7HL	Installation of CCTV cameras to front of building. (Retrospective)	06/01/2015	03/03/2015

Reference	Address	Proposal	Date Valid	Target Date for Decision
14/02571/FUL	6 Esplanade MewsSunderlandSR2 7DY	Conversion of existing building to one bedroom dwelling, installation of two dormer windows to east elevation and one dormer window and replacement of garage door with window to west elevation.	13/01/2015	10/03/2015
15/00062/PRI	8 Ridgeway CrescentSunderlandSR3 1YL	Erection of a single storey rear extension. (Extends 4m from the original dwelling, 2.8m in height and 2m to the eaves)	14/01/2015	25/02/2015
15/00058/FUL	4 PineswaySunderlandSR3 1YT	Erection of a sunroom extension to side	14/01/2015	11/03/2015
15/00115/FUL	7 TattershallSunderlandSR2 7RA	Erection of a single storey extension to side and rear and conversion of garage roof from flat to pitched.	22/01/2015	19/03/2015