

At a meeting of the EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on MONDAY, 23rd MAY, 2011 at 5.30p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Ball in the Chair

Councillors Emerson, Errington, Forbes, E. Gibson, Maddison, Mordey, Scanlan and Wood

Also Present:-

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| Meg Boustead | - | Head of Safeguarding, Sunderland City Council |
| Sgt. Lee Butler | - | Northumbria Police |
| Hazel Clark | - | East Area Voluntary and Community Sector Representative |
| Insp. Neal Craig | - | Northumbria Police |
| Paula Hunt | - | East Area Voluntary and Community Sector Representative |
| Matthew Jackson | - | Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council |
| Phil Jeffries | - | Olympian Boxing Gym |
| Janet Johnson | - | Deputy Chief Executive and Area Lead Executive, Sunderland City Council |
| Vivienne Metcalfe | - | Community Development Co-ordinator, Sunderland City Council |
| Ina Murton | - | Mary Magdalene's |
| Helen Peverley | - | City Centre Area Response Manager, Sunderland City Council |
| Ian Richardson | - | Assistant Head of Street Scene, Sunderland City Council |
| Nicky Rowland | - | East Area Response Manager, Sunderland City Council |
| Alan Scott | - | Acting YDG Manager, Sunderland City Council |
| James Third | - | Community Relation Officer, Nexus |
| Nicol Trueman | - | Area Officer, Sunderland City Council |
| Ian Warne | - | Station Manager, Sunderland East Fire Station |
| Jeremy Wicking | - | Media Officer, Sunderland City Council |

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received on behalf of Councillors P. Dixon, Kay, McClennan and T. Martin along with Mr David Curtis

Declarations of Interest

Item 02 - Annual Report 2010/11

Councillor Wood declared a personal interest as a Governor of St. Aidan's R.C. School

Item 04 – Community Chest, Strategic Initiative Budget and Strategic Investment Plan – Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of resources

Councillor E. Gibson declared a personal interest as a Local Authority appointed Governor of Benedict Biscop Primary School

Councillor Emerson declared a personal interest as a Governor of Ryhope Infants School

Councillors Ball and Emerson declared personal interests in the Education Business Connections item as the applicants were known to them.

Councillors Errington, E. Gibson, Mordey and Scanlan declared personal and prejudicial interests in the Education Business Connections item as close associates of the applicants and withdrew from the meeting prior to discussion of the item.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Committee held on 28th March, 2011

Ms Hazel Clark stated that with regards to empty properties the minutes should read 650 houses in the selective licensing area rather than the recorded 650 landlords and there had been 421 applications to register properties.

With regard to the Identification of gaps in youth provision, Councillor Mordey stated that it had been agreed that SIB funding of £50,000 be allocated resulting in a total available funding of £80,000 rather than the recorded £80,000 of SIB funding.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th March, 2011 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of the above amendments.

East Sunderland Area Committee – Annual Report 2010/11

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which allowed Members to consider the Annual Report for 2010/11 which detailed the achievements and successes achieved throughout the year.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Nicol Trueman, Area Officer, presented the Annual Report and advised the Committee of the priorities which had been covered throughout the year and the SIB and SIP funding which had been awarded against each of the priorities. She informed the Members of the work that had been carried out under each priority and also informed Members of the other work which had been carried out which did not fit into the Committee's priorities.

Under the Identifying gaps in youth and play provision priority Ms Trueman introduced Mr Phil Jeffries, the Treasurer of Olympian Boxing Club in Ryhope, which had been set up using funding provided by the Area Committee.

Mr Jeffries delivered a powerpoint presentation showing the extent of the works which had been carried out and informed Members that the Gym had featured on national TV; it was a non profit organisation operated by volunteers and had provided education to young people through means such as healthy living lectures.

Members congratulated Mr Jeffries for his hard work, the Gym was an excellent facility and it was a fantastic transformation from the condition the building was previously in.

Ms Trueman also introduced Ina Murton who was in attendance to inform the Committee of the work which had been carried out at St. Mary Magdalene's Community Centre. Ms Murton delivered a presentation on the works which had been carried out and showed before and after pictures of the centre.

Councillor Forbes commented that it was excellent to see that there had been improvements to the access to the building.

Councillor E. Gibson stated that there was an amazing difference.

The Chairman advised that she had been at the opening night and it was an excellent event. If any community groups or service providers wished to use the centre then they should contact Ms Murton.

Ms Trueman then introduced the finance section of the Annual Report. The SIB funding was intended to be split with 80 percent made available for projects identified as part of the identified priorities and the remaining 20 percent for other funding bids. For 2010/11 a 52/48 percent split had been achieved. This was an improvement over the previous year however there was still a need to improve further. All SIP funding had been allocated and

nearly all of the Community Chest funding had been allocated. The allocated funding had helped to attract match funding of £284,062 into the area.

Ms Trueman also brought to Members attention information relating to the governance and operation of the Committee. The meetings had been well attended throughout the year however the Members Survey had identified that it was felt there was not enough public involvement in the meetings. There had been a standard agenda introduced and the reports had evolved to become more concise and informative. The VCS Network agenda was being fed into the Area Committee agenda. The Chairman had proposed that the meetings take place at different venues throughout the coming year to help attract more members of the public to the meetings.

Councillor Wood congratulated the officers for their hard work in supporting the Committee over the course of the last year. He asked for clarification of the meaning of RAG and also of the percentage figures used in the tables. He also advised that work had started on the installation of the pedestrian crossing on Strawberry Bank. If it was felt that the Committee should go to other venues then St. Mary Magdalene's Community Centre would be a good place to go to as it would enable Members to see the result of the funding provided by the Committee. There was a need to allow members of the public to participate in the meetings as it was unlikely that people would attend purely to watch the meetings. He also commented that on the satisfaction levels section the bullet point regarding satisfaction with the Council did not include any figures; he asked whether they could be provided.

Ms Trueman advised that RAG was Red, Amber and Green and was based around how close to the targets the outputs were; the percentage was how far over or under the target the project was operating. She agreed to provide the figures for the satisfaction levels and also to speak to the Area Network representatives about how public participation in the Area Committees could be improved.

Councillor Mordey stated that there had been a lot of work done by the officers and this work was often taken for granted; he thanked the officers involved for their hard work. He also referred to the annual reports of the scrutiny committees which were submitted to full Council, he asked whether it would be possible for the Area Committee annual reports to be submitted to Council as a way of publicising the work done.

Janet Johnson, Area Lead Executive, advised that this was something that would be worth considering as a way of improving the promotion of the work of the Area Committees.

2. RESOLVED that the Annual Report be received and noted and the lessons learned be progressed during the 2011/12 year.

East Sunderland Area Committee: Work Plan for 2011/12

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which informed Members of the proposed key priorities for the area which had been identified. In March 2011 the Committee had agreed the next steps to be undertaken as part of the process for developing the new work plan for the Committee and this report was the outcome of this work.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Nicol Trueman, Area Officer presented the report and advised that this report was intended to look forward to the next 12 months and put the emerging priorities to the Committee. There would be an online work programme which would be updated following each meeting of the Committee. Members were asked to agree the points which were set out in paragraph 1.4 of the report which included the priorities set out in paragraph 1.5 and the lead agents for the priorities.

Ms Trueman then went through each of the proposed priorities.

With regards to the 'Cleaner and Greener Streets' priority Ms Trueman advised that Helen Peverley, Area Response Manager - City Centre, and Nicky Rowland, East Area Response Manager, would be the lead agents and that there were to be 'Walk and Talk' sessions arranged within each ward along with a further session for the city centre which would include Members from each of the Wards which covered the city centre area; she asked for nominations for this session and also advised of the proposals to align SIB funding to the priority which were set out in paragraph 2.8.

Councillor Forbes put herself forward as the representative from St. Michael's ward and suggested that it could be worthwhile having substitutes in case Members could not attend.

Councillors Mordey and Scanlan nominated themselves as representatives of Hendon and Millfield wards respectively.

Councillor Mordey queried whether any issues identified would be brought to the Committee and Ms Trueman confirmed that this was possible, if an issue could not be resolved or it was a 'City' issue and not an 'area' issue..

Ms Trueman then introduced the 'Coastal Path' priority and advised that the lead agent would be Tim Ducker, Public Rights Of Way Officer. It was proposed that a task and finish group be set up to look at how the coastal path would be connected to the community and asked for nominations to this group. There would be no SIB aligned to this priority.

Councillor Mordey nominated Councillor T. Martin while Councillors Emerson and Maddison along with Paula Hunt put themselves forward as members of the group.

On the 'Employment, Enterprise and Welfare Advice' priority Ms Trueman advised that the lead agent would be Joan Reed, Strategic Change Manager. Employment and Enterprise had been identified as a priority during the previous year and it had been agreed that organisations would be asked to submit funding applications against 2 project briefs and the outcome of this was detailed within the finance report. The Welfare Advice part of the priority was a new addition following discussions which had been taking place since March 2011 on informing the Area Committees of the Council's intended approach to Welfare Rights Provision. It was proposed that Liz St. Louis, Head of Customer Service & Development, be the lead agent for the Welfare Advice aspect of the priority.

There was to be no task and finish group or further allocated on SIB funding. It was proposed that updates would be provided to the Committee on a regular basis.

Councillor Mordey commented that this priority could be a good way of engaging members of the public; he suggested that the public could be invited to the September meeting of the Committee to give their perspectives on the matter.

Councillor Errington commented that the nearest Employment Advice service for Doxford Residents was in either Farringdon or Thorney Close, he felt that it was important that Members knew what input residents of Doxford Ward would have on these services.

Ms Trueman then introduced the 'Public Transport' priority and James Third, Community Relation Officer, who would be the lead agent for the priority. It was proposed that a Task and finish group be established to complete a mapping exercise. There was no request to align SIB funding to this priority. Ms Trueman asked for nominations for membership of the task and finish group.

Councillor Wood referred to the Accessible Bus Network and that Sunderland was behind other authorities within the area; he asked to what extent this exercise would inform the development of the Accessible Bus Network.

Mr Third replied that the network had been delayed more than in other areas and that Newcastle had already started to implement their Accessible Bus Network however within Sunderland the local agenda was being pushed more.

Councillor Maddison nominated Councillor Wood; Councillor E. Gibson nominated Councillor Errington and Councillor Mordey nominated Councillor Emerson.

On the 'Tackling Crime' priority Ms Trueman introduced Inspector Neal Craig who would be the lead agent. The key crimes which were of most concern within the area were identified in paragraph 6.1 of the report. It was proposed that the existing joint meetings between the police and Members continue

however they be renamed as the 'Crime Task and Finish Group'. SIB funding of £74,599 was requested to be aligned to the priority as detailed in paragraph 6.3 of the report.

Ms Trueman then introduced the 'Youth and Teenagers' priority and advised that the lead agent would be Pauline Tsentas, Training and Accreditation Manager. It was recommended that the work of the existing task and finish group be continued. It had previously been agreed that £50,000 of SIB funding would be allocated to this priority and as such there was no request for further SIB funding. The amount of funding provided by Children's Services had been reduced by £5,000 as this money had been used to provide activities in the area during the Easter Holiday. A call for projects had gone out and there would be a report to the July 2011 meeting to consider this.

Ms Trueman then advised that should the work plan be adopted and the Committee agree to the alignment of SIB funding to the priorities within the work plan then there would be £110,599 allocated to the priorities which was 53 percent of the available budget, the aim was for Area Committee to align 80% of their total budget against the work plan priorities, leaving 20% available for groups/statutory providers to submit expressions of interest. However all approved applications must deliver activities against the East work plan..

Ms Trueman then referred to the proposed membership of the Committee which was set out in section 9 of the report; this detailed the representatives from the Council, Local Strategic Partnership and the Area Partners and Members were asked to agree this proposed membership.

3. RESOLVED that the work plan outline in Annex 1 to the report be adopted, and:
 - a. Cleaner and Greener Streets
 - i. Members to support the delivery of the Walk and Talk programme in their ward
 - ii. Funding of £36,000 be aligned to the priority from the 2011/12 SIB budget, subject to full application and appraisal
 - b. Coastal Path
 - i. A task and finish group be set up and Councillors Emerson, Maddison and T. Martin be appointed to the group along with Paula Hunt
 - c. Employment, Enterprise and Welfare Advice
 - i. The update be noted and further updates be submitted to future meetings of the Committee
 - d. Public Transport
 - i. A task and finish group be set up and Councillors Emerson, Errington and Wood be appointed to the group
 - e. Tackling Crime
 - i. The existing group be renamed to the Crime Task and Finish Group

- ii. £74,599 be aligned to the priority from the SIB 2011/12 budget, subject to full application and appraisal
- f. Youth and Teenagers
 - i. The existing Youth Task and Finish group to continue
 - ii. The call for projects totalling £75,000 be noted
 - iii. The actions set out in Annex 1 be agreed
- g. Membership
 - i. The Membership of the Committee, as set out in section 9 of the report, be agreed.

Community Chest, Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) and Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) – Financial Statement and Proposals for Further Allocation of Resources

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which allowed Members to consider the allocation of SIB and Community Chest funding to support initiatives which would deliver activities against the priorities for 2011/12.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Nicol Trueman, Area Officer, presented the report and advised Members that the SIP funding that had not been spend by Hendon Young People's Project would be returned to the Area Committee budget however it would be as SIB rather than SIP funding.

Councillor Mordey expressed concerns that the money would be going into the general SIB pot rather than being ring fenced for the Hendon Ward, he queried whether it would be possible for the money to be allocated to Community Chest instead.

Councillor Wood stated that it could be possible to ensure that the funds were ring fenced for the Hendon Ward.

Ms Trueman advised that as the work plan had been agreed including the alignment of SIB funding to the priorities there would now be £102,194 remaining in the budget for 2011/12.

Ms Trueman then advised Members of the 14 proposals for support from Community Chest and the 5 applications for SIB funding which were recommended for approval; the details of these were set out in annexes 1 and 2 of the report. The applications for SIB funding consisted of 3 projects which were requesting funding from the 2011/12 budget, totalling £20,512 and 2 projects which had come forward through the Call for Projects totalling £124,678 which would come from the £125,000 which was ring fenced from the 2010/11 budget and carried forward to the 2011/12 budget. The remaining £322 would be added to the main SIB budget leaving £82,004 available for allocation.

Ms Trueman also advised Members of the changes to the previously approved Community Leaders of the Future project from Education Business Connections, the details of this change along with the options for progression were outlined in section 2.4 of the report; after a lengthy discussion Members unanimously agreed to re-coup all unclaimed expenditure of the original grant awarded, .

4. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The 14 proposals for support from Community Chest totalling £7,605 be approved
- b. The 5 applications for SIB funding be approved
- c. The changes to the previously approved Education Business Connections 'Community Leaders of the Future' project be rejected and all unclaimed expenditure be recouped.
- d. The financial statement be noted.

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

(Signed) E. BALL,
Chairman.

Sunderland East Area Committee

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

4th July 2011

Sunderland East Area Committee: Work Plan 2011-12

1. Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 Committee agreed in May 2011 their work plan for 2011-12. The work plan identifies key priorities for Area Committee to discuss, deliver actions and monitor throughout the year, with the overall outcome to improve the quality of life for residents within Sunderland East.

2. Sunderland East Work Plan 2011

- 2.1 The work plan is made up of the following priorities, as outlined below.

Priority	Lead
Cleaner and Greener Streets	N Rowland and H Peverley
Coastal Path	T Ducker
Employment, Enterprise and Welfare Advice	J Reed and SIB Lead Agents
Public Transport	J Third and VCS Area Network
Tackling Crime	Neighbourhood Inspectors/TWF&R
Youth and Teenagers	P Tsentas
Issue: Eden Vale and Thornhill	N Trueman and R Parry

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Members are requested to note updates provided by Lead Agents, in addition to:
- Coastal Path**
1. Invite N Benson, Durham Heritage Partnership Coast and R Wares, Ryhope Community Association Development Trust, to become members of the Coastal Path Task and Finish Group.
 2. Agree the Terms of Reference for the group, Annex 1
- Tackling Crime**
1. Agree to fund projects outlined in Annex 2, totaling £52,700, with a balance of £21,899 reserved against the priority.

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Annex 1: Coastal Path: Terms of Reference
Annex 2: Tackling Crime SIB Funding Briefing Note

Sunderland East Area Committee: Work Plan 2011-12

Priority:
Budget: £36,000

CLEANER AND GREENER STREETS

Lead Co-ordinators

Helen Peverley, City Centre
Nicky Rowland, East area

Outcome Measure 1:

Deliver activity to improve local quality of life and increase public satisfaction in the area.

Outcome Measure 2:

Challenge service providers to improve the standards of service and the levels of public satisfaction and trust with them

Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Date	Call for Projects	Influencing Roll	RAG
1. Proposed to have a walk and talk improvement budget, to support the deliver of action against the priority.	Allocate a proportion of SIB 2011-12 budget to solve small problems identified by ward members, to deliver improvements in their local area.	Area Committee	Each walk and talk session is allocated £1,500 to spend on identified improvements. Total agreed £36,000. (£6,000 per ward per year, £6,000 for City Centre)	May-11	Nil	Identify projects for allocation of budgets delegated to Area Committee.	G
2. To improve the appearance of streets across the East area. It is proposed to deliver a Walk and Talk programme across the 5 wards and the City Centre. The Walk and Talk Programme is to discuss and find ways of enhancing the environment within the neighbourhood, resulting in an improved quality of life for all residents.	The East area comprises of 5 wards, 3 of which make up the City Centre. It is proposed to host: • 5 'Walk and Talk' sessions, on a 3 monthly cycle, in each of the five wards throughout the forthcoming year, making a total of 20 'Walk and Talk' sessions, • 2 City Centre 'Walk and Talk' sessions	Local Ward Cllrs, with support from Officers	1. Six planning meetings held for each ward and city centre. Elected members agreed routes and dates throughout 2011-2012. Full application and appraisal completed. 2. Information to be publicised across the East. 3. Partners invited to participate in walk and talk sessions. 4. Information to be uploaded onto Council's website.	Jul-11	Nil	Engage and involve local people and organisations in developing and delivering area priorities.	G
	Members to agree routes and dates of programme, at a ward level. Share with partners and promote	Local Ward Cllrs, with support from Officers	www.sunderland.gov.uk/areacommitees	Jul-11	Nil	Identify projects for allocation of budgets delegated to Area Committee.	G

3. Responsive Local Services	Opportunity for ARMs to provide Area Committee with an update on programmes, initiatives and actions being delivered across the East.	H Peverley and N Rowland		Jul-11	Nil	Monitoring and sharing of information.	A
4. Greenspace topic paper consultation identified development opportunity at Old Ryhope Colliery site, currently green open space.	Opportunity to work with Woodland Trust's 'Jubilee woodlands scheme' to plant and designate it as a Jubilee Woodland for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. The project guidance is set for release in late 2011, with planting expected to commence in Spring 2012.	N Trueman OCE	Discussions ongoing between the Council and the Woodland Trust.	Sep-11	Nil	Engage and involve local people and organisations in developing and delivering area priorities.	A
5. Can we develop the land at the front of St Marks, Millfield into a community garden?	The Council would be keen to discuss this further with interested VCS groups in the area. Refer into East VCS Area Network.	East VCS Area Network	Network to make contact with City Services, Parks Department. Ensure that the project strenghtens 'walk and talk' programme.	Sep-11	Nil	Engage and involve local people and organisations in developing and delivering area priorities.	A
6. Selective licensing and Neighbourhood Management Scheme in Hendon.	Health, Housing and Adult Services to provide an update on scheme.	G Wilson, HHAS		Nov-11	Nil	Aware of external factors.	A

Sunderland East Area Committee: Work Plan 2011-12

**Priority: Seaton Carew to South Bents Coastal Path Lead Co-ordinator
COASTAL PATH**

Tim Ducker, Sunderland City Council

Budget: Nil

Outcome Measure 1: Ensuring that local initiatives meet local requirements

Outcome Measure 2: Attracting external funding

Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Date	Call for Projects	Influencing Roll	R A G
1. Connecting the path to the community and identifying a suitable route from Hendon beach up to the City Centre, onto Wearmouth Bridge.	Task and Finish group to be established to consider, what the new access is? How do we get the most out of it? Raising awareness of responsibilities of users?	N Trueman, OCE	1. First Task group meeting held. 2. Draft Terms of Reference proposed for agreement, see Annex 1 .	Jul-11	-	Local groups involved in decision making.	G
2. Natural England are the lead agent on installing the Seaton Carew to South Bents Coastal Path.	A brief presentation on the coastal path to be provided.	T Ducker, City Services	1. Update to be given July 11.	Sep-11	-	Engage and support partner agencies in delivery area priorities.	A
3. The coastal path is for pedestrian use only.	Durham Heritage Partnership have submitted a Heritage Lottery Bid to upgrade the path into a multi user route. Task and Finish Group to receive an update on outcome.	T Ducker, City Services	1. Invite N Benson from the Heritage Partnership and Ross Wares from the Ryhope Development Trust to become a member of the Task and Finish Group.	Sep-11	-	Monitoring and sharing of information.	A

Sunderland East Area Committee: Work Plan 2011-12

Priority: EMPLOYMENT, ENTERPRISE AND WELFARE RIGHTS

Budget: £124,392

Lead Co-ordinator

Joan Reed, Sunderland City Council

Outcome Measure 1: Increasing opportunities to employment, enterprise and welfare advice

Lead Agents of SIB award

Outcome Measure 2: Improving local access to information advice and guidance

Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Date	Call for Projects	Influencing Roll	RAG
1. Call for projects to deliver two projects: working with families and employability support for people not in receipt of benefits.	Area Committee to receive a report on the 'call for project' with recommendations to approve the strongest applicant(s).	N Trueman, OCE	1. Committee approved two applications which will be delivered by a consortia: Working with families lead is Nikki Vokes, SNCBC; Employability support lead is Kevin Marquis, SES.	May-11	£124,392	Initatives are delivered to meet local requirements as fully as possible.	G
	Lead Agent to produce performance reports to Area Committee.	N Trueman, OCE	1. Induction meetings have been held. Lead Agents to attend Area Committee to introduce themselves.	Nov-11 and Apr-12	-	Monitor the quality and effectiveness of the services delivered.	A
2. During consultation exercise on the emerging priorities it was recognised that good access to information, advice and guidance in relation to welfare right issues do not just affect the East area and has been recognised as a city wide issue, that requires a city wide response.	Briefing on the Information, Advice and Guidance Review, including a discussion on the future role for 1st tier advice providers.	Liz St Louis and Joan Reed, SCC	1. Lead Officer in attendance to provide a presentation on the Information, Advice and Guidance Review.	Jul-11	-	Influence service improvement activity.	G
	Briefing on Mediated Access Proposals and discussion. Consultation on local access points.			Sep-11			A
	Update on 1st tier contracts			Jan-12			A

Sunderland East Area Committee: Work Plan 2011-12

Priority: PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Lead Co-ordinator

**James Third, Nexus
East VCS Area Network**

Budget: Nil

Outcome Measure 1: Improve the standards of service and the levels of public satisfaction and trust with them

Outcome Measure 2: Consult, engage and involve local people and VCS in development and delivery

Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Date	Call for Projects	Influencing Roll	RAG
1. To establish a formal structure to feed residents and VCS concerns through from the East Area into Sunderland City Council's Cabinet and Nexus.	Nexus to be invited to become a member of Sunderland East Area Committee.	M Jackson, OCE	1. James Third has agreed to represent Nexus at Area Committee.	May-11	Nil	Involve partners in developing the work plan.	G
	Using existing structures within the community, for example, surgeries, VCS Area Network meetings, etc to gather feedback from the public and forward onto Nexus, via Area Committee.	East VCS Area Network	1.The East VCS Network and Nexus are holding a surgery/feedback meeting at Ryhope Community Association on 5th July 2011 - Pilot Project in the Ryhope Ward initially with an intention to roll out to all wards.	Ongoing	Nil	Actively review activities of other agencies within the area.	A

2. Act as a consultative body on behalf of Cabinet for the Accessible Bus Network Design Project.	Share and consult residents and VCS groups on plans agreed, and promote initiatives taken to improve local quality of life and public satisfaction.	East VCS Area Network/ Communication Team	As above	Ongoing	Nil	Involve residents and VCS in developing the work plan.	A
3. Advice and information link needed between advice centres and Nexus to promote offers on travel tickets.	Connection to welfare advice priority. Nexus to make links with advice centre and promote special offers.	Nexus		Sep-11	Nil	Involve partners in developing the work plan.	A
4. Identifying gaps in bus routes.	Complete mapping exercise. Stage 1, identify bus routes, stage 2, identify main services/building, stage 3, overlay information and identify gaps, considering times, fees and target audience. Recommendations on way forward to be presented to Area Committee.	Nexus and East VCS Area Network	1. Mapping Exercise will be built into the Ryhope surgery/feedback event on 5th July 2011	Nov-11	Nil	Involve residents and VCS in developing the work plan.	A

Sunderland East Area Committee: Work Plan 2011-12

Priority: YOUTH AND TEENAGERS

Lead Co-ordinator:

Pauline Tsentas

Budget: £75,000

Outcome Measure 1: Increase the number of young people participating in positive activity

Outcome Measure 2: Increase the number of young people influencing local decisions

Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Date	Call for Projects	Influencing Roll	RAG
1. Challenge negative perceptions of young people, celebrate positive achievements	Deliver joint surgeries between local ward councillors and young people across the wards.	A Abdul, Children Services	1. First pilot deliver throughout February and March 2011. 2. Evaluation report written, promoting lessons learned.	Jul-11	-	Views of young people are feed into Area Committee.	G
2. Reduction in funding. Committee prioritised two gaps in provision, activities during school holidays and Junior work, 8-12 year olds.	Committee to invite organisations to submit a funding application which will deliver activities during school holidays and establish Junior Youth Clubs across the East area.	N Trueman, OCE	1. The funding opportunity was advertised in April, deadline for applications 31 May. To be discussed under financial report.	Jul-11	SIB £50,000, Children Services £25,000	Identified the need to have a policy on rolling out Junior Work across the City. Escalate.	G
3. Young people at road shows have asked for unlit Multi Use Games Area (MUGAs) and Dual Use Games Area (DUGAs) to be lit up to allow access during the Winter.	Encourage VCS groups, who have had MUGAs installed via Council funding, to open the site up and allow community access. Indicate number of MUGAs/DUGA's in the East, investigate feasibility and costs to light sites. Report to be presented to Task and Finish Group for consideration.	M Curry and V French, City Services	1. 5 possible sites, estimated costs £10k per site, totalling £50k, (subject to site evaluation and design). Present findings to Task and Finish Group. Task and Finish group held, but discussion was dominated by 'call for projects'. Item deferred until September 11.	Sep-11	SIB £50,000, Estimate only not to be agreed	Ensure services meet local requirements.	A

4. Young people need access to local facilities i.e. school playing fields on an evening and weekend.	Share recent scrutiny report on Extended School provision with Task and Finish Group, and consider at an area level.	R Baker, Children Services	1. Task and Finish Group held, but discussion was dominated by 'call for projects'. Item deferred until September 11.	Sep-11 -		Ensure services meet local requirements.	A
5. It was felt that there is a hidden pressure on groups to constantly provide new ways of working and it was felt that this prevents good working practices being continued.	It is common practice to evaluate projects funded via grants or contracts. Lessons learned should be show cased and considered when designing future service delivery or allocating future commissioning contracts or grants.	tbc		Sep-11 -		Ensure services meet local requirements.	A
6. Financial barrier when wanting to participate in positive activity, i.e., swimming.	Children and young people are encouraged to sign up to a free Life card, which provides a level of discount to activities to Council sport, wellness and leisure facilities.	V French, City Services		Sep-11 -		Supporting Sunderland First Initiative and Economic Masterplan	A
7. Aiming High (disabled children and young people), concerns that with recent reviews Aiming High services would be affected.	As part of the budget process it has been confirmed that front line services have been protected and that current levels of service delivery will be maintained in the immediate term.	M Boustead, Children Services	1. This provides the Committee with more time to plan and consider the outcomes of ongoing national and local reviews. Lead to keep Committee aware of developments.	Nov-11 -		Consult, engage and involve partners in developments.	A

<p>8. The East area has a number of local clubs and groups available for CYP to attend. Unfortunately a lot of CYP and families do not know about them.</p>	<p>Publicise services across the East to young people, families, carers and professional. To provide options for young people to participate in activities. Include any new provision or alternative activity, for example, sports clubs in the publicity.</p>	<p>tbc</p>	<p>1. Supported the launch of the Families Information Service website and the Lets Go website.</p>	<p>tbc</p>	<p>tbc</p>	<p>A</p>
<p>9. Pupil Premium: low uptake from eligible families who qualify for free school meals (FSM). This will affect the level of funding schools receive.</p>	<p>Connect with the Child and Family Poverty Strategy to increase uptake of FSM within the East.</p>	<p>tbc</p>		<p>tbc</p>	<p>tbc</p>	<p>A</p>
<p>10. General feeling that the services currently being delivered has made a dramatic difference in reducing NEETs across the East area. Concerns that these will increase.</p>	<p>Evaluate the impact: have recent changes reduced access to education or employment skills training? Are schools more or less involved in addressing NEETs? Can the Pupil Premium make a difference? Is there an increase in NEETs? Are more young people declaring themselves as homeless? What is the impact of the Education Maintenance Allowance ceasing and the benefits review on 16-18 year olds? Evaluation period between April 2011-April 2012. A report to be presented to a future East Area Committee.</p>	<p>B Scanlon, Children Services</p>		<p>May-12</p>	<p>tbc</p>	<p>A</p>

Sunderland East Area Committee: Work Plan 2011-12

Priority: TACKLING CRIME

Lead Co-ordinators

Neal Craig: Sunderland Central
 John Connolly: Sunderland East
 Cherly Warcup: Sunderland South

Budget: £74,599

Outcome Measure 1: To reduce crime in Sunderland East
 Outcome Measure 2: To increase confidence levels within communities

Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Date	Call for Projects	Influencing Roll	RAG
1. To reduce crime in Sunderland East, City target 2% and increase confidence levels within our communities.	Joint meetings between police and elected members to continue. To be held before Area Committee and renamed Tackling Crime Task and Finish Group.	N Trueman, OCE	1. All meetings booked into members and Inspectors diaries, up until April 2012.	Jul-11	Nil	Consult, engage and involve partners in developing and delivering the priority.	G
	LMAPs to be strengthened by ARMs attendance. Connecting cleaner and greener streets priority.	ARMs	1. Both ARMs attend the relevant LMAPs.	Jul-11	Nil	Improve standards of service.	G
	PACT meetings to be strengthened by ARMs and or Ward Managers to attend, outcomes of which to be feed into appropriate lead e.g. LMAPs, Task and Finish Group, Area Committee.	ARMs	1. Currently ARMs attending PACT meetings.	Jul-11	Nil	Improve standards of service.	G
	Information from Daily Reports to be discussed at LMAPs.	N Craig, J Connolly	1. Reports are discussed and information shared, where relevant.	Ongoing	Nil	Increasing public satisfaction and trust levels	G

Priority: **TACKLING CRIME**

Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Date	Call for Projects	Influencing Roll	RAG
2. Gather intelligence and discuss: Crime and Fire Statistics.	Issues feed from existing structures indicated above to feed into Task and Finish and Area Committee for discussion.	Northumbria Police and Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue	1. Local Neighbourhood Police Inspectors to provide crime statistics. 2. Station Manager from TWF&R to provide fire statistics.	Ongoing	Nil	Challenge service providers to improve standard of service.	A
3. £74,599 aligned against the priority.	Subject to full application and appraisal, with further detailed supplied to Area Committee.	N Craig / J Connolly	summary: £20,000 awarded to each of the two Police Neighbourhood Teams, £12,720 awarded to TWF&R. See Annex 2.	Jul-11	£74,599	Identify projects for allocation of budgets delegated to Area	A
4. Increase usage of Glenesk Road.	To investigate the feasibility of reducing speeding and dangerous driving along Glenesk Road.	A Jackman, City Services.	1. Discussions held with A Jackman. Proposals to be presented to the next Task and Finish Group for discussion.	Sep-11	Nil	Challenge service providers to improve standard of service.	A

Sunderland East Area Committee: Work Plan 2011-12

Sub Group:

EDEN VALE AND THORNHILL

Lead Co-ordinators

Richard Parry, West ARO

Nicol Trueman, East ARO

Outcome Measure 1: To increase confidence levels within communities

Outcome Measure 2: Improve service delivery across the neighbourhoods

Issue	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Date	Call for Projects	Influencing Roll	RAG
Project delivery	1. Establish a Project Group to implement the Action Plan and co-ordinate activities across Eden Vale and Thornhill area.	Area Officers	1. Area Committee nominated Cllr representation on Project Group. 2. Stakeholders workshop held. 3. Draft action plan written.	Jul-11	Nil	Identifying services being delivered. Establish a focal point for sharing information.	G
	2. Establish Task Groups to develop specific proposals: Youth and children, Environment, ASB and Cohesion and Culture.	Lead Officers		Jul-11	Nil	Co-ordination of service delivery.	A
Youth and children	1. Audit of provision, available resources, gaps, including buildings. Identify and prioritise needs. Outline options for consideration on way forward.	Children Services and local youth providers.		Sep-11	Nil	Challenge service providers to improve standard of service.	A
	2. Co-ordinate and deliver a joint approach to providing CYP with services, encouraging cross boarder working.			Sep-11	Nil	Shared resources.	A
	3. Establish an Eden Vale and Thornhill programme and report to Area Committee	Children Services		Sep-11	Nil	Improve co - ordination of services at a neighbourhood level.	A

Issue: Eden Vale and Thornhill	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Date	Call for Projects	Influencing Roll	RAG
Environment	1. Barnes, Millfield and St Michaels ward Managers, under RLS to work together. To propose options to tackle embankment and associated path and lighting.	B Blackett, West ARM.		Sep-11	Nil	Encourage cross boarder working.	A
Anti Social Behaviour	1. Alleviate ASB around Thornhill School by having a visable policing presence at finishing time and during lunchtime.	N Craig, Northumbria Police	1. Police have been actively patrolling the area.	Apr-11	Nil	Improve relationships, residents, young people and police.	G
	2. Police to engage more with under 11 year olds, via Primary schools, Hudson, Valley Road, Richard Avenue. Better understanding of backgrounds and common interests.	N Craig, Northumbria Police		Sep-11	Nil	Improve relationships with children from feeder primary schools	A
	3. Investigate joint police/Council patrols to tackle night time ASB	LMAPs		Sep-11	Nil	Encourage cross boarder working.	A
	4. Improve communication between youth services and police.	LMAPs		Sep-11	Nil	Sharing of information	A
Community Tensions	1. Joint meetings to be held between East and West Cohesion groups to discuss common issues.	Diversity and Inclusion Team (D&I)		Sep-11	Nil	Sharing of information	A
	2. Use joint funding held with Groundworks to develop cross boundary working.	Groundworks, D&I, Area Networks.	1. Event held June and further criteria to be determined by participants of event.	Jun-11	Nil	Improve relationships, reduce tensions.	A

Issue: Eden Vale and Thornhill	Local Action to Influence Services	Lead Agent	Progress Report	Date	Call for Projects	Influencing Roll	RAG
Community Tensions	3. Discuss at LMAPs how data from police, neighbourhood relations and ARCH can be used more effectively to enhance tension monitoring. In addition to understanding motives behind hate crime attitudes.	D&I and LMAPs		Jul-11	Nil	Gathering intelligence and using it smartly.	A
Stereotyping of groups	1. Increase understanding of and between different groups in order to challenge myths and stereotypes. Maintain and build community links with Muslim residents and the Scholars' Union as well as increasing an understanding of Islam.	EARR, HYPP and D&I		Jul-11	Nil	Raise awareness of different cultures and understanding	A
	2. Invite Communications Team to cohesion group meetings.	D&I and Coms.		Sep-11	Nil	Communication action plan in place.	A
	3. Detailed discussion regarding age issues/stereotypes in area.	D&I and Age UK		Sep-11	Nil	Challenge attitudes.	A
Diversity of representations	1. Encourage schools to increase diversity on their governing bodies through their Single Equality schemes, being promoted through Children Services.	Children Services.		Dec-11	Nil	Challenge service providers to improve standard of service.	A

Sunderland East Area Committee Timetable 2011-12

Item/Timetable	Jul-11	Sep-11	Nov-11	Jan-12	Mar-12	Apr-12
Cleaner and Greener	To commence Walk and Talk programme.	progress update		progress update		progress update
Coastal Path	Task and Finish Group establish.			Update on Lottery bid		
Employment and Welfare Advice	Update of IAG Review, under Sunderland Way of Working.	Consultation on local welfare advice access points.	Lead Agent SIB monitoring report	Update on Area Contracts.		Lead Agent SIB monitoring report
Public Transport	Update from Lead Agents.		Update on mapping exercise, and options report.			
Tackling Crime	Crime and fire statistics. Performance reports on operations.	Crime and fire statistics. Performance reports on operations.	Crime and fire statistics. Performance reports on operations.	Crime and fire statistics. Performance reports on operations.	Crime and fire statistics. Performance reports on operations.	Crime and fire statistics. Performance reports on operations.
Youth and Teenagers	Call for projects agreed. Evaluation report on youth roadshows presented.	Monitoring report on Youth Action Plan presented.		Monitoring report on Youth Action Plan presented.		Monitoring report on Youth Action Plan presented.
Issues Log	Progress Review Report presented.	Progress Review Report presented.	Progress Review Report presented.	Progress Review Report presented.	Progress Review Report presented.	Progress Review Report presented.
Area funding requests	SIB and Community Chest	SIB and Community Chest	SIB and Community Chest	SIB and Community Chest	SIB and Community Chest	SIB and Community Chest
Influencing Policy	1. Empty Properties Reviews.	Consultation on policy	Consultation on policy	Consultation on policy	Consultation on policy	Consultation on policy

Sunderland East Coastal Path Task and Finish Group: Guidance Notes**Membership**

The Sunderland East Coastal Path task and finish group will include: Cllr Emerson, Cllr Maddison and Cllr Martin who will represent the Sunderland East Area Committee, Paula Hunt will represent the East VCS Area Network, Tim Ducker and Nicol Trueman will represent Sunderland City Council. Other nominations or advisors maybe appointed, with the agreement of the group.

Sub groups and advisors may be appointed, if necessary and their terms of reference will be agreed by the Task and Finish group.

Frequency of Meetings

The group will agree the frequency and intervals of its meetings in order to achieve its purpose and specific duties within the timescale agreed by the Area Committee, with a minimum of four meetings per year.

Role of Group

- Will enable delivery of key priorities and will ensure the Committee is making clear and tangible improvements for the benefit of the local residents.
- Develop option(s) for addressing the identified priority in the short and longer term.
- Groups should include elected members and partners and will support the Lead Agent through a problem solving approach that will deliver against the priority.
- Carry out its work in a transparent, inclusive and timely manner.
- Services are reviewed and resources pooled, where relevant, with measurable actions that are monitored and feedback into Area Committee.
- Be aware of other work streams happening across the City, for example, Scrutiny and LSP work plans and policy reviews, considering if actions/options would compliment or conflict with these.
- Build a picture of services, across sectors, being delivered which contribute to achieving the priority.
- Identify weaknesses and gaps in aspects of current ways of working, with proposals to address these.
- To present a range of outcome related actions ('options') for consideration and endorsement to Area Committee.

Budgetary responsibility

No budget is assigned to the Task and Finish group. Individual Area Committee's may agree to align a percentage of their SIB budget to a Task and Finish group to address the priority identified in the work plan, however requests for funding would need to be endorsed by Area Committee, or through the emergency protocol.

Communication by the Group

- The group shall be responsible for keeping the Area Committee, Lead Agent and the Area Officer informed of progress by the following mechanisms:
 - Sunderland website and Area Action Plans
 - Ward e-bulletin and East Community Newsletter
 - Update reports at Area Committee meetings.
- And through any other appropriate means identified by the task and finish group
- A schedule of action, identifying Lead and deadline dates will be produced within 7 working days of the meeting and circulated for action, with regular updates.

Limits of group

The task and finish group will be responsible only for formulating recommendations on a range of actions (or 'options') to address identified issues, unless it is a clear emergency that requires action which must be taken before the Area Committee next meets to be effective in responding to community need. Recommendations of the task and finish group will be discussed and endorsed by the Area Committee.

Coastal Path Discussion points

- Marine Coastal Access Act: Natural England is the lead with statutory implementation, will ensure that by no later than 2015 a pedestrian coastal path will run from Seaton Crew to South Bents, into Ryhope and onto Hendon and Roker.
- Durham Heritage Partnership Coast: Heritage Lottery bid, to create a multi user route along the coast.
- How 'we' can connect the path to the community and identify a suitable route from Hendon beach up to the City Centre, onto Wearbridge Bridge.
- Development of access points onto the beach from a residents or visitors point of view.
- Signage, way points and interpretation boards.
- Raising the profile of the beaches, historical aspects, nature and wild life.
- Car parking

Tackling Crime SIB Funding Briefing Note**Background**

East Area Committee's work plan identified the following issues as key crimes to reduce over the following 12 months: speeding and dangerous driving, burglary, car crime, criminal damage, ASB, most serious violent crime, violent crime, primary and secondary fire, hate and victimisation.

Area Committee agreed to align £74,599 from the SIB budget for 2011-12 on the 23 May 2011, against the key priority 'tackling crime'.

It was agreed to present a report to the following Area Committee meeting outlining further detail, see below for a synopsis.

Current position

Speeding and dangerous driving is being tackled by the vehicle activation sign project being lead by Andrew Jackman, City Services. An evaluation report is due in March 2012.

Project One - Key crimes:

Burglary, car crime, criminal damage, ASB, most serious violent crime, violent crime, hate and victimisation: is it proposed to support the target of Northumbria Police to reduce the above crimes by 2% over the next 12 months, with an additional target to increase detection rates across all crimes by 0.5%.

As we are aware the force are currently restructuring their 'areas' to match the Council's. This will involve Doxford ward moving from the 'South' into the 'East'. After which the East will have two neighbourhood teams working across it.

- i) Sunderland Central: Inspector Neal Craig, covering the City Centre, Millfield and St Michael's ward.
- ii) Sunderland East: Inspector John Connolly, covering Hendon, Ryhope and Doxford wards.

It is suggested that £20,000 is awarded to each Neighbourhood Team to assist in delivering direct action against these key crimes, with updates provided to the Task and Finish Group and Area Committee throughout the year on how the funding has been used to reach the targets and any other issues which may arise.

Budget: £40,000

Project Two - Primary and secondary fires:

Is it proposed to reduce the risk of fires by delivering the 'Championing the East' project, which is a community approach to tackle arson and other ASB. Groundworks would lead on the project, on behalf of Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue, with support from the East VCS Area Network and Nicky Rowland, ARM, City Services.

The project would act as a sub group to the East VCS Area Network, complementing current infrastructures.

Budget: £6,220 (Y1) and £6,500 (Y2)

Total £52,700, budget £74,599, if agreed the remaining balance aligned to 'tackling crime' priority would be £21,899.

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SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE
4th July 2011
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Community Chest and Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) - Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

Author(s):

Chief Executive

Purpose of Report:

This report requests Area Committee to consider of proposals for the allocation of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) and Community Chest to support initiatives that will deliver activity against priorities for 2011/12.

Description of Decision:

The Committee is requested to approve the following from the 2011/12 budget:

Annex 1: Community Chest Financial Statement

- Note the financial statement for Community Chest funding for 2011/12.

Annex 2: Community Chest Project Proposals

- Approve 17 proposals for support from the 2011/12 Community Chest. All projects total £4,990.

Annex 3: SIB financial statement

- Note the financial statement for SIB funding for 2011/12.

Annex 4: SIB Executive Summaries

- Approve 2 SIB proposals from the 2011-12. Reject 2 SIB proposals from 2011-12.

Annex 5: Youth Call for Projects – SIB Executive Summaries

- Approve 5 SIB proposals from the 2011-12. Reject 3 SIB proposals from 2011-12.

Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?

Yes

Suggested reason(s) for Decision:

SIB is a budget delegated to Area Committee in order to commission activity that delivers actions against the key strategic priorities identified in the Sunderland East Work Plan 2011/12. Its main purpose is to benefit the local community and to attract other funding into the area.

The Area Committee has a budget of £277,456 for 2011/12, with a further £125,000 carried over from 2010-11 which has been ring fenced to deliver a call for projects to increase employment and enterprise opportunities in the Sunderland East area.

The Community Chest forms part of SIB, of which £250,000 is available for the scheme in 2011/2012 across all wards. £10,000 is available for each ward (Doxford, Hendon, Millfield, Ryhope and St Michael's) in addition, £5,914 was carried over from previous years, making this years total balance £55,914.

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

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

Relevant Scrutiny Committees:

SUNDERLAND EAST AREA COMMITTEE

4th July 2011

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Community Chest and Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB) Financial Statement and Proposals for further allocation of Resources

1. Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 Area Committee has delegated budgets to allocate to specific strategic priorities identified in the Work Plan 2011/12, with the overall aim to benefit the wider community and to attract other funding into the area. The report provides a financial statement as an up date position on progress in relation to allocating SIB and Community Chest.

2. Community Chest

2.1. Members are requested to note the financial statement for Community Chest as shown in **Annex 1**. Since the last meeting £1,200 was returned to St Michaels ward budget from the Independent Hackney Carriages of Sunderland group.

2.2 There are 17 applications recommended for approval, as set out in **Annex 2**, totalling £4,990.

3. Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB)

3.1 Following the May 2011 Committee meeting **£83,855** (£1,851 for Hendon ward) remained to be allocated during 2011/12. Members are requested to note the financial statement for SIB as shown in **Annex 3**. Members are asked to note that figures are shown to assist Committee in monitoring expenditure against the target '80/20' (80%: Area Committees Call for Projects and 20%: Expressions of Interest Route). 80% budget totals £40,100, 20% totals £43,755.

3.2 There are two applications recommended for approval, as set out in **Annex 4**.

1. Richard Avenue Primary School	£12,000
2. Sunderland City Council: Houghton Feast	£3,000

3.3 Applications 1 and 2 are recommended to be approved from the 20% budget of SIB 2011/12, total £43,755. Total cost of applications seeking endorsement is £15,000. Should Committee approve these applications the Committee will have £28,755 remaining to be allocated through the Expression of Interest route.

3.4 There are two applications recommended for rejection, as set out in **Annex 4**.

3. St Marks Community Association	£23,450
4. Four Seasons Activity Group	£9,000

3.5 Applications 3 and 4 are recommended to be rejected as they have been supersede by Area Committee inviting organisations to submit project proposals against their work plan priority, to increase the number of new children and young people accessing positive activities during school holidays and establishing Junior youth clubs. See Section 4 for further information.

4. SIB Call for Projects: Youth and Teenagers

4.1 In April 2011, Sunderland East Area Committee invited local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups and statutory providers, to submit applications that would increase the number of children and young people accessing positive activity across the whole East area (Doxford, Hendon, Millfield, St Michaels and Ryhope wards) by focusing on two priority gaps: Activities during school holidays targeting 8-19 year olds and Junior Youth Clubs, targeting 8-12 year olds.

4.2 The population estimate for 8-19 year olds living in Sunderland East is 7,805. With an overall budget of £75,000 (£50,000 SIB and £25,000 Children Services) organisations were asked to design projects that would:

- Increase the number of new children and young people accessing positive activities during school holidays and establishing Junior youth clubs.
- Complement and add value to existing children and young people provision, for example, Sunderland City Council's commissioned youth contracts, XL mobile bus provision, local 'youth' sports clubs and uniformed youth groups.
- Provide a programme of works to achieve the outcomes above.
- No longer than two years from the time it is approved.
- All beneficiaries of the project will reside across the Sunderland East area.

4.3 The deadline for applications was noon on the 31 May 2011. Eight packs were posted out to organisations expressing an interest in the process. All eight organisations submitted proposals, totalling £223,520. As the budget is £75,000 it is recognised that Committee will need to make difficult decisions on which applications are approved.

4.4 To assist members in making those decisions, in addition to the standard executive summaries of SIB funding applications, **Annex 5** also provides an overview which indicates what the organisation submitted, at what cost, the number of young people that would be engaged and cost per child, against what is being recommended to approve. The recommendations are based upon feedback from the SIB consultation round with members of the Committee, results for the scoring matrix on each application and discussions held at the Youth Task and Finish Group.

4.5 This provides Committee with the opportunity to see the youth offer that will be provided for £75,000, as well complementing the work of other ward based groups or facilities who offer opportunities to children and young people throughout the year.

4.6 There are five applications recommended for approval, subject to conditions, as set out in **Annex 5**. Total cost of applications seeking endorsement is £75,000.

1. The Box Youth Centre	£13,000
2. Hendon Young People's Project	£28,000
3. St Marks Community Association	£13,500
4. Blue Watch Youth Centre	£13,000
5. North East Sports	£7,500

4.7 There are three applications recommended for rejection, as set out in **Annex 5**.

6. Lambton Street Youth Centre	£10,494
7. Groundworks North East	£11,880
8. Sunderland Dance	£17,208

Recommendations

Committee is requested to:

- Note the financial statement set out in Annex 1 and 3.
- Agree the recommendations set out in Annex 2 (Community Chest proposals)
- Agree the recommendations set out in Annex 4 (SIB applications)
- Agree the recommendations set out in Annex 5 (Youth Call for Projects SIB Applications)

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Background Papers: Community Chest Applications
SIB Applications
Scoring Matrix and consultation comments
Youth Task and Finish Group

Annex 1: Community Chest Financial Statement

Annex 2: Community Chest Applications

Annex 3: SIB Financial Statement

Annex 4: SIB Executive Summary of Applications

Annex 5: Youth Call for Projects: SIB Executive Summary of Applications

4 July 2011: Sunderland East Area Committee
 Financial Report:
 Financial Statement of Funding Streams 2011/12

ANNEX 1

Community Chest: List of approved project 2011/12

Doxford Ward Budget		£10,297		
Project	Approval Date	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Doxford Park Community Bowls	23.05.11		£300	£9,997
Benedict Biscop Primary	23.05.11		£1,200	£8,797
Doxford Park Stay Healthy	23.05.11		£700	£8,097
Remaining balance			£2,200	£8,097

Hendon Ward Budget		£10,261		
Project	Approval Date	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Bright Star Nursery	23.05.11		£700	£9,561
Sunderland Heritage Forum	23.05.11		£600	£8,961
Remaining balance			£1,300	£8,961

Millfield Ward Budget		£11,789		
Project	Approval Date	Income	Expenditure	Balance
50th Sunderland St Bedes URC Brownie	23.05.11		£300	£11,489
Deptford Boating Club	23.05.11		£450	£11,039
Muriel Harrison School of Dance	23.05.11		£500	£10,539
Indian Welfare Association	23.05.11		£500	£10,039
Remaining balance			£1,750	£10,039

Ryhope Ward Budget		£12,035		
Project	Approval Date	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Ryhope Infant School	23.05.11		£1,000	£11,035
Remaining balance			£1,000	£11,035

St Michaels Ward Budget		£11,532		
Project	Approval Date	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Bishopwearmouth Ladies Probus	23.05.11		£266	£11,266
St John's Toddler Group	23.05.11		£500	£10,766
33rd Sunderland St Nicholas Brownies	23.05.11		£250	£10,516
Barley Mow Bowling Club	23.05.11		£339	£10,177
Independent Hackney Carriages	13.06.11	£1,200	£0	£11,377
Remaining balance		£1,200	£1,355	£11,377

ANNEX 2

Sunderland East Area Committee – 4 July 2011 – Community Chest

Ward	Organisation and project proposal		Budget for 2011/2012	Project proposals	Expenditure to date	Balance remaining
Doxford	Friends of Doxford Park - contribution towards delivering events within Doxford Park, promoting the benefits and history of the park.	927				
	Sunderland Armed Forces Network – contribution towards stationery and marketing costs.	20				
	Totals		10,297	947	2,200	7,150
Hendon	Young Mums Unit, Hendon Health Centre – contribution towards educational visits.	350				
	Hedworth Court Social Club – contribution towards social events.	300				
	Sunderland Armed Forces Network – contribution towards stationery and marketing costs.	20				
	Totals		10,261	670	1,300	8,291
Millfield	Deptford and Millfield Community Association – contribution towards a trip to Scarborough.	480				
	St Bede's Guides – contribution towards camping equipment and subscriptions.	500				
	Four Seasons Activity Group – contribution towards camping trip.	500				
	Millfield and Pallion Panthers under 13s - contribution towards purchasing a new football strip.	248				
	Sunderland Armed Forces Network – contribution towards stationery and marketing costs.	20				
	Totals		11,789	1,748	1,750	8,291
St Michaels	Service Ladies Bowling Club – contribution towards a carpet.	98				
	Bishopwearmouth Probus Club – contribution towards speakers and room rental	250				
	Age Concern – contribution towards Monday Afternoon Club's Christmas party.	197				
	Soldiers, Sailors and Airmans Families Association (SSAFA) – contribution towards charity fund raising event.	150				
	Sunderland Bowling Club – contribution towards	500				

	refurbishment of the toilets.					
	Ashbrooke Residents Association, Gardening Group – contribution towards transport costs for two trips.	410				
	Sunderland Armed Forces Network – contribution towards stationery and marketing costs.	20				
	Totals		12,732	1,625	1,355	9,752
Totals			45,079	4,990	6,605	33,484

Annex 3: Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB): list of approved projects from 2011/12

Total SIB for 2011/12 £406,721

80%: Area Committee Call for Projects

Budget: £325,377

Priority	Project	Date	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Cleaner and Greener	Walk and Talk	23.05.11		£36,000	£289,377
<i>Employment and Enterprise</i>	<i>Working with families</i>	<i>23.05.11</i>		£74,696	£214,681
Employment and Enterprise	Employability Support	23.05.11		£49,982	£164,699
Tackling Crime	Ring fenced May 11			£74,599	£90,100
Youth and Teenagers	Ring fenced Mar 11			£50,000	£40,100
Remaining balance			£0	£285,277	£40,100

20%: Expression of Interest

Budget £81,344

Priority	Project	Date	Income	Expenditure	Balance
2009-11 LAP	Forum	28.03.11		£18,928	£62,416
2009-11 LAP	Gentoo - The Hollow	23.05.11		£5,000	£57,416
2009- 11 LAP	Sunderland Festival	23.05.11		£5,000	£52,416
Youth and Teenagers	Centre	23.05.11		£10,512	£41,904
Returned to budget	HYPP (Hendon ward only)	23.05.11	£1,851		
Remaining balance			£1,851	£39,440	£43,755

Remaining balance as at 04.07.11

£83,855

Application 1

Name of Project	Community Learning Centre
Lead Organisation	Richard Avenue Primary School

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£98,560	£68,560 (School) £18,000 (West Area Committee)	£12,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
3 months	July 2011	September 2011

The Project

The project are seeking capital costs to provide a community building that could offer services to the community, an example of which is shown below.

Proposed Community and School Usage:

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
8 – 9	Breakfast Club*					
9 – 10	Community Adult learning	Art Class	Health Centre Outreach	Children Centre Outreach	Health Centre Outreach	
10 – 11						
11-12.30						
12.30-1.30	Lunchtime Activities*					
1.30- 2.30	Dance Class	Children Centre Outreach	Local community group	Health Outreach Centre (BME)	Police meeting	
2.30-3.30						
3.30-5.15	After School Activities*					
5.15 – 6	Caretakers Cleaning Time					
6 – 8	Exercise Class	Community Adult Learning	Youth Activities	Karate Class	Youth Activities	
	Extra Curriculum					
	Community					

The school have committed funding to upgrade and refurbish a section of the school. The use of the building throughout the day would adhere to safeguarding recommendations, allowing residents easy access throughout the day, providing a local community venue in the heart of the area. The remaining costs needed to deliver the project is £30,000. The school are approaching both East and West Area Committee for the funding, splitting the request 40-60%, as 40% of children and families that use the school live in the East area, 60% in the West.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	2011-12	Total
L2 – number of people accessing advice	180	180
S6 – number of additional young people engaged in youth provision	105	105
H1 – number of people benefit from healthy lifestyle	150	150
A1 – number of new community facilities	1	0

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	SIB Contribution
Capital Build	£98,560	£12,000

Total	£98,560	£12,000
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Recommendation: Approve

- Promotes cross boundary working.
- Encourages children, families and local residents to access a variety of services at a neighbourhood level.
- Attracts 85% of match funding (West SIB excluded)

Application 2

Name of Project	Houghton Feast
Lead Organisation	Sunderland City Council

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£17,000	£14,000	£3,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
5 months	July 2011	November 2011

The Project

Houghton Feast 2011 will commence with an opening ceremony on Friday 7th October. Taking inspiration from the Saxon stone carvings of Wyverns which can be found in St Michael's Church, the Festival will this year be based on the theme of myths and legends with particular focus on the Lambton Worm. Community workshops will take place across the city in the run up to the event. These workshops will be led by a key writer in residence who will use the legend of the Lambton Worm as a foundation to create a new story with community members. This story will then be brought to life by professional artists and community participants during workshops in schools and community venues. These workshops will result in a short, high quality performance using sound and light during the Friday night ceremony. Friday's performance will then link directly to the Saturday parade which will feature children from all areas of the City who have taken part in the preparation workshops.

Workshops will take place in each of the 5 Areas across Sunderland. East area schools and community groups will be invited to participate in the workshops. Most workshops will take place during school, but there is flexibility to host them outside of school hours. The workshops will involve a range of art forms including music, puppet making and storytelling. The aim is to encourage children, families and residents from the East area to participate in the heritage and learn about Houghton Feast. Participants will have the opportunity of being involved in the Saturday Parade. The funding from East Area Committee will provide access to the festival activity for a greater number of people providing opportunities to participate in the Saturday parade and the overall festival programme

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	Target 2011/12
S5- number of young people benefiting	20
A3 – number of voluntary groups involved	1
A6 – number of events held	7

Financial Information

Item and Description	SIB Contribution
Artist workshop fees	£3,000
Total	£3,000

Recommendation Approve

Houghton Feast is an important part of the history of the Coalfield area and the wider Sunderland and North East diary of events. Raising the profile of the event through schools and community groups across the City will increase interest and engagement from a wider section of the community.

Application 3

Name of Project	Pre Teen Club
Lead Organisation	St Marks Community Association: Millfield

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£26,263	£2,813	£23,450
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 months	August 2011	August 2013

The Project

The organisation are seeking revenue costs to delivery a Junior Youth Club in Millfield.

Millfield

Junior Youth Club established targeting 10-13 year olds. The project will deliver 2 sessions per week lasting two hours each. The Club will be delivered at St Marks, in Millfield in the newly developed centre. Activities will include: socialising, football, basket ball, netball, rounders, pool, cooking, table soccer, games consoles, painting, drawing, activity garden, crazy golf, miniature car racing, and climbing wall. The centre will encourage young people from surrounding areas

It is proposed the project will engage with 210 young people, delivering 624 hours of face to face provision, at a unit cost of £111.66 per child.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	2011-12	2012-13	Total
L8- Number of additional young people engaged and participating in youth provision	90	120	210
L9: Number of new youth play services provided	2	0	2

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	SIB Contribution
Salaries	£23,450	£23,450
12% on costs	£2,813	£0
Total	£26,263	£23,450

Recommendation Reject

- Superseded by the Youth call for projects to deliver positive activity during the school holidays and establish Junior Youth Clubs, see Annex 5.

Application No.4

Name of Project	Get Active, Get Motive
Lead Organisation	Four Seasons Activity Group

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£24,020	£15,019	£9,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
12 months	July 2011	July 2012

The Project

The organisation are seeking both capital and revenue costs to deliver a school holiday provision in Millfield.

School holiday programme would consist of a play scheme targeting 5-12 year olds, Monday to Friday, during school holidays (13 weeks). The main aim is to offer working parents somewhere to leave their children in a safe environment whilst at work, or provide activities to low income families and a reduced price.

Activities will include visits from external facilitators offering football coaching, exercise classes and healthy cooking. In a week of the Summer holidays the children aged 8 - 12 years will be offered the chance to attend a camping trip to Scarness camp site. Activities to include rock climbing, canoeing, fishing, etc.

It is proposed the project will engage with 300 young people, delivering 600 hours of face to face provision across two wards, at a unit cost of £30.00 per child.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	2011-12	Total
L7 – number of additional youth sessions	14	14
S5 – number of young people benefiting	240	240
H1 – number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle	300	300
H2 – number of young people engaged in sports	75	75
A1 – number of new/improve community facilities	1	0
A2 – number of people using improve facilities	17	17
A6 – number of events held	1	0

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	SIB Contribution
Venues and materials	£3,010	£1,550
Arts, Crafts and Equipment	£2,700	£1,500
Transport and camping	£8,154	£2,950
Salaries	£10,156	£3,000
Total	£24,020	£9,000

Recommendation

Reject

- Superseded by Youth call for projects to deliver positive activity during the school holidays and establish Junior Youth Clubs, see Annex 5.

SIB: Breakdown of applications submitted

Submitted				Proposed			
Organisation	Costs	Young People Engaged	Costs Per Child	Costs	Young People Engaged	Costs Per Child	Recommendation
Doxford							
Box Youth Centre	£15,044	305	£49.32	£13,000	305	£42.62	Approve
Sunderland Dance	£5,736	37	£154.76	0	0	0	Reject
Hendon							
Hendon Youth Initiative	£16,666	300	£55.55	£14,000	300	£46.66	Approve
Sunderland Dance	£5,736	37	£154.76	0	0	0	Reject
Millfield							
St Marks Community Association	£10,494	310	£33.85	£13,500	380	£35.53	Approve
Lambton Street Youth Centre	£14,828	390	£38.02	0	0	0	Reject
Hendon Youth Initiative	£16,666	300	£55.55	0	0	0	Reject
Ryhope							
Blue Watch Youth Centre	£15,058	280	£53.78	£13,000	280	£46.43	Approve
Sunderland Dance	£5,736	37	£154.76	0	0	0	Reject
St Michaels							
Blue Watch Youth Centre	£14,008	260	£53.88	0	0	0	Reject
Hendon Youth Initiative	£16,666	300	£55.55	£14,000	300	£46.66	Approve
East							
North East Sports	£75,000	2,890	£25.95	£7,500	300	£25.00	Approve
Groundworks North East	£11,880	20	£590.00	0	0	0	Reject
Totals	£223,520	5,466	£1,479.73	£75,000	1,865	£242.90	

Youth Provision Offer

£75,000: 1,865 young people will be engaged over a two year period. From July 2011 to June 2013 Sunderland East area will have: 5 Junior Youth Clubs, 7 days of activity per week during school holidays, in addition to the ward contracts (3 sessions), City wide BME contract, covering the East, 1 sports session per ward, XL Youth Villages and Youth Buses. All successful applicants will be required to agree a collective programme to avoid hosting sessions on the same day and time, providing more opportunities for children and young people to engage in activities throughout the year.

Breakdown

Doxford:

The Box Youth Project will deliver a Junior Club (39wks), 2 days per week, activity during school holidays (12 wks), 3 sessions/ward contract (52 wks).

This will complement the work of other ward based groups and facilities who offer opportunities to children and young people throughout the year, such as, Doxford Park Library, Doxford Park Community Association, Friends of Doxford Park, St Matthews Playing Field, Portland School Judo Club, Friends of Blayney Woods and Portland Gateway.

Hendon:

Hendon Youth Initiative will deliver a Junior Club (39wks), 1 day per week, activity during school holidays (13 wks), 3 sessions/ward contract (52 wks).

This will complement the work of other ward based groups and facilities who offer opportunities to children and young people throughout the year, such as, Living History North East, CHANCE, Sunderland East End ABC, Young Mums Project Hendon Health Centre, City Centre Library, Raich Carter Sports Centre, Hendon Library, Barley Mow Park, Greenhouse Music, Mowbray Park, Hudson Road Play Park, Answers and AAA Trampoline Club.

Millfield:

St Marks Community Association will deliver a Junior Club (39 wks), 2 to 3 sessions per week (13wks), activity during school holidays (13wks)

This will complement the work of other ward based groups and facilities who offer opportunities to children and young people throughout the year, such as, Lambton Street Youth Centre, Deptford and Millfield Community Association, St Joseph's Football Club, Muriel Harrison Dance School, St Joseph's Brownies Group, West community Centre, St Mary Magdalene's, 50th St Bede Guides, St Joseph's Youth Group, Millfield and Pallion Panthers, Crowtree Leisure Centre; Trampoline Club, Sendai Karate Club, Sunderland Foundation Squash Club and Pan Disability Football.

Ryhope:

Blue Watch Youth Centre will deliver a Junior Club (39 wks), 1 day per week, activity during school holidays (12wks), 3 sessions/ward contract (52 wks).

This will complement the work of other ward based groups and facilities who offer opportunities to children and young people throughout the year, such as, Ryhope Colliery Football Club, including the Juniors, Ryhope Community Association, St Aidans Guide Unit, 1st Ryhope St Paul's Guide Unit, Ryhope Sea View Angling Club, Ryhope Allstars, Ryhope Library, Recreation Park, Olympian Boxing Club, Tunstall Hill, Ryhope Cricket Club and Ryhope Community Association Football Club.

St Michaels:

Hendon Youth Initiative will deliver a Junior Club (39wks), 1 day per week, activity during school holidays (13 wks), 3 sessions/ward contract (52 wks).

This will complement the work of other ward based groups and facilities who offer opportunities to children and young people throughout the year, such as, St Aidans Junior Badminton Club, Grangetown Community Association, Backhouse Park, The Bunker, Wildspace Volunteers, Ashbrooke Sports Clubs: Rugby Club, Bowling Club, Squash Club and Tennis Club, Harlequins Fencing club, Thornhill Judo club and Southmoor Table Tennis Club.

East Area:

Young Asian Voices will deliver a City wide BME contract, covering the East area. North East Sports will deliver 5 sessions per week (39 wks). XL Villages and Youth buses. Raich Carters Sports Centre.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SIB FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Application 1

Name of Project	The Box Youth Centre
Lead Organisation	Positive Activities Programme: Doxford

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£24,884	£9,840	£15,044
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 months	July 2011	June 2013

The Project

The organisation are seeking revenue costs to delivery a Junior Youth Club and school holiday programme.

Junior Youth Club established targeting 8-12 year olds, delivered for two hours per week, during term time. Activities will include IT, DJ, music, cookery, chill out area, pool table, table football, table tennis, outdoor multi-use games area, sports, drama, arts and crafts.

School holiday programme delivered targeting 8-19 year olds, 2 days (6 hours each) per week for 12 weeks. One day will involve working on projects to improve the local community i.e. environmental projects in the parks/wood, etc, the other, as a reward for working to benefit the community, would be to participate in a leisure activity.

It is proposed the project will engage with 305 young people, delivering a minimum of 222 hours of face to face provision across the East, £49.32 per child.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	2011-12	2012-13	Total
P3 – number of volunteers	2	1	3
L9 – number of new play facilities	1	0	1
S5 – number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/ diversionary projects	130	175	305
H2 – number of young people engaged in sports	80	140	220

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	SIB Contribution
Staff costs	£11,804	£11,804
Building overheads	£6,000	£0
Activity/ resources budget	£5,880	£3,240
Transport costs	£1,200	£0
Total	£24,884	£15,044

Reason

- Central and locally based, within easy access of local children and young people.
- Will deliver both elements of the call for projects: Activities during school holidays and Junior Youth Clubs, 8-12 year olds and cross boundary working.
- Encourage better use of local facilities, for example, Silksworth Ski, Wellness and Swimming Centre. SIB will not fund activities/trips outside the City. Support Sunderland First ethos of using and supporting local facilities. This will offer a wider benefit to more local young people.

Recommendation Approve, reduced to £13,000, subject to:

- Working with other SIB approved projects to collectively agree a programme of activity to be delivered across Doxford and the East area. Avoiding duplication and increasing choices available to children, young people and families.
- Attend East Youth Task and Finish Group meetings and confirmation of match funding.

Application 2

Name of Project	E-clusive: Hendon, St Michaels and Millfield
Lead Organisation	Hendon Young Peoples Project

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£95,810	£45,810	£50,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 months	July 2011	June 2013

The Project

The organisation are seeking revenue costs to establish Junior Youth Clubs, deliver a school holiday programme and host cultural celebration events. The project will be delivered in partnership by three organisations, all of which are locally based in the East of the City, Hendon Young People's Project (HYPP), Young Asian Voices (YAV) and Sans Street Youth and Community Centre (SSYCC) under the consortium of Hendon Youth Initiative (HYI).

Junior Youth Clubs established in three wards, each week during term time, one session per ward will be hosted, each session running for 2.5 hours.

School holiday programme will consist of three full days a week being delivered, one in each of the three wards, each session lasting for 7.5 hours.

Cultural/Celebration Events, during the period of the project six full days, two in each ward of Millfield, Hendon and St.Michaels will be hosted. The events will provide the opportunity for young people from across each ward boundary to come together and participate in a range of fun, educational and cultural activities. Helping to breakdown any barriers and create friendships.

It is proposed the project will engage with a minimum of 900 young people, delivering a minimum of 1215 hours of face to face provision across the East, at a unit cost of £55.55 per child, per ward.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	2011-12	2012-13	Total
P2 – number of jobs safeguarded	9	0	9
P3 – number of people volunteering	6	10	16
L9 – number of new play provisions	2	0	2
S5 – number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/ diversionary projects	0	300	300
S6 – number of young people engaged	450	450	90
A6 – number of community events held	3	3	6

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	SIB Contribution
Salaries	£29,610	£26,568
Activities	£30,000	£18,432
Overheads	£31,200	£0
Management Fee / Project Support	£5,000	£5,000
Total	£95,810	£50,000

Reason

- Central and locally based, within easy access of local children and young people.
- Hendon: Felt that the application offered more than other organisations matched in the same ward, for example, cultural events and locally based project within the ward.
- St Michaels: Felt that the application offered more than other organisations matched in the same ward, for example, cultural events.
- Millfield: Locally based project is more suitable to deliver activity within the ward.

- Will deliver both elements of the call for projects: Activities during school holidays and Junior Youth Clubs, 8-12 year olds. In addition to hosting cross boundary cultural events.
- Encourage better use of local facilities, for example, Raich Carter Sports Centre and Ashbrooke Sports Club. SIB will not fund activities/trips outside the City. Support Sunderland First ethos of using and supporting local facilities. This will offer a wider benefit to more local young people.

Recommendation Approve, reduced to £28,000: split St Michaels and Hendon wards only, subject to:

- St Michaels ward: use a building to deliver activity within the ward, no transporting young people into another base in a different ward.
- Working with other SIB approved projects and Hendon and St Michael based organisations to collectively agree a programme of activity to be delivered across the wards and East area. Avoiding duplication and increasing choices available to children, young people and families.
- Attend East Youth Task and Finish Group meetings and confirm match funding.
- Clarify who and how the consortia will deliver the project.

Application 3

Name of Project	St Marks Activity Zone
Lead Organisation	St Marks Community Association: Millfield

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£10,488	Nil	£10,488
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 months	July 2011	July 2013

The Project

The organisation are seeking revenue costs to delivery holiday provision in Millfield:

Millfield

Targeting 5-13 year olds, across each school holiday period (13 weeks). Each week, 2 to 3 sessions per week will be delivered, each session will last two hours. The centre will encourage young people from surrounding areas.

Holiday provision will be delivered at St Marks, in Millfield in the newly developed centre. Activities will include: socialising, football, basket ball, netball, rounders, pool, cooking, table soccer, games consoles, painting, drawing, activity garden, crazy golf, minature car racing, and climbing wall.

It is proposed the project will engage with 310 young people, delivering 128 hours of face to face provision, at a unit cost of £33.85 per child.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	2011-12	2012-13	Total
L8- Number of additional young people engaged and participating in youth provision	100	210	310
L9: Number of new youth play services provided	18	26	44

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	SIB Contribution
Play Coordinator 3.65hrs per week over 52 weeks at £15 per hour x 2 years	£5,694	£5,694
Sessional Play workers x 3 x 32 sessions x 2 hrs @ £10 per hour x 2 years	£3,840	£3,840
On Costs	£954	£954
Total	£10,488	£10,488

Reason

- Central and locally based, within easy access of local children and young people.
- Encourage better use of local facilities, for example, Crowtree Leisure Centre. SIB will not fund activities/trips outside the City. Support Sunderland First ethos of using and supporting local facilities. This will offer a wider benefit to more local young people.
- Increase the grant awarded to allow the group to deliver one Junior Club session per week, during term time.

Recommendation: **Approve, increased to £13,500, subject to:**

- Working with other SIB approved projects and Millfield based organisations, in addition to Lambton Street Youth Centre as the contracted provider, to collectively agree a programme of activity to be delivered across Millfield and the East. Avoiding duplication and increasing choices available to children, young people and families.
- Attend East Youth Task and Finish Group meetings.
- Increase target age group during school holidays to 8-19 year olds. Delivers a Junior Club once a week, targeting 8-12 year olds.
- Suitable qualifications and CRB checks are in place.

Application 4

Name of Project	Blue Watch Youth Centre
Lead Organisation	Positive Activities Programme: Ryhope and St Michaels

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£29,066	£17,568	£46,634
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 months	July 2011	June 2013

The Project

The organisation are seeking revenue costs to delivery a Junior Youth Club, activity sessions and school holiday in both Ryhope and St Michaels ward:

Ryhope Provision:

Junior Youth Club established targeting 8-12 year olds, delivered for two hours every Friday night, during term time. Activities will include music, cookery, drama, DJ-ing, arts and crafts, computer games, table tennis, pool, table football team games, board games and discussion groups.

School holiday programme delivered targeting 8-19 year olds, 1 day (6 hours) per week for 12 weeks. (12 weeks of the year, omitting Christmas week as experience has shown that young people do not attend activities in the days just before and just after Christmas Day/Boxing Day) Activities will involve taking groups of up to 12 young people on activity days that could include mountain biking, kayaking, rock climbing, orienteering, Karting, ice skating etc.

St Michaels Provision:

Junior activity sessions targeting 8-12 year olds, delivered for two hours every Thursday night, during term time. Activities will be determined by the availability of venues and the resources available within each venue. We would be looking to offer opportunities similar to those that will be delivered from Bluewatch Youth Centre. Alongside the activities within junior activity sessions workers will encourage children to take an active interest in local community issues, promote healthy living and raise awareness on issues such as peer pressure, bullying etc.

School holiday programme delivered targeting 8-19 year olds, 1 day (6 hours), per week for 12 weeks. Activities will involve taking groups of up to 12 young people on activity days that could include mountain biking, kayaking, rock climbing, orienteering, Karting, ice skating etc.

It is proposed the project will engage with 540 young people, delivering 600 hours of face to face provision across two wards, at a unit cost of £53.78 (Ryhope) and £53.88 (St Michaels) per child.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	2011-12	2012-13	Total
P3 –No. of people volunteering	4	4	8
L9 – No. of new play services provided	2	0	2
S5 – No. of yp benefiting from youth inclusion projects	240	300	540
H2 –No. of yp engaged in sports activities	130	240	370

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	SIB Contribution
Ryhope: Junior Youth Club	£11,036	£5,576
Ryhope: School holiday provision	£14,726	£9,482
St Michaels: Junior activity sessions	£7,586	£3,566
St Michaels: School holiday provision	£13,286	£10,442
Total	£46,634	£29,066

Reason

- Central and locally based, within easy access of local children and young people.
- Ryhope: Felt that the application offered more than other organisations matched in the same ward, for example, established youth provider within the ward, good relationships within the neighbourhood.
- Will deliver both elements of the call for projects: Activities during school holidays and Junior Youth Clubs, 8-12 year olds.
- St Michaels: Felt that the application offered less than other organisations matched in the same ward, for example, quality of sessions in the ward determined by the availability of venues and the resources available within each venue.
- Encourage better use of local facilities, for example, Ryhope Recreation Park. SIB will not fund activities/trips outside the City. Taking up to 12 young people out on activities/trips during school holidays does not offer value for money or sustainability. Support Sunderland First ethos of using and supporting local facilities. This will offer a wider benefit to more local young people.

Recommendation **Approve, reduced to £13,000, subject to:**

- Working with other SIB approved projects and Ryhope based projects to collectively agree a programme of activity to be delivered across Ryhope and the East. Avoiding duplication and increasing choices available to children, young people and families.
- Attend East Youth Task and Finish Group meetings and confirm match funding.

Application 5

Name of Project	North East Sport: East, mainly Hendon
Lead Organisation	Future Goals

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£86,000	£11,000	£75,000
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 months	July 2011	June 2013

The Project

The organisation are seeking revenue costs to delivery a Junior Youth Club and school holiday activities focusing on a variety of sporting activity, for example, rugby, gymnastics, netball, football, across the East, starting mainly in Hendon then rolling the project out via primary schools across the East area.

Junior Youth Club: Delivered a minimum of 4 sessions (8 hours) per week, across the East during term time.

Holiday Provision: Delivered a minimum of 6 sessions (12.5 hours) per week, across the East during school holidays.

The organisation are also keen to encourage the young people to take ownership of different aspects of the activities; from planning on-field tactics and strategies; to the more financial and managerial activities such as

fund raising and organising fixtures. In doing so, the project aims to provide a greater degree of financial sustainability as well as providing the Sunderland East area with a community Sports Club which would be on the whole managed by (and for) children from the area. In the early stages of this project, it will be necessary to train volunteers and to build interest among the target children; the organisation will assist volunteers to gain qualifications and on the job experience in coaching to help develop employability.

During consultation process, partners and schools suggestions that children are allowed to participate in the club's activities only when they provide a signed confirmation from their teacher that homework/behaviour/attendance has been completed to an acceptable standard in that week, thus rewarding good behaviour, which North East Sport CIC has adopted as part of the Sports Club's constitution.

Raich Carter agreed the use of the Centre as the primary location for the holiday activities. It is proposed the project will engage with 2,890 young people, delivering a minimum of 950 hours of face to face provision across the East, at a unit cost of £25.95 per child, per ward.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	2011-12	2012-13	Total
P1 – people into employment	1	0	1
P2 – number of jobs safeguarded	3	4	7
P3 – number of volunteers	20	48	68
P4 – number businesses established/supported	2	0	2
L1 – number of people receiving job training	20	48	68
L4 – number of adults receiving qualifications (accredited)	3	15	18
L5 – number of adults receiving qualifications (non accredited)	11	30	41
L6 – 16-19 NEET	0	6	6
L7 – number of additional youth sessions	115	359	474
H2 – number of people engaged in sports	2190	710	2890
A3 – number of community groups support	0	2	2

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	SIB Contribution
Venue Costs	£22,750	£22,750
Sessional staff	£38,000	£38,000
Management Services Volunteer Centre and N.E. Sport	£14,250	£14,250
Total	£75,000.00	£75,000.00

Reasons

- For this project to be realistic the number of young people engaged should be reduced to 10% of the original total and funding request amended accordingly.
- This seems to be a very well thought out project with partnership development and use of local facilities and sports clubs, however further information is required on level of qualifications of volunteers i.e. must be level 2.
- Project aims to encourage future sustainability of any sport activity commenced by encouraging capacity building and the training of volunteers.

Recommendation: **Approve, reduced to £7,500, subject to:**

- Working with other SIB approved projects and East based organisations, i.e. Raich Carter Centre, to collectively agree a programme of activity to be delivered across the East. Avoiding duplication and increasing choices available to children, young people and families.
- Attend East Youth Task and Finish Group meetings.
- Suitable qualifications and CRB checks are in place.

Application 6

Name of Project	Positive Activities in Millfield
Lead Organisation	Lambton Street Youth Centre

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£23,193	£8,365	£14,828
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
24 months	August 2011	July 2013

The Project

The organisation are seeking revenue costs to establish Junior Youth Clubs and deliver a school holiday programme.

Junior Youth Club established targeting 8-12 year olds, delivered one weekly club during term time. Activities will include sports and team games, arts and crafts, music and performing arts, and computer games. Children who attend the Junior Club will be offered a free taster session in other activities delivered on different nights, for example, trampolining, football, judo and karate to encourage them to increase their involving in positive activity.

School holiday programme delivered targeting 8-19in year olds, 2 days (6 hours) per week for 10 weeks. One day each week young people will have exclusive access to the use of sports facilities at the centre, the second day of the week will involve working with groups up to 12 young people to take part in offside activities, for example, kayaking, rock climbing, swimming, etc.

It is proposed the project will engage with a minimum of 390 young people, delivering a minimum of 198 hours of face to face provision across the East, at a unit cost of £38.02 per child.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	2011-12	2012-13	Total
P3 – number of people volunteering	2	2	4
L9 – number of new play provisions	1	0	1
S5 – number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/ diversionary projects	120	140	260
H2 – number of young people engaged in sport	180	210	390

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	SIB Contribution
Salaries	£15,438	£13,918
Use of building	£3,700	£0
Use of mini bus	£1,000	£0
Activity budget	£3,050	£910
Total	£23,188	£14,828

Reason

- Not based within the ward, reducing the ability for young people from Millfield to access the centre.
- Felt that the application offered less than other organisations matched in the same ward.

Recommendation

Reject

Application No.7

Name of Project	Groundworks North East, East area mainly Hendon
Lead Organisation	Eco-Rangers: East

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£14,120	£2,240	£11,880
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
15 months	July 2011	September 2012

The Project

The organisation are seeking revenue costs to delivery a Junior Youth Club during school holiday and additional activities for 13-19 during the Summer holidays aimed at increasing the number of young people who access positive environmentally focussed youth activity during the holiday periods and works with both 8-12 year olds and 13-19 year olds.

Junior Youth Club: 18 sessions delivered over 13 weeks (application does not clarify how long each session will last). Sessions will include:

- Following the 'Forest Schools' model – delivery of educational sessions focussing on the importance and relevance of trees, wildlife and introduction to the countryside. These sessions will be held at various local sites including Chopwell Woods, Alba Park and Gibside.
- Bushcraft sessions including den building, whittling and safe fires
- Activities such as sensory walks and bug hunts coupled with making activities such as kite or mask making.
- Neighbourhood audits and subsequent environmental improvements activities
- Adopt-a beach activities which would include beach clean-up and survey.
- Adopt-a-plot – an opportunity for young people to grow vegetables in an allocated plot at the local community allotment
- Themed activities such as Christmas wreath making and tree dressing in winter
- Environmental Art activities including photography walks.
- 'Green and Healthy' exercise activities- orienteering, cycle rides, led walks and low intensity exercise
- Conservation activities- litter picks, creating habitats, making bird boxes, willow weaving, wildlife surveys and watches.

Sessions with 13-19 year olds: A four week block during each of the Summer holidays (2011 and 2012) will be provided and include:

- Delivery of a training programme which will include pre-employment 'taster' sessions on environmental opportunities and delivery of the John Muir award.

It is proposed the project will engage with 20 young people, unfortunately due to a lack of information the total hours of face to face provision could not be calculated. Cost per child £590.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	2011-12	2012-13	Total
P3 – number of volunteers	6	4	10
L6 – number 16-19 NEET	6	0	6
L7 – number of additional youth sessions	10	8	18
L8 – number of additional young people engaged	15	5	20
L9 – number of new play facilities	1	0	1
S5 – number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/diversionary projects	15	5	20
S6 – number of additional young people engaged	15	5	20
H1 – number of people benefiting from healthy lifestyle	15	0	15

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	SIB Contribution
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Staff time- Senior Project Officer	4,480	4,480
Staff time- Youth worker	2,240	Nil
Staff time- play ranger	6,400	6,400
General activities budget	1,000	1,000
Total	14,120	11,880

Reason

- Enrolment figure low and unit costs high, at £590 per child.
- Felt that the application offered less than other organisations matched.

Recommendation **Reject**

Application 8

Name of Project	Create the Groove: Doxford, Ryhope and Hendon
Lead Organisation	Sunderland Dance

Total cost of Project	Total Match Funding	Total SIB requested
£18,186	£978	£17,208
Project Duration	Start Date	End Date
15 months	July 2011	September 2012

The Project

The organisation are seeking revenue costs to delivery a school holiday programme.

School holiday programme will be delivered across three venues per week, each session lasting for two hours, over 18 weeks period. The venues proposed are Doxford Park Community Association, Ryhope Community Association and Raich Carter Sports Centre. Sessions would deliver different styles of dance.

It is proposed the project will engage with 110 young people, delivering a minimum of 108 hours of face to face provision across the East, at a unit cost of £154.76 per child, per ward.

Outputs of the Project

Output Code	2011-12	2012-13	Total
L7 – number of additional youth sessions	54	54	108
L8 – number of additional young people engaged	60	50	110
S5 – number of young people benefiting from youth inclusion/ diversionary projects	3	2	5

Financial Information

Item and Description	Total Costs	SIB Contribution
2 performance tutors @ £35 per hour x 2 hr sessions, 6 hours per week, 18 weeks	£15,120	£11,804
Running costs	£2,088	£2,088
Management costs	£978	£0
Total	£18,186	£17,208

Reason

- Enrolment figure low and unit costs high, at £154.76 per child.
- Felt that the application offered less than other organisations matched.

Recommendation **Reject**

Sunderland East Area Committee

4 July 2011

Report of the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services

Influencing Practice, Policy, Strategy – Empty Property Action Plan 2011-12

1. Why has it come to Committee?

1.1 Sunderland East Local Area Plan 2009 – 2011 identified bringing empty houses back into use as a key priority. As part of the process in developing the workplan for 2011-12, it was agreed that empty properties would continue to remain a priority for the area and Committee would receive information on actions and plans developed strategically to address Housing issues in the area.

2. Background

2.1 In March 2011 the Area Committee received an update on the Empty Property Team and Selective Licensing Scheme in Hendon. Area Committee was made aware of the Sunderland Housing Priorities Plan (SHPP) which was under development by the Council working in partnership with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) to create sustainable places and communities.

2.2 The Council has always been proactive in working with its partners to bring empty properties back into occupation. To this end the Council has produced its second Empty Property Strategy which serves as a tool to ensure that communities are sustainable at a strategic level. Additionally, at a local level, it ensures early intervention prevents residential empty properties causing problems to neighbourhoods and provides local people with local homes.

2.3 Area Committee invited Officers back to consider and provide feedback on the locality aims and draft action plan.

3. Background

3.1 There are six overarching strategic priorities for Sunderland identified within the Sunderland Housing Priorities Plan SHPP; two of which are directly related to bringing empty properties back into residential use, which is:

- to improve the existing housing stock by accelerating housing market renewal including block improvement schemes, demolitions, reducing the numbers of empty properties and effective licensing of landlords
- working with owners to invest in empty properties and bring them back into use and to consider different models of investment in the private rented sector

The success of the Empty Property Strategy can be measured as follows:

Date	Reoccupied	Demolished	Total	Target
2007-2008	240	8	248	200
2008 - 2009	329	77	406	369
2009 - 2010	291	49	340	375
2010 - 2011	321	0	362	355

- 3.2 As part of the Government's Affordable Housing Programme £100m has been set aside for tackling empty properties. We are currently looking at involving Registered Providers across the city, which would include bringing back into use a range of properties.
- 3.3 The Government's New Homes Bonus also proposes that it will match fund the additional council tax raised by councils for bringing long term empty properties back into use. The number of empty properties (according to Government and Council Tax definitions) will be measured in October of each year. Any decreases in empty properties from one year to the next will be rewarded through the New Homes Bonus. The definition also includes empty Social Housing Registered Social Landlord properties in the City.
- 3.4 It was announced in January 2011, that the Government will use secondary legislation to introduce new constraints relating to Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMOs). The constraints allow local authorities to utilise EDMOs only if a property has been empty for two years and is attracting vandalism and anti social behaviour. This will be closely monitored as part of this project.

4. Aims and Objectives:

- 4.1 The Empty Property Service aims to:

'Provide a proactive and innovative approach to the reduction in the number of empty properties in Sunderland to assist in the creation of sustainable communities in all neighbourhoods'.

This will be achieved by:

1. Developing a comprehensive and locality based empty property service which raises awareness of empty homes issues.
 2. Using a preventative and innovative approach to reoccupy empty properties.
 3. Ensuring reoccupied properties are sustainable within their neighbourhoods.
 4. Responding to the needs and requirements of property owners, partners and neighbourhoods.
 5. Involving a range of partners and individuals to encourage action and make best use of limited resources.
- 4.2 Throughout 2011-2012, the Empty Property service will prioritise the following across Sunderland:
1. Strive to reduce the number of empty properties across Sunderland to the city average of 2.47% as at the end of April 2011.
 2. Reoccupy 360 empty properties across Sunderland with internal and external partners, focusing on 200 empty properties within wards where empty properties are higher than the city average as at the end of April 2011 and working within the context of the New Homes Bonus.
 3. Reduce homelessness across the City.
 4. Promote the Landlord accreditation scheme.
 5. Look to target the worst hot spot areas as a first priority, especially in wards where empty properties are higher than the city average as at the end of April 2011.
 6. To work closely with Officers in Environmental Services to explore the most effective way of bringing empty commercial premises back into use.

7. To work closely with partners to explore the effect and impact of the New Homes Bonus on empty properties.

4.3 Benefits of introducing the Empty Property Action Plan are:

Customer/Community Benefits	Council Benefit
Empty properties returned into occupation	Increase in income to the Council through payment of full Council Tax Attract payment of New Homes Bonus.
Reduction in empty properties being targeted	Reduction in number of requests for service regarding empty properties.
More homes available for homeless people	Reduction in costs of works in default.
More sustainable communities	Reduction in homelessness.

5. Empty Property Action Plan

- 5.1 The action plan, see Annex 1, will help contribute towards the Council's values: proud, decent and together in the way we treat our customers and work in partnership to achieve the community's needs. It is also part of a series of Directorate projects and has been monitored by the Directorate Change Team. Currently, the project does not include empty commercial properties but the most effective way to bring commercial empty properties back to use will be explored within the Council and with external partners.
- 5.2 Officers will work together with owners of empty properties and external agencies to ensure the property is brought back into occupation or to prevent them from becoming empty in the first place. The solution to empty properties lies often in a partnership approach. Officers will also undertake inspections as necessary to ensure that the property meets the Decent Homes Standard. The primary focus will be prevention and early intervention.
- 5.3 At April 2011 the numbers of empty properties across each of the local areas and across the City as a whole are set out in Annex 2. The statistics and analysis below are based on the figures from April 2011. The proportion of Private Sector Stock empty is as a percentage in each ward area.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Empty properties are a priority in each of the local areas and this is reflected in the local work plans. The attached action plan provides a more local examination of the issues and provides an innovative local action plan aimed at specifically addressing those local issues in relation to bringing empty properties back into use and creating a greater housing resource for the City.
- 6.2 Project work is proving to be successful in various areas and it is hoped that this work will be continued and expanded to other wards, particularly those wards that do not meet the city average as at April 2011. This involves officers tackling empty properties, anti social behaviour, landlord accreditation and issues of disrepair in partnership with Housing Providers the police and other local partners. This is in response to concerns from local residents and ward members.

- 6.3 This action plan will be monitored quarterly and reviewed after one year by the Housing and Neighbourhood Renewal Senior Management Team and Area Committee. The information will also be made available to all local partners and the public should they request it.

7. Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- Note the content of the report and draft action plan
- Consider and provide feedback on the locality aims and actions in Sunderland East Action Plan (draft)
- Identify and feedback information regarding empty properties
- Agree to review the action plan after one year

Annex 1: Sunderland East Empty Property Action Plan (Draft)

Annex 2: Empty Properties at a ward level, as at 1 April 2011

Background papers

- The Housing Act 2004
- Empty Property Strategy (2007-2011)
- Local Area Plans (LAPS) (2009-2011)
- The following websites were used as reference and for benchmarking:
 - <http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingsupply/newhomesbonus/newhomesbonusquestions/>
 - <http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk>
 - <http://www.camden.gov.uk>
 - <http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/>

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Annex 1: Sunderland East Empty Properties Action Plan

Background information:

Sunderland East covers the wards of Doxford, Hendon, Millfield, Ryhope and St. Michael's

Empty Properties at April 2011:

Total		Empty for or between 1-2 years		Empty for five years or more	
No.	Proportion of Private Sector Stock Empty (H18%)	No.	% Area	No.	% Area
764	3.82	439	57.4	100	13%

Top 3 Types of empty properties in the East:

Type	No.	% Area
Semi detached	82	10%
Flats or maisonettes	322	42%
Terraced properties	286	37%

Hendon, Millfield, and St Michael's wards have a higher percentage of empty properties than the City Average. The majority of empty properties (257/33%) have been empty for 6 months to a year but a high proportion 100 (13%) have been empty for five years or more. This is especially prevalent in the Millfield area.

A number of the empty flats include new apartments, many of which have been bought for investment purposes.

Examining the age of empty properties, by far the highest proportion is in pre 1919 properties (520/68%). These properties are prevalent in Hendon and Millfield wards where there is a higher percentage of older properties, many of which have been converted into flats or Houses in Multiple Occupation.

Empty Properties per ward:

Ward	No.	% Area	City %
Doxford	47	7	1.25
Hendon	288	37.5	6.37
Millfield	181	23.5	4.18
Ryhope	82	10.5	2.54
St Michael's	166	21.5	3.97

Twenty seven pre 1919 terraced properties in the Salem Street Area of Hendon are awaiting demolition as part of Back on the Map's and the Council's renewal programme in the area. Demolitions are scheduled to take place between 2011/2013.

This demolition programme will assemble land (to join with the land at the former Amberley and Harrogate Streets) for a new build housing development (100 dwellings) of mainly houses for sale and a limited amount for rent when the housing market is more favourable.

It should be noted that Gentoo is progressing with their demolition programme at Doxford Park. The new build site consists of 286 new homes and all properties are allocated. There are 5 private properties still to acquire at Ryhope village by Gentoo as part of its renewal programme and the new build has not yet commenced. No date has been finalised as yet.

A selective licensing scheme was successfully introduced into the middle Hendon and “Long Streets” area of Hendon in July 2010. The aim of the scheme is to raise the standards in the private rented sector. An empty property officer has been employed to proactively tackle empty properties in Hendon and the East End. The officer is currently tackling more problematic, long term empty properties in the selective licensing area which are the most complex and time consuming. Other empty properties can have a quick turn around and this would help achieve the overall target, however, it would not tackle the most persistent problematic empty properties that can prove detrimental to the neighbourhood. A balance has to be arrived at to try and hit targets and the New Homes Bonus properties while also tackling the real issues empty properties cause.

Population:

Sunderland East has 58,744 residents, 21% of the City’s population. According to figures and categories used in the Census 2001, Sunderland East has a higher population of minority groups i.e. mixed, Asian or Asian British, black or black British and Chinese or other categories than city averages 4.9% or 2,878 people compared to a city average of 1.8%.

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Sunderland East Empty Property Action Plan 2011/12

LOCALITY AIM	ACTIONS	PERFORMANCE MEASURE	TIMESCALE	RESPONSIBILITY
To work innovatively and preventively to ensure that the number of potential future empty properties is minimised. New homes are not registered at empty; providing greater housing choice.	Develop a tool to risk assess, identify and prioritise problematic empty properties.	Tool established and implemented Problematic empty properties identified	June 2011	EPO and EPA
	Get breakdown of empty properties by New Homes Bonus definition and identify location and any trends. Prioritise which properties to focus resources on.	Monthly locality report Increased New Homes Bonus returns	June 2011	HAO and EPO.
	Actively engage landlords and owners from the city centre development to occupy the long term empty flats/maisonettes.	5 % of flats/maisonettes are brought back to use in the city centre	December 2011	Planning Policy , Housing Analysis Officer (HAO), owners and EPA (Hendon)
	Encourage landlords/ owners of empty properties that have been unoccupied for over 5 years in the Millfield area to bring them back to use.	5%. of long term empty properties in Millfield brought back to use	December 2011	EPO, owners and Voluntary Sector
	Ensure new builds at Doxford do not remain empty for longer then six months by actively engaging with Gentoo to promote affordable housing.	50% of new builds in Doxford not seen as a long term empty property	March 2012	Gentoo, EPO and EPA
	Undertake proactive visits and external inspections to all properties empty for over one year, with particular focus on Millfield, and St Michael's wards.	Daily/monthly inspections completed by officer. All wards to be reduced to the current city average.	March 2012	EPO/EPA Council Tax Section Planning Enforcement Team
	Prioritise identified problematic empty properties to ensure re-occupation, and where appropriate use the additional tools provided by the Housing Act 2004 to tackle problems within the private sector, with particular focus on Millfield and St Michael's wards.	50% of empty problematic properties brought back to use	March 2012	EPO, EPA, Adult Services (Care)
Reduce the number of empty properties in the East to the current city average of 2.47%. (As at April 2011) Return 110 empty properties in Sunderland East back into use of which 18 will be in the Millfield, 50 Hendon and 12 St Michael's wards.	Match empty properties with residents on the homeless register.	Reduce Homelessness by 5% citywide	March 2012	EPO, EPA and HOT
	Introduce a selective licensing scheme for the private rented sector within the Hendon, to enable further partnership with landlords.	100% of targeted Empty Properties meet the decent home standard	March 2012	NM and EPA (Hendon).
	Bring empty Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) back into use and license them as appropriate.	Reduce empty HMOs by 5% in the East	March 2012	EPO, EPA (NM). BS and EHOs

Annex 2: as at April 2011

Long Term Empty Properties by Period Empty

ARF	Ward	Period Empty						Grand Total	Proportion of Private Sector Stock Empty (H18)
		6 Months - under 1 year	1 Year - under 2 years	2 Years - under 3 years	3 Years - under 4 years	4 Years - under 5 years	Over 5 years		
Sunderland North	Castle	12	15	7	3	1	7	45	1.53%
	Fulwell	23	23	13	7	6	14	86	1.77%
	Redhill	13	19	4	1	3	5	45	1.67%
	Southwick	35	20	11	8	7	14	95	2.90%
	St Peter's	61	41	17	9	6	22	156	3.45%
Sunderland North Total		144	118	52	28	23	62	427	2.33%
Sunderland East	Doxford	16	12	7	3	2	7	47	1.43%
	Hendon	86	79	67	19	14	23	288	6.74%
	Millfield	64	47	21	12	9	28	181	4.25%
	Ryhope	22	22	13	10	3	12	82	2.40%
	St Michael's	46	45	13	25	7	30	166	3.47%
Sunderland East Total		234	205	121	69	35	100	764	3.82%
Sunderland West	Barnes	32	27	4	9	3	14	89	2.02%
	Pallion	27	30	14	4	4	9	88	2.97%
	Sandhill	22	16	7	8		6	59	2.12%
	Silksworth	20	33	7	3	2	5	70	2.01%
	St Anne's	16	12	4	2	2	8	44	1.50%
	St Chad's	27	18	9	2	2	7	65	2.11%
Sunderland West Total		144	136	45	28	13	49	415	2.11%
Coalfield	Copt Hill	27	40	24	14	8	19	132	3.37%
	Hetton	25	31	10	8	7	20	101	2.78%
	Houghton	14	23	9	6	3	7	62	1.56%
	Shiney Row	23	21	12	4	6	18	84	1.94%
Coalfield Total		89	115	55	32	24	64	379	2.39%
Washington	Washington Central	22	17	8	2	1	3	53	1.46%
	Washington North	28	24	8	13	4	17	94	2.75%
	Washington East	12	8	6	2	1	2	31	0.93%
	Washington South	12	12	1	2	2	4	33	0.96%
	Washington West	19	17	8	5	4	6	59	1.60%
Washington Total		93	78	31	24	12	32	270	1.54%
Grand Total		704	652	304	181	107	307	2,255	2.47%